

# THE CALVARY MESSENGER



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## September 2020

From Pastor Charlie:

### Always Pray and Never Give Up!

I have been struck by a parable of Jesus that caught my attention recently. It is found in Luke 18:1-8; "The Parable of the Persistent Widow". Two things jump out at me about this parable. Firstly, Jesus uses an unjust judge to make his point and secondly, Jesus' last statement seems unusual related to the rest of the parable. This is where He says, **"However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"** What is Jesus saying?

The very first verse tells us the reason for the parable, **"Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up."** Which seems pretty straight forward - - however the twist in this parable, at least to me, is the unjust judge. It grabs my attention because it appears to be such

an unusual way to get you point across. This judge eventually says to himself, **"I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually wear me out with her coming!"** So, it seems that the unjust judge does the right thing for the wrong reasons. But the story is really not about the judge at all, it is about prayer!

Jesus says, **"Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly."** What a wonderful message and reminder to keep praying and not to give up! And yes, we all should keep praying, because God wants to answer us, "and quickly." However, I would have ended the parable right there. Jesus, however, gives this extra jewel that seems almost unrelated to

the rest of the parable. He adds, **"However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"**

Many Christians believe that Jesus is coming back soon so this statement takes on even more significance. We see much unfaithfulness in our world right now, especially when we turn on the news. However, I believe the implied answer to Jesus' question is YES and AMEN! It is like he is saying emphatically, "Yes, keep praying, keep asking, don't give up, I hear you, I love you, I want to answer your prayers. You will get justice!"

**Always Pray and Never Give Up!!**

Love in Jesus Christ!!

Charlie



*Highlights of the  
Calvary Church Calendar  
September & October*

**September 2020**

- 06 CCAP Food Sunday  
Cottage Prayer Meeting – 7 PM  
– Layman Home
- 07 **Labor Day – Church Offices will  
be closed.**
- 08 Witness Committee – 1 PM  
Finance Committee – 7 PM
- 12 **Church Board Retreat – 8:30  
AM – San Damiano Center**  
Cottage Prayer Meeting – 7 PM  
– Glenn & Velma Horst Home
- 16 B&G Committee – 7 PM
- 23 Ministerial Comm. – 6:30 PM
- 25 Cottage Prayer meeting – 7 PM  
– Koranek Home

**October 2020**

**Pastor Appreciation Month**

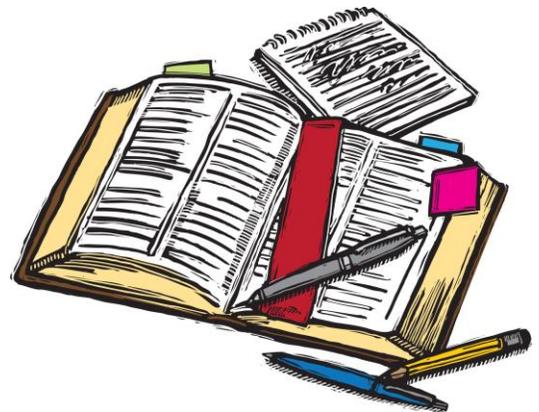
- 04 CCAP Food Sunday  
Love Feast – 6 PM (Subject to  
change)  
Cottage Prayer Meeting – 7 PM  
– Layman Home
- 10 Fall Work Day – 8 AM  
Cottage Prayer Meeting – 7 PM  
– Glenn & Velma Horst Home
- 11 **Pastor Appreciation Day**
- 13 Witness Committee – 1 PM
- 21 Buildings & Grounds – 7 PM
- 23 Cottage Prayer Meeting – 7 PM  
– Koranek Home
- 25 **Congregation Business Meeting  
– 7 PM – Sanctuary**
- 28 Ministerial Comm. – 6:30 PM

***\*\*All services, activities and  
meetings are subject to change.  
Some meetings may be conference  
call or virtual. Every effort will be  
made to announce any changes.***



**Daily Bible Reading – September 2020**

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|----|--|----|--|
| 01 | Job 41-42<br>Psalm 62<br>John 1            | 18 | Isaiah 16-17<br>Psalm 79<br>John 20    |
| 02 | Ecclesiastes 1-2<br>Psalm 63<br>John 2-3   | 19 | Isaiah 18-19<br>Psalm 80<br>John 21    |
| 03 | Ecclesiastes 3-4<br>Psalm 64<br>John 4     | 20 | Isaiah 20-22<br>Psalm 81<br>Acts 1     |
| 04 | Ecclesiastes 5-6<br>Psalm 65<br>John 5     | 21 | Isaiah 23-24<br>Psalm 82<br>Acts 2     |
| 05 | Ecclesiastes 7-8<br>Psalm 66<br>John 6     | 22 | Isaiah 25-26<br>Psalm 83<br>Acts 3-4   |
| 06 | Ecclesiastes 9-10<br>Psalm 67<br>John 7    | 23 | Isaiah 27-28<br>Psalm 84<br>Acts 5-6   |
| 07 | Ecclesiastes 11-12<br>Psalm 68<br>John 8   | 24 | Isaiah 29-30<br>Psalm 85<br>Acts 7     |
| 08 | Song of Solomon 1-2<br>Psalm 69<br>John 9  | 25 | Isaiah 31-32<br>Psalm 86<br>Acts 8     |
| 09 | Song of Solomon 3-4<br>Psalm 70<br>John 10 | 26 | Isaiah 33-34<br>Psalm 87<br>Acts 9     |
| 10 | Song of Solomon 5-6<br>Psalm 71<br>John 11 | 27 | Isaiah 35-36<br>Psalm 88<br>Acts 10    |
| 11 | Song of Solomon 7-8<br>Psalm 72<br>John 12 | 28 | Isaiah 37-38<br>Psalm 89<br>Acts 11-12 |
| 12 | Isaiah 1-2<br>Psalm 73<br>John 13          | 29 | Isaiah 39-40<br>Psalm 90<br>Acts 13    |
| 13 | Isaiah 3-5<br>Psalm 74<br>John 14-15       | 30 | Isaiah 41-42<br>Psalm 91<br>Acts 14    |
| 14 | Isaiah 6-8<br>Psalm 75<br>John 16          |    |  |
| 15 | Isaiah 9-10<br>Psalm 76<br>John 17         |    |  |
| 16 | Isaiah 11-13<br>Psalm 77<br>John 18        |    |  |
| 17 | Isaiah 14-15<br>Psalm 78<br>John 19        |    |  |





# Our Church Family



## Notes of Appreciation

- 01 Mike Murphy
- 02 Jonathan Martino
- 03 Rebekah Scheiman
- 04 Frances Lawhorne  
Bob Ludwig  
Sam Manuel  
Becca Snodgrass  
Ann Turner
- 05 Sakaree Faulkner
- 07 Charlie Estep  
Nicholas Turner
- 09 Mary Burnett  
Cherie Butler  
Autumn Clouse  
Mandy Clouse  
Maiven Kerns
- 10 Marissa Grubbs
- 11 Haley Butler
- 12 Steven Lee
- 14 Melissa Keller Shanahan
- 15 Jordan Lee  
David Verlander
- 16 Nathan Amos  
Gerry Darr  
Suzanne Phillips
- 17 Jeremy Turman  
Colby West
- 19 Debbie Ludwig  
Gwen Milstead
- 20 Casey Randolph
- 22 Katie Davis  
Mark Fredericks  
Cindy Lowman  
Nancy Shanholtz
- 24 David Bauserman  
Tracy Hilton  
Jeff Lupton
- 25 Aubrey Bishop  
Chris Halprin  
Ron Hottle  
James Shanholtz  
Jamie Shanholtz
- 26 Ben Bishop  
Randy Clouse  
Tianbo Guo  
Naomi Spitzer
- 29 Shawn Sturtz
- 30 Jerry Canfield  
Kenneth Unger

To Everyone at Calvary,

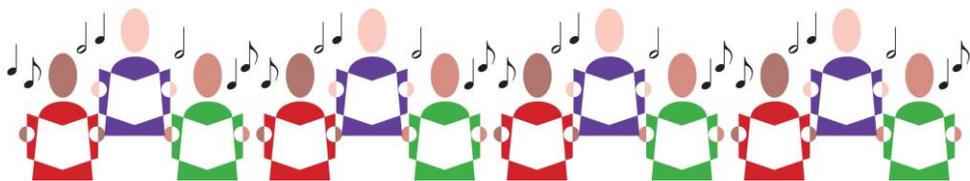
I just wanted to thank everyone for all of your prayers when my brother passed away. It really meant a lot to me and my family.

So, thank you all so very much. Thank you for all of the wonderful cards.

Love,

*Karon Hughes and Family*

P.S. – I'm so grateful for friends like you.



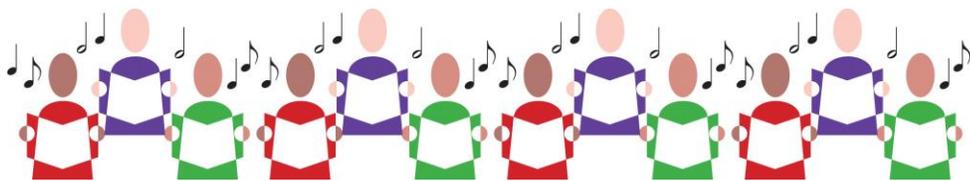
## Where's the Choir?

Maria Nicely Anderson, Director of Music

Around this time of year, the senior choir begins practicing and singing during the 11 AM service. Due to the social distancing guidelines, we are unable to do that at this time. We really miss it!!! I have asked choir members to still help out with the singing if they are comfortable with a microphone and being in a group of about 4-5 singers. I am also asking people if they would like to share some special music. It could be a solo, a small group or even an instrumental selection. The microphones and the stage area are disinfected after each service. So, if you would be interested in aiding our worship in this way please let me know.

I am so grateful that we are still able to sing our praises to God in our services. Many churches are not able to sing at this time. Thank you, Lord for your goodness! You are always worthy of our praise!

**Psalm 146:2** – *"I will praise the Lord all my life, I will sing praise to my God as long as I live."*



## WHAT DOES TALKING TO GOD LOOK LIKE FOR YOU?

**Kristina Koranek**

What does talking to God look like for you? Do you talk to Him in the car, or as you're washing dishes, or in a quiet part of a church service? What do you say to Him and what does He say in return? Take a pause, and think about those things for a minute or two. Use the space below to write down one or two things that come to mind about your personal talking to God.

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When we think about prayer/talking to God, we often think about congregational prayer (with a pastor or worship leader), personal prayer, or family prayer. Those three categories are rather important! But what if there was another category that is specifically here at Calvary CoB?

### \*\*\*Cottage Prayer Meetings\*\*\*

Maybe you've seen the words, dates, and times in the bulletins, calendars, and newsletters and wondered, "What ARE Cottage Prayer Meetings?!" So, here are some answers to your questions. Hopefully, these will help you be able to picture Cottage Prayer Meetings. If you have other questions, let us know.

1. **What is a Cottage Prayer Meeting?** Cottage Prayer Meetings are special times when a family opens their home for a time of fellowship, discussion, and prayer.
2. **What happens at Cottage Prayer Meetings?** Each home structures Cottage Prayer Meetings differently. Generally, there is a short time to gather and chat, followed by a short study to consider, and this leads into prayer. Sometimes... there's coffee, tea, and snacks. ☺
3. **Why are there Cottage Prayer Meetings?** The meetings help set

aside some specific time to pray with others, without most common distractions. It's a time to thank God for what He does for us and to ask Him for what we need. The meetings were born out of a desperate need for prayer at the personal, congregational, national, and world-wide levels. There are many things to talk to God about. If praying out loud is not your thing, that's okay. God hears us when we pray silently, even though we might be in the presence of others.

4. **Whose idea was Cottage Prayer Meetings?** Pastor Chuck had a vision for small intimate groups that would encourage the congregation. Cottage Prayer Meetings are one of those groups.
5. **When and where are Cottage Prayer Meetings?** Currently, there are three Cottage Prayer Meeting groups that meet monthly. These are listed below. For addresses and other leader contact information, consult the church directory or contact the church office.
  - a. First Sunday evening at 7 PM, Ron and Esther Layman's home
  - b. Second Saturday evening at 7 PM, Glenn and Velma Horst's home
  - c. Third OR fourth Friday evening at 7 PM, Kristina Koranek's home
6. **Who can come?** Everyone! If you have children, just talk with the group leader to see what will work best.

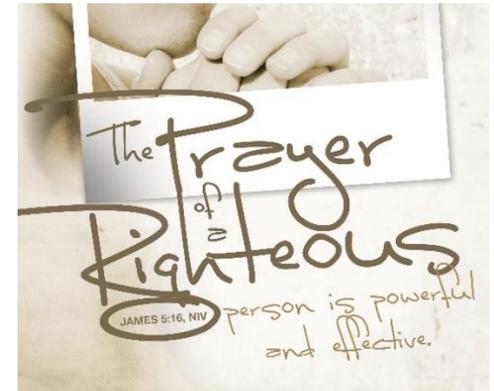
We hope that this gives you an idea of what the cottage prayer meetings are. But, even more importantly, we also want you to know that whether you attend or not, you are prayed for. YOU are prayed for. We pray for YOU. The participants of the meetings beg God on your behalf that He will reveal Himself to you in special ways, and meet your needs. And, these prayers are lifted for spoken and unspoken needs, and things that are in and are not in the prayer box. James 5:16b

states that, "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."

We trust God to continue answering prayers, as we have seen Him faithfully do in the past. Why? Because you are so precious to God! Your needs are important to God. Even in the middle of all we are going through, He is faithful. It's okay to tell Him about these things, because He is God and He can handle them! Know that He sees you, He knows you, He hears you, and He loves you!

### Praying for you all, **The Cottage Prayer Meeting Leaders**

Glenn and Velma Horst,  
Kristina Koranek and  
Ron and Esther Layman



**James 5:13-18:** <sup>13</sup>Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. <sup>14</sup>Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. <sup>17</sup>Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. <sup>18</sup>And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.

# SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Worship Service Schedule:

**8:30 AM** Contemporary Worship – Sanctuary – Livestreamed  
**11 AM** Traditional Worship – Sanctuary – Livestreamed  
the FM transmitter will also be stationed under the carport for those who wish to stay in their vehicles and the service will be livestreamed.

*Closed Circuit TV will be available in the fellowship hall and nursery.*

**1 PM** The Korean Church – Sanctuary

**A TIME OF PRAYER** – Please join the Korean Church at 9 PM every evening for a time of corporate prayer to seek the Lord during this time of uncertainty.

Per Governor Northam's Executive Order #63, the maximum number of people we can have in any group is 250 people. However, with social distancing and the six-foot spacing required, we can only have every other row available for seating in the sanctuary. **Please be aware of how close you are sitting to other people. A good rule of thumb is to stay to the first two inside seats of the pews and the chairs on the outside end of the pews.** Any overflow will be directed to the fellowship hall and we will have the service available for viewing in there.

**Masks and hand sanitizing stations are available outside the sanctuary and the fellowship hall.**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Please see the list of Sunday School classes that are currently meeting below:

<b>Ongers Class</b> – Fellowship Hall	<b>Bible Class</b> – Room #7
<b>Pre-School/Kindergarten</b> – Room #8	<b>Membership Class</b> – Room #1
<b>Junior High/High School</b> – Courtyard	
<b>Elementary Class</b> – Picnic Shelter – rain or shine. <b>Kids, bring your own water bottle and there will be no snacks.</b>	

## TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The church offices are open. If you would like to mail your tithe/offering you may do so. You may also stop by the church to drop it off.

**ONLINE DONATIONS** – We now have online giving through Tithely!! Go to [www.calvarycob.org](http://www.calvarycob.org) and click on the **ONLINE DONATION** tab at the top right of the page and then click on the **black online donation button** and follow the prompts.

**HOSPITAL VISITATIONS** for clergy have been severely limited to emergencies only and routine clergy visits have been suspended indefinitely. Please contact the church office if you are in need of prayer before surgery or another issue. Please continue to let the church office know if someone is in the hospital or the emergency room.

## CCAP NEWS

Richard E. Keller, Representative

## DIAPER DRIVE FOR CCAP

One of the most needed items for CCAP is diapers. They give out thousands a month. Please consider buying and donating diapers (sizes 4, 5 & 6, specifically) and wipes during the month of September. All donations are taken to CCAP on a weekly basis. Please contact Richard if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support!!

## COTTAGE PRAYER MEETINGS

### July's Schedule:

Sunday, 9/06 @ 7 PM – Layman Home

Saturday, 9/12 @ 7 PM – Glenn & Velma Horst Home

Friday, 9/25 @ 7 PM – Koranek Home

Please contact any of the leaders with questions.

## FEED THE HUNGRY

Mary Haines, Coordinator

**Feed the Hungry** is still not able to serve meals at this time. The church Feed the Hungry was using, The Church of the Good Shepherd, has suspended all meetings and functions until further notice. Feed the Hungry will resume when their host church is ready for other groups to be in their facility. Please keep the ministry and their patrons in your prayers.

For other specific items needed, please contact Mary Haines before donating.

We are always in need of people who would like to help with set-up on Mondays. If you are interested, please contact Mary Haines at 540-686-0878

## FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Wolf Pusch, Chair

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all fellowship activities have been cancelled until further notice. Please continue to check the church bulletin, newsletter and website for updates. Activities may be added as things improve.

**The Christmas Bazaar for this year has been cancelled.** Thank you to all who have supported the bazaar in years past. We look forward to planning the Christmas Bazaar in 2021!

### weCare Ministry



**Pray** for a safe and successful year by remembering all our children, youth and young adults as they study at home, school and college. The Education Committee **weCare** program offers support for recent high school graduates attending college or entering the workforce. We appreciate current and previous participants who gave **weCare** support by providing encouragement through cards, notes, email and care packages throughout the year, but most importantly supporting with prayer! **If you would like to begin an encouraging relationship** with one of our recent graduates, please call Joyce Earhart at 869-4434 or email [1975joyhart@gmail.com](mailto:1975joyhart@gmail.com)

## From Our Parish Nurse, Janice Randolph

**Do you know the difference between a Financial Power of Attorney and a Medical Power of Attorney?** Knowing the differences may help you decide whether you should choose one person or two people you trust for these designations and NOT knowing may leave your interests unprotected. There is an informational packet on the black table in the vestibule. Please read the **“Financial vs. Medical Power of Attorney: What’s the Difference?”** page to learn more. Should you have any questions, please contact Janice. Janice can’t advise you on legal matters, but she can help explain the medical information. Next month, we will highlight **Advanced Care Planning**.

**NEW MEDICAL KIT** – Janice will be putting together a second medical kit for the Discipleship Center. The medical kit will be located in the triple rooms for emergencies in that part of the building. We ask that this kit be used in emergencies and if something is used, please let Janice Randolph or the church office know so we know what supplies we need to replace. We want to be sure it is always well stocked. Thank you for your understanding!

## WORSHIP COMMITTEE SPECIAL GUEST

On Sunday, 9/13, we will welcome Regina Chacha, from the City of Hope in Ntagacha, Tanzania. She will share updates about the ministry and what God has been doing there since the last time she was with us.

Reginia is the daughter of Glenn and Velma Horst and the sister of Maria Nicely Anderson.

We look forward to hearing from her in both of our Sunday morning services that day!

## ALTC UPDATE

Dear Ron,

I hope you are doing well by the grace of God. You will be happy to know that we at ALTC were able to reach out to about 2500 families in 5 states with our food kit to support the poor and very needy during these COVID times. We were able to do this in three-months-time through 71 dedicated local grassroots-level ALTC leaders. It has impacted around 9500 individuals in these families and has been a great blessing. We have had stories of gratitude, praise, prayer opportunities and doors opening for the future gospel work there.

As you would have heard, the COVID numbers are increasing and basic needs at these places are very real and urgent today also. Along with that our own workers are facing issues as they have not been able to go for their farming and other small works through which they used to earn their livelihood. Challenges have reached their door steps as well.

We have around 500 families (250 our own workers and 250 others around them) which need support urgently. They are part of Odisha and Chattisgarh state majorly. We are planning to give them (each family) the \$15 kit. The food kit contains:

Raw Rice – 5 Kg	Pulses – 2 kgs
Cooking Oil – 1 litre	Salt – 1 kg
Tea Leaf – 1 packet	Sugar – 1 kg
Bath and Washing Soaps	
toothpaste – 1 tube	
Washing Powder – 1 packet	

Requesting your prayers and support for this need. We will be highly obliged for the same

In anticipation  
and prayer,  
*Josh Kallimel*

