

AG Calvary News

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This month we are extending our focus on the family to the individual life of each believer. Every single professing Christian has an impact on the church and the world—good or bad.

In these last days we must watch our life and doctrine closely, as 1st Timothy 4:16 instructs us. People are watching you. Living the life is not to impress them, it's not to condemn them, it is so our words will have influence in their lives. We are living in days where even one compromise will invalidate all you have to say and wipe away all your hard labor to win your friends and family to Jesus.

Make living the life that Jesus called us to the main priority in all you do. "Set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity." (1st Timothy 4:12, NIV.)

Our main event for August each year has been our *Annual Holy Spirit Celebration* where all of our area Assemblies of God churches host combined services. This year's event begins Sunday night, August 9th at the Lighthouse in Richmond, Indiana. Pastor Brian will have the privilege of opening this year's series of messages by our area Pastors that night. He will be speaking on the need for renewed boldness in the believer's life.

School is starting, activities abound, but don't forget that church is where you grow in the Lord through discipleship. We will be emphasizing this through the month of August and looking forward to learning to live the life as Sunday School kicks off in September. As we always say, "If you don't GO, you won't GROW! ❖"

ANNUAL HOLY SPIRIT CELEBRATION

August 9th, 10th, 11th and 13th

Sunday, August 9 @ 6:00 P. M.

Lighthouse, Richmond | Pastor Ralph Holdeman
Speakers: Pastors Brian Jenkins and Jeff Bullard

Monday, August 10 @ 6:30 P. M.

Freedom Life, Winchester Pastor Jeff Bullard
Speakers: Pastors Mike Burk and Ralph Holdeman

Tuesday, August 11 @ 6:30 P. M.

First Assembly of God, Richmond Pastor Carlos King
Speakers: Pastors Don Thomas and Mike Cunningham

Thursday, August 13 @ 6:30 P. M.

Calvary, Union City Pastor Brian Jenkins
Speakers: Pastors Dave Eales and Carlos King

This year's celebration will prove to be part of a fresh fire that is moving through our churches. Don't miss a single service. There will be great preaching from our own area Pastors and wonderful fellowship among the people of our Indiana District area Assemblies of God churches. Flyers are available in the foyer.

2015 VITAL Conference Tried & True

September 25th and 26th
The Caring Place, Indianapolis

This year's theme is *Tried & True*. Registration cost is \$50.00 before August 31st. This year's quest speaker is Sharon Fridge, Director of the Kentucky District Women's Ministries. ❖



2015 Annual Church Picnic Great Fellowship, Family, Friends, and Food

We had a wonderful time with our church family in Harter Park on Sunday, July 5th. It was great to see so many wonderful dishes and there was plenty for all. It was a great afternoon celebrating all that is good in our lives and the goodness of our Lord. ❖



Pastor Brian and Susan Jenkins

Learning to Live the Life

Pastor Brian Jenkins

Our Sunday School Department, as it is with many churches, was designed to be the main source of discipleship in the church. That being said, many churches are either reducing, redefining, or eliminating this program altogether because of a continual decline in attendance.

Even at Calvary, the evolution has begun with Children's Church (run in conjunction with the Sunday morning worship service) taking on many of the discipleship elements of what once was the role of Sunday School.

Some churches, in an ineffective stop-gap measure just renamed Sunday School to *Christian Education*, thinking the common church attendee would feel they were missing something important and begin attending these classes offered before the worship service.

What is more the case, churches have moved to the small groups model based more on fellowship than education or discipleship. These small groups are scattered around the weekly schedule of the church in the hopes that some of them will fit into everyone's weekly activities (at Calvary we call them Life Groups and they meet each Tuesday night in Dean Hall).

My problem with this cultural shift in the church is that everyone becomes their own authority on the Bible and the airing of personal opinions takes precedent over the faithful instruction of believers in the Word. One option is book studies, which at least will guide the conversation by a recognized teacher in the body of Christ.

Yet with all of this, biblical ignorance continues to rise in our churches and most believers do not even know the basics of their own church's tenets of faith (a document presenting what their church believes).

This is not a surprise as much as it is a sorrow. The Apostle Paul warned Timothy about this when he said, *"For the time will come when men will not put*

up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear." (2nd Timothy 4:3, NIV.)

It becomes a real problem to guide a church in a common set of beliefs when you have a great number of teachers telling people what they want to hear. Do we not realize that sometimes those who are over us in the Lord need to instruct us in things we do not want to hear?

"Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."

1st Corinthians 1:10, KJV.

I use the King James Version of this verse here, because the NIV translates it as *"that all of you agree with one another."* That's a good way to see it, but we also need to make sure that even though we are on the same page mentally, that we also speak the same message to the world around us. You think its confusing wading through all the differing beliefs among the saints, can you imagine the difficulty the unbelievers have in understanding what we are driving at?

We have devolved into a touchy-feely church that exalts feelings and opinions over the authority of the Word. As a result everyone is allowed the concession to believe what they want and to express what they want, regardless of how it lines up with the Word of God. This is a false unity that fosters sin, rather than the righteous life God wants all of us to live.

This drift reminds me of the book of Judges where *"every man did that which was right in his own eyes."* (Judges 17:6, KJV.) This is never more prevalent than in believers who have sat in church for years and never exercised the discipline to grow in the Word. They may be able to tell you everything that happened on the latest reality show, but when asked to share their faith, they

struggle to put two verses together.

This is a serious indictment, not only by the church's overseers, but by the world as well. The average Christian knows far more about worldly activities than most unbelievers. The opposite of that is the average unbeliever is stopping the mouth of most believers by confronting them with Scripture. What a shame.

I believe in the same way it doesn't fix anything to redefine the family, it fixes nothing to redefine discipleship in the church. We must go back to the things that work in the family AND we must go back to the things that work in the church. I don't mind using all the new terms like *connect*, *grow*, and *go*. They are useful for remembering the order we are to be disciplined in. However, it is not okay to oversimplify the Word of God. We are not making it complicated. There actually IS more to it than you have been told! Doctrine does not seep into our lives by fellowship—it must be taught.

"He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it."

Titus 1:9, NIV.

In a better light, let me say it this way: I am tired of seeing Christians take a beating when they open their mouths in the world about the Bible. The world knows their enemy and will shoot you down every time with your own words. Without proper discipleship, you will never be able to stand against the ever-encroaching wisdom of the world.

We must return to actively teaching and discipling our people in the Word. It's a MUST!

"You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine."

Titus 2:1, NIV.

There is so much more to be said on this topic. I'll be ministering to this end through the month of August in a series entitled *Living the Life*. May the Lord give us insight into his purpose for discipleship in the church and may we all value sound teaching. ❖

August 2015 Calvary Activities Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Calvary Radio No. 280 - 8:30 AM Sunday School - 9:00 AM Pastor's Prayer Team - 10:00 AM Worship Service - 10:15 AM Family Matters 4 of 4 Communion - 6:00 PM Sharon Pettie (B)	27 Pastor's Weekly Blog No. 30 August Newsletter Production Day Terry and Christina Welch (A)	28 Hoosier Place Seniors' Café - 11:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study - 6:30 PM Men's Fellowship - 6:30 PM August Newsletter Mails	29 Hoosier Place Seniors' Café - 11:30 AM Senior's Bible Study - 12:30 PM Psalm 119 Verse by Verse - 6:00 PM Calvary TV No. 31 - 9:00 PM	30 Hoosier Place Seniors' Café - 11:30 AM The River Bible Study - 6:30 PM	31	1 AUGUST Worship Practice - 5:00 PM Weekly Prayer Circle No. 29 - 6:30 PM Calvary TV No. 31 - 9:00 PM
2 Missions Sunday Calvary Radio No. 281 - 8:30 AM Sunday School - 9:00 AM Worship Service - 10:15 AM Living the Life 1 of 4 D.O.G. Days of Summer - 6:00 PM Ed and Rosie Hill (DA)	3 Pastor's Weekly Blog No. 31	3 Hoosier Place Seniors' Café - 11:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study - 6:30 PM Men's Fellowship - 6:30 PM	5 Hoosier Place Seniors' Café - 11:30 AM Senior's Bible Study - 12:30 PM Evening Service - 6:00 PM Calvary TV No. 32 - 9:00 PM Kathy Davis (B)	6 Hoosier Place Seniors' Café - 11:30 AM	7	8 Weekly Prayer Circle No. 30 - 6:30 PM Calvary TV No. 32 - 9:00 PM
9 Calvary Radio No. 282 - 8:30 AM Sunday School - 9:00 AM Pastor's Prayer Team - 10:00 AM Worship Service - 10:15 AM Living the Life 2 of 4 Holy Spirit Celebration - 6:00 PM (Lighthouse)	10 Pastor's Weekly Blog No. 32 Holy Spirit Celebration - 6:30 PM (Freedom Life)	11 Hoosier Place Seniors' Café - 11:30 AM Holy Spirit Celebration - 6:30 PM (First Assembly) (No Life Group meetings)	12 Hoosier Place Seniors' Café - 11:30 AM Chamber of Commerce - 12:00 PM Senior's Bible Study - 12:30 PM Psalm 119 Verse by Verse - 6:00 PM Calvary TV No. 33 - 9:00 PM	13 Hoosier Place Seniors' Café - 11:30 AM Holy Spirit Celebration - 6:30 PM (Calvary)	14	15 Worship Practice - 5:00 PM Weekly Prayer Circle No. 31 - 6:30 PM Calvary TV No. 33 - 9:00 PM
16 Calvary Radio No. 283 - 8:30 AM Sunday School - 9:00 AM Pastor's Prayer Team - 10:00 AM Worship Service - 10:15 AM Living the Life 3 of 4 D.O.G. Days of Summer - 6:00 PM	17 Pastor's Weekly Blog No. 33 Holy Spirit Celebration	18 Hoosier Place Seniors' Café - 11:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study - 6:30 PM Men's Fellowship - 6:30 PM Sue Welch (B)	19 Hoosier Place Seniors' Café - 11:30 AM Senior's Bible Study - 12:30 PM Psalm 119 Verse by Verse - 6:00 PM Calvary TV No. 34 - 9:00 PM	20 Hoosier Place Seniors' Café - 11:30 AM The River Bible Study - 6:30 PM	21	22 Worship Practice - 5:00 PM Weekly Prayer Circle No. 32 - 6:30 PM Calvary TV No. 34 - 9:00 PM
23 Calvary Radio No. 284 - 8:30 AM Sunday School - 9:00 AM Pastor's Prayer Team - 10:00 AM Worship Service - 10:15 AM Living the Life 4 of 4 D.O.G. Days of Summer - 6:00 PM	24 Pastor's Weekly Blog No. 34	25 Hoosier Place Seniors' Café - 11:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study - 6:30 PM Men's Fellowship - 6:30 PM Pastor Mike and Angie Burk (A)	26 Hoosier Place Seniors' Café - 11:30 AM Senior's Bible Study - 12:30 PM Psalm 119 Verse by Verse - 6:00 PM Calvary TV No. 35 - 9:00 PM Pat Taylor (B)	27 Hoosier Place Seniors' Café - 11:30 AM The River Bible Study - 6:30 PM	28	29 Worship Practice - 5:00 PM Weekly Prayer Circle No. 33 - 6:30 PM Calvary TV No. 35 - 9:00 PM
30 Calvary Radio No. 285 - 8:30 AM Sunday School - 9:00 AM Worship Service - 10:15 AM Communion - 6:00 PM	31 Pastor's Weekly Blog No. 35 September Newsletter Production Day Ruby Tiller (B)	1 SEPTEMBER September Newsletter Mails Ladies' Bible Study - 6:30 PM Men's Fellowship - 6:30 PM	2 Hoosier Place Seniors' Café - 11:30 AM Senior's Bible Study - 12:30 PM Psalm 119 Verse by Verse - 6:00 PM Calvary TV No. 36 - 9:00 PM	3 Hoosier Place Seniors' Café - 11:30 AM The River Bible Study - 6:30 PM Pastor Sonny Pettie (B)	4	5 Worship Practice - 5:00 PM Weekly Prayer Circle No. 34 - 6:30 PM Calvary TV No. 36 - 9:00 PM

Pastor's Summer Vacation (Springfield, Missouri)



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"He that lives in sin, and looks for happiness hereafter, is like him that soweth cockle and thinks to fill his barn with wheat or barley."

— John Bunyan, *The Pilgrim's Progress*

Living the Life

August Four-Part Preaching Series

"I am the way and the truth and the life." — John 14:6

August 2015

Senior's Fellowship For Ages 55 and Over

Friday, August 28th at 6:30 PM

Don't miss the next Senior's Ministries Group happening this month. Donna Burk will be getting out the information soon. See her for more information as the month progresses. ❖

Worship and Communion Last Sunday of Each Month

Next Communion Service is Sunday,
August 30th at 6:00 PM

We greatly enjoy these times of worship and communion each month. During our last service we all shared testimonies of how the Lord has worked in our lives and his faithfulness to us over the years. Join us for this month's communion. ❖



Calvary Radio
Sundays at 8:30 AM on Joy FM 88.9

Weekly Service Schedule

Sunday

Christian Education 9:00 AM
Pastor's Prayer Team 10:00 AM
Worship Service 10:15 AM
Evening Service.....6:00 PM

Tuesday

Men's Fellowship.....6:30 PM
Ladies Bible Study.....6:30 PM

Wednesday

Evening Service.....6:00 PM

Saturday

Weekly Prayer Circle6:30 PM

DVD's, CD's and MP3's are available of our services free of charge upon request.

Forms are available in the foyer.

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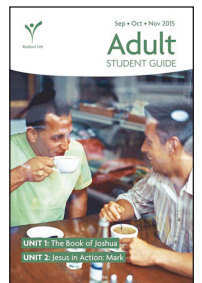
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September is Sunday School Emphasis Month! Discipleship at it's Best!

Learning to Live the Life

Do you miss the quarterly teaching of the AG Sunday School curriculum? Have you ever had it taught to you? Would you like a class devoted to the basics as presented through the quarterly?

If you would, Pastor Brian is considering starting up the *Adult Quarterly* in September. If you would be interested in this class, please sign up in the foyer. Based on the response we may purchase Sunday School materials again for this class. Go to <http://gospelpublishing.com/store/startcat.cfm?cat=iRL1ADULT> for more information and downloadable samples. ❖



Calvary TV
Saturdays at 9:00 PM on KISS TV 5