

AG Calvary News

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Fall is our season of fellowship at Calvary. It's when we take the time to sit down with each other and grow deeper in our relationships. In this fast-paced world there seems to be little effort placed on strengthening the ties that truly bind us together, especially with our brothers and sisters in the Lord.

For us though, fellowship is one of the "big three"—worship, discipleship and fellowship, as Acts chapter two indicates:

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."

Acts 2:42, NIV.

We have several opportunities coming up over the next few months to enjoy fellowship with one another. We kick off this season each year with our **Appreciation Sunday** on September 6th. This is where we express our appreciation for those who work so hard to make the ministries of Calvary happen. This year we are going to show some of our people on the screen and list just some of the things each of them do.

Next is our **Annual Chili Cookoff** in October. This is always a wonderful time with so many wonderful chilies.

In November our fall concert this year will be **The Jackson Family** (www.jacksonfamilymusic.com). They have recently included Brittany (Ellis and Pauline's granddaughter) into their show by marriage to one of their sons.

Finally, the first Sunday in December is our **Annual Church Fellowship Dinner**. Then our **Christmas Candlelight Service** on December 23rd. ❖



Our Media Ministries Expands Regionally! NOW on WCTV Channel 21

Last month Pastor Brian worked out a deal to broadcast our Sunday services county-wide in Wayne County, Indiana over *Whitewater Community Television*. With the help of the Lighthouse and Pastor Holdeman, who sponsors our show, we will air each Monday at 4:00 PM on cable channel 21 in Richmond. This is an exciting opportunity to expand our outreach of the Word of God. The Lord told us we would be a regional church with regional influence. It is happening right before our eyes. God is amazing!

With this new outreach, and the confidence it brings, we will soon be expanding into Darke County, Ohio and Jay County, Indiana, just north of us. It is exciting to see what God can do when you step out in faith.

Pictured above is our completed in-house television studio, with all digital equipment which allow us to record straight to our Apple Computer in DV format, edit the show in Final Cut Pro, and output it as an MPEG file for our TV stations. We then upload the file to our own FTP site where each station can download it to their studios for broadcast. The entire process is in-house and also allows for us to upload to our YouTube channel and create DVD's and CD's of our services. Our media ministries now reaches over 50,000 people. ❖



Classroom Window Replacements! NOW Underway at Calvary

For many years we have put up with broken and taped up windows in our Children's Sunday School Rooms. However, this year we began looking into the cost of replacing them because they were becoming hazardous.

Pastor Sonny suggested we could save quite a bit of money if we bought and installed the windows ourselves. So we took one out to see how difficult it would be to do this.

As we were investigating different prices, a great friend of the ministry, who has given much to make our Prayer Tower a reality, drove by and saw our outside projects and the missing window. He felt led of the Lord to send a "more than enough" gift to help replace all the broken windows and to advance our parking lot project as well.

Our new windows will actually open now. This will provide much needed emergency exits in each of our classrooms, should the need arise. Not to mention the safety of not having broken glass in these rooms.

"For your Father knows what things ye have need of, before ye ask him."

Matthew 6:8, KJV.

Serving the Lord is exciting and amazing and so are his people who give so much into his kingdom work. ❖



Pastor Brian and Susan Jenkins

Finding Love in the Midst of Demand

Pastor Brian Jenkins

We talk about love a lot in our society. It seems with all the other things our world has redefined, love has probably drifted the farthest from the truth. I am cynical about a lot of things, but the way most people look at love brings out the worst in me. Everything from the unnatural affections they place on animals to the horrid way they treat their kids—what the world calls love, I can do without.

Without rehashing everything I have taught about love, let me summarize my belief about it in one short statement: Love is not what you get, it is what you give. However to first give love, you must have first received it.

"We love because he first loved us."

1st John 4:19, NIV.

Once we have experienced the sacrificial love of God expressed through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we in turn begin to allow that love to flow through us to others. Yet, in our society it seems there are those who would use that expression against us. No not really. Let me explain.

"Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfilment of the law."

Romans 13:10, NIV.

True biblical love can only be expressed through what the Bible calls love. As a matter of fact, this is many times contrary to the feelings the world calls love. I have been seeing this a lot in the Scriptures lately and also in the teachings of the Apostle John.

Love is not a feeling. It is a determination to do what is right towards another person no matter what you feel or what sacrifice you have to make.

According to the Bible the first place this biblical example of love should be shown is in our immediate families.

"If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever."

1st Timothy 5:8, NIV.

This problem of not taking care of our own has reached epidemic proportions in our land. As I stated last Sunday in the message *Where We Stand*, it is not the church's responsibility to make up for the neglect of irresponsible people who will not see to it that their families are provided for. However, let me add that we are more than willing to teach you how to do it according to God's plan, but if you are unwilling, then *"you get what you get."*

In a world seeking to find what they believe to be love, we must be diligent in proclaiming the life of love the Lord has called us to. Yet, there is a misnomer in that life: people expect you to meet a felt need, rather than their real need. As this faulty expectation grows, people will continue to show more hatred to each other for not meeting their so-called needs. What a shame.

True believers must be different in two ways. First, we must find all of our inner needs met through Jesus Christ or we will be just as needy as the rest. Secondly, we must not give in to just meeting a felt need, without addressing the real need in a person's life. They need Jesus.

Again, let me add a clarifying statement to this line of thinking: We should not be hard-hearted and let people starve, but even the Bible says, *"If a man will not work, he shall not eat."* (2nd Thessalonians 3:10)

The Bible warns us that in the last days people will love only themselves and use everyone around them to get what they want, even if they truly believe they need it. (2nd Timothy 3:2) Biblical counsel tells us to avoid such people. They will suck you in every time to meet their erroneous needs.

I have seen the church, more and more be controlled by the needs around it, rather than the mission God has given to it. We must be ever mindful of the needs around us on a personal basis, but we must not think that the church is here only to relieve suffering, provide medical services, feed the hungry, and promote social justice. I see many

churches moving in this direction as a result of social pressure, rather than the call of God. These things are very important, but like one preacher commented, "Even a healthy, well-fed sinner still goes to hell." The church is caving to this pressure mainly because it has ceased to be fruitful in winning souls.

Now, before you shut me out, let me add another caveat: There are many organizations called and anointed of God to perform all these essential functions. I know, I get pleas for donations from them everyday. These compassion and justice organizations are just as essential as government is, and just as ordained of God. However, and I say this lightly, the church has its niche. We are called to a specific purpose. Only by forsaking this niche are we dragged into these other pursuits.

The church is about making disciples out of believers. It is about taking them from the point of salvation to the point of fruitfulness. It's about making them soul winners. Yes, this includes teaching them to live a life worthy of their calling, but not to the exclusion of their calling, and not to the service of the world.

"You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men."

1st Corinthians 7:23, NIV.

People are trying to suck me into noble pursuits all the time. I know they think their goals are important. At least I hope they do. However, I already have my calling in life—*"perfecting the saints."* It's a lifetime project for me. I give myself wholly to it. We need to realize the church also has a calling. If we will focus on it, we will have little time for anything else.

Our church developed a statement that defines why it exists. In that statement there is a word that clearly needs to be understood between us and the ones we choose to serve in this community. It is the word *love*. I will be going to great lengths to give all of our people, and especially the people of our community, a clear definition of what Calvary defines as *"loving others as you love yourself."* ♦

September 2015 Calvary Activities Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 WK 35 Sunday School - 9:00 AM Worship Service - 10:15 AM Communion - 6:00 PM	31 Pastor's Weekly Blog No. 35 September Newsletter Production Premiere Calvary TV on WCTV - 4:00 PM (Richmond, Indiana) Ruby Tiller (B)	1 SEPTEMBER September Newsletter Mails Hoosier Place Seniors' Cafe - 11:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study - 6:30 PM Men's Fellowship - 6:30 PM	2 Hoosier Place Seniors' Cafe - 11:30 AM Senior's Bible Study - 12:30 PM Psalm 119 PART II - 6:00 PM Calvary TV No. 36 - 9:00 PM	3 Hoosier Place Seniors' Cafe - 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
6 Missions Sunday Sunday School - 9:00 AM New Members Class 1 of 4 - 9:00 AM Pastor's Prayer Team - 10:00 AM Worker's Appreciation Service - 10:15 AM Missionary Scott Pongratz - 6:00 PM Cassidy Burk (B)	7 Pastor's Weekly Blog No. 36 Calvary TV on WCTV - 4:00 PM	8 Hoosier Place Seniors' Cafe - 11:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study - 6:30 PM Men's Fellowship - 6:30 PM Anna Younker (B) Glenn and Anna Younker (A)	9 Hoosier Place Seniors' Cafe - 11:30 AM Senior's Bible Study - 12:30 PM Psalm 119 PART II - 6:00 PM Calvary TV No. 37 - 9:00 PM	10 Hoosier Place Seniors' Cafe - 11:30 AM The River Bible Study - 6:30 PM Paul and Jeannie Jessup (A)	11 Worship Practice - 5:00 PM	12 The River Talent Show - 6:00 PM Weekly Prayer Circle No. 35 - 6:30 PM Calvary TV No. 37 - 9:00 PM
13 Sunday School - 9:00 AM New Members Class 2 of 4 - 9:00 AM Pastor's Prayer Team - 10:00 AM Worship Service - 10:15 AM Where Does Love Come From? Audacity Movie - 6:00 PM	14 Pastor's Weekly Blog No. 37 Calvary TV on WCTV - 4:00 PM	15 Hoosier Place Seniors' Cafe - 11:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study - 6:30 PM Men's Fellowship - 6:30 PM	16 Hoosier Place Seniors' Cafe - 11:30 AM Senior's Bible Study - 12:30 PM Psalm 119 PART II - 6:00 PM Calvary TV No. 38 - 9:00 PM	17 Hoosier Place Seniors' Cafe - 11:30 AM	18	19 Worship Practice - 5:00 PM Weekly Prayer Circle No. 36 - 6:30 PM Calvary TV No. 38 - 9:00 PM Mildred Lopez (B)
20 WK 38 Sunday School - 9:00 AM Pastor's Prayer Team - 10:00 AM New Members Class 3 of 4 - 9:00 AM Worship Service - 10:15 AM Where Does Love Come From? Evening Service - 6:00 PM	21 Pastor's Weekly Blog No. 38 Calvary TV on WCTV - 4:00 PM Marsha Banter (B)	22 Hoosier Place Seniors' Cafe - 11:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study - 6:30 PM Men's Fellowship - 6:30 PM Meagan Dickmann (B)	23 SEE YOU AT THE POLE Hoosier Place Seniors' Cafe - 11:30 AM Senior's Bible Study - 12:30 PM Psalm 119 PART II - 6:00 PM Calvary TV No. 39 - 9:00 PM	24 Hoosier Place Seniors' Cafe - 11:30 AM The River Bible Study - 6:30 PM	25	26 Worship Practice - 5:00 PM Weekly Prayer Circle No. 37 - 6:30 PM Calvary TV No. 39 - 9:00 PM Randy and Jennifer Moore (A)
27 WK 39 Sunday School - 9:00 AM Pastor's Prayer Team - 10:00 AM New Members Class 4 of 4 - 9:00 AM Worship Service - 10:15 AM Where Does Love Come From? Communion - 6:00 PM	28 Pastor's Weekly Blog No. 39 Calvary TV on WCTV - 4:00 PM	29 Hoosier Place Seniors' Cafe - 11:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study - 6:30 PM Men's Fellowship - 6:30 PM James Lopez (B)	30 Hoosier Place Seniors' Cafe - 11:30 AM Senior's Bible Study - 12:30 PM Psalm 119 PART II - 6:00 PM Calvary TV No. 40 - 9:00 PM	1 OCTOBER Hoosier Place Seniors' Cafe - 11:30 AM October Newsletter Production The River Bible Study - 6:30 PM	2 October Newsletter Mails	3 Worship Practice - 5:00 PM Weekly Prayer Circle No. 38 - 6:30 PM Calvary TV No. 40 - 9:00 PM
4 Missions Sunday Sunday School - 9:00 AM Worship Service - 10:15 AM New Members Reception Evening Service - 6:00 PM	5 Pastor's Weekly Blog No. 40 Calvary TV on WCTV - 4:00 PM	6 Ladies' Bible Study - 6:30 PM Men's Fellowship - 6:30 PM	7 Hoosier Place Seniors' Cafe - 11:30 AM Senior's Bible Study - 12:30 PM Psalm 119 PART II - 6:00 PM Calvary TV No. 41 - 9:00 PM	8 Hoosier Place Seniors' Cafe - 11:30 AM The River Bible Study - 6:30 PM	9	10 Worship Practice - 5:00 PM Weekly Prayer Circle No. 39 - 6:30 PM Calvary TV No. 41 - 9:00 PM

Pastor's Mini-Retreat (Shipshewana)

Indiana District Women's Conference, Indianapolis



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*"Create in me a pure heart."
 Psalms 51:10*

Where Does Love Come From?

September Three-Part Preaching Series

"The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith." —1st Timothy 1:5, NIV.

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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 Study6:30 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.*

If you would like to receive this monthly newsletter in the mail each month, just let us know. It is also available in PDF format to your email. It's free!



Pastor Brian and Susan's Summer Vacation

Family is very important to Pastor Brian. So this year he and Susan visited their son in Springfield, Missouri. Pictured above is Stephen and Susan walking in the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden in Springfield. There were great times of just sitting around and talking of old times over dinner and catching up on everything new. Stephen is becoming such a good young man. ❖

2015 Holy Spirit Celebration Report

Held the Second Week of August

We're delighted at the results this year at the celebration. Pastor Mike Burk preached at *Freedom Life* and Pastor Brian preached at *Lighthouse*. So much could be said, but thanks for the generous offering of \$1,500.00 that went to help Banner in Portland and Rock Solid Ministries in Richmond. ❖

Calvary TV in Randolph County

Wednesdays and Saturdays at 9:00 PM on KISS TV Cable Channel 5

Calvary TV in Wayne County

Mondays at 4:00 PM on WCTV Cable Channel 21