Calvary Baptist Church

To Know Christ and Make Him Known

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Services: 8 am & 10 am or streaming on our website or YouTube Channel

Sunday, May 24, 2020



Welcome and thank you for choosing to worship with us! We hope you will experience meaningful worship and encouraging fellowship through the teaching and preaching of the Bible, uplifting music, and prayer.

Sunday Live-Stream Information

Hey Families! Join us at 8:30 a.m. via our YouTube channel for Calvary Kids! There will be fun for kids of all ages (adults, you're welcome too) and have new features each week!

Click for Livestream

To contribute to the mission and ministries of Calvary Baptist Church through tithes and offerings, you can give online through this website or mail a check to Calvary Baptist Church, 469 Airport Ave., Wis. Rapids, WI 54494. You may also choose to drop it off at the church office during normal business hours.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!! We have more Hope signs for you to put in your neighborhoods. Stop by the church office during business hours to pick up a sign for your front window or yard. If you'd rather not enter the building, call the church office to set up an outside pickup at 715-423-7190.



Please understand that during this transition time, the mailboxes will be off limits for everyone on Sundays. If you would like the contents of your mailbox, please stop in during the week to get it. We have put very few things in there seeing as we are not regularly meeting. All the information that would be in the boxes we have made available online at www.calvaryrapids.org. IF you would also like us to mail you your items please call the church office at 715-423-7190 and we can make that happen for you.

Countercultural Sacrifice

At a time when self-idolatry is being exposed in ugly ways, the church has an opportunity to model love that places the interests of others above the self. For example, someone might find it personally difficult—even maddening—to have to wear a mask during church and stay six feet away from everyone at all times. You might think these precautions are a needless overreaction. But here's the thing: even if it turns out you're right, can you not sacrifice your ideal for a season, out of love for others who believe the precautions are necessary? Even if you personally think it is silly, or even cowardly, for someone to stay home even after the church is open again on Sundays, can you not heed Paul's wisdom in Romans 14: "Let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother"? Or 1 Corinthians 8:9: "Be careful, however, that your freedom does not become a stumbling block to the weak."

Likewise, those who think the lockdowns should continue should not pass judgment on those who question the wisdom of the government's ongoing restrictions. Churches should strive to honor people on both sides of the spectrum. Yes, it will be costly for churches to keep offering online services for those who don't feel comfortable attending physical gatherings. Yes, it will be a sacrifice for church members who are sick of masks, social distancing, and Zoom to continue to use these for the sake of others. But little is more Christian than a posture of sacrifice (Rom. 12:1). We should embrace it with gladness.

(Excerpt from https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/church-dont-let-coronavirus-divide/)

Worship with us in Song:

How Great is Our God Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord Our God All the Way My Savior Leads Me

Worship with us in the Word:

Series: Want to move forward? Then just stop! Today's Message: Stop quitting... stop giving up. Stay engaged! Gal 6:7-10

Principles you can count on

Reasons we often quit:

- We get tired.
- We get discouraged.
- We get distracted.
- We get impatient.
- We get some opposition.
- We get lazy.
- We get tempted by something that looks better.

Reasons we should not quit:

- 1. God is not mocked. 6:7
- 2. God has designed the principle of sowing and reaping. 6:7-8
- 3. God has promised that our present conduct impacts our future condition. 6:9

Sowing to the Spirit – Habits matter!

- Spiritual habits will produce spirituality... <u>if they are done long enough</u>.
 Consider these examples: Bible intake, Bible memory, generosity, pursuit of wisdom, parenting, financial freedom, church life
- Spiritual thinking will produce spiritual actions. Col. 3:1-2
 - Actions towards all
 - Actions especially toward those in the family of God Gal.6:10

BUT - we are going upstream from our culture.

- This means you cannot stop your spiritual disciplines.
- This means you cannot stop fighting against the flesh.
- This means you cannot stop. Keep paddling!



Summer Coordinator Rachel Cornwell Summer, 2020

Dear Church Family,

As many of you know I have served with CEF for quite a few years now, and I am serving

with them again this summer. This year my role with them will look a little different since I am the summer coordinator for the Northcentral area. I have been working in this role a little bit since March, but now that I have graduated from Ethnos360 Bible Institute I will be doing more work with CEF. As summer coordinator I have done some recruitment work, helped teenagers fill out the summer missionary application, and made sure the summer missionaries have done all of their paperwork. Now that summer is beginning I will be



finding hosts for summer clubs, scheduling clubs, preparing the summer missionaries for training, and helping out with training.

This summer is going to be looking a little different due to COVID-19. Our training program that usually takes place at Camp Fairwood will be on Zoom, and we are going to train the summer missionaries on how to teach a Summer Good News Clubs over Zoom. Even though this year will look different, God is in control and we are trusting in Him.

Your Partnership Requested

I am so excited to be serving with CEF this summer, but I cannot do it without your support. First and foremost I need your prayer support. You can be praying that I would be continually trusting God. I know that there are going to be many challenges this summer, and many times where my weaknesses will make themselves very clear. Pray that I would trust God and depend on His strength not only in those times, but also in the times where things are going well.

Another way that you can support me is financially. I need to raise \$3,000 to cover the costs of training and my payroll. I would like to say thank you in advance for your prayer support and/or financial support. I honestly could not be a part of CEF without you. It means so much to me to know that you are supporting me as I serve this summer.

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