

A background image of purple flowers, likely asters, with a soft focus. The title 'Calvary's Light' is written in a large, elegant, black cursive font across the top of the image.

# Calvary's Light

SEPTEMBER 2024

## *I Didn't Want to Bother You.*

IS GOD TOO BUSY TO BE BURDEREND WITH OUR PRAYERS?  
ISAIAH 43:22-24

*Again we exhort the believer, guard against the least declension in prayer; ... go to the Lord in your worst frames; ... The gospel says, - "go in your very worst frames"; Christ says, - "come just as you are": and every promise in every example but encourages the soul to repair to the cross whatever be its frame or condition.*

*Octavius Winslow*

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

*Luke 18:8*

God has a lot on His plate. He sovereignly keeps track of every atom in the universe. He does this every second of every minute of every hour of every day, and God does not sleep (Psalm 121:4). Because of this, sometimes we may begin to think that our concerns are small potatoes to God. After all, does God really have time to hear our prayers? After all, we don't want to bother Him!

Please open your Bibles to Isaiah 43:22-24. In these three verses, the Lord responds to a very similar sentiment in the people of Israel. They had begun to think that the worship of God was actually a burden to God. They had fallen into the mindset that maybe God was too busy to hear their prayers and accept their praise, and maybe they were actually getting on His nerves.

### **Isaiah 43:22—I haven't become weary of you. You have become weary of me.**

The reluctance on the part of Israel to pray was not due to any supposed pious concern for God's time. God sees right through their anemic attempts at justifying their disobedience by expressing it in religious terms. God responds with heart-wrenching clarity: Israel, I'm not too busy for you. You have become too busy for Me!

How about you? Do you say things like, "Oh, I'm sure the Lord has more important things on His mind than to hear my paltry prayers! I don't want to bother Him." That is not an issue. He is more than willing to hear you. The question is whether you will be faithful to lift your prayers to Him.

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**Isaiah 43:23—I haven't burdened you with worship, yet you have become weary of me.**

Let's face it, sometimes serving the Lord is exhausting. Sometimes it takes all that we have on a Sunday morning to drag ourselves out of bed and get ready for church. We can sometimes get weary with church life, but not because God asks too much of us. We are weary because we have asked too little of Him and have accepted too much from the world.

How does God respond to our spiritual sluggishness? By reminding us that the worship of the Lord is not our burden, it is our blessing. In 1 John 5:3 we are told, "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome." Do you see this? We love God when we obey Him and it is NOT a burden. Do you really delight in the things of God, or are they a burden to you?

**Isaiah 43:24—I have been burdened with your sins; You have wearied me with your iniquities.**

If we are honest with ourselves, we know what really weighs us down in this life. It's not only our schedules, although we often over commit. It's not our relationships, although people can be a little difficult sometimes. What really weighs us down in this life is our sins. The good news, though, is that God is always ready and able to hear us when we come to Him in sincere repentance. Not only that, but He wants to hear from us. For some reason that baffles our minds, we are not a burden to the Lord. No. We are a blessing to the Lord.

*To please God... To be a real ingredient in the divine happiness... To be loved by God, not merely pitied, but delighted in as an artist delights in his work or a father in a son—it seems impossible, a weight or burden of glory which our thoughts can hardly sustain. But so it is.*

C. S. Lewis

**1 Corinthians 16:24** My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Pastor Dom



**September Schedule for Sunday School and Childcare**

**September 1** Sunday school begins for kids and teens  
**September 8 and all following Sundays** Sunday school for kids, teens, and adults  
**Nursery through Pre-K** Childcare is available during Sunday school and the worship service.

# The Latest News!



THE  
Shepherd's Fold

The month of August has been a busy one at TSF! We finished out our summer session with an extra special water day that involved covering Mr. Ed in shaving cream! The kids had a blast! It is always bittersweet watching our older students move on to kindergarten, especially those who have been with us since they were infants. Please join us in praying that they will remember what they learned about God and the Bible and that the seeds our staff planted will grow into a faith of their own. We started our fall session on Monday, August 26th with 60 students enrolled and space for a few more to join us. We are excited for a new year of fun and learning!

Some prayer requests for our new school year include:

- good health for the staff and students
- strengthened relationships between staff and families that will allow us to share the gospel through both our words and actions
- continued provisions for our staffing and monetary needs

Thank you for your support and donations. It is very encouraging when donations appear in our TSF bin. We appreciate each gift big or small!

*Contributed by Joy Hempfing, TSF Director*



**We're  
Hiring  
Now!**

**Assistant**

**Early morning (6:30 AM–9:00 AM)  
or  
Late afternoon (2:30 PM–5:00 PM)**

**Part-time Custodian  
Substitutes**

Interested in volunteering or working for The Shepherd's Fold? We have flexible schedule options! Email Joy at [shepherdsfoldoffice@gmail.com](mailto:shepherdsfoldoffice@gmail.com) with interest or questions.

# CALVARY KIDS



Rooted Growing  
Col. 2:7

The Awana Kickoff was a hit, with many families attending and enjoying sno cones, popcorn, two inflatables, kickball, and gaga ball.

Fifty families attended and registered at the kickoff, and over 100 kids will be attending Awana, which starts September 4. Wow! We can't wait to see how God works in the hearts of these children as they learn about Him and memorize scripture.

Cubbies grew to a count of 21, Sparks has over 35, and T&T has over 50 kids!

We could still use more helpers in this thriving ministry. If God is leading you, please reach out to Hannah Greene (email below) or talk to any of the workers to find out what it's like.



**HELP NEEDED** in the **Children's Ministry!**

Email Hannah Greene with questions or interest at [hgrenecbc@gmail.com](mailto:hgrenecbc@gmail.com)!

# World Awareness Conference

## THE WORLD

### AT YOUR DOORSTEP

**Colossians 4:2-6**  
**October 9-13, 2024**

Did you know that 80% of the international students who spend 4 to 12 years in our US colleges are never once invited into an American's home? Are you aware that in the past three years more than 200 adult immigrants from 20 different countries have registered for the CBC language ministry? **God has indeed sent the world to our own doorstep**, which is the theme of this year's World Awareness Conference.

Activities begin Wednesday evening when Annie Ramirez from Argentina will share with the Awana children and the teens. On Friday, October 11, the Men's Meet-Up will feature Matthew Conrad, one of our global friends who teaches in the 10/40 window. And, also on Friday, the Ladies' Meet-Up will feature Betsy Hoke, Michelle Conrad, and Annie Ramirez.

All of our guests will participate on Sunday of this year's World Awareness event. Betsy Hoke will speak during combined adult/teen Sunday school time. Annie Ramirez and Michelle Conrad will teach the children's church groups during worship service. Matthew Conrad will be our keynote speaker Sunday morning. Culminating activities will include a fiesta meal celebrating Betsy Hoke's 40 years of faithful service to the deaf in Puerto Rico Sunday evening at 5:00 PM. The fiesta will be followed by Up Close and Personal small group information sessions.

Sign-ups for the Men's Meet-Up, Ladies' Meetup, and the fiesta meal will be available in the foyer starting Sunday, September 8. While we look forward to the conference, pray for the nations God has sent to you, your children, and grandchildren (e.g., coworkers, sports team members, medical personnel, restaurant workers, etc.)

Rob and Janet Weir



# 2024 MEN'S SUMMIT

# BUILDING HOLY IN AN FAITH UNGODLY WORLD

with speaker

**RON HAMME**

Friday,  
September 13  
5 PM–8 PM

&

Saturday,  
September 14  
8 AM–4 PM



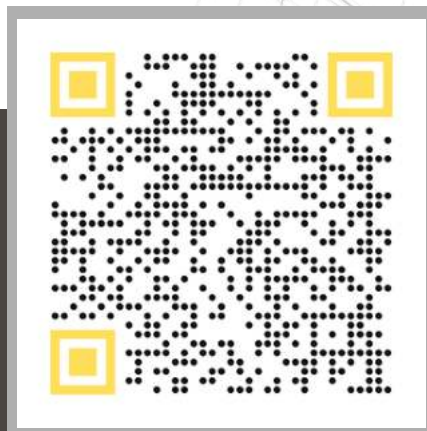
Ron will be speaking to us from the book of Jude. We hope you'll join us for Friday's dinner, featuring smoked meats, and a great time of learning, enjoying some good meals and snacks, and ax-throwing on Saturday.

Cost: Men: \$40 • Teens: \$20  
\$20 for one day

Cost includes dinner Friday, and breakfast and lunch Saturday.

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER IF VIEWING DIGITALLY.**

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**THE CALVARY BIBLE CHURCH CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRESENTS**

# **GOD SQUAD!**

**NO ORDINARY HEROES**

at  
Calvary  
Bible Church

**SATURDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 7  
3:00 PM  
&  
SUNDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 8  
10:30 AM**

God Squad tells the story of eight superheroes who relentlessly fight off the powers of the dastardly, self-centered ME Dominion! Faced with a huge battle ahead of them, the God Squad knows that it will take the full armor of God to deliver the school from the enemy! Find out how the story ends by coming to our epic musical!



Everyone is invited to this **FREE** event!

# Precept Bible Study

The Bible was written so that anyone who wants to learn who God is and how they can live in a way that pleases Him can read it and find out. As we grow in our walk with Christ, our desire to dig deeper into His Word becomes our focus. It begins as curiosity and turns into a hunger for knowledge and application to our daily lives. In her book *How to Study Your Bible*, Kay Arthur said, “If you long to know God, if you want to live the Christian life faithfully and know what God requires of you, you must do more than merely read the Bible and study what someone else says about it.” Calvary Bible Church is blessed with many fantastic opportunities to study God’s word. *Precept Upon Precept* is one of those ways.

Precept uses a method called inductive study. It does not teach you what the Bible means or what to believe; rather, it uses the Bible itself as the primary source of information. Commentaries and video lessons are consulted only after we have made our own thorough examination of the Scriptures with guidance and insight from the Holy Spirit.

On September 24, we will begin a study of the book of The Revelation which is Christ’s message to the church. Christ said in Revelation 1:3, “Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy aloud, and blessed are those who hear and obey the things written in it.” This first study on the book of The Revelation requires 10 lessons to cover the first three chapters. This gives you an idea of the depth of this study. Each lesson includes five days of homework after which we gather in a group session to discuss what we learned.

There are two class sessions each Tuesday that cover the same lesson for that week. You may choose which to attend each week within the constructs of your schedule. The first class is at 10:00 AM and the second class is at 6:30 PM in room 201 via entrance F. If you have any questions or would like to sign up please contact Dave Vandusen at [preceptbiblecbc@gmail.com](mailto:preceptbiblecbc@gmail.com), or contact the church office at 717-632-3954.



**PM COMMUNION  
&  
ELDER UPDATE**

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**SEPTEMBER 8, 6:30 PM**

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Sign up in the foyer!

**HOW GRIM THE DARKNESS:**

**EXPOSING FALSE DOCTRINE**

Focusing on Mormonism

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 PM  
Starting September 18  
Teacher: Pastor Dom

**TEENS**

**MIDNIGHT MADNESS  
FALLNIGHTER**

**SEPTEMBER 27 & 28  
8:00 PM FRIDAY THROUGH  
7:00 AM SATURDAY**

**PLEASE NOTE,  
THIS DATE IS  
DIFFERENT THAN  
WHAT IS ON THE  
TEEN CALENDAR!**

**Christmas Program**

Singers and actors, we are planning a Christmas program. Watch for sign-ups coming to the foyer soon!

*Ambassadors*

Stay tuned for details about the hayride in September!

**ADOPT a FAMILY**

During the month of September, we're collecting **TOOTHPASTE AND TOOTHBRUSH MULTIPACKS!** Donations can be placed in the bin in the closet to the right of the Usher's Station.

**We collect items throughout the year for the Adopt-a-Family event in December. This event is a great way to show the love of Christ to our neighbors! Bookmarks with suggested items to donate are available at the Welcome Center.**

# CBC Marketplace

**HUGE Estate Sale** at the farm of Norman Nace (father of Steve Nace and Joan Sterner), 621 Fairview Dr. in Hanover. It will be held rain or shine from 8:00 AM-4:00 PM on Thursday and Friday, September 12 and 13. Antique furniture, household items, glassware, dishes, tools, a little bit of everything. See more on Facebook's All About Hanover page by searching the name Kim Corron.

**HOUSING NEEDED** - If you have an apartment or room for rent or would accept a roommate, please contact Shirley Fortunato, 615-519-6756.

**NOW HIRING** - Local, Christian-owned auto repair shop looking to hire a full-time, experienced technician. Contact Jim Hempfing for details at (717) 521-3474.

**FREE** - Plastic conduit pipes, 1¼ inches – 2 inches Please call Laura, 717-225-5013, and leave a message.



**NEEDED** - A basic, working vacuum cleaner for free or cheap. Text or call Lindsey at 717-778-7696 or email (below).

**Have something to sell or give? Need a hand with something? Send info and pictures to [lreikercbc@gmail.com](mailto:lreikercbc@gmail.com)**



**DIVORCE Care**

New session starting September 10! Call 717-632-3954.  
Sessions are weekly on Tuesdays at 6:30 PM



Most of us love that tasty bread we get in the foyer! We need a few workers for this ministry who are able to pick up the bread on Saturdays (boxes are sometimes bulky and heavy) and/or help distribute it on Sundays! It's a great way to meet others and be a blessing. Contact the office if you'd like more information: 717-632-3954.



*Membership Class*

**SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER (8, 15, 22, 28)  
AT 9:30 AM**

Learn more about Calvary Bible Church and what it means to be a member!

Contact the office to sign up!

# September Calendar

Date	Day	Time	Event	Room
1	Sunday	9:30 AM	Sunday School, Infant Through 6th Grade (No Adult Sunday School)	
		10:30 AM	AM Worship Service	Sanctuary
		5:00 PM	Children's Musical Rehearsal - Drama	114
		6:30 PM	Children's Musical Rehearsal - Choir	114
			<b>**No PM Worship Service**</b>	
2	Monday		<b>Labor Day - Office Closed</b>	
3	Tuesday	6:00 PM	Children's Musical Combined Rehearsal	Sanctuary
4	Wednesday	9:30 AM	Ladies' Fellowship Bible Study	112
		6:15 PM	Teen Group	104
		6:30 PM	Adult English Classes	
		6:30 PM	Awana: First Club Night	
5	Thursday	5:30 PM	Children's Musical Dress Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7	Saturday	3:00 PM	God Squad Children's Choir Musical	Sanctuary
8	Sunday	9:30 AM	Sunday School, Infant-Adult	
		9:30 AM	Welcome & Membership Class	122
		10:30 AM	God Squad Children's Choir Musical	Sanctuary
		6:30 PM	PM Communion Service and Elder Update	Sanctuary
10	Tuesday	10:00 AM	Precept Bible Study: Genesis Part 5	201
		6:30 PM	Precept Bible Study: Genesis Part 5	201
		6:30 PM	DivorceCare	122
11	Wednesday	10:00 AM	Ladies' Prayer Time	Off-Site
		6:15 PM	Teen Group	104
		6:30 PM	Adult English Classes	
		6:30 PM	Awana	
12	Thursday	6:30 PM	Elder Meeting	Mathias Ctr
13-14	Fri-Sat	5PM-4PM	Men's Summit with Speaker Ron Hamme	Sanctuary
15	Sunday	9:30 AM	Sunday School, Infant-Adult	
		9:30 AM	Welcome & Membership Class	122
		6:30 PM	PM Worship Service	Sanctuary

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17	Tuesday	10:00 AM	Precept Bible Study: Genesis Part 5	201
		6:30 PM	Precept Bible Study: Genesis Part 5	201
		6:30 PM	DivorceCare	122
18	Wednesday	9:30 AM	Ladies' Fellowship Bible Study	112
		6:15 PM	Teen Group	104
		6:30 PM	Men's Bible Study	Sanctuary
		6:30 PM	Adult English Classes	
		6:30 PM	Awana	
21	Saturday	9:00 AM	Pins & Needles	122
22	Sunday	9:30 AM	Sunday School, Infant-Adult	
		9:30 AM	Welcome & Membership Class	122
		10:30 AM	AM Worship Service	Sanctuary
		6:30 PM	PM Worship Service	Sanctuary
24	Tuesday	10:00 AM	Precept Bible Study: Revelation Part 1	201
		6:30 PM	Precept Bible Study: Revelation Part 1	201
		6:30 PM	DivorceCare	122
25	Wednesday	10:00 AM	Ladies' Prayer Time	Off-Site
		6:15 PM	Teen Group	104
		6:30 PM	Adult English Classes	
		6:30 PM	Awana	
26	Thursday	6:30 PM	Elder Meeting	Mathias Ctr
27-28	Friday-Saturday	8:00 PM-7:00 AM	Teen Event: FallNighter	
28	Saturday	9:00 AM	Pins & Needles	122
29	Sunday	9:30 AM	Sunday School, Infant-Adult	
		9:30 AM	Welcome & Membership Class	122
		10:30 AM	AM Worship Service	Sanctuary
		6:30 PM	PM Worship Service	Sanctuary