

Calvary's Light

OCTOBER 2024

Whatever You Please!

CAN CHRISTIANS DO WHATEVER THEY WANT?

For what I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I would like to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate.

Romans 7:15

"Love God and do as you please."

Augustine



Can Christians do whatever they want to do? Well, no. Christians can't do whatever they want to do because sometimes they want to do what they shouldn't do. If they only wanted to do what they should do, then they should do whatever they want to do, but since they often want to do what they shouldn't do, they shouldn't just do what they want to. Confused yet?

Sometimes people are offended at the Christian gospel because they think that it gives a person permission to live as sinfully as they want to live without any fear of punishment. After all, the gospel is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone (See Romans 4:5; Ephesians 2:8-9, etc). We are not saved by what we do or what we do not do. Our salvation is not according to our works. It is according to God's grace.

On the other hand, when we sin, are we doing what we want to do, or are we doing what we don't want to do? This is a complicated question, isn't it? After all, our hearts are so deceptive that it is difficult to know what we really want at any given moment. We assume that if we did whatever we wanted to do, we would only sin. I would like to challenge that. Instead, I think that if Christians could do whatever they really wanted to do, they would obey. The problem is that sin makes us do what we don't want to do.

The gospel affects our will and delights. When we are saved, God changes our "want to."

Sometimes we may think that salvation only changes where we are going when we die. Praise the Lord, it does, but there's more to being saved than that. We may forget that when the Lord saves us, He changes us. He doesn't simply change our eternal address, He changes our internal character.

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When I was a very immature believer, I once asked a pastor if I can do whatever I want to now that I had received the Lord. His answer was, “Yes, but God will change your ‘want to!’” He was right. God has. Charles Spurgeon once preached, “Some people say, ‘Then, sir, you mean to say that Christians may live as they like.’ I wish they could, sir. If I could live as I liked, I would always live holily. If a Christian could live as he liked, he would always live as he ought. It is a slavery to him to sin; righteousness is his delight. Oh! if I could but live as I list [incline], I would list to live as I ought. If I could but live as I would, I would live as God commands me. The greatest happiness of a Christian is to be holy.”

Remember Paul’s lament in Romans 7:19 “For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want.” Paul gave voice to the struggle that all true Christians have experienced. If we could do whatever we wanted to do, we would obey completely. Oh, that we could do what we want to do!

The gospel affects our tastes. When we are saved, we begin to hate our sin.

Before we come to know the Lord, sin is our delight. When God enters the picture, we see sin for what it really is. Sin is no longer our delight, but instead it becomes the object of our disdain. We begin to understand our sin to be “... my malady, my monster, my foe, my viper, born in my birth, alive in my life, strong in my character, dominating my faculties, following me as a shadow, intermingling with my every thought, my chain that holds me captive in the empire of my soul” (from *The Valley of Vision*). What once was object of our sinful hearts is now what repulses us in our deepest self.

This is how Paul describes his struggle with sin in Romans 7. He describes his sin as that which he hates (v. 15). He describes himself as a prisoner to it (v. 23) and understands himself to be wretched so long as this conflict continues in his heart (v. 24). He also rejoices to know that this mixed-up half-hearted craving for sin is temporary and that one day all desire for sin will be removed. Let’s eagerly anticipate the day in which we can do whatever we want!

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

Pastor Dom



The Latest News!



THE
Shepherd's Fold

Happy Fall! September has been a month of change and new beginnings at The Shepherd's Fold. We enrolled six new students, welcomed Miss Arisa as our one year old teacher, and saw some seasoned teachers move to new age groups. During the last week of the month, we celebrated the start of fall by inviting parents to join us for our annual Fall Fun Day. This event included fall-themed activities for the children, a pumpkin hide-and-seek game, and a special fall treat to take home. Attached to the take home treat was a tag with a verse and quotes from Christian sports players. As the school year progresses, please pray for our staff to continue to be encouraged and for The Shepherd's Fold ministry to continue to grow.

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)

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10% DONATION NIGHT

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179 EISENHOWER DR.
HANOVER, PA

SUN, OCT. 13, 11 AM – 9 PM
TUES, OCT 15 3 PM – 10 PM

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



The Children's Ministry is off to a great start this fall. On a typical Sunday during morning worship we range anywhere from 50 to 85 kids, with most of those kids being in our oldest two classes, K-2nd and 3rd-6th. This has been a wonderful time diving into studying God's word deeper and helping them to have a better understanding of what it says. We strive to not make this only a lecture time, but have the kids come to conclusions through studying God's word.

Awana is off and running well. We have a little short of 130 kids signed up with more interested in coming weekly! During a typical Awana night we will share a Bible lesson, play games, and study God's word to hide it in our hearts. This is such an important part of teaching younger kids, that we help them form a Christian mindset and lifestyle for years to come off of verses that they commit to memory.

If you'd like to be a part of this ministry, please reach out!



**HELP
NEEDED**

in the Children's Ministry!

Email Hannah Greene with questions or interest at hgreenebc@gmail.com!

Teens

Family Fun Night

Saturday, Oct 19

6:00 PM-9:00 PM

\$2/each or \$10/family

World Awareness Conference

THE WORLD

AT YOUR DOORSTEP

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

Colossians 4:5 "Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity."

How are we as believers at Calvary Bible Church conducting ourselves in regards to the outsiders (international students, immigrants, and refugees) that God is bringing to our region? Our World Awareness Conference this year will challenge us to seek ways to welcome, be hospitable, and share the Gospel with these people who are now our neighbors. Are you willing to allow God to use you? In addition, we'll hear reports about how God is using our global friends who are serving in Puerto Rico, Argentina, and the 10/40 Window.

Please join us for a meal at the Ladies Meet-up and Men's Meet-up Friday, October 11 with our global workers, Betsy Hoke, Matthew and Michelle Conrad, and Annie Ramirez. Sign-up is needed for both the ladies' and men's events.

Sunday, October 13, we will hear from Betsy Hoke during combined adult and teen Sunday School in the auditorium. Matthew Conrad will preach from our theme during the worship service. Annie Ramirez and Michelle Conrad will teach in Kids' Worship.

Come to a Fiesta, Sunday, October 13 at 5:00 PM, celebrating Betsy Hoke's 40 years of ministry serving the deaf. A catered Puerto Rican meal will be served giving a taste of the country where she serves. Everyone is welcome, but please remember to sign up for this event. Following the Fiesta meal, starting at 6:30 PM, we will rotate through three 25-minute "Up Close and Personal" sessions where each global worker will share about their ministry. No sign-up is necessary for these sessions.

Rob and Janet Weir



Ministry Updates

MEN'S MINISTRY



On September 13-14, nearly 50 men gathered at CBC for the 2024 Men's Summit, where our global friend Ron Hamme challenged us with the theme Building Holy Faith in an Ungodly World from the book of Jude. On Friday night, we delighted in smoked meats prepared by Nic Daugherty and other sides prepared and served by a wonderful team of ladies. What a joy to work together in the Lord! That night, Ron spoke of our identity in Christ: loved, called, kept, servants, builders, contenders. As usual, we concluded our evening with ice cream. On Saturday, we enjoyed a delicious breakfast, snacked on Renovah pretzels, filled up on lunch, and grabbed one more snack in the afternoon.

These eating times surrounded two more speaking sessions by Ron, in which we were reminded to beware of the "creeps" who think, act, and do wicked things because of their denial and rejection of Jesus as Lord. In our final session, we were instructed to have compassion on those who doubt and always be ready to give an answer for the hope we have. Twice on Saturday, small groups of men discussed what they were learning and applied it to their faith. During the morning group session, the men threw axes at two recently finished targets. The team with the most points received Erwin Lutzer's *We Will Not Be Silenced*, and the top-scoring individual received a set of three throwing axes. Congratulations to the winners! As always, we appreciate how folks come together not only to put on events but make them run with ease, allowing the men to learn and be built up in the holy faith in Jesus. We hope to see you men at some of our events, gatherings, or chat with us any time you see us!

Photos by Jeff Berger.

Contributed by Chris Baeuerlein.





CBC's Language Ministry entered the summer with one less teacher and no childcare workers. Over the summer months God sent us one new teacher, one new assistant, and two new childcare workers. He also gave us three other CBC members who have agreed to substitute for us if necessary. God provides for His work and we are grateful. We welcome soon-to-be new CBC member Lois Innerst as the teacher for our Level 3. We also welcome Stacie James from Providence Church as an assistant in Level 3. We are also very grateful to Jenna Parichuk and Karen Buch who are doing double duty working with 8 of our language students' children in the Awana program and then caring for them until their parents' classes end 30 minutes later.

So far this year God has sent us 72 students from 14 different countries (Argentina, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Mexico, Peru, Puerto Rico, Ukraine, and ?) Those countries include six different languages (Chinese, French/Haitian Creole, Spanish, Russian, and Arabic). We are still making appointments for new registrations although a waiting list has been started because we have limited class sizes.

Well, sometimes the students make appointments to register. Other times they just show up. One Arabic-speaking student just showed up for a Wednesday class and was invited to sit in on the Level 4 class. During the Bible devotional time, the student countered each point with what the Koran had to say also. Another student shared that he used to be Christian, but is now Buddhist because during his recovery from a serious accident the Buddha helped him a lot. The majority of our students do not attend any church. Most of those who do, attend a Catholic church, but some attend an evangelical church.

Please pray for each of the volunteers on the teaching teams in this ministry, that we continually seek God's guidance, wisely make the most of each opportunity we are given, and that our witness continues not just during the Wednesday night classes but also into the community throughout the weeks and months ahead. One of our teaching teams has invited their class and the family members of the class to a meal in their home—23 people signed up! Pray for this relational ministry as we welcome these newcomers and neighbors into our homes and workplaces.

There is a bulletin board across from Mike Robison's Sunday School classroom that has some pictures of the English Language Ministry and shows which countries were home to our students. We are praying for more teachers and helpers so that we can better meet the needs of the students God has sent us. We hope to offer "Open House" opportunities sometime soon. We need your prayer support. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Pat Schaefer or Vicki Mentzer.

Contributed by Vicki Mentzer





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Art of Marriage Marriage Conference

at
Calvary Bible Church

Click here
to register!

(if viewing digitally)

Scan here
to register!



Friday, October 25
Saturday, October 26

Or visit mrecenter.org -> Events

Sunday, Oct 6 - Children's Class
Sunday, Oct 20 - Adults' Class

9:30-10:15 AM

DEAD
BURIED
RAISED

Baptism Classes



Contact the CBC
office to sign up
office@cbc-hanover.org
717-632-3954

New
Session

Starting
October 16
6:30 PM

GRIEF SHARE

Contact the office to register.
office@cbc-hanover.org • 717-632-3954



Check it out in the foyer!



or email

lsternercbc@gmail.com



During the month of October, we're collecting **THROWS AND PILLOWS!** 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.

October Calendar

Date	Day	Time	Event	Room
1	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
2	Wednesday	9:30 AM	Ladies' Fellowship Bible Study	112
		6:15 PM	Teen Group	104
		6:30 PM	Awana	
		6:30 PM	Men's Bible Study	Sanctuary
		6:30 PM	Adult English Classes	
		6:30 PM	Ladies' Bible Study	112
6	Sunday	9:30 AM	Sunday School, Infant-Adult	
		9:30 AM	Baptism Class (Children)	201
		10:30 AM	AM Communion Service	Sanctuary
		6:30 PM	PM Worship Service	Sanctuary
8	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
9	Wednesday	10:00 AM	Ladies' Prayer Time	Off-Site
		6:15 PM	WAC: Teen Group	104
		6:30 PM	WAC: Awana	
		6:30 PM	Adult English Classes, Ladies' Bible Study	
10	Thursday	6:30 PM	Elder Meeting	Mathias Ctr
11	Friday	6:00 PM	WAC: Men's Meet-Up	Boyer Hall
		6:00 PM	WAC: Ladies' Meet-Up	Atrium
13	Sunday	9:30 AM	World Awareness Conference (WAC): Combined Sunday School, Teens and Adults	Sanctuary
		9:30 AM	WAC: Children's Sunday School	Children's Wing
		9:30 AM	WAC: AM Worship Service with speaker Matthew Conrad	Sanctuary
		5:00 PM	WAC: Fiesta	Boyer Hall
		6:30 PM	WAC: Up Close and Personal Sessions	112, 118, 201

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Date	Day	Time	Event	Room
15	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
16	Wednesday	9:30 AM	Ladies' Fellowship Bible Study	112
		6:15 PM	Teen Group	104
		6:30 PM	Awana	Sanctuary
		6:30 PM	Men's Bible Study, Ladies' Bible Study, Adult English Classes, GriefShare	
17	Thursday		Calvary Ambassadors Event: Beyond the Battlefield	Gettysburg
19	Saturday	9:00 AM	Pins & Needles	122
		6:00 PM	Teen Family Fun Night	Boyer Hall
20	Sunday	9:30 AM	Sunday School, Infant-Adult	
		9:30 AM	Baptism Class (Adults)	128
		10:30 AM	AM Worship Service	Sanctuary
		6:30 PM	PM Worship Service	Sanctuary
22	Tuesday	10:00 AM	Precept Bible Study: Revelation Part 1	201
		6:00 PM	Salt & Light Event: Trunk or Treat	CBC Parking Lot
		6:30 PM	Precept Bible Study: Revelation Part 1	201
		6:30 PM	DivorceCare	122
23	Wednesday	10:00 AM	Ladies' Prayer Time	Off-Site
		6:15 PM	Teen Group	104
		6:30 PM	Awana	
		6:30 PM	Men's Bible Study Prayer Gathering, Ladies' Bible Study, Adult English Classes, GriefShare	
24	Thursday	6:30 PM	Elder Meeting	Mathias Ctr
25	Friday	6:30 PM	Marriage Conference: The Art of Marriage	Boyer Hall
26	Saturday	8:30 AM	Marriage Conference: The Art of Marriage	Boyer Hall
27	Sunday	9:30 AM	Sunday School, Infant-Adult	
		10:30 AM	AM Baptism Service	Sanctuary
		6:30 PM	PM Worship Service	Sanctuary

October Calendar

Date	Day	Time	Event	Room
29	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
30	Wednesday	6:15 PM	Teen Group	104
		6:30 PM	Awana	Sanctuary
		6:30 PM	Men's Bible Study, Ladies' Bible Study, Adult English Classes, GriefShare	



October Donation Needs

Large containers of Goldfish, Cheez-Its, and Ritz Crackers



Donations can be placed in the TSF bin at the Activities Table in the foyer.

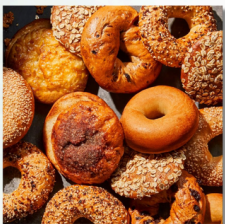
Ambassadors

GETTYSBURG
BEYOND THE BATTLE MUSEUM

Thursday, October 17

Sign up in the foyer!

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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.

CBC membership not required!