

# Calvary's Light

FEBRUARY 2025

## Books that Can Teach Me to Pray:

AN ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY ON PRAYER

*A good book is the precious life-blood of a master spirit, embalmed and treasured up on purpose to a life beyond life.*

*John Milton*

Here are some books that I would recommend on the topic of prayer with some notes and comments on each one. I also wanted to note that, when possible, I have included how much these books cost at the Cumberland Valley Bible Bookstore in Carlisle. This bookstore is local, independent, and often offers prices that can't be beat.

### **1. A Call to Prayer** by J. C. Ryle

This little booklet is one of the very best things on prayer that I have ever read. It is clear, direct, and convicting. Ryle's main question in this book is simply, "Do you pray?" He seeks to convince us that prayer is not of secondary importance, but instead a primary demonstration of our standing before God. It's phenomenal.

### **2. Prayer** by John Bunyan [\$6 on [www.cvbbs.com](http://www.cvbbs.com)]

Of all the books written about prayer, none are better than John Bunyan's classic on prayer. After all, what else would we expect from the author of *Pilgrim's Progress*? It is longer and more detailed than Ryle's booklet, and where Ryle might be more directly convicting, this book is probably more practically helpful. At only \$6 per copy, this book is worth its weight in gold.

**3. Valley of Vision** edited by Arthur Bennett [available in softcover or even leather binding at [www.cvbbs.com](http://www.cvbbs.com)]

There are many books on prayer that you take off of a bookshelf, read and then return. This book is not one of them. Arthur Bennett's *Valley of Vision* is a book that I keep with me constantly. Where I go, most of the time, this book is with me. *Valley of Vision* is a collection of Puritan Prayers and

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devotions, and there is gold on every page. This book is theologically robust while at the same time practical and easy to read. There is a little bit of archaic language (“thees and “thous), but you get used to that pretty quickly. All of the books listed in this bibliography have changed my prayers. This book changed my life, and it still does in every subsequent reading.

**4. Piercing Heaven/ Grace from Heaven/ Fount of Heaven** by Robert Elmer [\$56.23 for all three on [wtsbooks.com](http://wtsbooks.com)]

This book is a bit of a knock off of the Valley of Vision. However, what these books offer is content that is nearly as beautiful as the Valley of Vision, but with 3 volumes, there is just much more of it. In these very attractive volumes, Robert Elmer gives us a collection of prayers that span the centuries. They are also available individually, but why just get one?

**5. A Way to Pray** by Matthew Henry [\$21.25 on [www.cvbbs.com](http://www.cvbbs.com)]

Matthew Henry is known for his commentary on the whole Bible. That is his magnum opus. However, I think that this book may actually be more helpful. It is practical, powerful and will give you a lot of strategic specificity in your quest to learn how to pray more effectively.

**6. A Guide to Prayer** by Isaac Watts [\$14.25 on [www.cvbbs.com](http://www.cvbbs.com)]

Very similar to Matthew Henry’s book is that of Isaac Watts. Watts is the author of many famous hymns, and he brings that air of worship to his prayer book. This book is just as helpful (and quite a bit shorter) than Henry’s book. I have been very blessed in reading it.

**7. The Pastor in Prayer** by Charles Spurgeon [\$12.75 on [www.cvbbs.com](http://www.cvbbs.com)]

Prayer is often easier caught than taught. We benefit from examples in prayer. In this marvelous little book, some of the public prayers of the great Charles Spurgeon are recorded for us, and it is just a delight to read these.

**8. Letters to Malcolm: Chiefly on Prayer** by C.S. Lewis [\$10.49 on [www.cvbbs.com](http://www.cvbbs.com)]

The pastoral team have been getting together twice a month to discuss this book, and I have really enjoyed it. In this book, C.S. Lewis writes letters to a fictional person named Malcolm, and in doing, shares his thoughts on prayer. It is not only really spiritually helpful, but it is also downright entertaining! I recommend it highly.

There are so many more books on prayer, but our space is limited. If none of these strike your fancy, please feel free to reach out to me for more recommendations.

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

Pastor Dom

## Elder Update

Two elders were affirmed during the January meeting, Scott Witmer (with wife Karla, left) and Jack West (with wife Sharon, right).



## Chili Cook-off and Fellowship Lunch

Sign up  
in the  
foyer!



Meet  
new  
people!

Eat  
chili!

**Sunday, February 9**  
after the AM worship service

This event was a hit last year! Sign up in the foyer and prepare your best chili to bring. Bring a muffin tin to fill with different chilis and vote for your favorite! (Bowls will also be provided.)

### Winter Cancellation Info



#### Call

717-632-3954

#### Website

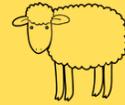
[cbchanover.org](http://cbchanover.org)

#### Listen

WDAC 94.5 FM

WHVR 1280 AM/95.3 FM

# The Latest News!



THE  
*Shepherd's Fold*

Brr! January has certainly been a cold and snowy month! For TSF, this means our staff must get creative to keep the children busy during long days inside. Our students aged 2-5 enjoy time in the gym each day. We are very thankful to be able to use that space for the children to get some energy out! Other creative ways the staff found to keep the children entertained were building towers, playing group games, making ice cream, having indoor snowball fights, and bouncing in the hallways on large balls with handles. We enjoyed looking at the snow and even bringing some inside to explore in our sensory bins! On a less exciting note, the stomach bug and various other illnesses have made January a difficult month in regards to staffing. Please pray for healing for our staff and students and for God to lead more workers to our ministry. We have various job opportunities and would love to hear from you if you have any interest at all in becoming involved.

*Contributed by Joy Hempfing, TSF Director.*



*The Shepherd's Fold*  
Partnering Together to Care for God's Little Treasures

**Donation Needs**

- Pony Beads
- Pipe Cleaners
- Googly Eyes!
- Craft Foam
- Craft Feathers

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

## Current Job Openings

- Assistant/Floater
- Summer-Only Staff
- Substitutes
- Part-Time Custodian
- Part-Time Maintenance

Email Joy at  
[shepherdsfoldoffice@gmail.com](mailto:shepherdsfoldoffice@gmail.com)

# Medical Supplies *needed* for the Sails

- Iron supplements
- Ibuprofen/Tylenol
- Cold/cough meds
- Multi-vitamins

For adults and children  
Must not be open or expired

Place in the yellow bin in the foyer

Thank you to Sharon Harman and Ken Hull for coordinating this effort!

*Heaven: When Faith Becomes Sight*, a 7-week video-based study by Jennifer Rothschild, explores the subject of Heaven from a biblical perspective.

Class begins Wednesday, February 19, 6:30 PM in room #112. The cost is \$22. Please sign up at the Activities Table in the foyer or contact the office at 717-632-3954 or office@cbc-hanover.org.



## GLOW BOWL Date Night

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7 SOUTH HANOVER LANES**  
**7:00-9:00 PM \$20/COUPLE**

**INCLUDES GAMES AND SHOES!**

Scan the QR code to register ...

A CBC & MREC EVENT!

Or [CLICK HERE](#) if viewing digitally!

## Coming Soon ...

CBC will be having a Night of Entertainment/Talent Show in mid to late March. Watch for details, and start thinking about your act!



## WHEN FAITH BECOMES SIGHT

NEW Ladies' Bible Study

Beginning Feb 19  
6:30 PM

Sign up in the foyer!

Glow Bowl Date Night is back! If you've come to this event before, you know it's a great time. The Marriage Resource Education Center (MREC) and CBC have teamed up to bring you this great event. Enjoy bowling and some fun surprises!



Childcare is available for CBC members here at the church. Please contact Amy Gilford at 410-259-2913 to make arrangements.



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!

**This month, we're collecting kids' coats, hats, and gloves**

**The Adopt-a-Family collection bin is in the coat closet to the right of the Ushers Station.**

**Grab a bookmark from the Welcome Center or Usher's Station to see the donation schedule for the year!**

**SAVE THE DATE**

# WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

with featured speaker  
**DENISE PASS**

**SATURDAY, MAY 3**



*Ambassadors*

Lu Hibachi Buffet | **Tues., Feb. 18**  
Grill Restaurant | **12:00 PM**

Sign up in the foyer!

# CBC Marketplace

**HELP NEEDED.** In need of one who will clean one full bath twice a month. Price negotiable. Resident at Crosskey Village New Oxford. Call Dolores Thoman at 717-634-7105.

**FREE.** Almost new electric ceramic top 2 burner induction cooker. Special (iron-based/magnetic) cookware required. Please contact Trisha at 410-415-1202.

**FREE.** Jonas Chickering Piano. Last tuned 3 years ago. Kept in a temperature stable environment. You haul. Contact John Saiko at 410-688-3696. Located in Glen Rock.

**FOR SALE.** Yellow Cub Cadet 357cc electric start engine, 3-stage, gas powered snow thrower with trigger control power steering and light, heated grips, 26-inch clearing width. Like new, used only two or three times at most. New price of \$900. Call Lillian at 717-818-4119.

**FOR SALE.** Pastured Raised Whole Fryer Meat Chicken. Chickens were fed organic, non-GMO, soy free feed and never vaccinated. Average weight is 4 to 6 lbs. We are asking \$5.00 per lb. Please contact David and Joan Pensyl at 717-968-3213 or email [jdpensyl1540@gmail.com](mailto:jdpensyl1540@gmail.com).

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

# February Calendar

Date	Day	Time	Event	Room
1-2	Sat-Sun		Teen Winter Blast Retreat	Refreshing Mountain
2	Sunday	9:30 AM	Sunday School, Infant-Adult	
		9:30 AM	Welcome and Membership Class	122
		10:30 AM	AM Communion Service	Sanctuary
		11:45 AM	Children's Ministry Workers Meeting	Sanctuary
		6:30 PM	PM Worship Service	Sanctuary
4	Tuesday	10:00 AM	Precept Bible Study: Revelation Part 2	201
		6:00 PM	Calvary Kids' Family Fun Night	Hickory Falls
		6:30 PM	Precept Bible Study: Revelation Part 2	201
		6:30 PM	DivorceCare	122
5	Wednesday	9:30 AM	Ladies' Fellowship Bible Study	112
		6:15 PM	Teen Group	104
		6:30 PM	Awana	
		6:30 PM	Adult English Classes	
		6:30 PM	GriefShare	122
6	Thursday	6:30 PM	Men's Guard Your Heart Fellowship	201
7	Friday	6:00 PM	Men's Meat-Up	Boyer Hall
		6:30 PM	Glow Bowl Date Night	South Hanover Lanes
		5:00 PM	Teen Sports Gym Night	Boyer Hall
9	Sunday	9:30 AM	Sunday School, Infant-Adult	
		9:30 AM	Welcome and Membership Class	122
		10:30 AM	AM Worship Service	Sanctuary
		12:00 PM	Fellowship Lunch/Chili Cook-off	Boyer Hall
		6:30 PM	<b>**No PM Service**</b>	Sanctuary
11	Tuesday	10:00 AM	Precept Bible Study: Revelation Part 2	201
		6:30 PM	Precept Bible Study: Revelation Part 2	201
		6:30 PM	DivorceCare	122
12	Wednesday	10:00 AM	Ladies' Prayer Time	Off Site

# January Calendar

Date	Day	Time	Event	Room
12	Wednesday	6:15 PM	Teen Group	104
		6:30 PM	Awana, ESL, GriefShare	
13	Thursday	6:30 PM	Elder Meeting	Mathias Ctr
16	Sunday	9:30 AM	Sunday School, Infant-Adult	
		9:30 AM	Welcome and Membership Class	122
		9:30 AM	Baptism Class (Children)	201
		10:30 AM	AM Worship Service	Sanctuary
		6:30 PM	PM Worship Service	Sanctuary
18	Tuesday	10:00 AM	Precept Bible Study: Revelation Part 2	201
		12:00 PM	Calvary Ambassadors Friendship Luncheon	Lu Hibachi
		6:30 PM	Precept Bible Study: Revelation Part 2	201
19	Wednesday	9:30 AM	Ladies' Fellowship Bible Study	112
		6:15 PM	Teen Group	104
		6:30 PM	Ladies' PM Bible Study	112
		6:30 PM	Awana, ESL	
20	Thursday	6:30 PM	Men's Guard Your Heart Fellowship	201
22	Saturday		Awana Leader Training	201
			Teen Snow Tubing	
23	Sunday	9:30 AM	Sunday School, Infant-Adult	
		10:30 AM	AM Worship Service	Sanctuary
		6:30 PM	PM Worship Service	
25	Tuesday	10:00 AM	Precept Bible Study: Revelation Part 2	201
		6:30 PM	Precept Bible Study: Revelation Part 2	201
		6:30 PM	DivorceCare	122
26	Wednesday	10:00 AM	Ladies' Prayer Time	Off Site
		6:15 PM	Teen Group	104
		6:30 PM	Ladies' PM Bible Study, Awana, ESL	
27	Thursday	6:30 PM	Elder Meeting	Mathias Ctr