

Mount Preachmore: The most influential preachers in my life, part two

It is a mysterious thing, but some preachers bring with them into the pulpit a wondrous sense of the glory of God, the sweetness of grace, the weightiness of eternity, and the hatefulness of sin. One senses the fear of the Lord in them almost before they speak. It is not a show. It is a spiritual reality of Christ shining from their hearts out of their facial expressions, the tone of their voices, and the way they carry themselves. Joel Beeke

The three great preachers in my "Mount Preachmore" are all dead. Yet, being dead, they still speak through their printed works or from the recordings that still remain after their death. Their usefulness has well outlasted their lives. May it be so with me and with all of us!

RC Sproul—*Preaching with Philosophy*

We cannot preach clearly unless we understand theological concepts clearly. Some of the worst sermons that I have ever heard (and, perhaps...preached) are the sermons that are unclear or rambling. R. C. Sproul was never guilty of this. His commitment to specificity and clarity really helped me, especially as a young Christian. He didn't just declare what was right. Instead, he explained why something was right, and he did so by defining and defending theological terms and concepts.

Sproul's passion for the glory of God and for the historical doctrines associated with the Protestant Reformation were very seminal in my thinking as a young theologian. From him, I learned to esteem Luther, and Calvin and all the rest. He taught me to love inerrancy, sovereignty and the holiness of God. May the Lord raise up more like R. C. Sproul to deliver us from a deadly shallowness.

D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones—Preaching with Power

Martyn Lloyd-Jones was one of the very best expository preachers of the twentieth century. My first interaction with Lloyd-Jones was in print, and I was immediately helped and impressed by the greatness of his mind. But to hear him is an altogether different level of amazing! I remember listening to a recorded sermon of his and being a little underwhelmed at first. I thought, "Why is this guy so popular?" But his sermon began to crescendo and by the end of it I was completely blown away by the power with which he preached. I listen to Lloyd-Jones more than any other preacher in this list.

What gives Lloyd-Jones power in preaching is what he described as "logic on fire." He not only properly divides the text. He not only clearly applies the text. He presents the truth of the Scriptures in a way that can only be described as gripping and soul-stirring. Listening turns into worship, which is the goal of every sermon. Lord, please grant me this power in preaching!

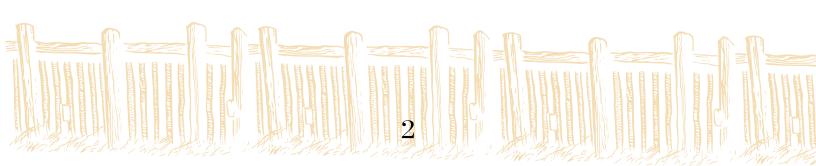
Charles Spurgeon—Preaching with Persuasion

Any list of the greatest preachers of all time that does not include Spurgeon would be a travesty. Charles Spurgeon is perhaps the greatest preacher since the days of Apostles. He has everything. He was a genius in interpretation, presentation, application, and illustration. The sheer force of his heart and his mind leaves little doubt as to why he was used so effectively by the Lord in his time.

I have begun to read all of the printed sermons of Charles Spurgeon. If I average reading five sermons a week, I can finish reading his sermons in 13¹/₂ years! What an astounding amount of pastorally rich content!

May the Lord continue to conform us into His image by means of the preached word of God!

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



Elder Update

As you read this, we have enjoyed a wonderful celebration of our Savior's resurrection, May is here, and summer is right around the corner. The elders are working on a number of things, several of which I'm excited to share with you.

We are currently working to research and prioritize a number of projects that address upkeep, repairs, and improvements to our building and property. Very appreciated are the efforts of facilities manager Dave VanDusen and a committee of volunteers who are working with us as we seek to be good stewards of all God has given us.

We are also currently working to refine the role of our deacons to best allow them to use the giftings and abilities God has given them more fully, and to assist a larger number of our people. We have some wonderful men serving as deacons and hope to add to our current group.

We are very excited as we plan for summer. One of the things that really excites me is our plans for adult summer Sunday school. We will again be having combined Sunday school for July and August, and this summer Pastor Dom will be teaching on major doctrines and relating them to Calvary Bible Church's doctinal statement. This will be enlightening and edifying for everyone, from long-time members to newer members or those coming to us from other backgrounds. Similar to what Pastor Dom taught the men on Wednesday nights several years ago, I believe it will be a great blessing. Please plan to attend. To allow him to put in the preparation for these lessons and preach Sunday morning as well, Pastor Jason and a number of our elders will be bringing messages on Sunday nights through the summer.

Finally, I have a request. Both our kids summer camp and VBS are in need of workers. These two activities are highlights of our children's ministry's summer efforts, and are eagerly anticipated and a great blessing to many. They require a number of workers in different roles, many of which still need filled. Let me encourage you to prayerfully consider whether the Lord would use you either of these ministries, and if so, to speak to April or Paul Walker, or to Hannah Greene.

As always, we are thankful for each of you and for the opportunity to serve you.

The Latest News!

Red is for the precious blood He shed from the crown of thorns placed on His head. Black is for the sky as He died on the cross, suffering to redeem our loss. This is a portion of the "Colors of Easter" poem that was sent home with each child the week prior to Easter. In addition to the poem,

Shepherd's Fold

each child received a coloring book depicting the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus and a box of markers or crayons. These gifts were purchased with donations from YOU! Thank you for helping us spread the gospel to our students and their families. Please pray that God will continue to work in the lives of our students and their families and their hearts will be open to the gospel.

Another exciting Easter event was our annual Easter egg scavenger hunt. Children are given a map that leads to various clues. They must follow the clues through TSF, the church, and outside to find their "treasure" - a bag filled with Easter eggs. Parents are invited to attend and accompany their children on the hunt. Although it ended up being a cold and windy day, both children and adults alike had a great time! As we move toward May and the end of our school year, we ask that you continue to pray for us. We are still looking to fill a part-time position for the summer. A BIG praise this month has been God's provision of a custodian and His continued provision for our financial needs. Seeing donations in our box each week is very encouraging. We truly appreciate each snack, school supply, toy, etc. that is donated. Thank you!!!





AWANA QUIZZING RESULTS

Calvary Bible Church took nine Awana quizzers to Awana Quizzing at Genesis Church on March 29, 2025. See the results below! Calvary also won the traveling trophy with a team average of 302 points! Also pictures are action shots from the Awana Games.

| Michelle Adejo | |
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| | 220 points (silver award) |
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| Jayleigh Lighty | |
| Victoria Mason | |
| Oliver Rasch | 360 points (gold medal; perfect paddle quizzing; buzzed out of speed quizzing) |
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| Paul White | 360 points (gold medal; perfect paddle quizzing; buzzed out of speed quizzing) |
| Thomas White | |









Photos courtesy of Dave Vandusen.

Awana news continued on next page!

Our goal was to raise \$600 which fully supports one public school in Africa to have an Awana program for a whole year. If we met this goal, we would have a bounce house night. You blew me out of the water and surprised our money counters as well! We raised a total of \$1,465.66! That is enough to not only support one school, but two!!!! I am truly shocked at all of the kids' dedication, and the parents, to raise this in less than two months! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Hannah Greene, Director of Children's Ministry







Children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade may join as day campers. Children in 3rd through 6th grade can come as either day or overnight campers.

We need helpers to make this a successful event! If you'd like to help at camp, but have children under these ages, there is childcare provided at the camp for them! Please email Paul and April Walker at cbckidscamp@gmail.com to find out more.

Scan the QR code to register, or <u>CLICK HERE</u> if viewing digitally!

VBS IS JUNE 23-27, 6:00 PM-8:30 PM FOR AGE 4 THROUGH 6TH GRADE

We still need adult or teen helpers! Email Hannah for more info: hgreenecbc@gmail.com The Ladies' Connection Sunday School Class organized a bus trip to the Museum of the Bible in Washington, D.C. at the beginning of April.



Photo courtesy of Claire Robinson.

The teen all-nighter was an amazing night. One look at these photos will tell you so!





Three totes' worth of medicines and medical supplies were collected thanks to CBC members' generous donations. These are on their way by boat to Royden and Danielle Saüls' Good Shepherd Clinic in Bassin, Haiti! They were packed by Ken, Deb, and Micah Hull and delivered by car to Miami, Florida by Russ and Lisa Vriezen (bottom left). Russ is pictured below and at right with a shipping agent in Miami.



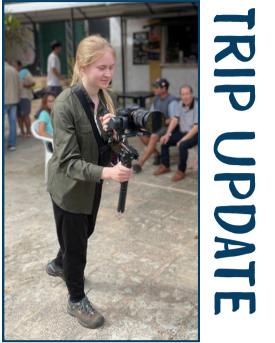


Photos courtesy of Russ and Lisa Vriezen.



Photo courtesy of Ken Hull.

MISSIONS



FROM ELIZABETH KOLLMAR

Thank you all for supporting me during my trip to Paraguay! The trip was successful with the team completing five medical clinics, seeing God grow His church, and being blessed by the unity between our team and the believers in Paraguay.

Video update:

The beginning of the week was touch and go as I learned to work through translators who knew English or Spanish to varying degrees. This made it hard to search for a story, as basic conversation was choppy, information I had received was incorrect or misunderstood, and the believers in Paraguay used different terms for church planting (I never thought about it, but the words "church planting" are a concept and not translatable words!). God did provide, and in one happenstance conversation through a translator with Koki, the logistics head of

the Paraguayan team, I learned he was a pastor who had used medical missions to start his church. I interviewed him and learned about his deep heart for seeing churches multiply in Paraguay! The last day, I interviewed another pastor who eloquently explained how medical missions played into the church's strategy for reaching the community. Every day I filmed, I became better at my camera work and challenged myself to get more creative photos and video shots.

Medical clinic update:

Despite the different hemispheres we were from, the church in Paraguay had the same heart that we had towards missions. They want to see their fellow countrymen come to know Jesus, and they want to see this happen through meeting tangible needs in the community. One way they can do this is through the medical clinic outreach. Hosting the clinics in different locations around San Lorenzo attracts people from the community because of the quality doctors that were on our team, the free medications the doctors can prescribe, and the free eyeglass clinic.





Each person who comes to the clinic has a one-on-one gospel presentation from a Paraguayan believer from the church. Although some people reported that they were not at all interested, already a believer, or interested in learning more later, there were also many people who prayed the salvation! prayer of Each person's information is then passed to the local churches who intentionally follow up with these new believers for discipleship. In one clinic location last year, there were enough salvations that local believers started hosting a church service the next Sunday and that new church hosted another clinic this year!

Personal takeaways:

There is much love as people on the team have literally watched people in the Paraguayan church grow up, start relationships, and develop their own passions for medicine or church planting. Even though some of the Paraguayans don't speak English, you can tell the love and

friendship is mutual. We are all one in Christ! Hearing the Paraguayins' passion for church planting continues to fuel my desire to reach more and more of the US with the gospel. I still don't feel called to full time missions, but I see how video (even when done overseas and alongside of the missionaries) is a way of sending and supporting missionaries. I am so grateful God let me be a part of the unique experience, and I hope the video will funnel other people who have a calling to overseas missions to use their medical experience to be a blessing and be

blessed themselves. I hope God will use me in this way again!

Thank you for your support!

Elizabeth Kollmar





Teens and Parents: Here are some of the upcoming Teen events! You can easily view upcoming events like these on the new Teen website page. Click <u>HERE</u> if viewing digitally, or scan the QR code. You can view the Teen calendar and access the permission/medical form! There is more to see, so head over!



Saturday, May 10 5:00 PM-9:00 PM





| Date | Day | Time | Event | Room |
|------|-----------|----------|---|-------------|
| 1 | Thursday | 6:30 PM | Men's Guard Your Heart Fellowship | 201 |
| 3 | Saturday | 8:00 AM | Women's Conference - Speaker Denise Pass | СВС |
| 4 | Sunday | 9:30 AM | Sunday School, Infant–Adult | |
| | | 10:30 AM | AM Communion Service - Compassion Sunday | Sanctuary |
| | | 12:00 PM | Portrait Sessions with JB Photographers | Boyer Hall |
| | | 6:30 PM | PM Worship Service | Sanctuary |
| 6 | Tuesday | 6:30 | DivorceCare | 122 |
| 7 | Wednesday | 9:30 AM | Ladies' Fellowship Bible Study | 112 |
| | | 6:15 PM | Teen Group | 104 |
| | | 6:30 PM | Awana - Rehearsal Night | |
| | | 6:30 PM | Adult English Classes | |
| | | 6:30 PM | GriefShare | 122 |
| 8 | Thursday | 6:30 PM | Elder Meeting | Mathias Ctr |
| 10 | Saturday | 5:00 PM | Teens: Dinner and Game Night with Mom | 122 |
| 11 | Sunday | 9:30 AM | Sunday School, Infant–Adult | |
| | | 10:30 AM | AM Worship Service | Sanctuary |
| | | 6:30 PM | **No PM Worship Service** Happy Mother's Day! | |
| 13 | Tuesday | 10:00 AM | Precept Bible Study: Revelation Part 3 | 201 |
| | | 6:30 PM | DivorceCare | 122 |
| | | 6:30 PM | Precept Bible Study: Revelation Part 3 | 201 |
| 14 | Wednesday | 10:00 AM | Ladies' Prayer Time | Off Site |
| | | 6:15 PM | No Teen Group | 104 |
| | | 6:30 PM | Awana Awards Night | Sanctuary |
| | | 6:30 PM | Adult English Classes, GriefShare | |
| 16 | Friday | 1:00 PM | Ambassadors Event: Taco Bar and Games | Boyer Hall |
| 18 | Sunday | 9:30 AM | Sunday School, Infant–Adult | |
| | | 10:30 AM | AM Worship Service | Sanctuary |
| | | 12:00 AM | LOL Maintenance Team Volunteer Luncheon | Boyer Hall |
| | | 6:30 PM | PM Worship Service | Sanctuary |

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A group of kids and leaders went on an adventure to Ethnos 360's Wayumi for a missions-focused field trip about the Amazon Rain Forest.



Photos courtesy of April Walker and Chris Baeuerlein.



FREE. Homeschool Good & Beautiful curriculum science unit, *Wind and Waves* for preschool through 2nd grade. Complete set, brand new, never used. Text Rachel at 410-251-4369.

HELP NEEDED with weeding, spreading mulch, trimming plants and bushes, etc. Contact Laura Smith at 717-225-5013.

TO BORROW OR BUY. Used walker with two front wheels. Contact Louise Crumbling at 717-676-1236 or email steve.crumbling@gmail.com.

BABYSITTING SERVICES. Sienna Langeheine is available evenings and weekends for babysitting. She has clearances on file with CBC and has a natural and gentle ability to meet the need of children! Please text or call Summer at 717-515-5993.

HELP NEEDED. Cleaning help needed. Located about 5 minutes from CBC. Please call Cheryl Dunn at 410-207-4563.

Have something to sell or give? Need a hand with something? Send info and pictures to lreikercbc@gmail.com

Below is a final thought from one of our global friends who is in a sensitive area.. The following was pulled from her newsletter.

Mercy is the blazing, bold orange color in the rainbow. Rainbow colors are only visible when the conditions are a bit gloomy with rain or fog, and never when the air is clear and crisp. It's a metaphor we've all heard so many times. But here's the aspect of that image that catches my attention now...rainbow colors are only visible BECAUSE of that bright, white, true light! The sun that beams right through the storm brings a marvelous display of color. I John 1:5 says, "God is LIGHT, and in him is no darkness at all!" Bring the rain! God's light shines bright, right through the darkness, and I can see it!

