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But Godliness With Contentment Is Great Gain

(I Timothy 6:6)

As he penned this letter, Paul was no doubt aware that some sought to use their faith and piety as an opportunity for increasing their prosperity. Some had become greedy for gain, and Paul indicates that it is not gain that we should seek, but rather godliness.

Such an idea flies in the face of the culture in which we live. We live in a society which promotes the accumulation of more: more prosperity, more possessions, greater power, greater position. But, Paul tells us that as Christians, our gain is not financial, but spiritual, and the way to it is by being more like Jesus Christ. Christians are to seek to be more like Christ in every way, and are to be content in this world.

Such contentment can only come when our eyes are focused where they should be. How do you know whether your focus is right? Ask yourself some questions. Pen and paper might help you to organize your responses.

1. What do I spend my time doing?
2. What do I spend my time thinking about?
3. Where do I spend my money?
4. What is my heart set upon?

Jesus said in Matthew 6:21, "Where your treasure is, there will be your heart also." This profound statement reminds us that the things we most treasure in life are the things to which we devote our time, attention, and our very selves.

Be honest! Don't try to justify or defend, just consider what you spend the majority of your time thinking about and doing. Looking at your conclusions, do you find that the majority of your resources, including your time, are spent on the things of this world? If so, ask yourself: Am I truly

happy? (Again, be honest!) Or do I feel as though I want more? The things that this world has to offer may bring pleasure for a time, but certainly not for eternity. Christ advises His followers to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33). Your Heavenly Father knows your needs and will meet them. Set your priorities straight and it really won't matter if you have a lot or have nothing at all.

Your first priority as a Christian is to make it your life's aim to know and become more like Jesus Christ. The more like Him you are, the more this world will fade in your estimation and the more joy-filled you will become. What we need is not an absence of problems or a larger bank balance; what we need is more of Jesus Christ. As the hymn says, "Thou, O Christ, are all I want; More than all in Thee I find." And the more of Jesus you have, the greater will be your love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, and self-control.

My prayer for each of you is that you will not only strive to become, but that you *will* become more like Jesus, and that in so doing will find true contentment in the Lord! What you gain by seeking Him first may not be riches. You may not have your afflictions removed. But you will find the strength and the peace that will be a reflection of Christ in you, the hope of glory. Friends, St. Augustine said that he was restless until he found his rest in God. It is true that without Him we are of all creatures most to be pitied, but with Him we can face the future with satisfaction and contentment, knowing that we have been given all sufficiency in Christ.

Blessings,
Pastor Charlie

Calvary Is Moving Forward

It has been over 15 months since the pandemic began, and we can finally see our lives starting to return to some normalcy, although the new normal might look different for some time to come.

Starting Sunday, June 6th, Calvary will be going back to just one worship service each Sunday. The service will start at 11:00 a.m. and be held upstairs in the sanctuary. Chairs will be set up in the over-flow room to accommodate extra seating with distancing. Face masks are still required when attending the service and when moving throughout the building.

Children's Church will be meeting in-person at the church starting on June 6th. The children will be getting together during the 11:00 service in the family fellowship room.

The worship services will continue to be recorded and posted on the church website (www.cpcbaldwin.com - click on "YouTube") and streamed on YouTube at www.youtube.com (search for Calvary Church, Baldwin, NY).

The **Wednesday Night Bible Study** continues to meet each week at the church at 7:00 p.m. The men and women are studying from the book of I Peter, and also have a time of prayer.

The **Ladies Bible Study** meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month via Zoom at 7:30 p.m. The ladies are studying the book of Acts.

Please join us as we once again will be worshipping our great God together as a church family starting on June 6th.

Dedication of Sophia

"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."

Proverbs 22:6

On Sunday, May 16th, the Holtgrewe and Ramos families gathered at Calvary along with friends as Sophia Faith Holtgrewe (who is just a little over two years of age) was dedicated during the 11:00 service.



Sophia's parents and godparents made a commitment before the Lord to raise this precious little girl and instruct her according to God's Word and God's ways.

May God bless and watch over little Sophia!

Prayer For Our Children:

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children. As we bring them up, give us calm strength and patient wisdom, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.



Pictured left to right: Ed Swan (godfather), Joseph Holtgrewe (proud dad), Myeesha Holtgrewe (loving mom holding Sophia), and Melissa Holtgrewe (godmother).

STAR STUDENT AWARD FOR ZAVIER!

Zavier Foster was recently honored at an awards ceremony for being a student Star from Baldwin High School. Zavier is an excellent student projected to be in the top ten of the Class of 2022. He is involved in many activities at school including Tri-M Music Honor Society, president of the art club, a member of Key Club and the pep band, and plays on the varsity lacrosse and soccer teams. Zavier mentors students in AP classes and volunteers at Calvary Church as well.

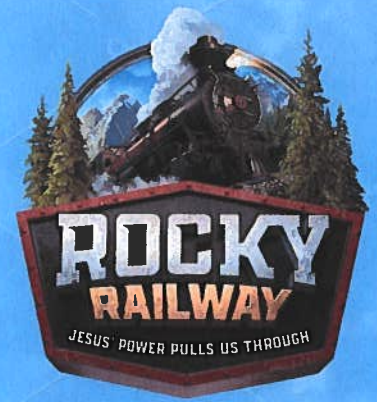
Pictured right (photo courtesy of NYS Senator Todd Kaminsky's office) is Senator Todd Kaminsky, Zavier (center), and Nassau County Executive Laura Curran.



CONGRATULATIONS ZAVIER! We are very proud of you!

Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway!

On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs.



The dates will run June 28th through July 2nd. The day will begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8 p.m. at Calvary Protestant Church, 2801 Park Ave, Baldwin. The program is for ages 4 through 5th grade.

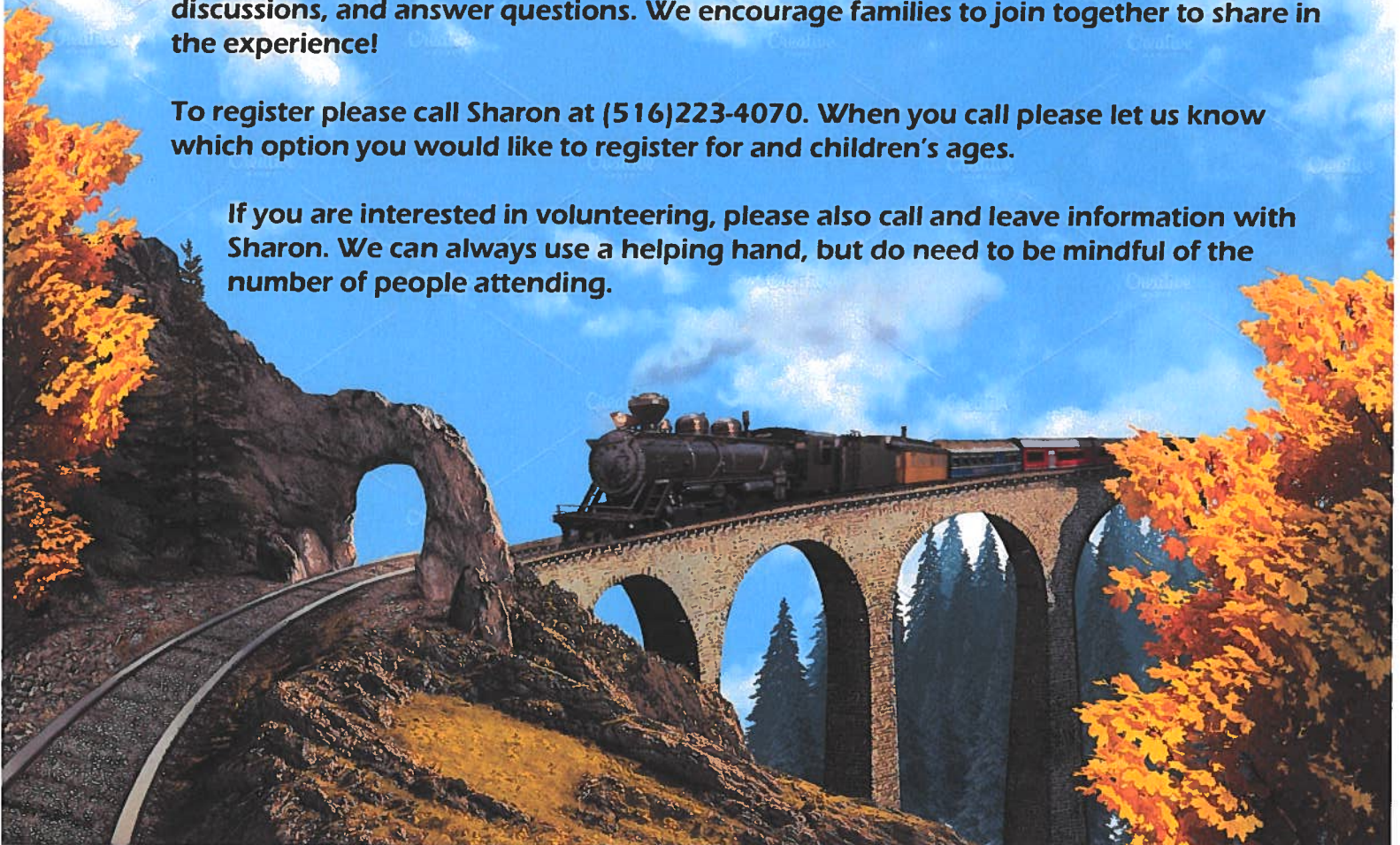
This year's set up is a bit different: we will be having an in-person and virtual V.B.S., but both programs will have songs, dancing, interactive lessons, crafts, Kid Vid (where we apply each lesson to real life), and time to praise and pray together.

The in-person format will have a limited number of spaces and be on a first-come, first-served basis to ensure that we are able to maintain physical distance. We are following the current CDC recommendation and requiring that masks must be worn at all times for those in-person.

Our virtual program will have some live aspects and recorded aspects. We will have a site designated for the VBS program where children and families can access each part of the program. There will be a Virtual leader to help navigate the experience, lead in discussions, and answer questions. We encourage families to join together to share in the experience!

To register please call Sharon at (516)223-4070. When you call please let us know which option you would like to register for and children's ages.

If you are interested in volunteering, please also call and leave information with Sharon. We can always use a helping hand, but do need to be mindful of the number of people attending.



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BIRTHDAYS

JUNE

1st Sharon Knoernschild
3rd Joel Sandoval-Vallejos
4th Mike Tralongo Jr.
5th Gina Chalavoutis
5th Ian Waldvogel
10th Melissa Watts
12th Charles Hetzel Sr.
16th Trudy Hetzel
17th Oliver Miller
18th Angeline Alcindor
18th Justin Rose
20th Kyle Knoernschild
22nd Sarabeth (LaLa)
DiCostanzo
22nd Elsie Ramos
24th Jacqueline Santanello
25th Keri Bennett
29th Melissa Rose

JULY

2nd Kim Knoernschild
6th Linda Boughton
6th Tony (L.T.)
DiCostanzo
7th Anthony Ramos
9th Suzanne Toussaint
11th Sarabeth DiCostanzo
12th Joanna Brewster
13th Helene Wilson
14th Adam Carman
21st Levi Nembhard
22nd Dana Elcock
23rd Faith Dowling
24th Lillian Tralongo

**Happy
Birthday!**

ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE

5th Anthony & Elsie Ramos
8th David & Melinda Jones
22nd Barry & Patti Senita
29th Larry & Paula Kulla
29th Tim & Kaia Waldvogel

JULY

12th Kirk & Noelle Nehring
22nd Ralph & Zoraida Rose
27th Bill & Carol Chalavoutis



His Best Contribution

Even though a man may be a senator, doctor, professor, or a top entrepreneur, he just might make his most significant contribution in life by the kind of influential but unsung job he does in his own home as a father.

Happy Father's Day!!!