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Pentecost

By John Sandberg

In last month's article, David Manuel made the point that the Ascension was the prerequisite to Pentecost. Before Jesus ascended to heaven, he left the disciples with the following instructions:

"...Do not leave Jerusalem but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." (Acts 1:4-5)

"...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:7-8)

Allow me to suggest two principles gleaned from Jesus' instructions:

- God the Father does not intend for us to build his kingdom in our own strength.
- The Holy Spirit was given to the Church to empower the Church for its mission.

After the Ascension, the disciples waited in Jerusalem. They waited for ten days. I suspect it was ten long days. They did not know when, where or how they would receive the Holy Spirit.

The word Pentecost is the Greek word for "fiftieth". Pentecost was to be celebrated the day after the seventh Sabbath, that is to say, fifty days after Passover. It was one of three pilgrim festivals occasioning Jews from every nation to be in Jerusalem. Pentecost was also known as the Festival of Weeks. Originally it was the Festival of First Fruits which marked the beginning of the wheat harvest. First century Judaism recognized Pentecost as the anniversary of the giving of the Mosaic Law.

On this Pentecost, the disciples were all gathered in one place, likely commemorating the Jewish Festival of Weeks. Luke, the writer of Acts, succinctly described what happened. "Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them." (Acts 2:2-4)

God most certainly had no intention of allowing the significance of the Holy Spirit's arrival to be missed! He gave, not one, not two, but three external signs to accompany the Holy Spirit's arrival – the sound of wind; tongues of fire; and Inspired speech.

Wind: a vivid symbol of the Holy Spirit. Wind cannot be seen but its effects can be powerful. Scripturally literate Jews may have remembered:

"...Come from the four winds, O breadth, and breathe into these slain, that they may live." (Ezekiel 37:9)

"...I looked and there before me were the four winds of heaven churning up the great sea." (Daniel 7:2)

The apostles might have remembered that night on the Sea of Galilee when Jesus calmed the storm and they asked each other "Who is this? Even the wind and waves obey him." (Mark 4:41)

Fire: a symbol of God's presence: Jews would have remembered God appearing to Moses in the form of a burning bush. (Exodus 3:2); God guided the Israelites in the desert with a pillar of fire. (Exodus 13:21); The glory of the Lord on top of Mount Sinai appeared to be a consuming fire. (Exodus 24:17); Fire was over the tabernacle by night. (Exodus 40:38)

A significant difference between these Old Testament manifestations of God's presence and Pentecost was the tongues of fire separating and coming to rest on each disciple. The day of Pentecost was experienced corporately and yet the Holy Spirit was given to the disciples individually. It was personal and intimate.

Inspired speech: The Jewish scriptures had spoken of prophetic utterances. Numbers 11:26 and 1 Sam 10:6 are examples. However, in post-exile Israel, it was believed prophecy had ceased but in the coming Messianic age God would pour out his Spirit in fulfillment of prophecy. Ezekiel 39:29 is an example of such a prophecy.

The disciples, filled with the Holy Spirit, began to speak in other tongues. As these Galileans spoke, Jews from other nations heard, each in his own language. (Acts 2:4-5) Luke records 15 people groups. The Tower of Babel comes to my mind (Genesis 11). The people of the earth had been disobedient and God confused their language. At Pentecost God lifted the language barriers! I see wonderful symbolism here. The confusion of language scattered the people of the earth. Jesus now commissioned the Church to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth and showed them the power of the Holy Spirit was stronger than language barriers.

What happened next is even more amazing. A crowd had gathered where the disciples were. What drew the crowd? An advertising campaign? A big-name celebrity? A smoke machine? Free coffee and bagels? Nope. The Holy Spirit was moving.

Peter raised his voice, addressing the crowd with a boldness given him by the Holy Spirit. He proclaimed Jesus as Lord, death defeated and gave an invitation to receive God's forgiveness. Peter acknowledged he and the other disciples had in fact received the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and this same gift could be received by them as well.

Peter told them "...The promise is for you and your children and for all those who are far off – for all whom the Lord our God will call." (Acts 2:39). I see this verse as clarifying that the Holy Spirit was not a first century phenomenon but available to all Jesus' disciples from that day forward.

"Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day." (Acts 2:41) As Peter's head hit the pillow on that first Pentecost night, I wonder if he was thinking about that day by the sea when they had caught so many fish, their nets began to break and their boats began to sink. The Lord had said to Peter "Don't be afraid, from now on you will catch men." (Luke 5:10). Maybe now, Peter understood what Jesus meant.

During his earthly ministry, Jesus had instructed the disciples on the coming ministry of the Holy Spirit. He told them "I will ask the Father and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever – the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him for he lives with you and will be in you." (John 14:16-17) Here Jesus gave them a nugget of what was to come. The Spirit who was with them would soon be in them!

Jesus continued "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth..." (John 16: 12-13)

The Gospels record a number of occasions where the disciples misunderstood the words of Jesus. A few examples are; The disciples misunderstood the nature of the kingdom of heaven. They were waiting for the establishment of an earthly kingdom. (Luke 19:11); Peter misunderstood the necessity of Jesus' death on the cross and resurrection. (Matthew 16:22); The disciples misunderstood the necessity of Jesus' return to heaven and his relationship to the Father. (John 14:5 and 9).

Jesus, the greatest teacher, knew the disciples needed the indwelling of the Holy Spirit to grasp the truths he was teaching them. He knew the Holy Spirit would continue to equip and guide them. If the disciples who walked with Jesus needed the Holy Spirit, how much more do Christians need the Holy Spirit today?

Ten days after Jesus ascended to heaven, the disciples received the gift of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost, the festival commemorating the giving of the Mosaic Law would forever after be commemorated by Christians as the day the Church was given the Holy Spirit.

I pray that just as the outpouring of the Holy Spirit saved three thousand souls on that first Pentecost, many thousands and tens of thousands will hear the Good News and be saved in these last days. Come Holy Spirit! Do a mighty work in our land.

Sometime Mistakes Can Turn Out to be a Blessings

"Tony Campolo, the professor, preacher and writer, tells of going to the wrong funeral parlor to pay his respects to the family of a deceased family friend. He found only one person present when he arrived, a woman he did not know, He peered into the casket and immediately realized that he had made a mistake. The man in the casket was not the family friend.

Tony was about to leave when the woman approached him warmly, "You were his friend, weren't you?" she said. Not wanting to appear cold and uncaring, Tony nodded and said "Yes. He was a good man. Everybody loved him."

Since no one else arrived, he stayed for the funeral. Immediately afterwards, the elderly woman asked Tony if he would accompany her to the cemetery. He did so and as she threw a flower into the grave, so did Tony.

On the way back to the funeral home, Tony decided to confess that he had misled the woman.

"There's something I've got to tell you," he began. "I want to be your friend, and we can't have a friendship unless I tell you the truth, I'm afraid I have to tell you that I really didn't know your husband. I came to his funeral by accident." He went on to explain the mistake he had made. When he finished, the woman squeezed his hand, smiled and said, "You'll never ever know how much your being here with me today meant." (Communication Resource, 1999).

Daily Bible Mediation for June 2022

On The Attributes of God

Some hints on Scripture Mediation:

Pray, then start reading until the Holy Spirit causes you to pause and reflect.

Ask yourself questions about the verse read.

Transform the passage in a personal pray.

Sing the scripture and make it into a worship song.

Dot key words that speaks to you.

Meditate the verse (s) over and over.

Try reading the same verse (s) in different translation to give a nuance perspective.

Take time to pause in His presences (Selah)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Genesis 1:1 Nehemiah 9:6 Revelation 4:11 God is Creator	2 Deuteronomy 6:4, 4:35 Isaiah 43:10 God is Monotheistic/ Oneness	3 Genesis 1:2 John 4:24 2 Corinthians 3:17 God is Spirit/ Incorporeal	4 Deuteronomy 32:4a Matthew 5:48 God is Perfect
5 Exodus 3:14 Psalm 90:2, 147:5 Revelation 1:8 God is Infinite*	6 Isaiah 65:16a John 1:14 John 17:17 God is Veracity*	7 Deut. 32:4 Psalm 89:14 Isaiah 33:22 John 5:30 God is Judge/ Just	8 Job 11:7 Isaiah 55:8-9 Romans 11:33-36 God is Incomprehensible/ Ineffable	9 John 5:26 Acts 17:24-25 God is Self-Existence/ Sufficient*	10 Isaiah 6:3 Habakkuk 1:13 1 Peter 1:16 Revelation 4:8 God is Holy	11 Psalm 139:7-12 Jeremiah 23:23-24 God is Omnipresent*
12 Jeremiah 31:3 John 3:16 1 John 4:7-8, 16 Romans 5:8 God is Love	13 Psalm 102:25-27 Malachi 3:6 Hebrews 13:8 James 1:17 God is Immutable in His Being*	14 Deuteronomy 7:9 2 Thessalonians 3:3 2 Timothy 2:13 God is Faithful	15 Psalm 54:4 Colossians 1:17 God is Sustainer	16 2 Samuel 7:22 Psalm 86:8 Isaiah 40:25, 44:7 God is Incomparable	17 Proverbs 2:6 Proverbs 3:19 Romans 11:33 God is Wisdom	18 Lamentations 3:22-24 Psalm 136 (NKJ) Luke 6:36 God is Merciful
19 1 Chronicles 29:11-12 Isaiah 61:1 James 4:14-15 God is Sovereign	20 Exodus 33:18, 21-22 Ephesians 1:17 God is Glorious	21 Job 11:7-11; 38 Psalm 33:6 God is Omnipotent	22 Genesis 2:7 Job 26:7; 36:26 Deuteronomy 33:27 Isaiah 40:28; 57:15 God is Eternal/ Transcendent*	23 Psalm 145:3 Romans 11:33-34 1 Corinthians 2:11 God is Unfathomable/ Unsearchable	24 Genesis 2:7 Exodus 33:19a Psalms 145:8-9 Romans 5:8 God is Good/Benevolent	25 Psalm 139:1-6 Isaiah 46:9-10 God is Omniscient
26 Psalm 111:4 1 Timothy 1:13-14 God is Gracious	27 Exodus 15:11 Isaiah 43:15 God is Incommunicable*	28 Exodus 34:6 Nehemiah 9:17 Lamentation 3:22-23 God is Compassionate	29 Psalm 145:16 Philippians 4:19 God is Provider	30 Matthew 6:9 John 5:26a God is Father	1 Luke 23:33-34a Colossians 2:13-14 1 John 1:9 God is Forgiving	2 Job 19:25 Isaiah 44:22 Galatians 4:4-5 God is the Redeemer

*5th No beginning and no end/ He is timeless

*6th Truthfulness/ Trustworthy/ Faithfulness

*9th God was never created and never came into being/ God is an uncaused Being/ God's independence makes our existence insignificant

*11th Power over time and space/ lives outside of time and space

*13th God is unchangeable/ Changeless/ He never gets better or worse, God can never go out of existence

*22nd Timeless/ Everlasting/ Inhabits Eternity/ He does not undergo growth, development or maturation

*27th Certain properties of God is not transferrable to any creation, for example, omnipresence, unchangeableness, holiness, perfection, sovereignty, transcendent / God is Beyond description

Benefits of Believing

By Pastor Charles Lucchesi

If you turn on the news these days, you will most likely hear a great deal about benefits - social security benefits, Medicare benefits, health insurance, and perhaps many others. Everybody has the answers, but no one has the solutions. People are losing confidence in their leaders as they receive notices that their benefits have been dropped. Benefits that were once viewed as stable are now found to be at best unreliable.

But amidst the uncertainties of life, it is by faith in Christ that we are assured great and everlasting benefits. There is a difference, however, between the benefits that we work so hard for and the ones that Christ bestows. For the blessings and benefits that God pours out upon us in and through His Son, Jesus, he does so freely of His grace.

I like how the Westminster Shorter Catechism, summarizes the Biblical teaching on this matter of benefits, "What benefits do they that have looked to Christ in faith partake of in this life?" The answer to the question is this:

They that are effectually called do in this life partake of justification, adoption, and sanctification, and the several benefits which in this life do either accompany or flow from them.

In other words, these benefits are reserved for those who have looked to Christ in faith.

It is the work of the Spirit of God by which we are convinced of our sin and misery and are brought to an understanding of the work of Christ and are given the ability to embrace Him by faith.

When we look to Christ in faith, we are justified (declared righteous), adopted into the family, and sanctified (purified from the corruption and pollution of sin). The amazing thing about these benefits is that they are not temporary, and no one is able to take them away from us. They are eternal benefits that we begin to enjoy in this life and continue to enjoy for all eternity. The benefits we enjoy at death, and at the resurrection. The Lord wants us to understand that these benefits belong to us not because we have earned them or worked for them, but solely because of what God has done for us in His Son, Jesus Christ.

These benefits are only possible because Jesus Christ, God's eternal son, took on flesh. John tells us, *"The word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."* (John 1:14) Earlier in that same passage John declares, *"But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."* In His mercy, God has not treated us as our sins deserve, and in His grace, He has lavished upon us what we do not deserve.

By granting us the ability to believe in His Son, He adopts us into His family and gives us the promise of life everlasting. Without Christ, we are without hope, but with Christ, we have eternal and everlasting benefits. Now that is something for which to rejoice.

My prayer for you and for all our loved ones is if you have not placed your trust in Christ, that you will do so and begin to experience the great benefits of being a child of God. If you do know Him, my prayer is that you will grow more acquainted with the extent of the benefits that are yours in Christ.

Think about it. When we receive a letter concerning our health benefits, we read it. We want to fully understand what is covered and what isn't. In the same way, we must eagerly turn to God's Word to discover all the benefits belonging to those who have looked to Christ by faith! The more we know of them, the greater will be our gratitude, and our rejoicing and the greater our service will be to Christ.

So friends, my prayer is that you would celebrate Christ. And no matter what happens in this unstable world around us, don't worry. If you are in Christ, your eternal benefits are secure - so begin to live out of gratitude for the grace you have been shown!

CORRECTION – In the May Calvary Chronicle

Dear Calvary Family,

My apologies for the printed version of my last *Calvary Chronicle* article "**A Cloud Received Him out of Their Sight.**" The article properly concludes at the end of the second full paragraph on the second page with the sentence "In ten days, they would know." I mistakenly sent in a draft that, after that concluding sentence, still retained points I had meant to delete because either I'd already incorporated them into the article or they were not, in the end, germane enough to what became my central point. If you care to read beyond what I intend as my last sentence, please do so only to see some of my half-formed thoughts as I wrote.

Sorry for the confusion.

David Manuel



Sunday April 24th—Special Missions Service

By Barbara Corcoran

Jim Payne, Executive Director, from Camp Orchard Hill visited us. He gave an update about his ministry and share the Word of God titled God’s PPP Plan – with the theme “What God is doing God already bless.”

He spoke of the many ministries that the camp does, this is the camp's 50th year. The camp offers many different options including day camp, and separate sessions for senior high, middle school, and elementary school children.

Anyone interested in sending their children to camp can call 570-333-4098 for more information. They also have men's and women's retreat.

We are getting information about the women's retreat September 30th - October 2nd to see if we can get a group of women to attend. More information about this to follow.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Calvary Church Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled Wednesday June 15th starting @7:30 p.m.

This annual meeting is a business meeting for the congregation of Calvary Church. As the fiscal year has now ended (officially concluded May 31st), church members will be voting on the proposed budget for the upcoming year. Members will also be voting on the New Constitution.

The 2021-2022 Annual Report will be available on Sunday, June 12th. You can obtain your copy after the worship service on Sunday June 12th.

Remembering Biblical Fathers

Match the Names of Fathers on the Right With The Names of Their Children on the Left

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 1. Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar & Ithamar | 16. Simon Peter | a) Jonathan | p) Shealtiel |
| 2. Zakkur, Joseph & Nethaniah | 17. James & John | b) Zechariah | q) Zelophehad |
| 3. Bukkiah, Hananiah & Hothi | 18. Jesus Christ | c) Neriah | r) Heman |
| 4. Eliab, Abinadab, Shammah & David | 19. Judas Iscariot | d) Amram | s) Amoz |
| 5. Amnon, Absalom & Solomon | 20. Michal | e) Aaron | t) Abraham |
| 6. Rehoboam | 21. Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah & Milcah | f) Saul | u) Solomon |
| 7. John the Baptist | 22. Bathsheba | g) John | v) Simon |
| 8. Jeremiah | 23. Abram, Nahor, Haran | h) Jesse | w) Zebedee |
| 9. Prophet Isaiah | 24. Jehoiakim | i) Terah | x) Eliam/Ammiel |
| 10. Gershon, Kohath & Merari | 25. Baruch | j) Asaph | y) Joseph |
| 11. Aaron & Moses | | k) Hilkiyah | |
| 12. Isaac | | l) God | |
| 13. Zerubbabel | | m) Josiah | |
| 14. Mephibosheth | | n) David | |
| 15. Jesus (human father) | | o) Levi | |

Answers on page 7

Touching the Soul of Humankind

By Sotar Lloyd

One may claim that they are not religious or spiritual, but when faced with the reality they are dying, it changes their state of mind. How to face death creates a spiritual crisis, such as, the fear of leaving everything behind - family, friends, home, investments, life as one knows it in general. Leaving what we know and entering the unknown, the unidentifiable realm. However, whether one believes it or not, all people have an innate sense of spirituality because every person is a spiritual being. Spirituality addresses the whole life of people in all its dimensions - self, relationships, work, and family. Spirituality does not just describe one's relationship with God, but also one's relation with self, with people in the world, and many other facets of life. Spirituality addresses the spiritual, i.e., the intellectual, moral, emotional, relational growth development, overall health and well-being of the persons and communities in which they live.

Therefore, when one is confronted with their mortality it touches the soul, which is one's entire being - life. So, suffering from the inability to find meaning in one's last chapter of life raises questions one may never ask oneself in their lifetime. For example, am I a good person? What did I do to deserve this? Does God truly exist? Do heaven and hell exist? This state of mind causes the inability to deal with sickness meaningfully, with family and loved ones.

Another aspect of dying that touches the soul negatively is quality of life, such as having to totally depend on others due to loss of the ability to perform basic activities of daily living; loss of one's dignity, for example, returning to wearing diapers, a feeling of guilt and shame - I recall working with a patient dying from AIDS and this patient was not concerned about his death, but what others might think about him and his disease, which formed in his mind a painful spiritual burden- shame and guilt. This makes one feel a sense of abandonment and isolation- by God, it conceives anger about one's new stage in life that cause wrestling with one's own mortality.

All these painful spiritual issues touch the core of one's being- the soul. Facing death brings to surface questions and emotions about what the value of life is. These are spiritual issues that leads to spiritual suffering of the soul. A spiritual pain that is sudden and ruthless shift that forces one to face a reality that death is real.

It is at that moment that family members or caregivers must be able to differentiate the best care for their loved ones in the realm of spiritual needs to be met. First, one must cultivate a mindful presence or safe place for their dying loved one. Second, acknowledge their loved one current journey or stage in life- dying/death. Third, address the issue of understanding the difference between religious and spiritual needs.

Using the FICA spiritual assessment created by Dr. Christina Pulchaski can help one to distinguish the difference between religious and spiritual needs.

F- Faith (What one believes in that gives meaning to life).

I- Importance, Influences (How important one's faith is).

C- Community (Being part of a community),

A- Address application (How does one want their needs addressed? How to make the application to their health).

If it is a religious need then discuss with the dying their beliefs and values, for example, who they would like at their bedside during that divine moment, or what type of ritual they would like at their bedside or home going.

If it is spiritual, validate the dying person spiritual concern, for example, guilt, shame, hopelessness, anger at God, and **DON'T SPIRITUALIZE IT**. Listen for hidden or unspoken words: often it is what's not said that describes meaning and purpose to the dying life. Remembrance and discussion of end-of-life planning can help the dying to say "good-bye."

Addressing religious or spiritual needs has shown to decrease anxiety and increase emotional coping ability that comforts the soul. This process of confrontation helps the dying person to move to the next level of reality. Death can be seen as only a shadow that temporarily hides the dying from their loved ones. Their faith in God and His Word touches the core of their inner most being, their soul, and brings peace from within as they make the transition from the physical world to the spiritual world. Christ stated that He would go and prepare a place for His people (John 14:3). In other words, out of the mountain of despair, there is a stone of hope. A hope that would allow the dying to see that death is not the end but the beginning of a new life with Christ Jesus.

However, those who never accomplish the touch of God's peace within their soul experience a painful spiritual fight, leaving them to face death in denial to the very last moment they breathe their last breath.

Always remember "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge [and such challenge is disagreeing with God when is the time to die]" (Martin Luther King Jr, — Strength to Love, 1963)

¹http://www.cetl.org.uk/spiritual_project/FICA%20spiritual%20assessment.html

Answers

1. Aaron (Exodus 6:23; 1 Chronicles 24:1)
2. Asaph (1 Chronicles 25:2)
3. Heman (1 Chronicles 25:4)
4. Jesse (1 Samuel 17:12-13)
5. David (1 Chronicles 3:1,2,5)
6. Solomon (1 Chronicles 3:10)
7. Zechariah (Luke 1:12-13, 59-63)
8. Hilkiah (Jeremiah 1:1)
9. Amoz (2 Kings 20:1)
10. Levi (Exodus 6:16)
11. Amram (Exodus 6:20)
12. Abraham (Genesis 21:2-3; Matthew 1:2)
13. Shealtiel (Matthew 1:12)
14. Jonathan (2 Samuel 9:6)
15. Joseph (Luke 3:23; John 6:42)
16. John (John 1:42; 21:15-17)
17. Zebedee (Matthew 4:21)
18. God (Matthew 16:16)
19. Simon (John 13:2, 26)
20. Saul (1 Samuel 18:20)
21. Zelophehad ((Numbers 27:1)
22. Eliam/Ammiel (2 Samuel 11:3; 1 Chronicle 3:5)
23. Terah (Genesis 11:26-27)
24. Josiah (Jeremiah 35:1)
25. Neriah (Jeremiah 36:4)

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 (LT) DiCostanzo
- 7th Anthony Ramos
- 9th Suzanne Toussaint
- 11th Sarabeth DiCostanzo
- 12th Joanna Brewster
- 13th Helene Wilson
- 14th Adam Carman
- 20th Tyler Knoernschild
- 21st Levi Nembhard
- 22nd Dana Elcock
- 23rd Faith Dowling
- 24th Lillian Tralongo

ANNIVERSARY

JUNE

- 5th Anthony & Elsie Ramos
8th David & Melinda Jones
22nd Barry & Patti Senita
23rd John & Janet Carman
29th Larry & Paula Kulla
29th Tim & Kaia Waldvogel

July

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



Special Dates in the Month of June

- Pentecost: - Sunday, 5th
Flag Day: - Tuesday, 14th
Trinity Sunday: - Sunday, 12th
Father's Day: - Sunday, 19th
Summer Begins: - Tuesday, 21st

Flag Day

America's Flag Day marks the Second Continental Congress's adoption of the first U.S. national flag on June 14, 1777. The first flag featured the same 13 red and white stripes we see today. However, the number and arrangement of stars have changed as the number of states has increased over the centuries. The current flag has remained the same since 1960.

Celebration of Father's Day

"A father's tears and fears are unseen many, many times, his love is unexpressed, but his care and protection remain a pillar of strength throughout our lives" A.H. Vanniarachy "

Happy Father's Day

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CHURCH UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Sunday worship service is at 11:00 a.m. The message will be recorded and posted on the church's website - www.cpcbaldwin.com (click on YouTube), and also on "YouTube" at www.youtube.com (search for Calvary Church, Baldwin).

Adult Sunday School Class - Sundays @ 9:45 a.m. Will be watching a Video "The Chosen"—followed by discussion time.

Children's Church - On Sundays the children are dismissed before the sermon and meet in the fellowship room. On the first Sunday of every month, when Holy Communion is scheduled, Children's Church will not be in session.

Bible Study/ Prayer Meeting - Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. held at the church. Prayer time followed by Bible Study- Studying the Book of Ephesians.

Ladies Bible Study - 1st and 3rd Thursday every month @ 7:30 p.m. at Patti Senita's home. Studying the Book of Acts.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Baptismal Service - Calvary Church **Baptismal Service** is scheduled **Sunday June 5th @ 11:00 a.m.** If you would like to be baptized, please speak to Pastor Charles Lucchesi, Elder Tom Corcoran or Charlie Hetzel.

Seniors' Luncheon: is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 7th @ 12:00 noon.** Please be sure to call the church (516-223-4070) to let us know you are attending.

Annual Congregational Meeting: Wednesday, June 15th @ 7:30 p.m.. Church members will be voting on the **Proposed Budget** for the upcoming year and the **New Constitution.**

Vacation Bible School: VBS will be held **June 27th - July 1st.** We are looking for someone to lead music. Please speak to either Kim Knoernschild, Kirsten Watts or Victoria Manual.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Calvary Church Summer Schedule – Summer schedule begins Sunday July 3rd – Sunday September 4th The worship service begins @ 10:00 a.m.

Church Membership - If you would like to become a **member of Calvary Church,** please speak to Pastor Charles Lucchesi, Elder Tom Corcoran or Charles Hetzel.

Church membership application located on the literature table at the back of the sanctuary.

Tithes/Offerings/Donations – Your offering can be drop off in the church mailbox, or give on-line via PayPal through the church website.

TEDS Sunday – The first Sunday of each month Calvary Church remembers the **Trinity Evangelical Divinity School** (our denomination's seminary) and its work in training pastors and missionaries. A special offering plate is available at the entrance to the church.

PUBLICATIONS

The June–August of *Our Daily Bread*, June issues of *Daily Walk* and *Today's Christian Living* are available at the church. Additional literature and devotional books are located in the hymnal rack at the back of the sanctuary.

Come along for a canyon adventure this summer!

Join us for Monumental VBS, where kids explore the sun baked Southwestern desert as they dig into God's great love!

June 27th - July 1st, 2022

9:30-11:45am each day

At Calvary Protestant Church

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VBS is for children age 4 through 5th grade.

Older children may volunteer to help.

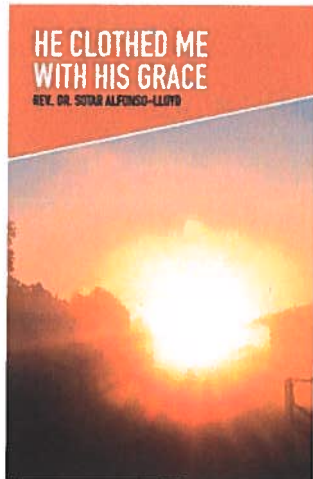


Please register to ensure a place for your child, and please let us know if there is a friend your child would like to be grouped with.

Call: 516-223-4070

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See you in June!



HE CLOTHED ME WITH HIS GRACE

By Rev. Dr. Sotar Alfonso Lloyd

Available on Amazon and Barnes and Nobles

REVIEWS

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God” (Ephesians 2:8). When I read, HE CLOTHED ME WITH HIS GRACE, written by Sotar Alfonso-Lloyd, our Church Administrator, I was convinced she was inspired by this scripture. And I was inspired by her book.

In her book Sotar shares how God, with his grace and love, took her as a very troubled young woman from Trinidad to the USA, where she found his Son Jesus Christ as her Savior and Lord (John 3:16). She candidly bares details about how God “took me on a road of pain, grief, suffering, laughter, joy, prayer, surrender and obedience.”

Sotar talked about God’s grace inspiring and equipping her in helping others needing help. This included her working extensively with people who were dying in palliative care and with veterans who had serious problems.

Recognizing her care and concern for others, I have asked her to pray with me for people I knew who were having troubles. She and her husband have agreed with me in prayers for others.

After getting to know Sotar personally, and reading her book, HE CLOTHED ME WITH HIS GRACE, I have be inspired by her. And I have given copies of her book to a niece, and a Christian sister to read, be inspired, and to share.

I believe you would want to read our sister’s autobiography, to get to know her better--to see how God has used her as an example of his clothing us with his grace and love—to encourage and build each other up, as we work together with her, to continue sharing the story of God’s love; in order that others may come to know God’s grace through his Son Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:8; John 3:16).

-Steven Walker

Dr. Sotar Alfonso Lloyd is someone I’ve known professionally and personally for over twenty years. Over these years, Dr. Lloyd has become a trusted friend and a respected colleague. She has provided sound counsel, prayer and support for many others as well as for me. She continues to be an anchor for many souls throughout her life and ministry. I personally know what it feels like to be drowning, in pain ,needing someone to care, not to judge and to reach out with that anchor of hope and a reminder that God loves me and those I love.

Dr. Lloyd works tirelessly for those with all kinds of needs in their lives, for her ministry ,for the body of Christ, as well as her own family.

I was especially appreciative when Dr. Lloyd wrote her first book entitled, ‘ He Clothes Me with His Grace. ’Because Dr. Lloyd made a decision to be transparent and vulnerable in her writings, we are able to see the transforming hand of God in her life. If God can do this for Sotar, certainly he can and will do it for you and me. It is for his Glory and our benefit. I, therefore highly recommend others to read Dr. Lloyd’s book for their own transformation through God’s unfailing love.

-JoAnne Roberts, LCSW-R

“But now, O LORD, You are our Father; we are the clay, and You are our Potter; we are all the work of Your hand” (Isaiah 64:8). “Jesus cautioned her, “Miriam, don’t hold on to Me now, for I haven’t yet ascended to God, My Father. And He’s not only My Father and God, but now He’s your Father and Your God! Now go to my brothers and tell them what I’ve told you. That ‘I am ascending to My Father-and your Father, to My God-and your God’” (John 20:17). **TO OUR HEAVENLY FATHER “HAPPY FATHER’S DAY” WE LOVE YOU.**

Praying the Psalm

Psalm 20 The Passion Translation

It Will Be Well With My Soul



In your day of danger may the Lord answer and deliver you!
May the name of the God of Grace set you safely on high!
May supernatural help be sent from His sanctuary!
May He support you from Zion’s fortress!
May He remember every gift you have given Him,
and celebrate every sacrifice of love you have shown Him.
(Pause in His presences)

May God give you every desire of your heart
and carry out your every plan as you go to battle.
When you succeed, we will celebrate and shout for joy.

Flags will fly when victory is yours!
Yes, God will answer your prayers and we will praise Him!
I know God gives me all that I ask for
and brings victory to His anointed [child].
My deliverance cry will be heard in His holy heaven.
Through His mighty hand miracles will manifest
through His saving strength.
Some find their strength in their weapons and wisdom,
but my miracle deliverance can never be won by men.
Our boast is in the Lord our God who,
makes us strong and gives us victory! Amen.