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### The Power and Privilege of God's Children

In "A CALL TO PRAYER," the fourth chapter of his book *Practical Religion*, J.C. Ryle asserts: "Prayer is the most important subject in practical religion." He states that all other matters of religion are secondary to prayer. Now I must admit the first time I read that, I questioned how he could possibly elevate this one aspect above all others. Then I read on and realized that he says this because he correctly understands that prayer is "absolutely needful to man's salvation." How can a man receive salvation? He must ask for it. Ryle rightly understands that the Scripture teaches that we are saved by grace, but also recognizes that this grace is employed through the instrument of faith, given by God, but put into action by the individual. Saving faith, then, requires that we confess our sin before the Lord, turn from it in repentance, and ask for His saving grace and favor.

Prayer is the beginning of the Christian life, and friends, prayer should characterize the life of the Christian. Yet I wonder how much time professing Christians really spend in prayer. One survey I saw showed that Christians spend an average of five to seven minutes a day in prayer and that includes the prayers said at meal time. Another survey shows less than one minute. What sad statistics! Prayer is the avenue by which we as creatures are enabled to enter the presence of the King of Kings, and are able to bring our requests and praises to Him. Yet, how little we take advantage of such a privilege.

Further on in this chapter on prayer, Ryle points out a number of things which should induce us to pray, not the least of which is that Christ has made a way by which we can enter into the very throne room

of God. As we go before God in prayer, we know that we have one who is our Advocate: Jesus Christ, who is our great mediator. He is the way - and the only way - by which we can enter the presence of the Lord. For by nature we are enemies of God, justly deserving His wrath and displeasure. But Christ, the Son of God, through His perfect life and through the shedding of His blood, has made atonement for our sin. By faith in Christ and His work on the cross to save us from our sins, we have the privilege and the ability to enter into the very presence of God. We also have the Holy Spirit who helps us in our weakness, when we do not know how to pray as we ought. Do we need any other inducement than that? If you are in Christ, you have received every reason to pray!

Prayer is the means by which we commune and fellowship with the very God who created the heavens and the earth. He delights to hear our prayers, and in many places in the Scripture, we are commanded to pray. In I Thessalonians chapter five, a passage which looks forward to the coming of Christ and on that basis gives a number of imperative commands, it says, "**Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for You.**" "Pray without ceasing" means that we take every opportunity throughout the day to pray. When we bring our requests to God, we do so with thanksgiving. Philippians 4:6 says, "**do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.**"

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We thank Him in the good circumstances as well as the difficult ones knowing that *“for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.”* (Romans 8:28) We may not, and usually do not, know what is going to happen in the future, nor do we see how He is going to work out our circumstances. But we know that if we are His, then His promise is faithful and true. When you enter into His presence with thanksgiving, making your requests known, Philippians 4:7 declares what the consequence will be: *“And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”*

If you belong to Christ, you have no reason to neglect prayer! But, when you pray, pray believing in His promises, His power, His purposes that are being worked out in your circumstances. James reminds us, *“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the*

*wind. For that person must not suppose he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.”* (James 1:5-8) When we are abiding in Christ, we ask according to His will and purpose, and He grants that which is in accord with His will. What a blessing to know that if we are in Christ we can enter into the presence of God, making our requests known in faith, according to His will and purpose, and He will grant our requests. We have every reason to pray! Why on earth would we overlook such a blessing?

*What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!*

*O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer.*

God’s Peace!  
Pastor Charlie

## **Calvary News**

**Another newsletter is being finalized, and the country is just starting to lift restrictions and phase in aspects of our lives. Calvary is still following the CDC, governor’s, and county’s guidelines. As of now the church is allowed to meet with a limit of 10 people. Well, I can think of numerous scenarios in which only two families can meet at a time.**

**The church is planning to take many precautions when the time comes and the worship service can be held. We have a committee working on guidelines for when the doors open including having PPE’s (personal protective equipment) on hand such as face masks and gloves, there will be hand sanitizing stations throughout the building, we will continue to keep social distancing, and Sunday School and Meet & Greet will be postponed until further notice.**

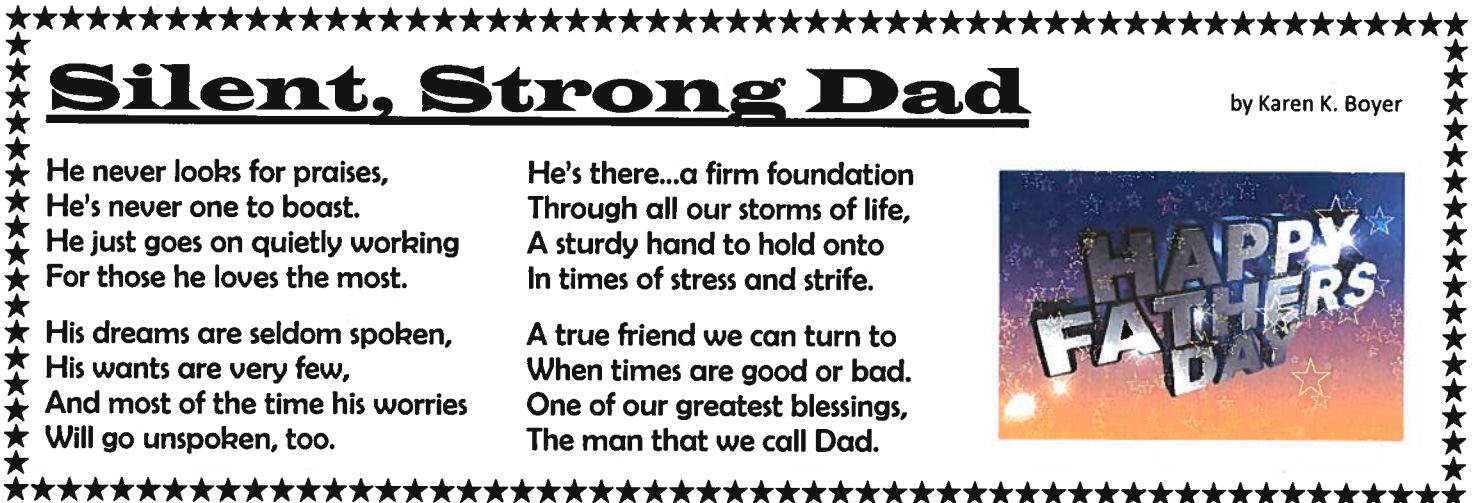
**The church family will be contacted by e-mail when the service can resume. For those who do not use technology, please feel free to call the church office (516-223-4070).**

## **Silent, Strong Dad**

by Karen K. Boyer

★ He never looks for praises,  
★ He’s never one to boast.  
★ He just goes on quietly working  
★ For those he loves the most.  
★ His dreams are seldom spoken,  
★ His wants are very few,  
★ And most of the time his worries  
★ Will go unspoken, too.

He’s there...a firm foundation  
Through all our storms of life,  
A sturdy hand to hold onto  
In times of stress and strife.  
A true friend we can turn to  
When times are good or bad.  
One of our greatest blessings,  
The man that we call Dad.



# Calvary's 2020 Graduates



These past few months have definitely been different and challenging for students who are learning from home through on-line education. Those who are seniors will be missing out on numerous events in their last year of high school, including a formal graduation. This will be a year they will never forget!

There are several in the church family who are graduating this year: Fitz Alcindor, Dana Elcock, Dylan Rose, Trevor Watts, and Abbie Wong are all graduating from Baldwin High School (BHS); and Jeovanni Nembhard is graduating from college. We applaud each of you for all your hard work and on this momentous accomplishment.

## Fitz Alcindor

During his years at BHS, Fitz was very active in sports and in different clubs. He played on the varsity football and lacrosse teams, participated in a baking club, and was part of the Future Business Leaders of America. Fitz is graduating with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors.

In the fall Fitz will be attending Binghamton University (a SUNY college). As of right now the campus will be open. As a precaution, each student will be tested prior to when classes begin. He will be majoring in biology, with the goal of becoming a physician assistant.



## Dana Elcock

Dana had a wonderful experience in high school. She was very involved in sports and was a member of the field hockey and basketball teams, and received awards in both of these sports. Her most memorable moments were scoring the overtime goal to lead her team to Nassau County finals in field hockey, and scoring 25 points to lead her team to win the Nassau County Basketball Championship. Her performance earned her one of the highest awards in Long Island and New York State.

Besides sports she also enjoys singing, dancing, writing stories, and playing the violin.

Dana will be attending Farmingdale State College in the fall. She will continue to play basketball and hopes to study nursing.

Dana thanks the church family for their support and prayers, and especially thanks

the Watts family for always being at her games.

## Dylan Rose

Through his middle and high school years Dylan played the trombone. In high school he played with the BHS Symphony Band and also with the Pep Band which performed at all home football games. He also played baseball with the Babe Ruth league.

Last summer Dylan worked full-time in the city. He was expecting to work this summer as well, but again plans are uncertain due to the pandemic.

Dylan's plans for the fall are not confirmed at this time.

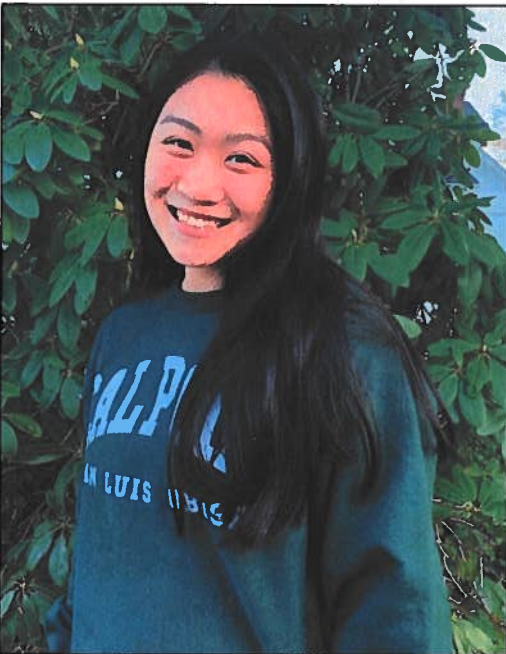
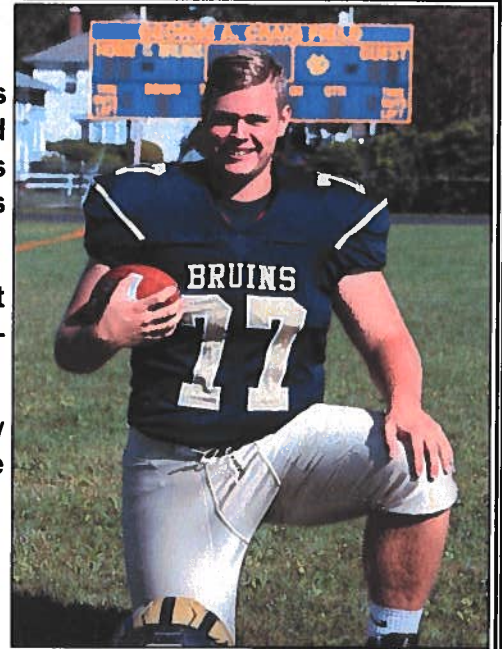


## Trevor Watts

Trevor was very active in sports and in other student activities as well. He played on a number of teams including football and lacrosse. He also was part of the Robotics Team. Trevor is graduating with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors, and is an AP Scholar with Honors.

During his senior year he interned at the Nassau County Department of Public Works. His plans this summer were to work there part-time, but due to the pandemic, he is not sure what will transpire.

In the fall Trevor will be attending Macaulay Honors College at City College of New York (CCNY) located in upper Manhattan. He will be majoring in Civil Engineering.



## Abbie Wong

While attending BHS, Abbie was consistently on the High Honor Roll and received an award In Recognition of Excellence. She participated in many activities including Intramural Night and Sportnite, was in the Color Guard, in the Tri-M Music Honor Society, and in the National Honor Society. Abbie played sports including lacrosse and field hockey, and received an all-conference award for field hockey.

Outside of school Abbie was involved in Girl Scouts and received the Bronze and Silver Awards from the organization.

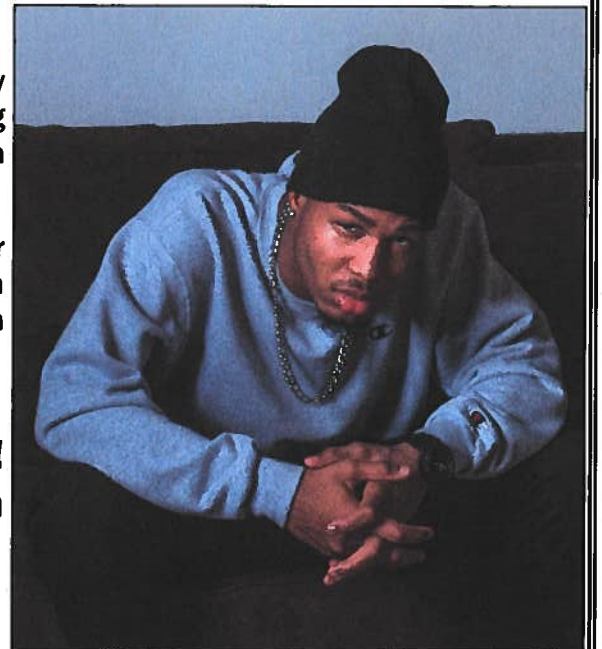
In the fall Abbie will be going to California Polytechnic in San Luis Obispo for Civil Engineering. She is considering a career as an officer in the Coast Guard.

## Jeovanni Nembhard

It has been a busy and exciting year for Jeovanni. In February he officially became a U.S. citizen, and now he is graduating from City College of New York (CUNY) which is located in Manhattan.

Jeovanni will be receiving a degree in East Asian Studies. After graduation he is planning to apply for graduate school in Taiwan, as well as applying for the JET program for English teaching in Japan.

**Congratulations to each of our graduates!  
We pray God will guide and direct you in  
your future plans!**



# **A NEW FRONTIER**

## **Virtual Church Service**

Have you wondered what it takes to broadcast the Sunday Morning Worship Service online by Sunday morning? Let's take a look at what it takes.

On Tuesday or Wednesday Melissa Watts, Connor Watts, and I meet at the church to record the audio for the music section of the service. Kirsten Watts and Trudy Hetzel have also helped in this part by lending their voices to lead the congregation in song.

After the audio is recorded I blend the audio and the hymn words into two video clips. Then I record the introductions to the hymns making another two video clips. These clips are loaded on a flash drive and on Friday it goes to David and Victoria Manuel to add the Scripture Reading and Pastor Lucchesi's message. Victoria has the final responsibility to put it all together into what you see on Sunday morning. She then uploads it to YouTube, and Pastor Lucchesi or I upload it to the church's website - [www.cpcbaldwin.com](http://www.cpcbaldwin.com). Sounds easy, but there is over ten hours of work put into each service that is uploaded.

I thank all who have taken part in producing the online service - Melissa, Connor, Kirsten, Trudy, David, Victoria, and Pastor Lucchesi. Good job!

Till we meet live,

Harold



Connor - audio



Melissa and Kirsten - music



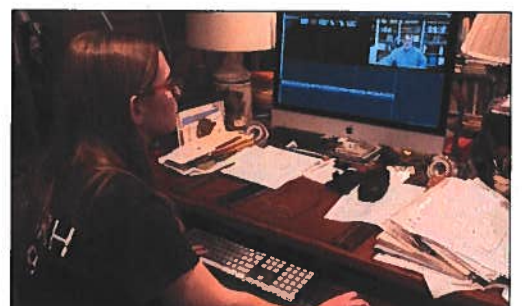
Harold mixing song slides  
and audio



David and Dawn recording  
Scripture Reading



Pastor Lucchesi doing  
the message



Victoria putting it all  
together for uploading

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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 Janet Abrams  
12th Charlie 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 Syska  
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  
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  
31st Michael & Keri Syska

## A Special Day!

Father's Day - a special day ...

- for warm thoughts and fond memories
- for expressing the feelings and words that often go unspoken
- for letting those special people in our lives know that they are loved and appreciated always