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What Is Conversion?

This article was taken from the archives of Calvary Church,
written by Charles W. Moon, who faithfully served as an Elder for over 50 years.
Take and eat as it is food for the soul.

We have all heard about the famous gangster Al Capone, who was notorious for enmeshing Chicago in everything from bootlegged booze and prostitution to murder. His nemesis, Elliott Ness, made himself famous in his continual battle against Capone.

Capone had a lawyer nicknamed "Easy Eddie." Eddie was so skilled that he kept Capone out of jail for a long time. Eddie received special dividends for this - he was well paid and even occupied a fenced-in mansion that took up an entire Chicago city block.

Eddie lived the high life and gave little attention to the atrocities around him. However, he had a soft spot in his heart. It was for a son that he dearly loved. Despite his involvement in crime, Eddie wanted his son to be a better man than he was. But he couldn't pass on a good name or set a good example for his son by the way he was living.

To rectify this situation, Eddie decided one day to go to the authorities and tell the truth about Capone. He wanted his son to see some semblance of integrity. He knew the cost would be great, but nevertheless, he testified. Sure enough, within the year he paid the cost, as his bullet filled body was found on a lonely Chicago street.

World War II produced many heroes, but none greater than Lieutenant Commander Butch O'Hare. He alone fought off a Japanese fighter squadron which was about to destroy a defenseless American fleet, as all American fighter planes had flown off on

another sortie. After using up all his 50 caliber bullets, he took up clipping the wings of the Japanese planes. The exasperated Japanese squadron took off in another direction as he limped, in his plane, back to his home based carrier. He was the first Navy Ace to win the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Who was this fearless flier? He was the son of Easy Eddie, the lawyer who was converted from the error of his ways as we just read about. Today, O'Hare Airport, in Chicago, is named after this hero of yesteryear.

God's Word speaks about conversion, or being born again. In Luke 18:18, a rich young ruler came to Jesus and asked, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus replied, "Do not commit adultery, do not murder, and do not steal." The ruler replied, all these things I have done. But, Jesus went on and said, "Sell everything that you have and give to the poor."

Jesus was really saying that you must have a COMPLETE change of heart.

The rich young ruler did not want to go that far and he became very sad. The Bible does not say so, but we assume the ruler went his way, not wanting to be fully converted from his way of living.

Do we have the desire to hold onto some of the things of this world, or are we willing to be like Easy Eddie and turn our lives completely around and follow Jesus?

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Calvary's summer schedule continues throughout the month of August.

Bible Study - 9:00 a.m. **Worship Service - 10:00 a.m.**

Nursery and Children's Church will be available, Meet & Greet fellowship time after the service continues, and the Wednesday night Bible Study/Prayer time still meets throughout the summer.

We will return to our regular schedule on **Sunday, September 8th.**

LOOKING AHEAD

Summer is going by way too fast. The daylight hours are already getting shorter, soon the high heat and humidity will ease up (although we will be glad for that), and kids will be getting ready to go back to school. The following are some upcoming events to mark on your calendars.

Return to our regular schedule:

Calvary will return to its regular schedule the Sunday after Labor Day - **Sunday, September 8th.** Sunday School starts at 9:45 a.m. followed by the worship service at 11:00 a.m.

Neighborhood Night:

Neighborhood Night is scheduled for **Saturday, September 14th.** See the flyer for details.

Seniors Luncheon:

The church has already had inquiries about when the next Seniors Luncheon will be held. The next luncheon is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 1st.** Look for more details in the September newsletter.

How God Comes

Each morning, when the eastern sky
With opalescent tints grows bright,
From out the dawn for those who hear
There comes a whisper, "*I am light!*"

When spring arrives in bright array,
Transcending storms and winter strife,
The budding trees and opening flowers
Tell their sweet story: "*I am life!*"

Then through the glorious summer days,
Long hours of bliss without alloy,
The sun, the birds, all nature joins
The great, glad chorus: "*I am joy!*"

And when the heart is strangely stirred
With mystic echoes from above,
A voice divine speaks to the soul -
Ecstatic moment! - "*I am love!*"

Or if life's problems vex us sore
And from our woes we seek release,
God sends His dews of quietness
And gently whispers, "*I am peace!*"

And should there come the darker hours,
The shadowy vale can hold no fear;
That reassuring voice speaks forth,
"*Courage, my children, I am here!*"

Yee Haw!

Calvary's 2019 **Vacation Bible School** took place the first week of July. It was held only three days due to the end of the school year and the 4th of July falling on Thursday. Everything ran smoothly and the program was successful.

This year's theme was **"Yee Haw! Celebrating God's Greatest Gift."** There were many activities for the children to participate in. The weather was nice so games and relay races were played outside. The kids always enjoy the snacks which consisted of our traditional trail mix, cupcake ice-cream cones, and crosses made from pretzel sticks and fruit roll-ups. During craft time the children made star-shaped name tags, and they painted, decorated, and assembled rocks to look like cacti in a pot. The Bible lessons are always interesting and filled with activities that bring Scripture to life. The songs are very high energy and so much fun that they will remember them for years to come. Songs such as "To God Be the Glory," "All That I Am," and "Thankful."



DAY 1:

Bible Point: God gives good gifts.

Bible Story: God sends Jesus to earth. (Luke 2:1-20)

Bible Verse: ***"For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life."*** (John 3:16)

God's greatest gift to us was sending His One and Only Son to be born as a babe on earth. We commemorate this event on Christmas in December, but with VBS held during the summer, we celebrated Christmas in July. At first it seemed strange to sing songs like "Joy to the World!" and "Silent Night" in July, but the kids got in the groove in no time.

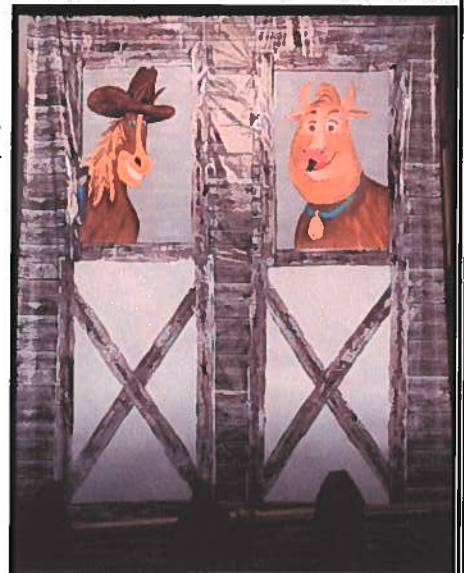
Day 2:

Bible Point: Jesus gives us power to help others in need.

Bible Story: Zap! Jesus gives sight to a blind man. (John 9:1-41)

Bible Verse: ***"When God's people are in need, be ready to help them."*** (Romans 12:13)

As Jesus grew into a young man, He became a great example of how we should love one another. Jesus loved God's people and performed many miracles. He had mighty power to heal those who were sick and diseased; those who were blind, lame, and deaf; He even brought people back to life again. As the Bible verse above says, those who are in need, we need to be ready to help and show hospitality.



DAY 3:

Bible Point: God gives good gifts.

Bible story: Jesus dies and comes back to life (John 16-21).

Bible verse: Same as from Day 1 - John 3:16

Jesus' followers were sad when He was betrayed, arrested, beaten, mocked, and crucified on the cross. Jesus Christ died on Good Friday. How could it have been called "Good?" Jesus dying on the cross was all part of God's plan. He died to take our sins away. Without Jesus' death there would not have been a triumphant, joyful resurrection. This is when we celebrate Easter/Resurrection Sunday.

Jesus is Alive!

Jesus came back to life again. Believing that Jesus is God's Son, that he died on the cross and took away our sins, and that He rose again on Easter morning - this brings us eternal life just as what is promised in John 3:16.



Quotes from the kids - What did you like about VBS?


Many kids commented even before VBS that they couldn't wait for Bible school to begin. Here are what some kids said about this year's VBS. Reed: "It was fun singing Christmas songs during the summer." Ashley: "My favorite part was the music and making my own cactus in a pot." Justin: "I liked snacks, games, and songs." Brian (about being blindfolded during the lesson): "It was fun not knowing what was coming next."

Thank you!

We want to thank the many volunteers for their service and dedication - teachers, group leaders, teen helpers, music leaders, set designers, audio/video techs, and especially the co-directors Dianne and Kimberly who have spent months of planning and scheduling.

God's love and Spirit were felt during the entire time of VBS. It is a blessing to be part of this special outreach. We pray that God's seed will continue to grow in each child who attended.





*Calvary Church invites YOU
to join us to our annual*

NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHT



**Barbecue &
Music**



Saturday • September 14 • 5:00 p.m.

2801 Park Avenue, Baldwin

Great Food • Fellowship • Music • Activities

**Bring your own lawn chairs
Fun for all ages!**

**Rain or shine
FREE**

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BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST

1st Denis Sandoval
7th Michael Nicolich (Sr.)
8th Janet Wider
9th Alex Richards
15th Emma Jo Wong
17th Tony DiCostanzo
20th Ralph Rose III
25th Kaelyn Waldvogel
27th Adam Hilburger
28th Charles Barnes
28th Colette Greene
28th Michele Roman
31st Charles Lucchesi

SEPTEMBER

4th David Jones
5th Maggie Greene
5th Denis Sandoval-Vallejos
6th Zoraida Rose
7th Miki Hilburger
7th Amanda Pink Hoffman
9th William Hilburger (Jr.)
10th Kathryn Chalavoutis
13th Laura Hetzel
14th Becky Carman
14th Myrtle Glover
18th Fred Valentine
19th Karen Dowling
21st Fitz Alcindor (Jr.)
24th Derek Watts
26th Gabrielle Alcindor
29th Pete Ekstrom
29th Thalia Waldvogel

Happy Birthday!

ANNIVERSARIES

AUGUST

15th Roy & Sharon Knoernschild
23rd Michael & Laura Nicolich

SEPTEMBER

7th Bob & Nancy Bennett
8th Harold & Lois Verity
18th Tom & Peg Corcoran
19th Leigh & Barbara Grant
24th Jeovanni & Daniele Nembhard
26th Fitz & Magalie Alcindor
27th Jimmy & Ellen Heneghan
28th Mike & Rebecca Senita
29th Jason & Dianne Miller

HIS SPIRIT

O to be like Him, tender and kind,
Gentle in spirit, lowly in mind.
More like the Savior, day after day,
Filled with His Spirit, now and always.