



Careline newsletter

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What Is Worth Fighting For?

In our ever-increasingly divided and uncertain world, it is easy to point the finger and assign blame without making an effort to initiate positive change. Pastor gives guidance on how we can minister to a hurting world and encourage those around us through the Gospel.

These days, there seems to be a lot of people protesting and taking a stand for issues in our nation. In many ways, I believe that the majority of the protesters are using their first amendment right in a way that causes more harm and division than good and unity. I have observed over the past few weeks as NFL players refused to stand in honor of and out of respect for our nation. When asked, many of these players can not explain why they feel the need to kneel. This phenomenon has also spilled over into collegiate, high school, and even Peewee football games because the “big boys” are doing it. There are times when one can and should protest over a strong conviction, however, the proper time and venue must also be taken

into consideration.

Our flag and our anthem are meant to be a rallying point of unity for our nation, regardless of race, heritage, or religion. In my opinion, it is disrespectful and a slap in the face to the servicemen and women who sacrificed their lives to protect and ensure the freedoms we enjoy. If a person is motivated to fight against inequality among the races, genders, social constructs, etc., I would recommend doing it a different way. We as a nation need common ground. We can find it in the flag and the national anthem, a place where we can all be thankful to live in a nation built on individual freedom unlike anywhere else in the world.

Church Events

- 10.6 College Fellowship @ The Escape Room**
- 10.7 Car Show & Art Show**
- 10.14 Youth Great Taco Feast**
- 10.15 Kids Praise Sunday; Baby Dedication**
- 10.21 Men’s Breakfast**
- 10.25 Youth Costume Party**
- 10.28 Church-wide Work Day**
- 10.31 Fall Fest**

Another topic of concern lately is the number of natural disasters and man-made tragedies we have experienced as a nation over a very short period of time. Without question, we have had one catastrophe after another. The one thing that I desire to convey is that God is still on His throne. He is still Sovereign, and in complete control. He is cognizant of hurricanes, floods, wildfires, and mass shootings. God knows all and has the power to allow events or deny them. We must realize that in his perfect understanding from the beginning of time to the end, he has a purpose and plan that we do not see or comprehend. People have given me all kinds of personal theories about why God has allowed these crises to happen. When Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans in 2005, many said it was God's judgment on a sinful city. If it were God's judgment, then why were churches and seminaries destroyed and thousands of God-fearing people killed, displaced, or otherwise uprooted, though the establishments on Bourbon Street and other obscene areas of town were left unscathed? I believe that if God were reacting to sin by using Hurricane Katrina, Bourbon Street and other areas like it would have been laid to waste. Perhaps we should to take

a hard look at what we should be doing in the midst of these calamities instead of trying to figure out why God is allowing it. In light of all this, here are some practical actions we can take to minister to and encourage those around us.

The most important and valuable thing we can do is pray. Pray for those who have been impacted physically, mentally, and emotionally. Pray that they would see the grace and mercy of God when all the dust has settled. Pray for the volunteers and first responders who have put their lives on hold and/or put themselves in danger to help others. Pray.

We can also give. Many times we give out of our desire to bless others but we also receive a blessing when we give out of our abundance. This does not mean clean your closets and pantries for things that you no longer use or do not want. Pay attention to what organizations on the ground have requested and donate what is needed instead of what you want to get out of your house. In large scale natural disasters as we have seen lately, a massive amount of people have lost the majority of their belongings, if not everything they own. Give.

Be ready to help when the

opportunity arises and is available to you. CBC has partnered with the Texas Baptist Men Disaster Relief team and Samaritan's Purse in the past. They were integral to the initial response and recovery effort in San Marcos during the 2015 floods. Their organizations do amazing work. Consider undergoing training with TBM or donating your time with Samaritan's Purse so you are ready to answer the call.

Be grateful for the blessings of life that God has given you. It is so easy to get distracted and down about where we may find ourselves financially, physically, relationally, and spiritually. Thank God each day for a specific way he has blessed you. Search the scriptures for verses on thankfulness, blessings, and the Lord's provision. Cultivate a spirit of thankfulness in your own life.

Share the Good News of Jesus Christ as you go through life. We have the answer to hopelessness and despair. We can share with others that one day, and it is coming, all of these problems will be resolved. Natural disasters will be a thing of the past. Mass shootings will be nonexistent. Sin will be no more and the last enemy, Death is defeated forever.

Finally, I want to thank you for your generosity toward those that were impacted by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. God will use your gift for His glory and Kingdom work in ways that we could have never imagined. Continue to pray for those who have suffered the loss of loved ones during the tragedies of recent weeks, whether by acts of nature or acts of evil. More than likely, we will not have the answers to the whys in this life, but one day we will see the beautiful tapestry that God has woven using even these horrible events.

Blessings on you,

Bro. Dennis

*Truth is, You
know what tomorrow
brings
There's not a day
ahead You have not
seen
So let all things be
my life and breath
I want what You
want Lord and
nothing less...*

-Lauren Daigle

FREEDOM FROM HURTS, HABITS AND HANG-UPS

CELEBRATE RECOVERY IT'S A NEW DAY

A Christ-centered recovery program for anyone dealing with Hurts, Habits, or Hang-Ups

Meeting Tuesdays @6:30 PM
(6:00 for Dinner)

All Group Discussion are Confidential

"Celebration Place" is an ongoing program for kids

"The Landing" is an ongoing program for teens.

Visit celebraterecovery@calvarysanmarcos.com or contact Johnny Young or Chanin Young @ 830-221-8307

Dear Calvary Family,
We would like to express our deepest gratitude to the many people who blessed us as we welcomed our precious daughter, Mae Clarise into the world. Our church family showered us with baby gifts, assisted us as we moved into a new home, provided meals, and even bought us groceries during those first few weeks so we would not have to go to the store with a new baby. We are blessed beyond measure by your thoughtfulness, well-wishes, prayers, and kindness. Thank you for your generosity and Christ-like love.

Sincerely,
The Spires
Mark, Shelby, Ellie, Harper, & Baby Mae



**MEN'S
BREAKFAST**
FAITH, FOOD &
FELLOWSHIP
Henry's Cafe

Saturday, 10/21
@ 7:30 AM

Threads of Love

MEETING 10/2 & 10/16

@ 2:00 PM—in Fellowship Area

A ministry to premature babies and their families.

We meet twice monthly on the first and third

Mondays of the month.

For more information contact Diana Owen @ 512-787-8497

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH FALL FEST 2017

Rootin' Tootin' Rodeo Roundup

★ Tuesday, October 31 ★
6:00 - 8:00 PM

CANDY

FOOD



BOUNCIES

GAMES

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

- Next month, November 10-12, Miranda will take a group of 1st through 5th graders to Missions Mania Camp at Latham Springs Baptist Camp & Retreat Center. Please see Miranda for cost & sign up details.
- The Youth will travel to Garner State Park for their fall campout November 11-12. Cost is \$7 per person. Please see Andrew to sign up.
- November 19 is our annual CBC church-wide Thanksgiving Meal immediately following Sunday AM service. This meal is meant to be shared so remember to invite friends, neighbors, and family members to attend with you!
- The holiday season will be upon us before we know it, so make sure to check your weekly bulletin and monthly Careline newsletter for updated events and ways to serve at Calvary.

*I am so glad I live in a
world*

WHERE THERE ARE

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ANNE OF GREEN GABLES

Calvary Events Calendar

October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 Ava Pak Lila Scroggins</p>	<p>2 <i>Threads of Love</i></p> <p>7:00pm Outreach/ Visitation</p>	<p>3 Elisa Garza Sue Pharris Julie Shamblin Emily Trumbull Hillary Trumbull</p>	<p>4 Weston Watson</p>	<p>5 Jack Spurlock</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 Judy Butler Isaac Jaimes</p> <p>10th Annual CBC CarShow</p>
<p>8 Ewan Castle</p>	<p>9 Libby May</p> <p>7:00pm Outreach/ Visitation</p>	<p>10 Virginia Kinser</p>	<p>11 Kai Sandoval</p>	<p>12 Albert Uhr</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Haley Bryson Maria Garcia</p> <p>Youth Great Taco Feast</p>
<p>15 Nathan Bryson Alvin Riddle</p> <p>Kids Praise Sunday Baby Dedications</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:00pm Outreach/ Visitation</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 Jim Brewington</p>	<p>19 William Locke</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Men's Breakfast</p>
<p>22</p>	<p>23 Rosanna Haddock Harper Spire</p> <p>7:00pm Outreach/ Visitation</p>	<p>24 Joy Beall</p>	<p>25 Bob Moe Ryle Toland Kendra Watson</p> <p>Youth Costume Party</p>	<p>26 Kacee Wagner</p>	<p>27 Sara Dull Pam Hernandez</p>	<p>28 Bethany Dull</p> <p>Church Wide Work Day</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Fall Fest Meeting</p>	<p>30 Darin Watson</p> <p>7:00pm Outreach/ Visitation</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Fall Fest</p>				