



# Careline

## newsletter

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## Be a Home Run Hitter for the Kingdom

*This season, we find ourselves in a period of transition as a church. Pastor shares with us how we can fill in the gaps and "step up to the plate" in a big way.*

Most people have heard the phrase, "step up to the plate." It is a baseball term which means that the batter is ready to receive the pitch from the pitcher. It also is used to describe a situation in which someone accepts a challenge or responsibility for something. I would like to thank the great many of you who are willing to "step up to the plate" for Kingdom work at CBC. Kingdom work has plenty of room for all to be involved, whether it is greeting, teaching, visiting, making meals, encouraging, or investing in people inside and outside the church walls. All these things are wonderful and needed in the Kingdom, but the greatest task in which you can "step up to the plate" is prayer! Prayer is the Home Run Hitter of Kingdom work. It is from where the power of the church body comes.

There is a story of five seminary

students who wished to hear Charles Haddon Spurgeon preach. When they arrived at the tabernacle where Spurgeon preached, the five were considerably early because they wanted a good seat. While they were waiting, a man poked his head out from the front door and asked them why they were so early. After explaining their presence, the man asked the students if they wanted to come inside and see the boiler room. They agreed and followed the man down to the basement. He flung open a set of double doors to reveal over 500 churchmen on their knees crying out to God to work among them that day. The man, who turned out to be Charles Haddon Spurgeon himself, turned and said, "This is the boiler room of this church. This is what makes me preach like I preach and minister how we minister because of these precious praying saints!" The

## Church Events

- 2.2 Groundhog Day
- 2.5 Threads of Love;  
Hays County Security  
Meeting (CRASE) @  
CBC, 6:30 pm
- 2.9-11 Impact Weekend
- 2.14 Happy Valentine's Day
- 2.19 President's Day;  
Threads of Love
- 2.24 College Game Night
- 2.25 Pre-Teen Camp 1st  
Payment Due

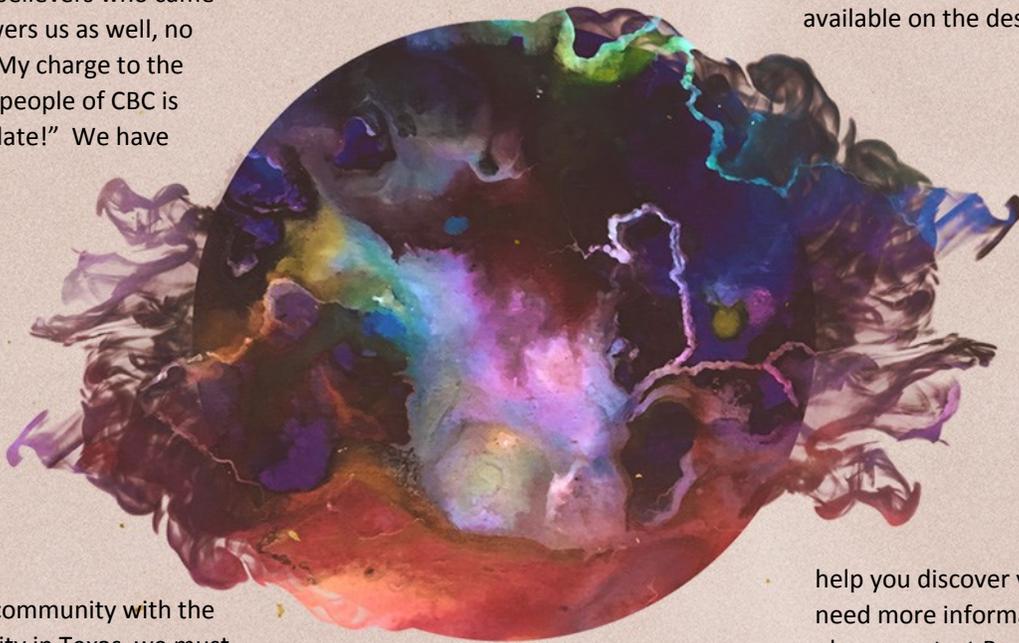
greatness of Spurgeon was not himself. It was the prayers of others and the Spirit of God which empowered him.

I tell this story to remind us that we need praying saints at Calvary. We need people who will vigilantly pray for individual ministries and for the future of the church. Right now, there are new roads to take. Ministry is not age-dependent. Students involved in youth ministry do not have to wait for a youth minister to come along before serving and ministering to other youth. There are literally thousands of teens in San Marcos that need to know the Lord. The same Holy Spirit that empowered the believers who came before us empowers us as well, no matter our age. My charge to the teens and young people of CBC is "step up to the plate!" We have ministry to do!

As we share our community with the 5<sup>th</sup> largest university in Texas, we must also consider ministering to the many college students who call San Marcos their home nine months out of the year. This semester alone, there are over 39,000 students in town, with the majority of them not attending church anywhere. I would suspect that there are thousands of students on campus right now who do not know the Lord in a life changing way and probably thousands still that just need guidance and encouragement. My charge to the college students who already attend CBC and adults who see and understand the need for college ministry, it may be time for you to "step up to the plate!" We have ministry to do!

I ask that you began to pray for the future youth minister who will answer the call to come to Calvary. We have a major vacancy on staff at this time. This person must have a vision, passion, and discernment to successfully reach the youth and college students in our area. God already knows who He will send so be in earnest prayer for the person He would have to fill the Youth Minister position. Again, thank you to those who have agreed to step into the batter's box and do what they are able. I am grateful for you.

In the meantime, if you would like to assist us in these areas, please contact myself or another staff member and let



us know how and where God is leading you. One person led by God can impact young lives in critical, life-changing ways. An immediate challenge we have is Impact Weekend, February 9-10. Pray for guidance in how you can be a part of this vital youth event. Be in prayer for Garrett Waggoner, our speaker for the weekend as he comes to share. Be in prayer for host homes, group leaders, and other volunteers. Most especially, lift up our students and their friends to be present and in the right frame of mind to hear from the Lord and for lives to change. That is what Impact Weekend is all about.

You may be wondering what else you can do to be a part of Kingdom work at CBC.

First, start with what you know you are capable of doing. Everyone has natural abilities and talents that you were born with and or have developed through training and experience. If you bake, make cookies for church events. If you can carry a tune or play a musical instrument, then join the music ministry. If you have a passion or skill for painting walls, we have a place for you too! Whatever skill or talent you have, use it for His glory in the church and outside.

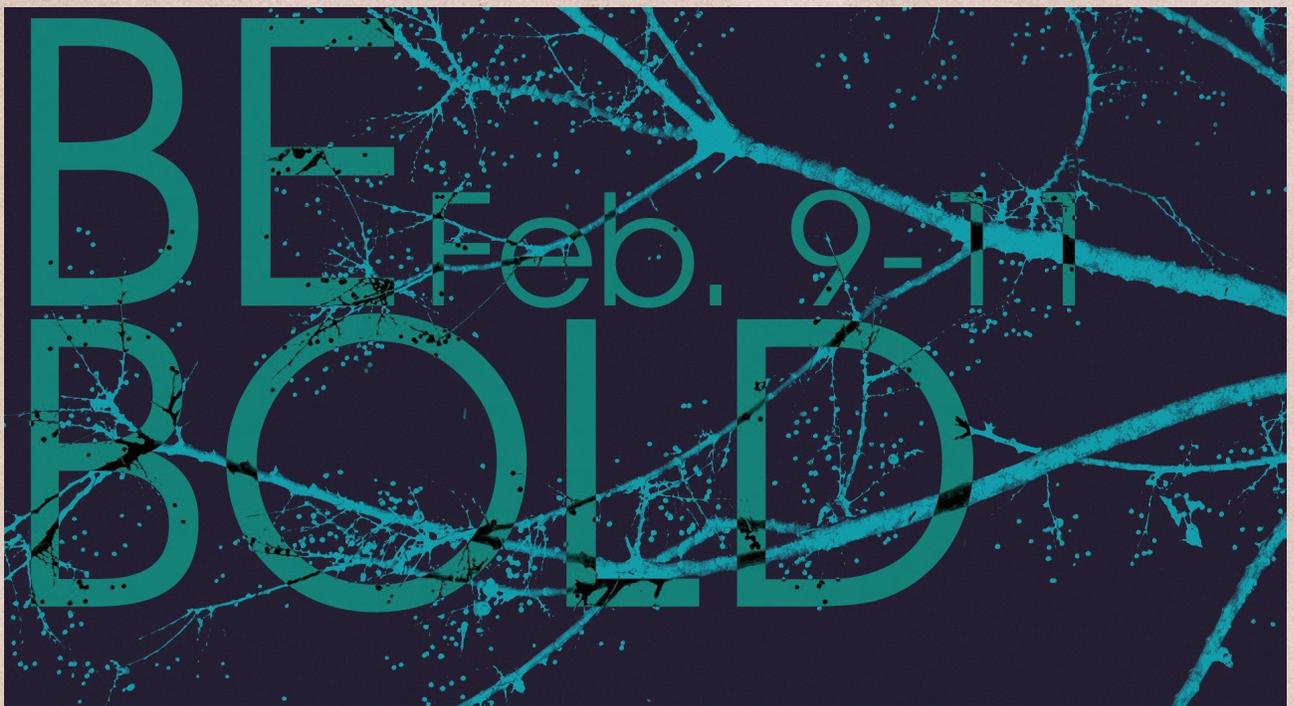
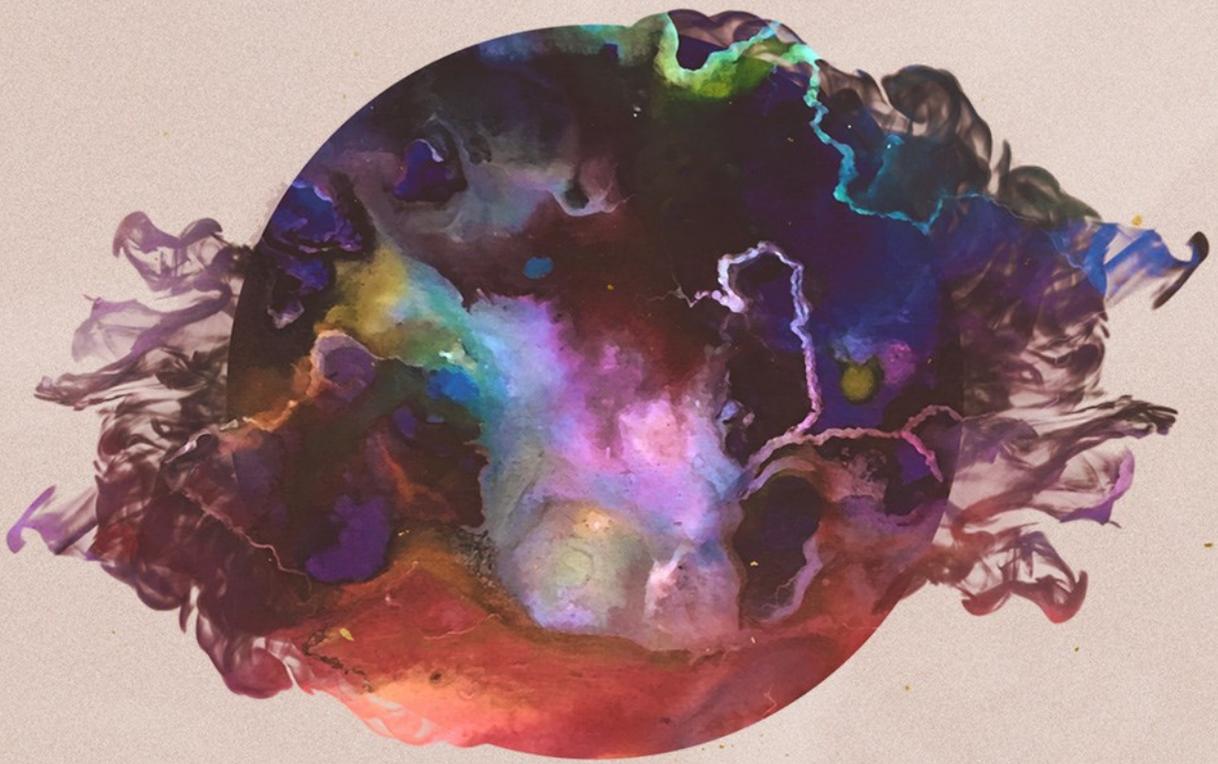
As a believer, we receive spiritual gifts that the Lord gives us after we become His. These specific gifts are specially crafted to edify and serve the Body of Christ. Seek to discover with which specific spiritual gift God has equipped you. There is a spiritual gift aptitude test available on the desk in the foyer that can

help you discover your spiritual gifts. If you need more information in that regard, please contact Rosanna Haddock and she can point you to the best spiritual tests available.

When you do discover what God wants you to do, which may not necessarily be where you desire to serve, begin to discover how you can plug in and become profitable for Kingdom work. Be obedient to His call. God has a place for all us but, the question we must ask ourselves is will we step up to His plate? The neat thing of it all is that He empowers us to hit some homeruns for His glory and honor if we allow Him to use us.

Because of Christ,

Bro. Dennis



**Impact Weekend 2018**

**All JH & HS Students!**

**Online Registration is now Open**

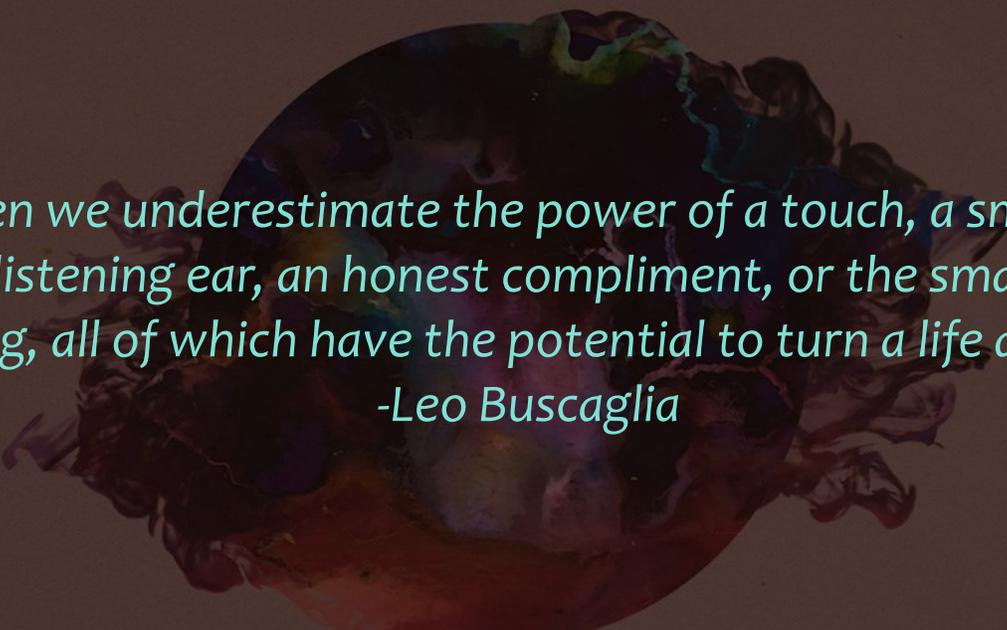
**This is not a weekend you want to miss! Invite a friend!**

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**(Ministries/Youth/Impact Weekend)**

# Mark Your Calendars...

- It's never too early to think about Vacation Bible School! Miranda has a VBS Pep Rally planned for March 4 to announce the 2018 VBS Theme. Let's get excited about our biggest children's event of the year!
- Don't forget to Spring Forward on March 11. Daylight Savings Time begins!
- Miranda has planned a Children's Ministry camping trip to Huntsville State Park during Spring Break Week. Kiddos will leave on Wednesday, March 14 and will return on the following Saturday. Cost is \$50. Deadline to sign up is March 5.
- Parents Night Out is March 24 from 5-9 pm. This is a FREE event for parents to have some quality "Me Time" while the kids have a blast engaged in fun, organized activities. Check the CBC Kids Facebook page for sign up details and updates.
- Our annual Good Friday Service will be on March 30. Please plan to attend this special remembrance service as we celebrate the hope we have in Christ. All are welcome, please bring a guest.



*Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.*

*-Leo Buscaglia*

# Calvary Events Calendar

# February 2018

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue                                   | Wed  | Thu                         | Fri  | Sat  |
|---|---|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--|--|
|   |   |                                       |  | <b>1</b>                    | <b>2 Nathaniel Solis</b>                                       | <b>3 Michele Graham<br/>Leona Harris<br/>Brian Kidd</b>    |
| <b>4</b>  | <b>5 Gail Daniels</b><br><br><i>Threads of Love</i><br><br><i>Hays Co. Security Mtg</i>   | <b>6 Diana Owen</b>                   | <b>7</b>   | <b>8 Jeff Sones</b>         | <b>9 Jake Dull<br/>John Newby</b><br><br><b>IMPACT WEEKEND</b> | <b>10 Cesly Burrell</b>                                    |
| <b>11</b><br><br><i>IMPACT WEEKEND SUNDAY</i>               | <b>12</b><br><br><i>7:00pm<br/>Outreach/Visitation</i>  | <b>13 Ron Brock<br/>Alyssa Enslie</b> | <b>14 Mario Garcia</b><br><br> | <b>15</b>                   | <b>16 Maria Day</b>  | <b>17</b>  |
| <b>18 Jerry Groves<br/>Hannah Heiser<br/>Sharon Yandell</b> | <b>19 Anita Ingle</b><br><i>Threads of Love</i><br><br><br><i>7:00pm<br/>Outreach/Visitation</i> | <b>20 Ann Simons</b>                  | <b>21 Hannah David</b>   | <b>22 Gabriel Henderson</b> | <b>23 Dominga Aguilar<br/>Julian Candelaria</b>                | <b>24 Dwayne Anderson</b><br><br><i>College Game Night</i> |
| <b>25</b><br><br><i>Pre-Teen Camp<br/>Payment #1 Due</i>    | <b>26 David Glover</b><br><br><i>7:00pm<br/>Outreach/Visitation</i>   | <b>27 Barbara Solis</b>               | <b>28 Jodie Bryson</b>   |                             |  |  |