

# Careline newsletter

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## WHAT TO DO IN AN ACTIVE SHOOTER EVENT AT CBC

*In this month's Careline, Pastor Dennis shares with us some ways Calvary is making it safer to attend services and gives some tips from the recent Hays County CRASE training on what you can do in case of an active shooter event.*

We are living in a dangerous, mixed up world today. In light of the events that have happened in Florida, Las Vegas, Sutherland Springs and several other places, we live in a day in time when we do not know if we will make it home again from the grocery store, church, school, the movies, or a restaurant. The temptation is to seclude and remove ourselves from the very society that we are called by God to reach with the Gospel message. A man I know personally expressed the sentiment that he wants to buy a thousand acres in West Texas, build a 15 foot electric fence and lock the gate, essentially secluding himself from other people. That may be your feelings also, to lock yourself in and lock the World out. There is a big problem with this scenario, as tempting as it may be. God has commanded us to rub elbows and interact with the outside world. It is impossible to follow that command when you lock people out and lock yourself in. So what do we do in

today's world?

There have been several buzz words floating around the media lately, including "gun control", "active shooter events", "security", "gun free zones", "gun zones", "open carry", and "CHL." I want to share with you where we are as a church in dealing with all these things. We are seeking to create as safe a place as possible for you and your family, especially pertaining to children. As a first step toward tighter security and safety for the children in our care, we have already made some adjustments to our nursery area and plans are already in place to adapt our youth and children's areas upstairs. With that being said, we must remember that there is a greater chance of being struck by lightning than being involved in a mass shooting. Even as being struck by lightning is almost an impossibility, necessary precautions still need to be observed in order to prevent being struck. If we as a church take the necessary safety

## Church Events

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| 3.4     | VBS Pep Rally                |
| 3.11    | Daylight Savings Time Begins |
| 3.12-16 | Spring Break                 |
| 3.16    | Kid's Glow Party @ CBC       |
| 3.18    | Discipleship Academy Resumes |
| 3.23    | Senior Adult Luncheon        |
| 3.24    | Parent Night Out             |
| 3.25    | Palm Sunday                  |
| 3.30    | Good Friday Service          |

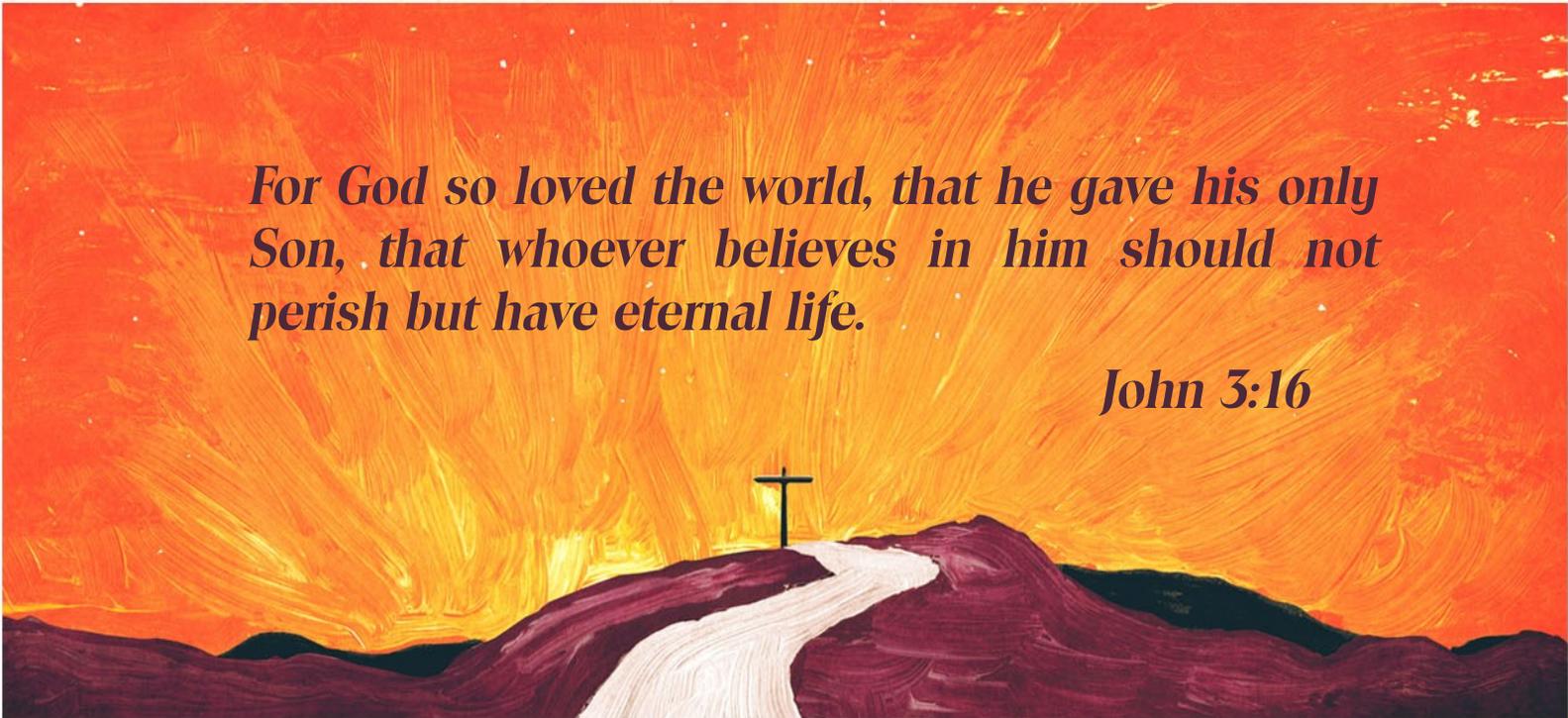
precautions, the possibility of these kinds of events occurring at CBC will decrease dramatically. In addition to modifying the layout of our nursery, children's and youth areas, we also have a trained security team in place every Sunday for your safety. Hopefully they will never have to put their training into practice, but being prepared for such an event is of utmost importance.

Last month, Calvary hosted a CRASE training (Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events) and information session. One of the trainers gave us the acronym "ADD" to help us remember what to do during an active shooter event.

The "A" is for "Avoid." Run in the opposite direction of where the event is taking place and try to get as far away as possible. Avoid the intruder.

The first "D" stands for "Deny." If you can not avoid the situation, then you must deny the intruder access to

reported that they thought the attack was a skit. If you see someone with a gun or knife at Calvary, IT IS NOT A SKIT. Remember to ADD- Avoid, Deny, Defend. Also, we do not permit any fireworks to be used in the church or on the church property during service times. If you hear what sounds like fireworks during service times, beware that it could be gunfire. Occasionally a tractor trailer will have a blowout on the Interstate, but that is a single loud boom. Something else that is critical in an active shooter event is to follow all of Law Enforcement's commands when they arrive. By following their instructions, it cuts down on confusion and helps them find the intruder more quickly. Law enforcement is trained to come in and take control and should be here with 2- 3 minutes after being contacted. We already have a designated person whose job it is to call 911, so do not use your cellphone to contact law enforcement on your own.



*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*

*John 3:16*

yourself and others. This means barricading yourself in a room, using whatever means necessary. Use anything you can get your hands on to block the door, especially large, heavy furniture and deny the intruder entry.

The second "D" is for "Defend." If you can not avoid and get away or deny the intruder access, please realize that YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO DEFEND YOURSELF. Throw things at the intruder such as books or chairs. Tackle them. Use whatever force necessary to defend yourself and preserve your life. Pulling a firearm should be the last resort, but remember **you can defend yourself**. These are three simple reminders that we need to ingrain in our minds in case an event like this happens. **AVOID, DENY, and DEFEND!**

For your own personal information, at Calvary, we will never do skits involving a gun or a knife. After some mass shootings and attacks in the past, the survivors later

With all this being said, I take you to the scripture, Mark 3:27, which says, "No one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. And then he will plunder his house." As we see here, an able bodied man has the right to defend his home against an intruder. He does not live life in fear, but is watchful and ready to defend his home if necessary.

I have written this article to alleviate, not place fear in anyone. At Calvary, we are doing all that we can to keep you safe. If we are born again believers, we know that our greatest defense is the Lord and nothing can separate us from Him. Many before us have rested on the hope that we are His and no matter what happens in this world, He is still in control. Let us also rest in Him and know that all is well.

Because of Christ;

Bro. D

# OUR PURPOSE

Grace and Peace to you our brothers and sisters. We thank our heavenly Father for you all, because of your encouraging faith and your enduring fellowship. It is truly a blessing to be a part of this Church family, and to work alongside each of you as we seek to accomplish our purpose. Some of you reading this might stop here and say, "What is our purpose?"

Every Sunday we hand out a church bulletin at our morning service. We even take time during the service to make announcement as to what is in the bulletin. How many of you know that our purpose is displayed prominently in every one of these bulletins? Grab one and see what it says:

## **THE PURPOSE OF CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH IS TO WORSHIP THE LORD JESUS CHRIST BY:**

- \* **Leading people to a new life in Christ,**
- \* **Developing fellowship among believers,**
- \* **Equipping all believers to mature in Christ-likeness to minister in the name of Jesus.**

So our purpose is to "Worship the Lord Jesus Christ." Worship is defined as a "reverent love and respect for God." The question follows, how can we demonstrate this reverent love and respect for God? It's simple, worship is demonstrated by what we GIVE.

Do we give God our time? As in regular attendance at services, Bible Study, small group, daily quiet time and prayer.

Do we give God our talent? As in ministries such as kitchen, maintenance, security, children, youth, college, teaching, choir, praise team, greeters, ushers...there is no shortage of opportunity here.

Do we give God our tithe? Are you worshipping God in your financial gifts and offerings? Are you demonstrating love for God when you just throw Him the financial leftovers? Isn't love and respect better demonstrated when you place Him first in your financial line?

You cannot worship the Lord Jesus Christ without GIVING! It is not worship to show up and just take, take, take. An attitude of, "Well, I'm here, feed me" is not worship. Worship is giving not taking. The only thing you can't give is criticism, there's enough of that already! Why not give a helping hand. Remember, worship occurs when reverent love and respect is put into action.

As you reflect on our purpose as a Church, consider this; Someone has to GIVE to lead people to a new life in

Christ.

Someone has to GIVE to develop fellowship among believers.

Someone has to GIVE to equip new believers to mature in their Christian faith.

Someone has to GIVE to support ministry in the name of Jesus.

Let us all resolve to do our part as a family member so that we can accomplish our purpose. The load is always lightened when everyone is giving.

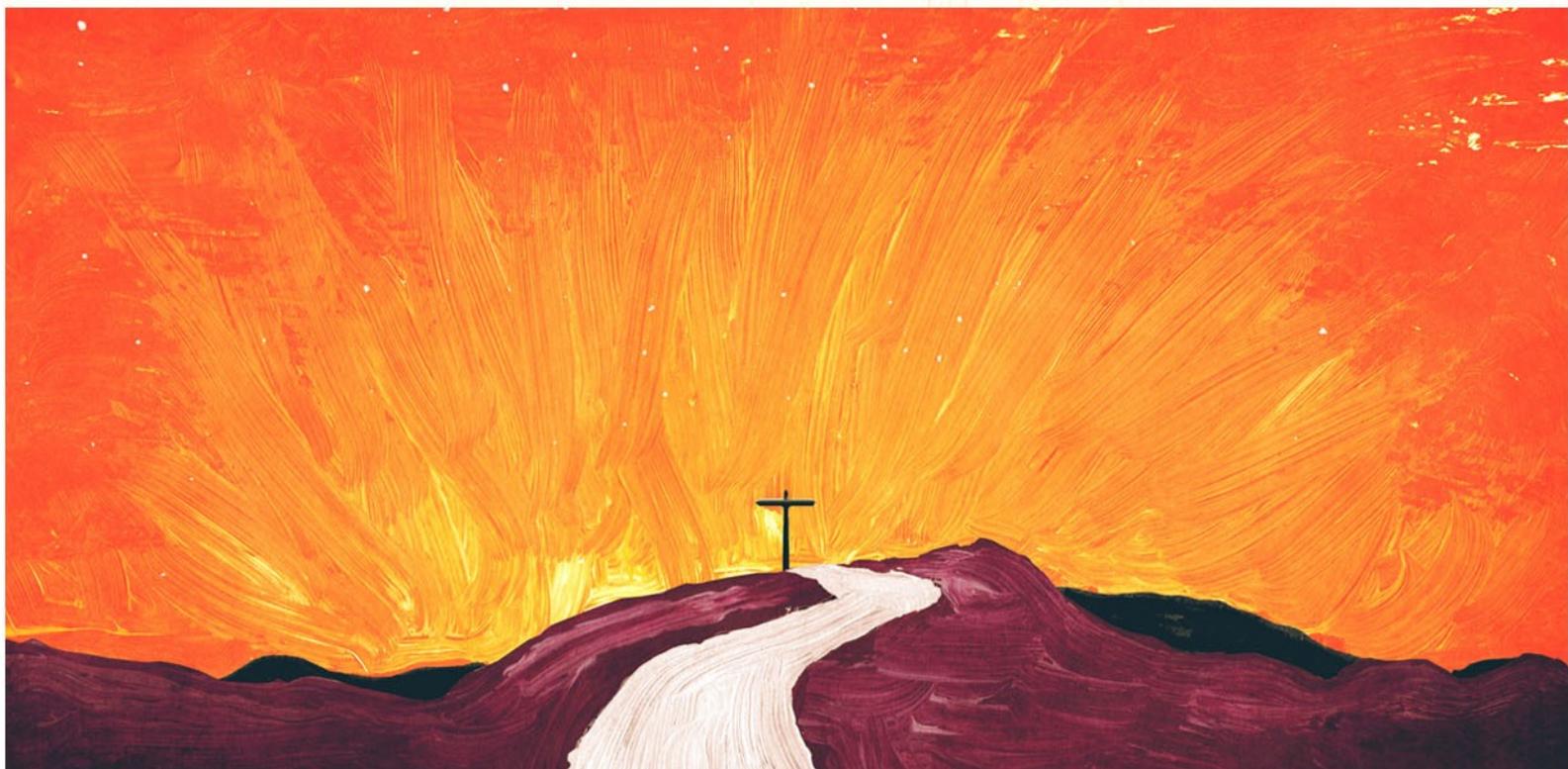
Grace and Peace to all,

John Clarke and the CBC Finance Team



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

- Easter Sunday is April 1. Invite family and friends to worship with us as we celebrate our Resurrected Savior. Invitation fliers will be available in the sanctuary. There will be no evening services that day.
- There will be a Spring Senior Adult Celebration at Highland Lakes on April 5. If you are a senior adult and would like to attend, please sign up at Kiosk 3 in the sanctuary so arrangements can be made.
- Ladies, have you ever felt that your best was never enough? That your weaknesses and shortfalls excluded or limited you from a deep relationship with Christ or from making an impact for the Kingdom? Sisters, you are invited to the 2018 CBC Women's Conference, HDWW: He Doesn't Waste Weaknesses. Join us for a day filled with great teaching from Lori Moody and worship led by Kristy Hightower. Cost is \$25, which includes breakfast and lunch. Sign up online at [www.calvarysanmarcos.com](http://www.calvarysanmarcos.com) under the Ministries tab. Don't miss this great opportunity to grow in the Lord and fellowship with other sisters in Christ. Bring a friend! This event is for high school girls through senior adult ladies.
- Youth Parents, the second installment of \$80 for Youth Camp is due April 15. This is a just a suggested amount as a help to parents. Total cost for camp is \$235 due by May 6.
- The third installment of \$25 for Pre-Teen Camp (1st-5th grade) is due to Miranda on April 29.



# Calvary Events Calendar

# March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Julie Harris	3
4  <i>VBS Pep Rally</i>	5  <i>Threads of Love</i>  7:00pm <i>Outreach/Visitation</i>	6 Mikki Boswell	7 Jessica Sandoval Daphne Skruhak	8 Kinney Simon	9	10 Suzanne Pagan Harold Scroggins
11 Rhonda Emrick  <i>Daylight Savings Time</i>	12  7:00pm <i>Outreach/Visitation</i>	13	14	15	16 Nora McCoy Stacey Wiggins  <i>Kid's Glow Party</i>	17
18  <i>Discipleship Begins</i>  <i>Youth Camp Payment Due</i>	19 Aimee Doring  <i>Threads of Love</i>  7:00pm <i>Outreach/Visitation</i>	20	21 Daniel Montemayor Diana Turnini	22	23 Jaylea McCoy	24  <i>Senior Adult Luncheon</i>  <i>Parent Night Out</i>
25  <i>Palm Sunday</i>	26  7:00pm <i>Outreach/Visitation</i>	27	28 Eric Sandoval	29 Fredrick Edison Rusty Emrick Bill Lyon	30  <i>Good Friday Service</i>	

**SPRING BREAK**

