

Careline newsletter

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COMMITMENTS WORTH VALUING AND VALUES WORTH OUR COMMITMENT

What do you value? What are you committed to having, keeping, doing, seeing accomplished? Pastor Dennis looks at some LIFE COMMITMENTS here at CBC, what value they hold, and why they are worth our commitment.

Finally, it's here! I am not talking about cooler weather, although that makes me very happy as well, but I'm referring to the holiday season. Once again, the busiest time of the year is staring us right in the face. Although hectic, this season is filled with festivity, family time, fellowship with friends, and hopefully godly times—as in holy-days. While for me, I see the blessing of the holidays, I realize all too often, this season can be a stressful, and painful time for others. It can even be an extremely lonely time for some. We would all do well to remember that what may be a wonderful time for some, might not be the same experience for everyone. We can use this sensitivity and awareness as an opportunity to minister to the needs around us. After all, as the Church, the hands and feet of Jesus, is this not one of our prime objectives? One of the reasons we have been defining our life values as a body is so we can focus time, energy, and resources toward what is most essential to us. We're wrapping up our latest sermon series

entitled, "All For the Glory of God." We've looked at why we GATHER, how we GROW, why and what we GIVE, and we're about to embark on what it means to GO.

Gathering together allows us to maintain connection with one another, and to celebrate and worship the Lord. We hear the preaching and teaching of the Word in a corporate setting. Faithful engagement in a corporate gathering is becoming less compelling to younger generations of self-professing Christians. There are so many para-church offerings and forms of media out there that we forget what it means to be part of a real church family. We must remember that gathering regularly as a family, around the "dinner table" of a corporate worship time is something we value. Because we believe it is valuable, we commit to GATHER and we commit to gather because we believe it is valuable. The early Church gathered almost every day in some shape or form. There was a felt need for fellowship and encouragement because this new way of life was totally contrary

Mark Your Calendar

- 11.2—Church-Wide Work Day
- 11.4—LifeCare Creations
- 11.9—Baby Shower
- 11.9-10— Youth Set Apart
- 11.16—CBC Men's Breakfast
CBC Kids Mystery Trip
- 11.13—Operation Christmas
Child Packing Party
- 11.18—LifeCare Creations
- 11.24—Thanksgiving Celebration
Worship Gathering
10 AM (no SS)
-Baby Dedication
-Baptism Sunday
Church-Wide Banquet
No Evening Activities
- 11.27—No Activities
Church Office Closes
At Noon
- 11.28—Happy Thanksgiving
Church Office Closed
- 11.29—Holiday Decorating
Team Gets Busy!
Church Offices Closed

to the world in which they lived. We also see that God added to the Church daily.

A natural progression for anything living is a pattern of growth. If something is alive, it continues to GROW in some way. The writer of Hebrews shares, in chapter 5, that although “they” should be consuming the meat of the Word, sadly, they still needed the milk, as babes do. Just as we would see the lack of growth in a child as a tragedy and sadness, the lack of growth in Christians who have been Christians for years and years is just as tragic. Our need to grow in knowledge and application of the Word of God is absolutely essential for us to be the Body, the hands and feet of Jesus, in the world. How can we minister His love, His justice, His heart for the salvation of the world if we do not know His mind, and His purposes as expressed to us through His Word? We must grow via personal, daily study, small group study, and also corporate study. Growing can also be a painful process, but because it is essential to the expansion of the Kingdom of God, we value it, and therefore we commit to being Christians who grow.

As we grow in knowledge application, we will grow in obedience to GIVE. This not only means we give our treasure, but our time and talents are well because we are interested in being used for His purposes. As we gather and grow together, our love for Him and for one another should increase, which in turn grows our desire to edify (or build up) one another as we work side by side. The Holy Spirit will lead us to discover and exercise our spiritual gifts for the good of the body and the building of the lives of others. We become more and more willing to invest our treasures into Kingdom work as we see lives changing and as our own lives change for His glory! Let’s be clear, God doesn’t need our money. In fact, He does not have to use us at all, let alone our little treasures. He chooses to allow us to participate, to take our obedience in these small, matters and daily choices that allow us to be involved in His work. And He will reward our work, our trust and obedience. Giving is a natural process of gathering and growing. We see past our own needs and on toward the needs of others. It is not a scheme to give and get back in return. This

is not the economy of God. He understands and knows each man’s heart. We give with a cheerfulness, understanding the God to Whom we belong and the Kingdom work to which we give. Because giving is an act of worship, of trust, of blessing toward God and others, we commit to give.

Finally, our life values reflect those of the Lord when we commit to GO. When we talk about going, we don’t necessarily mean to some faraway place or some hard people group to reach, but we begin right where we are, with our neighbors, our co-workers, and if God wills, to the utter most part of the earth. We are called to be the Church outside the walls, wherever that outside might take us.

The Church is not supposed to crumble apart when we walk outside the safety of our own fellowship and solidarity and into a hostile world. Rather, we are to walk through the world with the confidence that the Holy Spirit lives in us and He will grant us the strength and ability to meet the need of the moment. The greatest need of the world outside is Jesus Christ. The world thinks its needs are things such as money, comfort, safety, but they do not know their need is spiritual. Even when they enter our walls, curious and seeking, they come for one thing, but really we pray they leave with another and that is Jesus. Because someone was obedient to GO, we came to know Him. We must commit to going out to do the same for others.

As we explore and flesh out these life values and commit to them together, may you continue to remind yourselves that these are the important and eternal matters in life. The holidays give us the best opportunities to share love, open our homes, take time for others, and look for needs around us. Let’s remember to align our life values with our daily walk. I believe our holidays/holy-days will be SO much more merry! In the process we might just see lives changed forever and honor God in ways that bless His heart.

Blessings,
Bro. D

Colossians 2:6

“Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him.”

“We should not allow people to see the church as a weekly service they attend to make God happy. The gathering of the church is preparation for heavenly battle. We ‘huddle together’ for a few minutes each week to worship God together and build each other up so that each of us can more effectively run the ‘missional play’ throughout the week.”

—J.D Greear



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“I AM committed to church. I go sometimes, once in a while, and every now and then.”

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Caleb Martin	2 8:00 AM Church-Wide Workday
3 Kate Doring Sarah Trumbull Regular AM Schedule	4 2 PM Life Care Creations 7 PM Outreach/Visitation	5 Hector Garcia <u>Celebrate Recovery</u> 6:00—Dinner 6:30— Meeting	6 Regular Schedule	7 Lupe Cortez 6:30 PM Praise Team & Band Rehearsal	8 Bella Bailey Jim Yandell	9 12:00 PM Baby Shower April & Danny Rodriguez 1:00 PM Youth Set-Apart Weekend Begins
10 Regular AM Schedule Youth Set-Apart Weekend Sunday	11 7 PM Outreach/Visitation	12 <u>Celebrate Recovery</u> 6:00—Dinner 6:30— Meeting	13 Cathy Dowling Joanna Kidd Regular Schedule	14 Dean Leach 6:30 PM Praise Team & Band Rehearsal	15 Jay Bryson	16 Liesela Austin 7:30 AM CBC Men's Breakfast 10:00 AM Kids Mystery Trip
17 Ruth Rice Regular AM Schedule	18 2 PM Life Care Creations 7 PM Outreach/Visitation	19 <u>Celebrate Recovery</u> 6:00—Dinner 6:30— Meeting	20 Regular Schedule	21 Carolyn Peters 6:30 PM Praise Team & Band Rehearsal	22 Sr. Adult Noon Potluck Luncheon	23
24 10:00 AM Thanksgiving Worship & Celebration Gathering (NO SUNDAY SCHOOL) -Baby Dedication & Baptism Sunday BANQUET FOLLOWING No PM Activities	25 7 PM Outreach/Visitation	26 <u>Celebrate Recovery</u> 6:00—Dinner 6:30— Meeting	27 Emalyn Doring Danielle Edison No PM Activities Church Office Closes at noon	28 Larry Barnett Happy Thanksgiving Church Office Closed	29 Kenneth Dees Georgia Katzer Holiday Decorating Team Gets Busy! Church Office Closed	30

UPCOMING EVENTS



Saturday, November 13

Operation Christmas Child is Back! And it's time to pack some boxes y'all!! Boxes can be found at Kiosk #2 in the auditorium. You can pack your boxes ahead of time at home, OR you can join us at our annual Packing Party, Wednesday, November 13 @ 6:30 PM. Shipping costs are \$9 per box. Please review packing guidelines. If you have questions, please contact Sarah Trumbull at 512-393-4744 or sarah@calvarysanmarcos.com



CHURCH FAMILY WORKDAY

Saturday, November 2

8 am - 2 pm

Painting
Shed Work
Stairwell Stripping
Cleaning



WE ARE ROARING WITH EXCITEMENT

IT'S A BOY!

Saturday, NOVEMBER 9 NOON

Join Us For A Baby Shower in honor of April & Danny Rodriguez

April & Danny are registered at Amazon & Target.

Contact Ruth Rice @ 512-757-6061

Wallace Gabriel Rodriguez

6 lbs. 4.5 oz.

Born October 21, 2019

to proud parents

Danny & April Rodriguez and proud big sister Loren

Welcome to the CBC Family Baby Wallace!



Kids Mystery Trip

Saturday,

11/16

10 AM - 8 PM

See Sarah to Sign-Up!

Calvary Kids!



Thanksgiving Celebration Service & Banquet

Sunday, November 24 @ 10:00 AM

Join us for a gathering that will include song, testimony, baby dedication, baptism, celebration, and a Thanksgiving feast afterward. Invite a guest!



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Every Third Saturday of the Month

FAITH, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

Lorenzo's, 11/16 @ 7:30 AM



CHILD DEDICATION

FOR CHILDREN 5 AND YOUNGER

Sunday, November 24 @ 10:00 AM
Parents Please Contact Pastor Dennis

