



Careline newsletter

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EVERYTHING OLD IS NEW AGAIN

The beginning of a new year and a new decade can be marker of sorts in our collective journeys. What will the next year, the next decade bring? This month, Pastor Dennis challenges us to make the old new by getting back to basics.

Here it is, January, and of course for us it means rolling over a new year, this year in particular, a new decade. For me, January always marks another year of ministry here at Calvary. It was January of 1990 that I was called as pastor of this congregation and it has been 3 decades! It's hard to believe since the time has flown, except that I look around and see everyone else getting older...not really. That "everyone" would be namely, ME. I remember when I came, one of my predecessors said to me, "We'll see how long you last there!" Of course, they were joking, but by half. I remember telling him that it was my intention to stay for the long haul or until God moved me somewhere else. He just smiled, seeming to know something I didn't. Well, thirty years later, I suppose I can stick to that intention with a the same amount of certainty even if it's accompanied by a little more grit.

If we only knew then, what we know now, right? We've been through a lot together haven't we church family? Some have been SUCH incredible experiences that have so blessed me and my family and some have and stretched us at times too. As a church family, you all have taken very good care of us over the years. We have had the opportunity to see all of our kids graduate from the same schools. Each one of them have left their marks on SMISD in some way or another. We had the opportunity to see them grow up in this church family and they were blessed by many of you as you loved on them, even today when they come back and visit. So, thank you for all the love that has been shown to me, Brenda, and our children and grandchildren.

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Mark Your Calendar

- 01.01 New Years Day
- 01.02 Church Office Opens
- 01.04 Fishers of Men 8AM
- 01.05 Prayer Gathering
- 01.12 Sanctity of Life Sunday AM
Chili Cook Off 6PM
- 01.18 CBC Men's Breakfast
- 01.24 Senior Adult Noon Potluck
- 01.26. Baptism Sunday
- 01.29. AARP Driving Class
- 01.31 Impact Weekend

In light of that, we look back and see the blessing of the past, and there have been many, but I pray that there will be greater blessing for Calvary Baptist in the future. I don't want to be content with the status quo. We are living in a world that needs hope. I pray that we can catch consistently remind ourselves of what we already know, that the Church is not this building and we are not just the Church when we are inside the building, but as true believers we are the Church wherever life takes us. I would also strongly encourage you to reach out and catch the fresh vision we are setting forth with our expression of our Life Values and Life Commitments.

Why do we express them and what do they express to the world around us? We express the 5Gs, as we affectionately call them, because everything we do and how we function are wrapped around these values. They are: We **Gather**, We **Grow**, We **Give**, and We **Go**, All For The **Glory** of God!

Today, Christianity does not carry with it a sense of popularity and trust as it has in times past. So, we need to learn to be as wise as serpents and as gentle as a dove, realizing that we have a message that can bring light and hope into a dark and hopeless world. One of the problems in the Church today is that we are operating on long outdated models. We are largely out of touch with a lost world around us and have forgotten, in some cases, what it's like to NOT be a Christian. It used to be true that *if you build, it they will come*. Not so today. The Church also was a moral compass and the central figure of our local society. That is no longer true, even among many church-goers. I remember when I was a kid, the rule was if you came to Sunday School three Sundays in a row then you were a member of that class and you were put on the Sunday School roll. Most church members don't even make it three Sunday's in row today. We have to re-think how we engage a culture that is really indifferent to the life in Christ. Well, I believe one of our priorities is getting back to the basics.

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What are those basics? WHO we are, WHAT we value, and HOW we function—the 5Gs, for us at CBC. We **GATHER** with expectation that God will be here with us, that the Holy Spirit is within His people and ready to minister through us, and we **GATHER** with excitement to praise His name corporately and to share in one another's lives in that worship setting. We

GROW in knowledge of the Word of God, maturity in our walk with Christ and side-by-side with other believers, and in our desire to share the Word of God in how we live in the world. We **GIVE** of our time, talents and treasures willfully, and with gratitude, so that the Kingdom of God may advance. We **GO** into the

world, the one we lose touch with because we cloister as believers, and we strive to seek new ways to share the good news of Jesus Christ. We will not compromise who we are and how we function, but let us be prepared to share the truth in love in a way that is relevant and real. Why? because the outcome is changed lives that bring **GLORY to GOD!**

As a last thought, but not least, let's commit to pray for West Freeway Church of Christ in White Settlement, as they work through the grieving and healing process that has been thrust upon them. Understand that we have a Safety Team at CBC, and thank them for their service. At all times, we must be vigilant, and trust the Lord to see us through whatever comes our way.

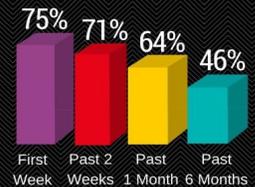
Let's start our new year, our new decade, and a 31st year of ministry off with a fresh sense of purpose and a commitment to see lives changed for eternity.

Because of Him,
Bro. Dennis

Lamentations 3:22-24

"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS SUCCESS RATES



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"YOU ARE NEVER TOO OLD TO SET ANOTHER GOAL OR TO DREAM A NEW DREAM."

-C.S. LEWIS



OUR RESOLUTION LAST YEAR COULD HAVE BEEN "LESS FRUIT", BUT NO ... WE WENT WITH "TRUST PEOPLE MORE"

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Years Day	2 Church Office Opens Rachel Heiser	3 Debra Aziz Virginia Nichols	4 Bill Russell 8 AM Fishers of Men
5 Regular AM Schedule 6 PM New Year Prayer Gathering	6 2 PM Life Care Creations 7 PM Outreach/Visitation	7 <u>Celebrate Recovery</u> 6:00—Dinner 6:30— Meeting	8 Elisandro Leos Regular Schedule	9 6:30 PM Praise Team & Band Rehearsal	10 Donna Arron Carlos Rodriguez	11
12 Becky Jaimes Regular AM Schedule Sanctity of Human Life 6 PM Chili Cook Off	13 Cheryl Bailey Cheri Martin 7 PM Outreach/Visitation	14 <u>Celebrate Recovery</u> 6:00—Dinner 6:30— Meeting Caleb McDaris Laura Oldham	15 Brittan Castle Lari Locke Regular Schedule	16 Hunter Anderson 6:30 PM Praise Team & Band Rehearsal	17	18 7:30 AM CBC Men's Breakfast
19 10:00 AM Worship Celebration for Pastor's 30th Anniversary at CBC (Luncheon After) No PM Activities	20 Jim Owen 2 PM Life Care Creations 7 PM Outreach/Visitation	21 <u>Celebrate Recovery</u> 6:00—Dinner 6:30— Meeting	22 Regular Schedule	23 6:30 PM Praise Team & Band Rehearsal	24 Sr. Adult NOON Pot Luck Lunch	25
26  Baptism Sunday Regular AM/PM Schedule Impact Weekend Registration Deadline	27 7 PM Outreach/Visitation	28 Judy Glover <u>Celebrate Recovery</u> 6:00—Dinner 6:30— Meeting	29 Rowen Castle Alyssa Reyes 12 Noon — 4PM AARP Driving Class	30 Jennifer Candelaria No CBC Praise Team or Band—Impact Weekend Band will rehearse	31 John Clarke Impact Weekend	

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, 1/12 @ 6 PM

GREAT BOWLS OF FIRE!! CBC's ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF!

It's time to start experimentin'! Git yer chile powder, yer meats, beans, and whatever else you put in chili and let's have a great night of fun and food! There will be prizes...

JANUARY 31—FEBRUARY 2 YOUTH IMPACT WEEKEND 2020

This is the premiere youth event at CBC for Junior High and High School Students and you WILL NOT want to miss out on this incredible experience. Check out our online registration and the incentives for registering early. Contact Student Minister, Randy McDaris for questions or more information.

210-557-2151 or randy@calvarysanmarcos.com



- Cook Yer Chili
- Brang Yer Chili
- Prizes for winners, heartburn for losers and TUMS for all!

THREE CATEGORIES:

MEDIUM, HOT or BRIMSTONE FIRE!
We'll need cornbread too folks!
FOOD + FRIENDS + FOOTBALL = FUN!

JAN. 31—FEB 2

FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT

BEFORE JAN 15 \$50 AFTER JAN 15 \$60

SPEAKER: CHRIS SELBY | WORSHIP: AARON HARPER

REGISTER AT CALVARYSANMARCOS.COM



2020
SPRING 2020

DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

BEGIN JANUARY 26 @ 6:00 PM

A schedule of classes will be available next Sunday, January 12 for sign-up at **Kiosk #2 in the auditorium.**

Women

The Miracles of Jesus with The "IF Gathering" Ladies

Books—\$15

Facilitators: Nancy Anderson & Loyjean Matlock

Meeting in the CBC Fellowship Area

Men

Holy Ambition by Chip Ingram

Facilitator: Pastor Dennis

Rm 205/206

Co-Ed Class

Cold Case Christianity by J. Warner Wallace

Rm 220-221

For Youth

Jr. High and High School Students will be meeting together in Youth Auditorium, Rm 212

See Randy McDaris

For Kids

Kids Praise Music & Worship Choirs

Preschool 4s—Kinder—Room

1-5 Grade—Room 213

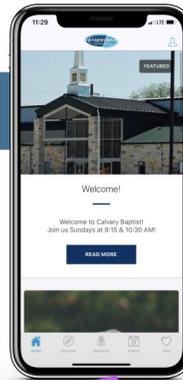
NEW CHILDREN SHOULD REGISTER ONLINE

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to download our new app!

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Calvary Kids!

WINTER/SPRING 2020 FOCUS ON JESUS

SUNDAYS

WEDNESDAYS

9:15 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL
FOR ALL AGES

10:30 AM
PRESCHOOL CHILDREN'S
CHURCH (RM 142)
CHILDREN 3s - KINDER

CHILDREN ABOVE KINDER AGE SHOULD ATTEND CORPORATE WORSHIP GATHERING WITH THEIR FAMILIES.

6:00 PM
KIDS PRAISE
PRE K-5TH GRADE
TEACHING CHILDREN TO CELEBRATE GOD THROUGH A LIFESTYLE OF WORSHIP.

NURSERY OPEN SUNDAY EVENINGS

PRE-K - 5TH GRADE
KIDS ENCOUNTER 6:30 PM
ROOM 213

EVERY WEEK WE HAVE OPPORTUNITY FOR ENCOUNTERS WITH GOD BY GETTING TO KNOW AND LOVE HIS WORD. WE INCORPORATE GAMES, CRAFTS, SINGING, SCRIPTURE MEMORY—AS MANY FUN AND CREATIVE WAYS AS WE CAN IMAGINE. JOIN US!

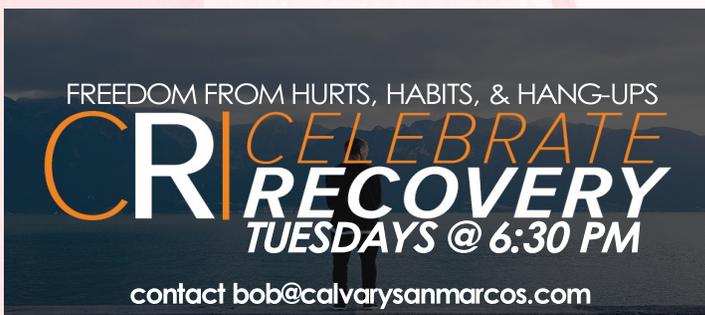
CBC CHILD CHECK-IN

CHILDREN PREK AND YOUNGER SHOULD CHECK-IN AT THE **FAMILY WELCOME CENTER** (FOYER)
CHILDREN KINDER-5TH GRADE SHOULD CHECK-IN AT CLASSROOMS (UPSTAIRS) ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT.

FIRST TIME GUESTS SHOULD MAKE THEIR WAY TO OUR FAMILY WELCOME CENTER FOR HELP WITH CHECK-IN AND GUIDANCE TO CLASSROOMS.



Serving from 5:30—6:30 pm
Adults -\$4 Kids \$2 Students \$2 Family Max \$10



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CHILDREN'S MINISTRY, CONTACT SARAH TRUMBULL @ 512-353-8540 OR 512-393-4744