

Final Issue

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from Pastor Joel

Life is full of milestones and markers along the journey. I am reminded of how Old Testament saints set up piles of stones—called an Ebenezer—to mark significant places and direct people behind them on which way to go. We also watch for signs along the highway to direct us to various destinations (or we used to before GPS's and cell phones). All of this points to change and direction and transition. Churches must deal with transitions and change as well.

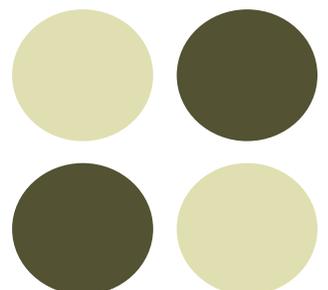
December 2019 marks a change of direction or transition. The December 2019 Chronicle will be discontinued after many years being used to communicate a variety of things. This does not mean that communications will cease. On the contrary, communication is of great importance for a body of believers—the church—as it interacts and makes plans and has need to communicate.

A key element to communication is learning how to effectively embrace the world of the internet, social media, cell phones, texting, printed page, etc... It will take time to learn how to better use various communication methods for sure. Some of us will be sad to see long standing methods of communication cease or become of less importance. Others will rejoice at the use of newer methods of communication.

One fact cannot be avoided, if we as a church properly and healthily invest in the generations that will follow us and who will lead Calvary Baptist into the future, efforts will need to be made in communicating differently; and in other areas as well.

In lieu of the Chronicle, a monthly calendar will be distributed (by e-mail and hard copies made available) before each month similar to what was in the Chronicle. It will contain more information than the Chronicle calendar, like birthdays, anniversaries, and things like that. A good portion of the other information already appears in our bulletin and will continue to be there. Effort will be made to ensure that items which have only appeared in Chronicles will be communicated in other ways. Patience are in order as this change is made and feedback to the deacons or church office are appreciated. A place will be made available on the attendance sheet for your feedback of this change as well.

I feel a sense of sadness at the discontinuance of the Chronicle. Linda and I have appreciated receiving it over the years as missionaries as it



helped us to keep up to date on “happenings” at Calvary. We understand the sadness or displeasure that change can bring about as we have experienced a lot of change in our lives and ministry over the years. However, as we review past changes and the growth in our lives as a result, in spite of pain or sadness, we have strongly sensed how the “new” has been clearly part of God’s plan for our lives and our good. Good-bye Chronicle, we will miss you. Hello “tomorrow” as we anticipate God’s continued work and growth in our lives, church and Kingdom.

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Everyone is invited join us on Christmas Eve for a special time of celebrating Jesus’ being the true Light of the World. Make the evening even more special by bringing a friend.



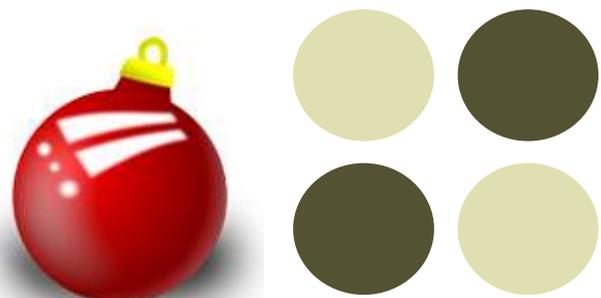
The Bible Journaling group will be hosting a painting class on December 5. The cost for the class is \$25 and includes all materials. For more information or to register, please contact either Traci or Karen Donovan.

Scrapbook Event at Olmsted Manor January 30—February 1

This winter’s annual scrapbooking event at Olmsted will be from Thursday, January 30 through Saturday, February 1. There is a limited number of slots available. Cost for the event is as follows:

- ◆ overnight: \$40 per evening if sharing a room
- ◆ overnight: \$50 per evening for private room

We will only be buying lunch from the Manor on Saturday. The other meals we will be provided as a group effort with everyone sharing the portions. Reservations and \$15 reservation fee need to be made by December 28. For more information, contact either Karen or Traci Donovan.



December Helpers

Deacon of the Week:

- December 1 Leo Donovall
- December 8 Brian Wenger
- December 15 Dave Chapman
- December 22 Kerwin Smith

Greeters:

- December 1 Cindy Hile
- December 8 Marilyn Schoder
- December 15 JoAnn Greenawalt
- December 22 Ginny Vietmeier
- December 29 Dave Chapman

Nursery/Children's Church:

- December 1 Liza Donovall & Loraine Smith
- December 8 Liza Donovall & Krissy Perrin
- December 15 Liza Donovall & Sarah Ashe
- December 22 Liza Donovall & Anita Kiener
- December 29 Liza Donovall & Ruth Zullo

Worship Team:

- December 1 Linda Dingeldein, Debra Lion, Kirk Kirkpatrick
- December 8 Traci Donovall, Bev Pangborn
- December 15 Karin Davidson, Debra Lion
- December 22 Linda Dingeldein, Bev. Pangborn
- December 29 Traci Donovall, Debra Lion



We will be helping the Salvation Army with their Red Kettle Campaign on Saturday, November 30 from 10:00AM - 8PM at TOPS. If you are interested in ringing bells for the Salvation Army, please sign up on the sheet located on the overflow bulletin board. For more information, please contact Dave Chapman

December Birthdays

- 1 Kerwin Smith
- 7 Tom Clark
- 12 Nopaluck Cable*
- 13 Mardy Backstrom
- 18 William Wagner
- 22 Jonah Kirkpatrick
- 27 Cindy Wenger
- 30 Peggy Chapman
- 31 Amy Quiggle

December Anniversaries

- 28 Marshall & Carolyn Confer
- 30 John & Linda Wagner*

*Missionary families we support

If your birthday or anniversary is missing or incorrect, please notify the church office.

CHRISTMAS proves
that **GOD** keeps
His promises.
Joe Stowell

“She will bring for a Son,
and you shall call His name JESUS,
for He will save His people
from their sins.”
~Matthew 1:21~

We hope you have enjoyed the last issue of the Calvary Chronicle. Be sure to pick up the expanded January calendar next month.