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COMMIT TO MEMORY



A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

~ John 13: 34-35

THE CASE FOR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP PART 3

~ Hal Ambuter

Since you have been diligently reading your Calvary Examiner for the past few months, you know that we are in the midst of a 6 part series on reasons for becoming a member of the local church. And, we know that you were quite distressed to find that last month the next part in the series was not in there....For this, we greatly apologize...

For those of you who may have missed the first two parts....Part 1 focused on membership as signifying to a committed fellowship of believers, in a much greater way, that you “belong here” and acknowledging that God has placed us in common union = community. Part 2 focused on membership as recognition that local bodies of believers share the same ministry goals and that working together, we can have a far greater impact in reaching “our Jerusalem” with the Gospel!

This month, we turn our attention inward and look at the role or the ministry of the individual believer within a local fellowship. What does Scripture indicate about our responsibilities towards one another and how are these best met in the context of church membership? The Scriptures are filled with commands of our behavior and actions towards “one another.” “Pray for one another.” “Do good to one another.” A particular meaningful one in the context of this series is found in the book of Galatians. Paul writes the following in chapter 6:1-2:

Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye who are spiritual restore such an one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

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And a few verses later in 6:10:

As we have, therefore, opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

So, membership in the local church, in effect, says that “I accept responsibility to help a group of fellow believers grow in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.” It is interesting to note that right before these verses, we find that Paul describes the fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:22-23). He then immediately launches into the above verses with these instructions on what to do with this fruit (for those who are spiritual): to help other believers grow in their relationship with the Lord, so that they can bear fruit, so that they can then help others. And so on and so on. There are few greater things then to be able to come along side a fellow believer and help bear their burdens so that they can stand firm and strong. What a marvelous gift that God has blessed us with!

This always reminds me of the account in Exodus 17 where God promised Moses that as long as he could hold his staff above his head, the Israelites would win in battle against the Amelekites. Moses, being 80+ years in age, had trouble maintaining this posture for long periods of time and would often have to rest to regain his strength. But that resulted in the Amelekites gaining victory. So, along came Aaron and Hur to stand beside Moses and hold his arms up for him so that Moses’ arms were “steady until the going down of the sun.” What a powerful analogy of the role that each one of us can have in someone else’s life!

Paul goes on further to say that by doing this, we fulfill the law of Christ: “to love your neighbor as yourself.” A two-for-one special!!!

Furthermore, in Ephesians 2:10, Paul writes that:

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.”

Amongst all the good works that one can do, helping his or her fellow brother or sister grow in their faith ranks right at the top!

Church membership. Is it for you? You better believe it! We need you! You need us! Has God placed you here to bear fruit and help others grow in their relationship with the Lord? Come talk to one of the Pastors or Deacons to learn more on how you can become a member of Calvary Baptist Church – and for those of you who already are members, to learn how you can more actively participate in the various ministries that our church has to offer.



VBS

Prayer Opportunities

- ❖ Those who will learn of Jesus for the first time at VBS.
- ❖ Friends and neighbors who are being invited to come.
- ❖ Colleen Maisto as she prepares for the outreach class to Mom's.
- ❖ That God would lead Mom's to come hear of His love for them.
- ❖ Volunteer needs would be filled over the next 2 weeks.
- ❖ God would direct each leader as they attend to details of their preparations.
- ❖ That the efforts of each volunteer would be constantly directed by God according to His plan.

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If anyone is interested in receiving prayer updates they can contact Jennifer at 258-1142 or jerosario@optonline.net.

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CHRISTIAN SERVICE BRIGADE

~ Frank Maranino

Christian Service Brigade Stockade wrapped up our 2006-2007 season on Wednesday evening, May 16th, with an end-of-year celebration party. We invited the Treeclimbers, Tadpoles and their dads to join us for games, snacks and a devotion time. A fun time was had by all, especially us leaders and parents!

Over the year, some of the great things we've been able to be involved in were a Paper Airplane building and flying competition at Lafayette Federated Church in Lafayette, NJ and building cars to compete at the Shape and Race Derby at Bethlehem Church in Randolph, NJ. We also went to CSB Night with the NJ Nets at Continental Arena in East Rutherford, where Nets guard Eddie House shared his faith along with former Dallas Cowboy linebacker and Fellowship of Christian Athlete's area leader Tom Flaherty.

Our weekly meetings were filled with fun and challenging games, crafts, Bible verses, activities and always ended with a lesson on becoming a young man of God.

We were truly blessed to get to know these young men and to share the truth of God's Word with them.

We've got monthly activities scheduled through the summer to stay in touch with the guys, and are already planning to take it up a notch when we start up again on Wednesday, September 19th. If your boy hasn't been out for Stockade, we'd ask you to encourage him to get involved. Hopefully, we will be in position to start a Battalion program for boys from 12-18 years old. You can speak to any of us for more information.

Also, if you are a man that has a desire to see boys develop into Godly men with a passion for advancing Christ's Kingdom, we need you!

In His service,

CSB Leader Tim McQuaid,
Chief Ranger Don Wilson and Rangers Bob Field, Todd Giambrone and Frank Maranino

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THOSE "A-HA" MOMENTS

~Lynn Tonnesen

We've all had them. Those "a-ha" moments when we realize, learn or remember something that has the potential to make our lives better. My "aha" moment happened three years ago when the youth group was preparing for their missions trip to Mexico. My stomach was in knots because of this trip. If I went into detail about what I was thinking it would make your head spin but basically I was out of my mind with worry over the safety of my daughter. I could rationalize all my reasons for thinking that this trip was a bad idea.

I was worried about customs, kidnapping, traveling safety, disease and injury. I didn't care that there were going to be chaperones. I convinced myself that they could not take care of my daughter as well as I could. Nothing my husband said made a difference in my mind. Any information or assurance that I was given was not enough to calm my fears. The informational meeting did nothing to allay my worries. In fact it made me even more upset. So upsetting, in fact, that I became physically ill... doubled over in pain and feeling faint. Many prayers were asked in hopes that this trip would be cancelled, but no such luck! So I went to talk to Pastor Adams. After all, his daughter was going on this trip, too. I told him how every fiber of my being was screaming that I should not let my daughter go on the trip. "Have some common sense", I told myself. "See the signs and don't let her go" played over and over in my mind.

My "a-ha" moment came when Pastor Adams shared something with me that I had known all along: God does not shout at us when he wants to talk to us, He whispers, for His way is a quiet one. It is Satan who shouts at us in the hopes of upsetting us. Satan would be delighted if we thought it was God speaking to us like that. All the "signs" that I was sure were from God, telling me not to let her go, was really the work of Satan. He was working in me hoping to cause me to doubt my Lord and Savior and his divine wisdom.

And I let him. I was so wrapped up in being a "mother bear" and what I thought was right, that I didn't see what God was really saying to me. He was telling me to trust in Him, that He would protect Kara from all harm. This "a-ha" moment allowed me the peace of mind to let my daughter go to Mexico.

Despite learning that lesson, God was not done with me yet! He then wanted me to trust Him to watch over her as she traveled to Greece. Many of you know my tales of woe concerning Kara studying abroad. Thoughts started screaming in my head again, and again I had to learn to say "a-ha" - just listen in the Lord! Well, she has been there for 2 ½ months and has only a few weeks left before she returns home. The Lord has been with me during this time carrying my burdens and worries. He gives me peace of mind when I need it "I, the Lord, thy God, will hold thy hand saying fear not, I will help you" Isaiah 41:13. I stay calm by trusting in our all knowing, all powerful, ever present Lord, looking for guidance in His word and of course praying, for we are

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told “by prayer and supplication let your requests be made known unto God” Phil 4:6. Saying “a-ha” a lot helps, too!

God gave us our children to watch over and love until we reach eternity. On this earth I am responsible for my children’s well being. I have the wonderful assurance that God is helping me and He, too, is watching over Kara. Yet, He did make me her mom and so for the sake of my sanity, the next time she wants to go on a trip I have the authority to say NO! I exercised my prerogative when she asked for a side trip to Istanbul. Now she wants to go to Cairo! “Children, obey your parents in all things“. Col 3:20 A-Ha!

MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES (YOU WEREN'T FORGOTTEN)



**1- SHANNA MOZETICH
5- MELISSA WARING
6- AUDREY GUNN
7- ERIC SCHNEIDER
9- ROBERT RINKER JR.
11- KINZONZI MANITOU
13- JOAN BRAIN
15- KEN AND ESTELLA YOUNGMAN
16- MARK AND LINDA SCHNEIDER
19- DANA DAMMANN**

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**20 - NOAH MASON; STACEY AND CABOT
WARING**

21- JEFF MONROE

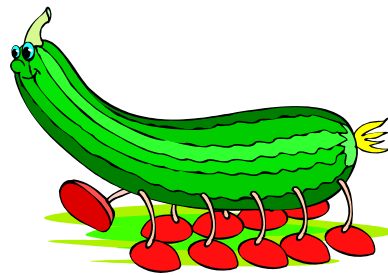
24- TIM AND ROSALIE MCQUAID

**25- MARIEL AND COLLEEN MAISTO;
ELIZABETH OBENAUER**

26- CODY HOUTAILING

**IT'S JUNE...
TIME TO PARTY!!!**

**WHAT TO MAKE FOR ALL THOSE
SUMMER BBQS**



Stuffed Zucchini with Tomatoes and Jack Cheese

4 medium, firm zucchini
Salt and ground black pepper
4 tbs. olive oil
3 medium red potatoes, cut into 1/2 cubes
1 medium onion, chopped fine
5 large garlic cloves, minced
3 medium tomatoes, seeded, chopped
1/3 cup chopped fresh basil leaves
6 oz. Monterey Jack cheese, shredded

1. Adjust oven rack to upper-middle position and second rack to lowest position. Place a rimmed baking sheet on each rack and preheat oven to 400 degrees.
2. Halve each zucchini lengthwise. Scoop out seeds and most of flesh to make

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walls of zucchini 1/4 thick. Season the inside of zucchini with salt and pepper and brush with 2tbs olive oil. Set zucchini cut sides down on hot baking sheet on lower rack. Toss potatoes with olive oil, salt, pepper and then spread in single layer on hot baking sheet on upper rack. Roast zucchini until slightly softened and skins are wrinkled, about 10 minutes. Roast potatoes until tender and lightly browned, 10 -12 minutes. Flip zucchini halves over on sheet and set aside.

3. Heat remaining olive oil in skillet over medium heat until simmering but

not smoking, about 2 minutes. Add onion, and cook until softened and browned. Increase heat to med-high, stir in garlic and cook 30 seconds.

Add tomatoes and cooked potatoes, cook until heated through - 3 minutes.

Turn off heat, stir in basil, 1/2 c. cheese, salt and pepper to taste.

4. Divide filling among zucchini halves on baking sheet. Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Return baking sheet to oven, to upper rack, and bake until heated through, about 6 minutes. Serve immediately.

Grilled Citrus Chicken

6 boneless skinless chicken breasts halves

Citrus marinade: 1/2c. thawed orange juice concentrate

1/4 c. vegetable oil

1/4 lemon juice

2 tbs. grated orange peel

1/2 tsp. salt

1 clove garlic, finely chopped

Mix thoroughly.

1 Make marinade.

2. Place chicken in sealable bag of glass dish. Pour marinade over chicken turning to coat.

Cover and refrigerate 2 to 24 hours.

3. Transfer chicken to heated grill, reserve marinade.

4. Cover and grill chicken 15 - 20 minutes, turning and brushing with marinade until done.

5. Heat remaining marinade to boiling, stirring for 1 minute. Serve with chicken.

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Three Fruit Summer Pudding

8 - 10 slices firm white bread
3 c. sliced fresh strawberries
3 c. fresh blackberries or blueberries
3 c. fresh raspberries
1/2 c. sugar
2 tbs fresh lemon thyme or 1 tsp lemon zest
2 tbs white grape juice
1/4 c mascarpone cheese
1/4 c. whipping cream
2 tsp honey
Assorted fresh berries



1. Remove crusts. Cut slices into triangles. Spray 6-7 c. mold with non stick spray. Line with plastic wrap. Arrange slices in mold so that all of interior is covered. Press slices together.
2. In saucepan combine berries, sugar, lemon, and juice. Cook over medium heat about 5 minutes until berries begin to release juices, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat. Strain berries, reserving juices. Let berries cool slightly.
3. Carefully spoon berries into bread lined mold. Spoon half of the reserved juices over the berries. Top berries with a layer of bread triangles, filling any gaps with small pieces. Cover with plastic wrap, place plate on top and weigh down with heavy can. Refrigerate overnight.
4. Before serving, in a chilled mixing bowl, combine mascarpone, whipping cream and honey. Beat with chilled beaters on high speed until soft peaks form. To serve, remove weight and plate. Place serving platter on top, and carefully invert. Remove mold and plastic wrap. Drizzle remaining fruit juices over top. Top with whipped cream mixture and additional berries

All recipes provided by Lynn Tonnesen

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DAMMANN**

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**18 - ALAN AND LYNN TONNESEN; DAVID AND
KAREN TICE**

20 - KYRA JOY HAMLING

**21 - KERI FIELD; HAL AND CHERWYN
AMBUTER**

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