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FEBRUARY MEMORY VERSE

Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. ~ Ecclesiastes 12:13

FELLOWSHIP IDEAS???



Outdoor World's Timothy Lake South was the setting for the third annual campout on Sept. 17-19th. Rains came Friday evening and kept us inside or under awnings. Saturday we woke up to rain, but it cleared up throughout the day. Some sat by the campfire others enjoyed the indoor water park. The park included lazy river rides, hot tubs, and other water activities. Meals were prepared and we ate at a central location. Sunday morning the skies were bright and we joined together for our morning worship service around the campfire. Six families were present from our church. If you have an idea for fellowship let it be known to our pastors or deacons, and we will see what we can do.

~ Don Torgersen



Did you know Pastor Adams played electric guitar?



Hot tubs and laptops computers on camping trips... sign me up!!!!

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A THOUGHT

One of my favorite musicians is Derek Webb, former member and songwriter for Caedmon's Call. Derek broke away from the band for many reasons, but he regarded it much like a church plant. Caedmon's was doing its work and Derek could at the same time do his. His first solo CD, *She Will and Must Go Free*, was mostly about Christ and the Church. He emphasized wedding imagery. 2004 was the year of the wedding for me so it was good music for me to listen to during this time of picking out dresses and gifts, making travel plans, and catching up with some of the most important people in my life. – It made me focus on why weddings are so important and God's plan in them. But mainly, it brought me back to the Gospel every time.

Now that Derek didn't have the constraints of being in a band he was able to take his music and theology directly to people's living rooms via the House Show. A person had Derek play in their living room and invite a few friends to hear him play and preach. He recorded one of these shows and said this:

If you divorce the people of God – If you divorce local community – from the Gospel then it ceases to be the Gospel. There is no other context for your faith as a Christian then to be in community with other people. ~ Derek Webb “The House Show”

There are a lot more sounds bits I could have shared, but in light of Mr. Torgersen's article on Fellowship I thought that it was appropriate. I should warn you if you should want to hear Derek's music as he puts it “its not for the faint of heart.” It definitely takes you out of your comfort zone. I can't believe I wrote this much -- I guess you know a little more about me.

~ Kyra Joy Hamling

THIS JUST IN FROM NORTH BILLERICA, MA!

January 19, 2005

Hi, Calvary! . May 2005 give you joy, peace, and good health.

Do we miss you?? Of course not!! I am away from the constant taunting and teasing of Pastor Adams, Associate Eric (the young whippersnapper), young Elwood, Sir Gary and Wayne. Then there's Joanne Merc and Beverly. Yes, I miss it!!! Harold misses the radio room and some of its mishaps. We do indeed miss Calvary Baptist. Especially the choir.

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I'm sure most of you heard how we almost killed ourselves packing. We were sure we had downsized only to find of 44 years in Warwick we got rid of the equivalent of 2 years. We are not unboxed yet. Figure about 2 more months. We do not have room for all this stuff so I'm looking forward to the many millions in our spring yard sale. Ha! Ha!

This is a big change in homesteading. No icy hills to challenge our access to this home in the winter. We miss the surround sound of the woods (birds, squirrels, deer and etc.) However there are no dead deer on the road, no bears in the backyard, Mr. Squirrel using his short cut across our porch railings.

There are quite a few houses on this tree lined street with children who actually play out of doors everyday. It's a dead end and even with all the kids it's amazingly quiet.

The people in and out of the church are very friendly.

The church has 3 morning services and 1 evening. One service holds about 1,200. There is 8 – 9, 9:30 – 10:30 (we attend this one) Both of these are traditional with a few choruses. 11 – 12 is all contemporary and so is the 6pm. They have a lot of talent to draw from with an Air Force Base at hand, but I assure you they lack the exuberance, uninhibited joy and great arrangements that Calvary Baptist Praise Team presents. Hope Vivian will forgive me!! This is a church a gigantic cultural diversity. They are undergoing a massive addition even now.

Well, it is really strange sitting side by side in the pews. We know we'll never be needed or used here. With well over 2000 to choose from they'll never use 2 who are over the hill sliding toward the ditch. Smile! Sooo we sincerely thank you Calvary for allowing us to be used of God there for so many years.

We will start to get involved in and out of the church after the New Year. There is much available for Seniors. The Senior Center of N. Billerica is just 2 ½ miles from home and open all day. The church seniors are very active and on the move.

Our longest trip to the doctors is 9 miles. Gas and Supermarket less than a mile. Lots of gas prices to choose from.

We had to take the rust bucket off the road. No rusty chariots allowed on Mass roads. 40mph is a big thrill in speed where we are now. But it was donated to a children's home in New York State.

What do I like about the area? You can order out to so many and varied eateries.

Well, that's our new life in N. Billerica. Thanksgiving and Christmas were awesome. All the family was here. New Years Day was our 33rd and possibly our last year of games with Gerda. How we'll miss it! Christmas night at the Freeman's – New Years at the McLeod's.

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All years of traditions that have for us come to an end. These will be wonderful memories. But as they say all good things must come to an end. Looking forward to beginning new traditions here.

We are sure we are a part of God's timing here. Vivian lost both of her babysitters 2 months after we arrived. So we have become an even more important asset in her parenting. We love these kids and it's fun and challenging being with them. Do they agree?? Well that's up for discussion. Anyway we're here and we're needed.

Jeffrey, as many of you know, came in 1st in Mass in his age group at level 7 in gymnastics. Right now he is the drummer for the Junior High Worship Team. So he's busy. He had to give up gymnastics.

Vivian is constantly on the go. Hayle's horseback riding season is over for now. Calvary we love you; we miss you; we think of you often.

God bless you all,
Frances & Harold

PS Just want to thank you for your cards and calls after my mom died. I had hoped she'd make 100 years of age, but God had other plans. We are planning a memorial service at Calvary on April 2nd the day after her 98th birthday.

CARE NET UPDATE

January 22 marked the 32nd year of legalized abortion in this country. Tragically, an estimated 40 million+ human lives have been lost as a result. As many of you are aware, Care Net is preparing to open a crisis pregnancy center right here in Orange County- it will operate as a satellite of their Rockland County center. Right now, the only thing stopping this great effort is a lack of monetary support. Care Net is looking for "Partners for Life" -- individuals willing to make a monthly financial commitment. **BEFORE** the Orange County Center can open, the equivalent of **300 people contributing \$30 a month is needed** to cover the costs of running this center. For less than \$1 a day you can help save lives right here. Abortions are being performed just a couple of miles away in nearby Monroe, while a Planned Parenthood is flourishing in downtown Goshen. If you would like to become a "Partner for Life", Care Net can arrange to have the amount of your choice easily transferred from your bank or credit card every month electronically. Please call the Care Net Center of Rockland County for more information **(845-352-6108)** and continue to pray that a fully operational center will open in Orange County soon!

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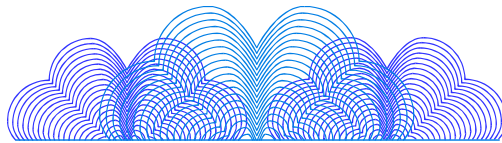
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SHOWER FOR THE NEW NURSERY

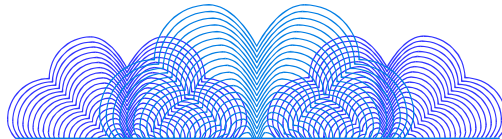
The new Nursery facility for church will be ready next month and we are hoping to refurbish the toys and accessories for the children. We will be registered at Toys R Us...if you can, select an item (or several go in on something) and bring it to the Shower for the Nursery...which will be held in the new Nursery facility on Saturday, March 12th from 10-noon. For questions see Jen Rosario (258-1142)



LIFT

LIFT will be held at Ruth Crudello's home, on Monday, Feb. 7th - 7:30 PM. We will be packing the "Love Boxes" for our college and military people. Also, finalizing plans for our brunch on Feb. 19th..Please bring your recipes for our cookbook, the love offering for Kyra's friend, Allie, and items for the boxes. Invite a friend both to LIFT meetings and to the brunch...See you there...

LIFT will be having a brunch on Saturday, February 19th, in Fellowship Hall from 9:30-noon. Evey Rapp will be our speaker and there will be special music, as well. Come and invite a lady friend...sign up sheet on bulletin board...See you there!



PROGRAM NOTE

There will be a Calvary Examiner brainstorming session on March 5th at 1:00PM at Kyra Joy's house. Lunch will be served. If you are interested in helping or want to share an idea please let Kyra know that you are coming. March marks the one year anniversary of The Calvary Examiner, and we want to update it and include more consistent articles.

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