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THE POWER OF PRAYER AT CALVARY

THE WAY FORWARD – REPENTANCE

FALL EDITION

Prayer is one powerful word that means so much to us as Christians. Prayer is the lifeblood of who we are. Every time we pray, we become more and more connected to The Father, our source of life. God wants a close, constant relationship with you. James 4:8 states, “Come near to God, and he will come near to you.” Prayer draws us close to our heavenly Father. When praying for Calvary, God gave me a vision of my hands on a person’s chest and side, and they turned into AED paddles that revive someone from a heart attack. He said, “Prayer will revive my church.” As we enter this period of repentance, restoration prayer must be an integral part of our lives to see that revival in our church, families, and communities. As a church, we want to be a house of prayer (Isaiah 56:7). This newsletter is designed to help Calvary be that house of prayer. It is also intended to inform our church family of prayer opportunities, showcase God’s glory in answered prayer, and help draw us deeper into our relationship with Him.

October 22 Staff Prayer Retreat Update

Calvary Staff headed to a retreat house in Victoria, MN, for a day-long prayer retreat. The goal was to provide staff with a day focused on prayer and renewal. They enjoyed breakfast and lunch together, along with extended times of worship, prayer, play, and one-on-one time with Jesus. We believe God showed up amazingly and richly blessed those who attended. Here is some of the feedback from several staff who were there:

1. First time in weeks I've had no agenda, just rest, relax, enjoy friends, and express love to God
2. Fantastic! Fun and very well done.
3. Intentional, restful, needed
4. Overall a great day to step away and rest a little
5. Great location, Great worship, Great food. Loved laughing and playing. Went fast.
6. Great to hang out w/ staff & worship; a nice break from the normal pattern of ministry
7. Eating together, laughing together....such good stuff
8. I feel blessed by the worship, fellowship and time in prayer
9. Much needed day to just pull away
10. Beautiful setting, we were well cared for, delicious food, variety of activities
11. Beautiful Setting, well planned

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES**SUNDAYS - AFTER SERVICE PRAYER MINISTRY**

Roseville Campus; White Bear Campus

We are working to restart the after-service prayer ministry at both campuses! Seeking the Lord in prayer is a great way to respond to worship. Let’s normalize the human need for prayer and embrace the gift of receiving prayer from the family of God in a confidential, loving moment with the Lord. Take advantage of this amazing opportunity on Sundays. Contact Lisa Horsager (lisa@horsagerfamily.com) for training opportunities.

POSTING PRAYER REQUESTS

Do you need prayer? Go to Calvary’s website. Hit the connect button and then scroll down to the prayer button. On this page, you have the opportunity to post prayer requests. You also have the opportunity to pray for others.

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SUNDAYS - PRAYER WALKS

White Bear Campus 8:30am

Meet Suzanne Singer Summer on Sunday mornings at 8:30 am inside the main doors at the White Bear Campus to walk around the building and pray as led.

SUNDAYS - EARLY SERVICE PRAYER MEETING

White Bear Campus 9am

Meet Norma Wymore in the White Bear Campus Prayer Room to pray primarily for the day's worship Services. This group also welcomes anyone who needs prayer to come during this time.

WEDNESDAYS - POWER HOUR PRAYER

White Bear Campus 6:30pm

A weekly prayer meeting in the White Bear Campus Prayer Room. We pray for our staff, church community, broader neighbors, the world, and each other. All are welcome.

Contact Frank Wymore
(frankwymore@gmail.com)

INNER HEALING PRAYER APPOINTMENTS

White Bear Campus 6:30pm

We offer time slots by request for those sensing they need an intentional, focused prayer time with trained prayer ministers. One of God's names is Jehovah Rapha (The Lord Who Heals), and He desires us to be whole, physically, mentally, and spiritually.

Contact Lisa Horsager
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PRAYER ROOM

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Nov. 6 – WB

Dec. 4 – RV

Jan. 8 – WB

REPENTANCE LEADS TO HEALING

Robby Dawkins was a young pastor when he decided to move his family to Aurora, Illinois, to plant a church with his young family. At the time, Aurora had the highest murder rate in the country due to gang violence. Robby received calls from the CIA and the local police explaining to Robby that moving to that city was a death sentence. Robby felt called by God to go anyway. He took over a church in the heart of the city that was riddled with bullets. Every time a murder happened, Robby would go with his family and church members to that area, and they would pray. They would not leave the area until God showed them three people to pray for, and then they would share the gospel. They would not leave until three people accepted Christ. The highest leaders in the neighborhood gangs came to Robby, threatening that the next year would be the most significant blood bath Aurora had ever seen. These leaders were frustrated that they were losing gang members to Robby's church. He had a meeting with these gang leaders. He prayed for them and asked God to radically heal these two men and a woman who had killed people. God healed all three of them – mind, body, and soul. They all accepted Christ. And the following year, there were absolutely no murders in Aurora, Illinois. This made national news. God changed and transformed Aurora, Illinois, because one man led the charge to pray for people and share the gospel. These gang members went before the Lord and repented, and God radically changed their city. 2 Chronicles 7:14 states, "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." As we move into this time of repentance, remember this verse and what God did in Aurora, Illinois. He will heal our land, church, friends, and family. He is Jehovah Rapha (The Lord Who Heals).

Activations: Sit with the Lord and ask the Holy Spirit to recall any wounds that need to be healed with God's help. Ask God to show you where healing needs to occur physically, mentally, and/or emotionally. Ask God to pour healing from heaven over you in each area God brings to mind.

As you have gone through the devotional, you have been actively working on repentance. Ask the Lord if any other areas of your life need to be changed for God's glory. If you have already done this, thank Jesus for how he is working and moving in your life. Ask God for the eyes to see how the Holy Spirit is working in your life as you have been through this process of repentance.

Repentance brings new freedom, intimacy, and God's blessing.

Ask the Lord for opportunities to pray for others like Robby did. You can begin by praying for your family and friends. When someone you know shares a prayer request, ask to pray with them immediately. Step out in faith that God will answer. Ask your friend or family member later if God responded so you can spend time praising God.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Bless our staff and elder board with wisdom from heaven. Help them to follow you in how they lead your church. Bless the staff retreat. Use that time Lord to breathe life over our staff.

Transform our church to be a house of prayer and a place where your glory dwells. Heal our church. Heal us mentally, physically, and emotionally. Transform us, Lord, to follow you in all our ways.

Bless Rich Schoenert, the Elder Board, and the Strategic Leadership Team with your protection. Surround them all with an angel army, guarding them day and night.

God, we ask for your fullness in our lives, our families, and our church. Pour out your Holy Spirit into these places so that we can overflow with your love and goodness to everyone we meet.

God, please bless us with peace. I pray your peace will radiate into Calvary Church, our surrounding community, and our state. I pray your peace will fall on my family and in my home. I pray that your peace will be so strong, Lord, that people will be drawn to you.

PRAYER TRAINING

Jan. 5 Congregation wide prayer training (all prayer ministers or those interested in prayer) This is also the pathway to applying to do prayer ministry after services.

PRAYER TRAINING DATES

12pm

Nov. 10 - WB, Lunch provided in Fishbowl

Jan. 5 - WB, Lunch provided in Fishbowl

Jan. 12 - RV, Lunch provided

ELDER PRAYER GROUP

6:00pm , third Thursdays of the month, rotating campuses in sync with the elder board meetings.

We will have an optional prayer walk at 5:30 followed by prayer with the EB for the first 10 minutes of their meeting.

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