



# Calvary Chapel Sequim

*We are a community of Jesus followers.*

*As the church is the body of Christ, we attempt to be living illustrations of our Creator. ~1 Corinthians 10:31*

**JULY 7, 2019**

## **TODAY**

Prayer for the Persecuted Church @ 10:30am in the Middle School Room  
Bible Project Recap @ 1pm in the Sanctuary

**THIRD THURSDAY WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP—** July 18th @ 8:30am

Join Bev and Shelly for a short devotional and time of prayer.

**HYMN SING—** Sunday, July 28 at 4pm

This is an opportunity to worship God through singing the old hymns! We were even able to borrow some hymnals, so grab a friend and let's make some new memories with each other praising our King. Questions? Contact Shelly at 360-775-6201.

## **SUNDAY MEAL REMINDER**

Please remember that the meal provided on Sundays are 100% funded by the preparers of the meal. So please be sure to make a donation (\$5 per individual and \$10 per family.) If you are able to give a little more, that will help cover meal costs for visitors or those who are unable to give at

# Weekly Devotionals:

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## **Monday's Scripture:** Leviticus 19:13-18

Let me start off by saying that if you're swearing at deaf people and tripping blind people, you're a special kind of sinner and I kind of want you to not repent so you get what's coming. For the rest of us who know how to sin at a higher level let's focus on v.15. In court we are not to prefer the rich over the poor, but neither are we to prefer the poor over the rich. We are in a culture that thinks that every relationship is a power struggle. Let's not be that. Let's want what is right and shows God in all situations! Sometimes even really irritating people are in the right. This means that before we judge situations and people we should know as much as possible about that situation. We should listen to others before we call them racists, sexist, dumb, stupid, right, wrong, good looking or ugly, not even how our friends think of them. Let's agree with Martin Luther King Jr and strive to judge others not by the color of their skin (their age, sexual orientation, politics, even if they like the Gaithers) but by the content of their character. We, both young, middle and old people must take interest in the individual people we are around and not jump to our wanted judgment of them. Just think if all of us in this country (USA) would strive to do this... Jesus help us. (For those who are judging me for my first sentence get over yourself, I was going for irony.) Also, I know that the context of this is talking about court but I don't think that I am stretching this idea too far to apply it to how we individually judge.

## **Tuesday's Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 8:1-9

Paul here is, of course, talking about spreading the wealth from those Christians who had abundance to those Churches who did not. I stopped at v. 9 for a reason. Paul is here giving us a principle to live by. We are to be like Jesus, like Christ. He was the kind of guy who would become poor so that someone else, less fortunate, might become rich. This needs to be our guiding principle as we live, in our politics, in our personal giving, in our daily converse and interactions with others. I have a conservative bent and it distresses me to hear my Christian conservative brothers and sisters trying to decide their politics on what will make us more and more wealthy despite the effect on others (I understand that wealth is not a zero sum game, however, it all too often is). I would love to hear a conservative politician who is as interested in the worlds poor as they are to our own economy. What kind of a politician would it be to run on the idea that we must become poor that others might be rich, that the spirit that drives us must not be 'me and mine' but 'others.' It is not enough to say these things, but we must know how to do these things, to become poor that others might be rich. Free money is by far the stupidest idea, rather to give of our lives with our money. Jesus did not simply give us all things; He gives us all things as we call Him Lord. How does this work itself out practically in our lives? That's for you to find out, determine that you would live that others might become richer (in life, in money, in mercy, in grace, in forgiveness...). Asking, seeking and knocking it will be given you.

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***Wednesday's Scripture:*** Matthew 12:46-50

I just spent my vacation day painting! Now let me explain that I'm not one of those home improvement freaks that think that working on my house is vacation. So why was I doing that? It was for my son and daughter in law. It was actually enjoyable because it was for them, I want to see them succeed and flourish. It got me thinking about if someone else asked me. I can honestly tell you that I would probably have whined with most people but been happy to with others. What is the difference with those who I would and those with whom I wouldn't? Family. I view some people, not of my blood, as family and some as other than. As I thought of this, I realized that I have a greater family than my blood that I would do anything that I thought would bless them. My new family. My heart has been enlarged by my love for Jesus as He knits my heart to others. It is my prayer that your family becomes greater and greater! That might be a lot of painting, but I can tell you that you will never want for anything you need. Now let's extrapolate from here and think of a Church that is creating more and more relationships that turn into true family, that are connected by His blood more than our own. How many people are around you that need this family? Go find some and enrich yourself.

***Thursday's Scripture:*** Luke 7:36-50

Let me cut to the irony, the Pharisee was just as much a sinner as this woman who was a 'sinner' was. The Pharisee could've loved just as much as the sinner because he was as much a sinner just in a different flavor. So how could these verses change the world? In that if we could actually understand how much of a sinner, we are it would free us to love God to an extent that we would immediately love those around us. You see the greatest commandment is to love God with all that is in us and the next one is like it, that we would love our neighbor as ourselves. You see, when you love God truly you automatically love others as you love yourself. So, how do you love God that way? Know how much of a sinner you are and how much He has forgiven you, simple. It is not hard it merely starts with a little humility and honesty and let that act snowball into repentance, repeat, until you're one big crushing ball of love.

***Friday's Scripture:*** Philippians 4:11-13

Ok, how do you learn to be content in all things? Here is my understanding, learn to want to love God more as your goal in life, subverting all other goals to this one. If it is your goal to love God you can do that in all states because God is in all those states with you! Do you want to learn what it is to be an American? Do you go to New York or Arkansas, California or Idaho? Yes. You go to all these states and you live in them then you start to know what it is to be an American. Well Paul lived in the states of low, abounding, hunger and plenty... But he really just wanted to live with God. So, he followed God where God wanted him and there He was. Goal accomplished. Now could you imagine a bunch of Americans (add your own country) who were content? Let's be asking, seeking and knocking for this contentment.

**Saturday's Scripture:** Malachi 3:6-15

Ok, I know the context here is that God is talking to the nation of Israel and not necessarily us in the Church. However, I do not believe that we stretch the context too much to apply this to us. You see the nation of Israel was to be a city on a hill, a light to the nations, and salt to the world. How in the world could they accomplish this if they could not even tithe to keep up their place of worship? If they couldn't pay for the priests to accomplish the service to their God? You see the understanding of the city, the light and saltiness needed to be understood and taught. This fed their spirit not their bellies. We have a tendency to put our bellies before our spirits and so we are grossly out of shape spiritually. We in the Church should be at least supporting 1 pastor for every 10 working adults who consider themselves Christian. Let that sink in. What would it be like if we had that many pastors (pastors be worth this illustration!) running around, studying, ministering? So let's test God and see if He won't accomplish His Word for blessing as we give.

**GATHER TO GROW**

Men's Breakfast

Tuesdays, 7:00am  
Meet at CCS

Women's Fellowship & Prayer

Third Thursday of the month  
8:30-10am at CCS

Wednesday Night Study

Wednesdays at 7pm  
Meet at CCS

Bible Project Recap

1st Sunday of the month  
1pm at CCS—Sanctuary

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1. Box in the hallway.
2. Ipad on the coffee counter.
3. PayPal via our website. (Scan this QR code)
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**CRY LOFT**

If you are in need of a space to participate in the service *with* your infant—please utilize our new **Cry Loft**, the service can be watched on the television and there is super comfy furniture to lounge on (loft is located up above the fellowship area.)



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