



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: JANUARY 6, 2019

READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR –start January 7th

The Bible Project has created an app to help people read through the Bible in a year. The app is called "Read Scripture" and can be found in the app store on your phone. The first Sunday every month following 2nd service, Pastor Hans will lead a **monthly discussion**, involving his personal overview and insights that seem particularly important or pertinent to our church-family. For more details contact Pastor David (360)808-0468.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY TONIGHT AT 6PM

This Sunday is special for a couple of reasons: we have the area rep coming to share her testimony and do a meet & greet *and*; Celebrate Recovery is a year long program and we are starting the first lesson this Sunday. Questions? Contact Jonathan at 360-808-3215

WOMEN'S THIRD THURSDAY PRAYER –Jan. 17th 8:30-10am

Calvary women are welcome on the third Thursdays of January, February & March to join Bev and Shelly for fellowship and prayer.

PROPHETIC PAINT NIGHT– Friday, January 18th @ 7pm

All artists are welcome! Let's explore how God speaks and is glorified through the works of our hands as artists. Bring your own supplies. For more information contact Mark (360)775-6312 or Shelly (360)775-6201.

OPMF MEN'S CONFERENCE- Feb 1 & 2

"The Greatest Stories Ever Told" featuring Gary Gaddini. Sign up on a clipboard for tickets. Questions? Contact Pastor David.

Weekly Devotional:

God's irony.

Monday's Scripture: Isaiah 44:9-20

This week we are going to wrestle with the ironies of life as seen through scripture. Let's start with one of the biggest ironies, idolatry. That we would make something that is less than us and bow down before it...irony. We would call upon something that is less than us to save us...irony. To know that we can't save ourselves and then, again, to make something to save us...? We were made by God to worship Him then to create things that reflect that worship. We were not made to bow down to the created thing and worship it, it is in fact trying to worship ourselves in a very pitiful way. Alas, it is in our nature to do this. If we are to escape the futility of this irony of our nature we must first acknowledge it. To truly acknowledge it we will have to, in action, bow down to God. To do and act and sacrifice our creations, our will, our understanding to God. How? Jesus. He came in the form of a man to show what it looks like to worship God. God became a created being and worshipped an uncreated God that we might be able to worship something created...mind blown. God is so good and gracious that He works with our weaknesses. So, today let's embrace that we live in an ironic world and bow to God's irony and not be jailed in our own.

Tuesday's Scripture: Mark 2:13-17

The irony of the sick who are more sick inside than outside. This is why religion can be so dangerous, it can clean us up on the outside without doing the same to our inner person. You can 'not cuss, smoke, chew or go out with girls who do' and still be a diseased Pharisee (self-righteous jerk) on the inside. As a matter of fact this is why cancer is so destructive, it is often on the inside growing and consuming all the while on the outside we think that we are OK. So, what's to be done? Regular check-ups. The apostle Paul tells us to judge ourselves. Ideally this is done as we encounter scripture, people and life. The check-ups are easy to find but sometimes hard to take. This is why humility is needed. The one sure way to miss the disease is through pride. So today, pretend that you're in danger of spiritual sickness. Go to the Great Physician and allow Him to use the scalpel of the Word in our life and be healed.

Wednesday's Scripture: Genesis 3:1-14

God utters a couple of ironic questions here, 'Where are you?' and 'Who told you that you were naked?...'. I do not believe that this was all news to God. So, why the ironic questions? Because God wants us to know ourselves what is going on, He wants us to confess on the outside what is on the inside. Here is a way to be able to live and conquer sin, confession. Telling God, often in the presence of others, what is going on inside of us. It will keep us humble and much healthier. It is practice for conquering sin. A sin that is disguised, dressed up or camouflaged is otherwise going to lay hidden until it sees the chance to rise up and kill us. Better to undress it in front of others, make fun of it and rob it of its power to kill, belittle it, do anything you can to neutralize its power to dominate you. Then live free to be what and who you were created to be. In other words, lighten up. Too much to ask? Here is the key, Jesus loves you. Not because you don't have this sin disease but in light of that sin disease. Learn to be more interested in what He thinks of you than others and you are on your way to neutralizing the power of sin in your life.

Thursday's Scripture: Job 38

What we have here is God's retort to men calling God into question and pontificating as to who judges who. Not only is there a healthy dose of irony but there's a good bit of sarcasm laced here. I often want to question God about the things that happen to the world around me and most selfishly to myself and those I love. When I do I think of this passage, God taking Job (who had a lot more to complain about than I ever have) to task. The irony of this situation is that Job and me as men think that God owes us explanations. As if the patients have overtaken the asylum. This is not a thing. God was, is now and ever will be, He doesn't change and He knows the end from the beginning and is above all. He asks us to trust Him, how He has set up the universe and for the finer points He has given us scripture to find our way to His outstretched arms. The thing is that we/you/I must accept Him for who and what He is. Today, perhaps take a minute and bow to the power of the universe to the Great God who is and loves.

Friday's Scripture: Ruth 1:1-5

Let me explain a little of what is going on here in the names. Each of these names had significant meanings. Bethlehem = house of bread (there was a famine), Elimelech = 'God is my king' (goes to a pagan ruled country), Ruth = 'pleasant', and the kids were literally named 'sickly' and 'wasting away'. Here is a story riddled with ironic naming. Meaning? If you were to read through the book, you'd find that in the end through the joys and tragedy that there's redemption. We may name things like house of bread and find famine there, we may say that God is my king and bow to others and we may find that what we produce is sickly and wasting away but there is God. He is able to do great things with what we can bring and give to Him. He is able to break buns and multiply them to feed the masses, He is able to make the blind seeing and the deaf hearing. He is able. You may find yourself in a deeply unpleasant ironic state of being, don't despair! He is able. It may take awhile as He is not on our schedule, but He is able to bring all things about. Be patient, He is able.

Saturday's Scripture: Mark 15:16-20

I don't really have to point out the irony, do I? Throughout time we humans have this idea that we decide and king men and ideas, we have denounced God through our actions and words. We have mocked. We have dressed Him in what we think to be kingly clothes then we beat Him. We have called on Him to prophecy for us like a pet. But still He loves. Still He allows Himself to be beaten for our sake. He woos us with His unbending and unending love. He will allow this disgrace to lavish on us His grace. This is a God I can love. Today let's bow to Him and love Him.

GATHER TO GROW

Men's Breakfast

Tuesdays, 7:00am @ CCS

Calvary Chapel Recovery

Sundays at 6pm
Meet at CCS

HELPS MINISTRY & PRAYER

Need assistance in a time of need? Contact Tina: 360-797-1501

Need Prayer? Contact Vicki: ccsprayerchain@yahoo.com

Prayer for the Persecuted Church: 1st Sunday of the Month, 10:30am in loft.

CALVARY CHAPEL CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nursery

(Ages 0-3 years)

9am & 11am Service

Children's Church

(Pre-school — Middle School)

11am Service

Questions? Contact Kim Thomas 360-460-2183

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2. Ipad on the coffee counter.
3. PayPal via our website. (Scan this QR code)
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