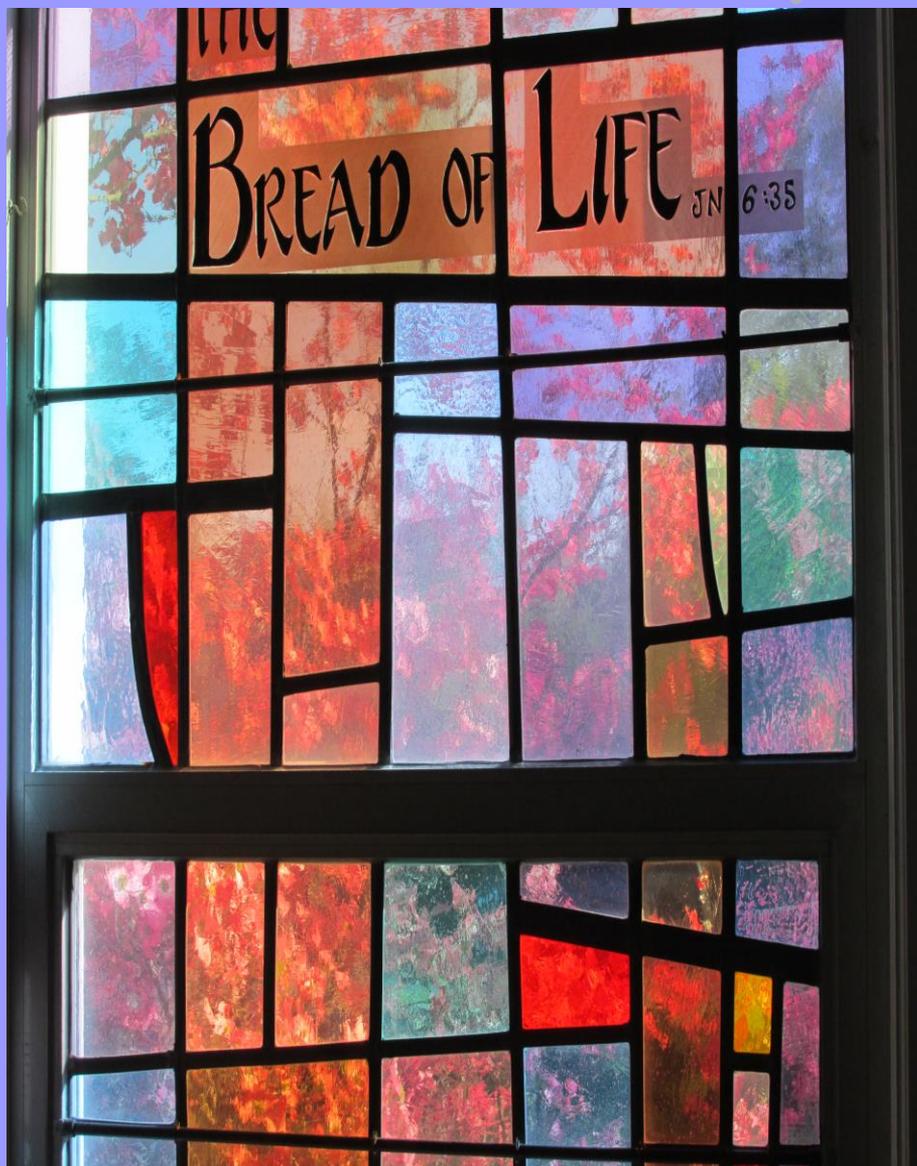


News from Calvary



June 2019

Calvary's Mission



As God's Children, our mission is to

Know His Word,

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Share His Word,

and

Live His Word.

Calvary's Vision

To be a Christ-centered church, alive with worship and meaningful ministries, where the youngest to the oldest are serving and being served, growing and helping others to grow, and connecting with each other and our surrounding communities.



Connect.



Grow.



Serve.

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Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? --Luke 5:23

Years ago, I had this one friend who was the most extreme of anyone I knew when it came to music. And I say this because when one of the bands that he listened to would come touring through the area, no matter who it was, no matter how much the tickets cost, it didn't matter if he was supposed to work that night, or even if rent was due, he always went and saw this band.

I would look at him and say, "No, you need to pay rent, you need to keep your job, and you need to go buy groceries." To this day, I still can't figure out how he didn't lose his apartment, when he always seemed to be putting his wants before his needs.

In Luke 5:17-26, we hear this account of Jesus healing a paralytic. Jesus is in this one house teaching to a crowd there that was quite literally overflowing the home. This one man comes being carried by two of his buddies and he's being carried because he's been a paralytic since birth. They see that there's no way that they're going to get their friend inside so they decide to do something a bit radical. They climb up on the roof with their friend in tow. They then cut a hole in the roof and lower their paralytic friend down through the hole. Jesus sees their faith and tells the man that his sins are forgiven. Some of the people there start to criticize Jesus for doing this and Jesus knows this and so He calls them out. "*Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'?*" But to prove that He can do what He's already done, namely forgive sins, Jesus then heals the man too.

When I've shared this passage with other people, a lot of them sympathize with the criticism that Jesus receives. And they do that even with the knowledge of who Jesus is. *"Why would You forgive sins first and **then** when challenged heal his body? Where were His priorities?"*

And I believe that sometimes in the church we can be like that, too. What do we want and what do we really need? When you come to church, what do you want? When you come to church, what do you really need that you can't find anywhere else?

Now granted, in this account that we read, Jesus does heal this paralytic. But think about how long He was on earth before He ascended into heaven. Did He heal each and every person that He came into contact with? The reality is that He didn't.

What Jesus did is having an impact still to this day. He gave you something that you need. And that's the fact that He bought and paid for the forgiveness of sins for everyone who places their faith and trust in Him.

The reality is that when you don't have even a penny to your name and when it feels like your body is failing you, you still have Jesus and His underserved love that He has freely given to you. When you have Jesus, you have everything you need. And because you have Jesus, you have life, even when your earthly life ends. This is what God's church has; something that you need that you can't find anywhere else - Jesus.

Remember my friends, wherever you go, whatever you do, you're on the King's business.

Blessings,
Pastor Kuder



I Believe

Big Idea of the Sermon Series: The early church established statements of belief to be recited by believers as a way of summarizing many of the doctrinal truths expressed in Scripture. These statements of faith were called creeds. This nine-week sermon series, which began May 5th, dissects the foundational beliefs in the *Apostles' Creed*: "I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting."

Coming up this month:

June 2

Statement: *"He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come again to judge the living and the dead."*

Text: Acts 17:29-31; 2 Corinthians 5:10

June 9

Statement: *"I believe in the Holy Spirit."*

Text: John 16:5-15

June 16

Statement: *"...the holy catholic church, the communion of saints..."*

Text: Acts 2:41-47

June 23

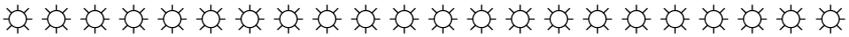
Statement: "...the forgiveness of sins..."

Text: 1 John 1:5-2:2

June 30

Statement: "...the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting."

Text: 1 Corinthians 15:35-57



Vacation Bible School

August 5 - 9, 2019

In the Wild | Amazing
Encounters with Jesus

Theme: John 20:31

But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing, you may have life in His name.

We're going to throw on our camera straps and buckle our seatbelts! VBS 2019 is going to take us on a wild adventure! There will be elephants and egrets, polar bears and penguins, and cockatoos and crocodiles. As the children seek out exotic animals, they will also find snapshots of real-life encounters with Jesus in Scripture. Kids will go from bewildered to believing as they get **In the Wild** this summer!

Calvary's VBS will be held Aug. 5 - 9 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Children who have completed kindergarten through sixth grade are welcome to register. Older children are needed to be crew leaders and site helpers. And even older "children" are needed to help organize, decorate, and teach. Please contact Ruth Bolger 973-303-1613 to volunteer or register.

Those Who Serve Us:

✝ Altar Guild: Joyce Sapara-Grant

✝ Greeters:

June 2	10:00 AM	Gbenga Adesokan
June 9	10:00 AM	Karen Gordon El
June 16	10:00 AM	Nancy Keltner, Brian Keltner
June 23	10:00 AM	Ajit and Jaya Lakra
June 30	10:00 AM	Karl and Luise Wetter



Those Who Serve Us:

† Flower Visitors:

June 2	Jaya Lakra
June 9	Joyce Sapara-Grant
June 16	Anne Daly
June 23	Liz Kuder
June 30	Edith Conte

† Ushers:

June 2	10:00 AM	Gbenga Adesokan, John Ricca, Gordon Wickham
June 9	10:00 AM	Ajit Lakra, John Wickham
June 16	10:00 AM	Stephen Molinari, Brian Keltner, Lewis Dokie
June 23	10:00 AM	Karl Wetter, Richard Akers
June 30	10:00 AM	Abbaccus Dokie, David Eucker



Many Hands Make LIGHT Work



June 1	Debbie Houlihan
June 5	Brian Keltner
June 6	Lois Tiedemann
June 8	Molly Jaffe
June 9	Ruth Bolger
June 10	David S. Behlen
June 10	Abbacalyn Dokie
June 12	Abbaccus Dokie
June 15	Stephen Molinari
June 17	Robert Wickham
June 19	Tomi Adesokan
June 21	Chris Sapara-Grant
June 22	Todd Wickham
June 23	Dylan Behlen
June 24	Ben Leuzzi
June 25	Erika Franke
June 28	Lucille Wernes
June 30	Al Arroyo
June 30	Matt Bonaguide



Happy Anniversary

June 4	Chris & Debbie Houlihan
June 6	Gordon & Ruth Wickham
June 24	Dave & Barbara Hildebrandt