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The Parable of the Seed

From Pastor Matt...

In Mark chapter 4, Jesus tells a parable:

And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

This parable of Jesus teaches us God's law of the harvest. As the people of God, we are called to enter empty fields and sow the seed. We can't make the seed grow; that's God's job. We are called to sow the seed and harvest the grain. We can use this parable to understand the mission of the church. The church sends people into empty fields, places with lots of people far from God, to sow the seed of the gospel. We share the good news of

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Women's Ministry...



Ladies' Morning Out
Saturday, April 9th - 10 am
(Moved to the Second Saturday!)

"Make-it-and-Take-it"
Stefani Crockett will help us make
Wooden Plaques
Refreshments Served

Ladies, there is lots going on with our women's group that you can participate in. On Saturday, April 9th at 10am, there will be this month's Ladies' Morning Out. These are fun and relaxing mornings to fellowship with other women in our church and to encourage one another in the Lord. This month we will create a plaque to take home, led by Stefanie Crockett, co-owner with her husband Paul, of Falls Laser Cutting & Manufacturing. Create something special to remind you daily of God's loving care for us! Be sure to wear clothes you don't mind staining.

There is also a new Bible study led by Crystal Chapin on Tuesday evenings at 6:45pm. If you are bringing your son or daughter to youth group, this study follows that time frame to give you a worthwhile activity while you wait. Enrich your own spiritual life while your teen does the same, and save a return trip to pick them up! This study is based on the book, *Encouraging One Another*, by Nicole Johnson.

Also, if you enjoy a craft such as knitting, crocheting, card-making or the like, consider joining other ladies for an evening of fellowship twice a month. Meeting on the first and third Friday of each month at 7:00-9:00pm in the Conference Room, this is a great place to bring a friend who may be uncomfortable in a more structured event. Bring your own craft and supplies.

The Parable of the Seed, *Continued* ...

Jesus, and then God saves people and causes them to grow. We nurture that growth through discipleship, and then we harvest those disciples and bundle them into churches. Any farmer will tell you that the harvest not only provides you with food for that season, but also seed for the next. So we can then send out more people into empty fields to proclaim the gospel.

This pattern is displayed for us in the missionary journeys of Paul in the book of Acts. When he would enter a city, he would preach the gospel, God would save people, he would then make disciples of the saved, gather them into churches and appoint leaders (Acts 14:21-23). Let's not make the mission of church more complicated than it should be or get distracted from our main focus. Jesus told us in Matthew 28, "Go make disciples..." So we should share the gospel, teach people to follow Jesus, gather them into groups and then send them out again to make more disciples.

May Calvary Baptist Church be known as a church that gathers to scatter for the glory of God. May Jesus' law of the harvest and His 4-field strategy displayed for us in the book of Acts be the motivation for every dollar spent and every ministry started or continued. May we be diligent to "Go make disciples..." until there is no place left where Jesus has not been named!

In Christ,

Pastor Matt





100% of your gifts support North American missionaries

Our Church Goal

\$6,000

Each spring CBC unites with other Southern Baptist churches to focus on North American Missions through the Week of Prayer and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. This is an opportunity for us to partner with other churches to support the men and women who are serving as missionaries and church planters in North America.

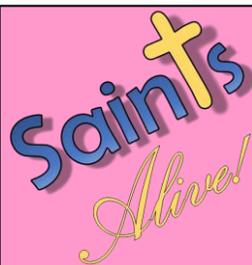
Our Goal for the offering is \$6,000. The national goal is \$70 million.

Every dollar given goes to train and resource more than 2,200 missionaries and their families involved in church planting and compassion ministries who share the life-transforming gospel of Jesus Christ across the United States, Canada and their territories.

Pray about how God would have you contribute. Your generous giving makes an eternal impact across North America.

Now may the God who gives endurance and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, according to Christ Jesus, so that you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ with one mind and one voice.

Romans 15:5-6



Calvary Senior Adults

There will be no April activity for the Senior Adults this month, but keep your eyes open for the May activity. If all details work out, we will be taking a trip to Bear World to see the cubs born this spring!

DATES FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Upcoming Dates for Children's Church are:

Easter, April 24th

Mother's Day, May 8th

Father's Day, June 19th

HOW CAN I HELP?

VBS 2022

Yes, VBS is happening this year, and you can be a part of it! If you are interested in bringing the gospel to lost and unchurched children and families in Idaho Falls, please attend an initial planning meeting immediately after services on April 10th in the Youth Room at the top of the stairs. There are many areas in which you can help, including teaching, music, recreation, snacks, decorating, infant care, or just being an extra pair of hands where needed! If God has gifted you, you can be used in this endeavor. Thank you in advance for your help!

April Youth Events

DINNER & DESSERT AUCTION – APRIL 24TH

One of the highlights of Spring at Calvary is the annual Youth Camp Fundraiser. As a congregation, Calvary has been very supportive of our youth and the Christian summer camps. But the annual Dinner and Dessert Auction is also just good fun and fellowship!

After the church family enjoys a meal prepared by the young people (with parent and leader supervision), Pastor Matt takes on the role of auctioneer and sells off a bevy of fine desserts made (or sometimes bought) by enthusiastic volunteers.

It's a rollicking good time as bidders vie for their favorites, knowing that even if the price goes sky-high, it's all for a good cause. If you'd like to donate a dessert, just bring it to the fellowship kitchen prepared to go, before services on Sunday morning. Treats can be an entire cake, pie or other large item, or a small bag or box of cookies or cupcakes. Often an attractive presentation will help bring a higher price.

The youth will be meeting on Saturday, April 23, in the CBC kitchen from 11am to 3pm, to prepare the food and set up for the meal. This will take the place of the monthly FUN event for April. Any young people who help cook, serve, and set up for the fundraiser are eligible to share in the proceeds to help pay for camp fees.



April Men's Breakfast

This month's Men's Breakfast will take place on Saturday, April 23rd at 8:00am. Yes, some of our men *can* cook, by all reports the food has been tasty! And the fellowship and devotions are pretty great, too. Meet in the Youth Room at the top of the stairs on the east side of the church. You won't regret it!

