



**CALVARY CHURCH**  
CRYSTAL LAKE

FEBRUARY 21, 2021

# CALVARY WEEKLY

## FROM THE PASTOR



Comfort. We like to feel comfort. We eat comfort foods. We seek comfort from close friends and family in times of distress.

And, when it comes to shoes, couches, mattresses, car seats...who doesn't want comfort? Comfortable is a good place to be.

What about our relationships and our love? Do we make people feel comfortable around us? Around whom do you feel comfortable?

Jesus walked through towns projecting a level of comfort to those around him. Multiple tax collectors, a handful of promiscuous women, the demon possessed, and a number of other marginal characters were welcomed into his presence. At the same time, no small number of pious individuals weren't able to get so comfortable with Jesus. He rebuked them and made them feel uncomfortable. Their arrogance was confronted and their guilty consciences felt conviction as they lied to themselves and others about who they were.

Jesus stood ready to forgive these men of their sin just as quickly as he offered forgiveness to a woman caught in adultery. But he cannot forgive what we won't confess. When we portray a self-sufficiency and a self righteous attitude, be ready to feel conviction from God's Holy Spirit.

How comfortable are you with Jesus? If you feel uneasy and guilty, then take action to honestly confess what it is you feel guilty about. Let Him forgive you. Feel his embrace of grace as he welcomes you to feel the comfort of the Holy Spirit. He will renew you, transform you, and give you strength. And the comfort and rest you've been seeking will become yours.

Pastor Gabe

## **FEBRUARY 21, 2021**

GATHERING UPDATE - ONE SERVICE at 10:00 am This Sunday. Join in person at Calvary or Online. Kingdom Kids is on a BRIEF HOLD for the next couple weeks. Our kids' ministry volunteers are re-grouping and planning a new season to begin March 7.

This Sunday we continue talking about LOVE - Approachable and Grace-Full. With these two mindsets, we'll realize a better fulfillment of the command to love our neighbor as our self.

Heat update: The heat is fixed! You won't need to wear your coat in the building this weekend.

**\*\*We recognize the rising numbers and increased limits on social gatherings. We also believe it is good to gather responsibly to worship and fellowship together. If you are sick or concerned about being exposed, please worship with us ONLINE from home. If you are healthy and comfortable worshipping in person, please join us at Calvary at 10:00. Masks are required and social distancing is made easily possible. Easily link to the LiveStream from the church website: [www.calvarycl.com](http://www.calvarycl.com)**

### **12 BASKETS SHARING CENTER**

We share God's blessing of provision EVERY Wednesday from 1-3 pm. If you would be blessed by the gift of food, and at times other household goods, please come by on Wednesday. Limited appointments are available if you cannot come on Wednesday.

### **NEW: HYBRID BIBLE STUDY**

A new Wednesday Bible Study will be available LIVE at the church or zoomed in.

Join in at Calvary or online as we head toward Resurrection Sunday with the GOSPEL front and center. Study Begins March 3rd.

Register HERE - [www.calvarycl.com](http://www.calvarycl.com) to receive the ZOOM link. No registration needed if attending in person.

### **IN PERSON BIBLE STUDY**

Meets at Church 4:00 pm on Sundays

Led by Steve and Theresa Maskrey

No Pre-Registration Required

### **CALVARY'S WEBSITE**

CalvaryCL.com will have links to almost everything contained in this newsletter. Use the church website as a hub for connecting and gathering information.



### **FACEBOOK- "CALVARY CRYSTAL LAKE"**

Connect to the main page as well as the ministry pages for Men, Women, MOPS, Children's, Refuge (Youth) and 12 Baskets!



*Owe no one anything,  
except to love each other,  
for the one who loves another  
has fulfilled the law.*

Romans 13:8