



CALVARY CHURCH
CRYSTAL LAKE

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CALVARY WEEKLY

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FROM THE PASTOR

“Only YOU can tell your story.”

Well, that may not be exactly true. You can tell the stories of others and they can tell your story. But who better to share what you know to be true about you than YOU?

In John 9, the story of the man born blind is told by John. He was there. But it's a story about a man who told his own story. The exchange went something like this:

Neighbors: How were your eyes opened?

Blind Man: The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight.

Pharisees: How did you receive your sight?

Blind Man: He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.

Jews: (to his parents) Was he really blind at birth? If so, how does he see?

Parents: Go ask him. He's a big boy.

Jews: (to the man) You claim Jesus did this, but he is a sinner, so fess up. How did it happen?

Blind Man: Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, I was blind, now I see.

Never complicated. Admittedly without complete understanding of how. But truth he could not deny. He was blind, but now he sees.

What is your story of Jesus changing you, bringing you hope, healing and transformation. As a confessor of Christ, you are different than before. Just tell that story, and where there is room to grow in knowledge and understanding, seek it and let it come in time. For now, just tell your friends and your family what you know. Let your story speak for itself. And remember, YOU are the BEST one to tell it!

Pastor Gabe

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.

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2020

Online Foyer at 9:00am - ZOOM in and greet fellow members of the Calvary Family!

The sermon, worship, and announcements video posts to Facebook and Youtube at 10:00am.

You can also view the video on the CalvaryCL.com website in the sermons tab.



MIDWEEK ZOOM CALLS

Monday - Prayer at 7:00pm

Wednesday - Bible Study at 7:00pm

These zoom calls are open invitation but require a password for security reasons.

Request the password here: <https://forms.gle/3gAPRYT79aMtkL6e7>

or by email to: gabe@calvarycl.com



KINDGOM KIDS!

Parents and Kids, check out the new PLAYLIST on Calvary's YouTube channel made just for Calvary's Kingdom Kids! NEW Videos are going up now!

Link: <https://calvarycl.com/kids/>

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!



GIVING

The opportunity and responsibility to be generous remains. "How" you give may change, but "that" you give continues to be expected of the Lord. The ministry budgets have shifted as well, but we continue to seek the Lord for how we can be used during and beyond this time. Your contribution to the work of ministry at Calvary can be online through the website, through the mail, or dropped off at the church. Please also remember that Missionaries still depend on our monthly support, and our benevolence ministries are in full swing right now.



12 BASKETS!

Our Sharing ministry continues to operate. Days of re-stocking and sharing vary. Please connect to "12 Baskets!" on Facebook for the most up to date information. If you have specific needs for assistance, contact the church and see what help is available.



PRAYER

If you have need of prayer, link here:

<https://forms.gle/opwvpZSae9wbuvqx8>

Your prayer request will be kept as confidential as you choose.

RE-ENTRY

As the restrictions are lifted in the weeks ahead, we are planning to begin gathering in groups. Using the facility God has blessed us with, keeping it sanitized, we'll begin in-person studies and services as soon as possible. Stay connected so you know when and how this is happening.

UPDATE: Beginning June 1st, we will have a small gathering almost every day of the week at Calvary.

These Bible studies and Prayer gatherings will be led by various church leaders. Watch for more details and an opportunity to sign up.

*"Come, see a man who
told me all that I ever did.
Can this be the Christ?"*
John 4:29

*"Go home to your friends
and tell them how much
the Lord has done for you,
and how he has had
mercy on you."*
Mark 5:19

*Oh give thanks to the Lord;
call upon his name; make known his
deeds among the peoples!
Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!
Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who
seek the Lord rejoice!*
Psalm 105:1-3