



**CALVARY CHURCH**  
CRYSTAL LAKE

JULY 12, 2020

# CALVARY WEEKLY



## FROM THE PASTOR

### A Happy Little Tree

The artist who introduced us to the “Joy of Painting,” Bob Ross, has given us a picture of God’s often misunderstood goodness.

When we encounter a trial or setback in our lives, the first reaction is often to think, “How could God let this happen?” Or, “Why did this happen to me?” We see it as an item of intrusion upon God’s perfect will for my life.

What if we could for a moment take a page from Bob Ross’ book and see it as part of the painting of our life that makes us unique and beautiful. On a regular basis, Bob would take his brush, load it with his favorite dark shade of brown and place quite intentionally a broad tapering stripe right in the foreground of a beautiful nature-escape. At first glance most see a blunder in the making as the masterpiece has been marred by this “uninvited” brush stroke. But then...

Then Bob, with the eye of an artist, fills in the branches, some foreground context and an invisible happy little friend who dwells in the shadow of this “intentional accident.”

Is that not an illustration of what God does with us at times? We see our lives unfolding as we’ve planned. We see it all coming together nicely. Then “it” shows up. That thing that seems so drastically out of place. It doesn’t fit the plan. It is marring the painting of your life. But then...

Then God begins to reveal - at least partially - how he is using it to bring about good. We begin to see more depth to our lives as our perspective changes. We may meet a new friend we hadn’t seen before. And though it may take a while, the context is filled in, and by faith we come to realize that what God did or allowed to be done has brought us to a new and better place. We are his masterpiece. May we learn to welcome the happy little trees of God’s making.

Pastor Gabe

## JULY 12, 2020

We GATHER in person this Sunday! We'll have 2 services (9:00 & 11:00).

We hope to see everyone at Calvary. If you cannot join just yet, we will stream the service LIVE on Calvary's YouTube channel at 11:00 am.

COMMUNION will be served during the service in pre-packed, single serve packages.

## 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.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

July 18 at 7:45 am

Great food. Great Conversation. Don't miss it!

## MIDWEEK ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday - Bible Study at 7:00 pm

This study is open invitation but requires a password for security reasons. Request the password here: <https://forms.gle/3gAPRYT79aMtkL6e7> or by email to: [gabe@calvarycl.com](mailto:gabe@calvarycl.com)

## KINGDOM KIDS!

We encourage every family to bring their kids to church on Sundays at 11:00 am for our worship Service. There won't be kid's classrooms, but the service will have a special time just for them!



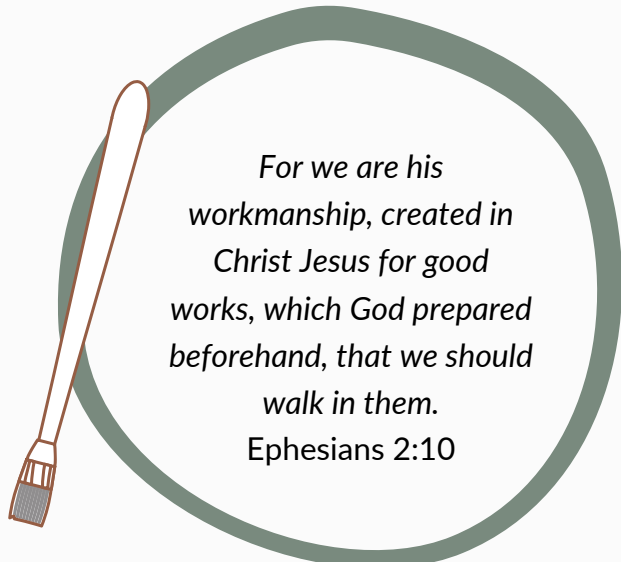
## 12 BASKETS!

FIRST and THIRD Sundays at NOON.

We are blessed so we can be a blessing! Days of re-stocking and sharing vary. Please connect to "12 Baskets!" on Facebook. If you have specific needs for assistance, contact the church and see what help is available. NEXT Scheduled Sharing Day - July 19 at Noon.



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



*For we are his  
workmanship, created in  
Christ Jesus for good  
works, which God prepared  
beforehand, that we should  
walk in them.  
Ephesians 2:10*