



Calvary Baptist Church Newsletter October 2019

DON'T WIDEN THE PLATE

I read an article several years ago about a 76 year old coach, John Scolinos, giving a speech at a coach's convention in Nashville. As the story goes, all levels of baseball coaches were present. Mr. Scolinos came on stage with Home Plate hanging on his chest.

He began to ask each coach group, "How wide is Home Plate? Seventeen inches. How wide was it for Babe Ruth? Seventeen inches. How wide for Little League all the way to the Pros. Seventeen inches."

He asked "What do you do with a Little Leaguer or a Professional when they can't get the ball within that Seventeen inches. You move him or work to get him to throw the ball within the Seventeen inches. We don't change the rules just to fit the pitcher."

He went on to deal with the need in society to stick to the rules. He said, "If I am lucky, you will remember one thing from this old coach today. It is this: If we fail to hold ourselves to a higher standard, a standard of what we know to be right; if we fail to hold our spouses and our children to the same standard, if we are unwilling or unable to provide a consequence when they do not meet the standard, and if our schools and churches and our government fail to hold themselves accountable to those they serve, there is not one thing to look forward to....."

Coach Scolinos died in 2009. Just how much further down that road we've come since 2009. The last 10 years have seen us not only widen the plate, but shred it into something quite unrecognizable. Is it too late? We can feel the forces of evil trying to push us beyond the parameters we have set for ourselves as Americans and Christians. We see it in our national election process and in the doctrines of our Churches. Any means is permissive to achieve the end result desired by the Enemy. It is up to us to hold the line, and we must never, ever agree to widen the plate.

Jeremiah 17:10 "I the LORD search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds."

What a great story of truth. The church can do many different things to attract lost and un-churched folks to come hear the Gospel and participate. But we must never open up the Gospel to be changed just to help someone feel more comfortable or not be critical of us.

I've heard from some groups that the Church is creating problems for people because of its position on certain social issues. Some even accuse the Church of being the reason youth are doing some serious damage to their lives. I say, could it be that the Church is right and some folks are feeling guilty due to the working of the Holy Spirit and are damaging their lives from the guilt, not the position of the Church.

We need to hold to the things we know to be true and always be compassionate with those who disagree. We need to state our beliefs and put an arm around those who say they are hurt by our truth. Jesus was never cruel toward the unbeliever. The only folks he had harsh words for were those in the religious community who wanted to widen the plate, change God's standards to make themselves more comfortable.

We do need to get out of our historical boxes for ministry, but not out of our box for the truth. Don't widen the Plate of the Gospel, just to make someone comfortable.

Pastor Dan

Staff

Interim Pastor:
Dan Agee

Cell- 540-483-1610

Email: pastor@cbcflloyd.org

Administrative Assistant:
Tammy Bowen

Church Office Hours:

Tuesday—Thursday 8:00—1:00 p.m.
540-745-3744

E-Mail: cbcflloyd@swva.net
Web site: cbcflloyd.org

Worship Services and Activities

SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. Pastries and coffee in the fellowship hall

9:45 a.m. Sunday school opening in the Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service

Children's Church during Worship Service

WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m. Bible Study

Prayer study group seeks to have the Church pray for "Unity and doing the will of God"




Hershel Asbury
 Tammy Bowen
 Billy brown
 Arthur Conner
 Emmie Conner
 Francis Conner
 Kristine Dalton
 Kallie Dunford
 J.K. Edwards
 Kendall Epperly
 Tracy Flint
 Kim Fox
 Jeff Funkhouser
 Holly Henninger
 Melody Herman
 Karen Holtz
 Steve Janney
 Shawn Kaiser
 Barbara Kenmore
 David Kerns
 Diane Kerns

Betty King
 Josh Lawson
 Arnold Linkous
 Lois Mabery
 Pat Mabry
 Angie Miller
 Charlotte Peters
 Jake Poff
 Jake Reynolds
 Kalyn Sowers
 Don & Billy Short
 Shirley Thomas
 Jason Underwood
 Megan Vest
 April Wade
 Dale Wade
 Leander Wilkes
 Pat Whitlock
 Sharon Young



October 01—Barbara Poff
 October 02—Jeff Funkhouser
 October 04—Angela Huff
 October 04—Betty Boothe
 October 14—Debbie Snellings
 October 15—Debbie Tanner
 October 15—Shepherd Wade
 October 18—Damion Blosser
 October 19—Janie Jones
 October 23—John Diamond Sr.
 October 24—Andy Bandy
 October 24—Kaitlyn Diamond
 October 29—Vera Lee

~ Planning Team ~
 6:30 p.m Leadership/ Planning
 Team will meet on Monday,
 September 30th at the
 church to work on the
 Calendar for the upcoming
 church year.
 David Thomas



~Calvary's Mountain Toppers~
 Movie Night at the church
 on Saturday, October
 19th at 7:00 p.m. We will be
 watching "God's Not Dead 3:
 A Light in Darkness". We will
 have refreshments after the
 movie. Come out and join us!
 Danny & Carol Vaughn, Leaders

~Women's Bible Study~



Women's Bible Study on Thursday,
 October 3rd at 10:00 a.m. at the
 church. We will be finishing up Dr.
 David Jeremiah's Book "Overcomer". We will be
 discussing the last chapter -Chapter 10
 "Overcoming Death with Life".

Carol Vaughn,
 Leader

Kid's Corner



HARVEST Trail Mix

This portable snack combines favorite fall flavors.



What you need:

- 1/4 cup maple syrup
- 1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 2/3 cup pecan pieces
- 1/3 cup roasted pumpkin seeds
- 1/3 cup almonds
- 1/4 cup raisins
- 2/3 cup dried fruit (any)

What you do:

1. Microwave syrup, spices, seeds and nuts for 30 seconds at a time, stirring frequently, until mixture thickens.
2. Spread the mixture on a baking sheet lined with wax paper. Let cool and harden.
3. Break the candied nuts into chunks. Combine with dried fruit.
4. Store in airtight container.



Harvest hunt

Directions: After unscrambling each leaf's word, follow the vine to complete the Bible verse.

caepe

reway

delfis



Peacemakers who sow in _____ reap a harvest of righteousness. James 3:18, NIV

Let us not become _____ in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9, NIV



I tell you, open your eyes and look at the _____!
They are ripe for harvest. John 4:35, NIV

Answer: peace, weary, fields



Calvary Baptist Church Calendar October 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2  7:00 p.m. Bible Study	3  10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study at the church	4	5
6  Sounds Of Harmony Lords Supper Deacons' Meeting following morning worship 	7	8	9  7:00 p.m. Business Meeting	10  7:00 p.m. Bible Study	11	12
13  Teresa Epperly	14	15	16  No Bible Study	17  6:00 p.m. Friends and Food	18	19  7:00 p.m. Mtn Toppers Movie night at the Church
20  Deb Funkhouser	21	22	23  7:00 p.m. Bible Study	24	25	26
27  Sounds Of Harmony	28	29	30  7:00 p.m. Bible Study	31		

Calvary Baptist Church
1400 Floyd Hwy. N
Floyd, Virginia 24091