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Pastor's Column

There is a new country song by Kenny Chesney with the title, *"Don't Blink."* It is about a news reporter who interviews a man turning 102 years old with a question about what he learned in that time. His response is the title of the song, about how quickly time (even 102 years) passes. Hard to believe that ¾ of the year 2007 is gone, and how true it is that the older you are, the faster it seems to go! The song implies the importance of focusing your energy and effort on the right things – like marriage and family.

The Psalmist writes *"The length of our days is seventy years – or eighty if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away."* And a few verses later; *"Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days."* A very similar commentary on the quickness with which life passes – but one that adds the importance of asking God to fill our lives with His presence.

We live in a world that is seeking to make sense of the seeming senselessness or purpose of life. One that acknowledges the quickness of it and the trouble in it, but no solution for it. Our outlook and understanding of life agrees with the first two statements, but is the exact opposite of the third. There is a solution that radically alters the perspective and that solution is the visitation and incarnation of God into the human condition and experience in the person of Jesus the Christ. Not only does Jesus make sense of our purpose, He also brings the knowledge that life (while fleeting this side of heaven) goes on forever! And that while there is trouble along the way in this valley, *"his unfailing love enables us to 'sing for joy and be glad all our days!'"*

Jesus calls us into this relationship of life with Him, asks us to grow in understanding and applying it to our daily life through study and prayer, and sends out into a confused world to live joyful lives and tell others about our source of gladness. For us the meaning of *"Don't Blink"* is, first, you might miss a blessing God has given (like marriage and family), and second, an opportunity to tell someone the solution to their confusion – Jesus.

An Update on Us

I have received more than a few inquiries into how we are doing now that we have experienced the passing of some time since Pat went to heaven. It is a difficult question to answer because it depends on the time of day, how many memories were sparked, and the happenings of the day. Overall we are doing okay. My grief particularly has been tempered by having time to grieve with Pat as we faced the past few years of her slow deterioration and the sadness, anger, and the other emotions these elicited in our life. And tempered more by the very evident merciful hand of God working daily and regular miracles in our life until the very moment Jesus came to take Pat by the hand.

I take wonderful comfort in knowing she is healed perfectly and now abides in the presence of our Lord. This also robs grief of its stronghold on us - for the knowledge we have of being reunited with her releases hope for the moment, the day and the rest of our lives.

The opportunity of ministry, the privilege of professing and teaching of the "hope that lies within me", and the continued strong prayer support of family, friends and the Church of God keep us moving forward in the journey through this valley of shadows until we rest in the arms of the Good Shepherd.

Okay may be the best we ever have, but it is still better than the pit of despair. Okay is really OK!

Calvary's Website:

Youth Stuph

Middle School Youth Group

October – November Calendar

10/2/07 Youth Group Meeting/Walk to Jack in the Box! Bring at least $5.00 to spend.

10/5/07 Late Night Bowling at Castro Village Bowl…Cost $10.00 Sleepover in Youth Room! Meet at Calvary 9:00pm Bowl from 11:00pm - 1:00/Lights out 2:00am/Wake 8:00 am
Donuts Sat. am/Pick – up Saturday Morning 11:00 am Sign-up in Youth Room or Church office by 9/25/07

10/17/07 **No meeting/Outdoor Ed Week

10/30/07 Youth Group Meeting 6:30 – 8:00pm Free Pizza Night! Wig and make-up night! Wear a wig and/or crazy make-up!

11/2/07- 11/4/07 Youth Quake! Youth Retreat…. See flyer for details!

11/6/07 Youth Group Meeting 6:30 – 8:00 pm Play Sardines!

11/16/07 BOOMERS! Meet at Calvary at 6;00pm for Pizza! Pick – up at 10:30pm! Cost $20.00 NEED DRIVERS!

11/20/07 Youth Meeting 6:30 – 8:00 pm Anti-Turkey/Taco Night

11/30/07 Movie Night at Bayfair! See what's coming! You pay for ticket…Receive $5.00 for concessions More info to follow!

** Middle School Youth Meetings are usually 1st ,3rd , and 5th Tuesdays, 6:30 – 8:00pm. This is an exception due to Outdoor Ed for 7th and 8th grade which I will also be attending.

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Odds and ends

JUST A REMINDER TO ALL THRIVENT MEMBERS

You can give a tax deductible gift to Calvary Lutheran School of up to $600.00 and Thrivent will match 50% of your gift. You can get the necessary form on line or in the Church/School office. A GREAT way to support our GREAT school.

You are invited to the Ordination & Installation of
Michael E. Hayes
October 7, 2007— 3:00pm
Refreshments following service
Messiah Lutheran Church (562)923-1215
10711 Paramount Blvd, Downey, CA 90241

Dear Christian Friends,

A thank you note to all who helped with the reception for Paul Zody held Sat., Sept. 22, 2007, husband of Donna Zody and father of Lauren & Katie. Thanks Adolph for making the coffee and the helpers Jacob & Rosalie Ellis, Carmen, Gisela, Susan, Pauline, Holly & myself. Thanks to the friends who donated monies to purchase the foods, etc. Thanks Gisela for the flowers for the tables. God's blessings to each of you knowing it was appreciated by Donna, family and friends. Thanks to Pastor for the wonderful service of hope, faith & love for and to the family. Thanks to Dave Schultz for working the sound system. God be with you all always.
Sincerely, Serving you all with God's help
Mabel Stafne & helpers

YOU ARE INVITED

NEW 6 WEEK BIBLE CLASS
STARTING OCTOBER 7TH
9:30am to 10:30am
IN THE PARISH HALL

CHARACTER
"Reclaiming Six Endangered Qualities"
We will be seeing what God's Word says about:
Courage
Discipline
Confidence
Patience
Endurance
Contentment

Come to early church. Videotape the game. You'll be home for the second quarter.

Home Craft Fair- October 4, 5, and 6
1608 Via Sarita, San Lorenzo (follow signs on Bockman Rd.)
Thursday & Friday 10am-7pm; Saturday: 10am– 5pm

We need your help!
The 60th anniversary committee is asking Calvary members to please submit photos and/or hand written memories which depict our history and growth throughout our 60 years. Submissions may be turned in to Linda Dutton in envelopes clearly marked with your name by Oct. 31st. Questions/ concerns please call Linda Dutton 566-3924 or email– ccb_wwjd@yahoo.net. Thank you!

Come Celebrate… His Enduring Love
Mark your calendars for February 23 & 24, 2008
Calvary's 60th anniversary Diamond Jubilee
Our banquet will be held Saturday evening Feb. 23, at Prince of Peace, Fremont and our church-wide celebration Sunday, Feb. 24 beginning with a 10am service followed by a fabulous lunch.

Miracle Memory Book
The 60th anniversary committee would like to print up a Miracle Memory book. Please write down and submit miracles that have taken place in your life over the past 60 years to Linda Dutton email– ccb_wwjd@yahoo.net or drop off in church office. Thank you!

Youth Encounter
Former member, Lindsay McIntosh has joined Captive Free, sponsored by Youth Encounter. Lindsay and Captive Free would like to invite you to be involved in their ministry by becoming one of their sponsors. It costs approximately $24,000 to support each team member as they volunteer for the year. Lindsay has committed to raise at least $10,000 in designated gifts towards her own support. Please prayerfully consider becoming one of Lindsay's sponsors. Thrivent members can request a matching gift form. Sponsor forms are available in church office.

Christian Bookstore
Vision Ministries Christian Bookstore
7631 MacArthur Blvd.
Oakland, CA (510)394-9076

People change their memories to make themselves appear the heroes. Have you? Jesus did not have to fool himself nor would be; He did not have to pump himself up nor modify himself in any way. He is who he said he was the Son of God the only way to the Father. He does not want to be remembered as a hero, he lives inside of us as Lord.
Charles W. Knebel

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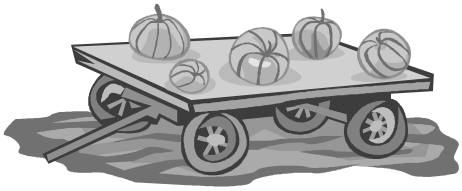

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Pastor James Bothwell

Sunday Evening Youth Group
Sr. High 6- 8pm

Worship Services

8:00am Traditional Service
(communion on 1st & 3rd Sundays)

9:30am Kingdom quest & Adult Bible Study

10:45am Contemporary Service **
(communion on 2nd & 4th Sundays)

5th Sundays one service only at 10:00am
(no Kingdom Quest or Adult Studies)

Christian Elementary School
Principal Trudy Packard
Grades Pre3 through 8th

Calvary School is recycling aluminum cans & plastic beverage bottles

Jr. High Youth 6:30-8pm (6th- 8th Grade)
1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays

Prayers of Our Church

Thanksgiving
For the birth of a healthy baby boy, Logan Sandau born on Sept. 16; For 159 Calvary students; Former members, Ted and Lorna Peterson's daughter Cathy had voluntary movement in her right arm; Gloria Day's mother was released from hospital; Test results for Darlene Goldhammer's sister came back fine

For peace in the world
President Bush and our country's leadership - For our soldiers; Kristi Morlock's brother-in-law, Todd Cook in Kuwait; Bev Green's 20 yr. old grandson, Jeffrey Wagner serving in the Airforce in Qatar; Joyce Glock's nephew's son, Aaron (age 22) deployed to Iraq for 7 months of combat duty

For our staff
Trudy Packard; Chrystle Vincent; Traci McClain; Kari Penrose; Amy Sosa; Margie Luehrs; Colleen Martchenke; Lauren Bassard; Carol Liston; Ellen Hackerd; Kristi Morlock; Bill Martchenke; Mike Souza; Kim Heggins; Blenda Schultz; Michelle Michael; Dina Morrow; Jim Kyne; Sarah Conrad; Sherrie Akre; Lisa Rodriguez; Joyce Strom; Dave Mueller; Elaine Sandau; Anne Ellis; Holly Contier; Pastor Bothwell

Ministry guidance
School Enrollment; Evangelism; Youth Ministry; Parish Education; Confirmation; Development of ministry plan – Planning Council

For comfort
Judy Lemke family (former member); Loren Martino family, cousin of Deckerts; Paul Zody family; Dicky Hither family, friend of Phil Caspersen; Helen McKeever family, neighbor of Deckerts; For the family of Kentucky Potter (Van Deckert's supervisor's mother); Dina Morrow and family for the passing of her grandmother; Lawrence Villabos family; Family of Isa Tataje; Bothwell family, Corcoran family, Harris family

Cancer patients
Deckerts' cousin, Loretta Ose stage 3 breast cancer; Ray Warke; Shirley Evjen, Doug Kuglar's father, Douglas; Bonnie Bourne; Bob Hauch; Ed McMillan; Gerri Randolphi; Karl Sendelbach; Timothy Benton; Bob Nishida; Ruth Johnson; Rich Deffner; Elisa Gaskill; Melody Saldate; Teri Grealish; Millie Salo; Jacy Bolton

Physical, emotional or spiritual healing
Carole Adams, emergency gallbladder removal Sept. 25; Friends of Jan Curler's, Don & Yvonne Davis- mental & physical hardships; Bill Benz; Chrystle Vincent's son-in-law, Bret Mendia; Van Deckert's coworker, Alicia Bejarano; Osmonti Ali; Howard Goldhammer, tenative surgery for Oct. 1; Stephanie Peterson; Mary Dorr's sister, Joyce Christiansen; Ann Stewart; Rita Lowe; Steve Ray; Wilma Ramirez; Grace Ramos; Dwight Heggins; Bud Capps; Eric Searle; Bill Glock; Pat Dailey; Sidney Lau; Bob Ellis; Elsie Schroer; Norma Smith's brother-in-law, Barney Haug; Chuck Judy; Earl Ramer; Mary Grunow; Sid Nickles; Ginny Dottaviano; Rose Brown; Rick De La Cruz's mother, Rosie; Dian Smith & mother; Stan Miller's parents; Frank Mitchell; Marie Curtis; Amy Sosa's mother, Dianne; Mabel Stafne's sister; Dick Deckert; Nancy Woodard; Don Benson; Karen Brezee; Judy Arnold; Clinton Luehrs; Carol Liston's father, mother, sister, brother-in-law, & nephew; John & Sharon Grunow; Cris Anderson; Sam Avolicino; Suzanne Avolicino's father and mother, Ray and Betty Lucas; friend of Mary Dorr, Gerry; Binder's grandchildren; Traci McClain's sister-in-law; Bernice Durant; Millie Salo; Louise Braklow; Mabel Stafne; Debbie Spence; Annie Ellis' sister, Glo; David Cannella; Angelina Singh; Louise Woodard; Bessie Benson; Mildred Judy; Kim Heggins' sister, Anna; Anna Beasley; Dave Flynn; Tom Masely

Pray for all expectant moms, that they would go full term and have healthy babies~ Jyoti's friend, Malti 22 weeks pregnant with twins, currently on bed rest; Kari Penrose; Jan Curler's cousin, Melody

Personal Needs & Other Concerns: Beltran family, U.S. residency complications; marriage difficulties; elderly parents; job related issues

School Scoop

Have you ever observed the first day of school? Our Fourth Graders, like the other Calvary students, arrived with smiling faces, eyes searching about for old friends, and backpacks full of fresh new pencils and school supplies. The students (not just their parents!) had been eagerly looking forward to the first day of school.

I hope you will be encouraged about our ministry and laugh a little as you read some of the reasons why our Fourth Grade students liked coming back to school.

- You'll start learning new stuff, and I like learning new stuff, it's just fun for me.
- Getting to see my old pal- he is my best friend.
- It's a fresh, new start. If you got bad grades or got in trouble, now is the time to start over and work harder.
- A lot of new people came to our school.
- I get to be in a new classroom upstairs.
- We have lots of books in our classroom and I love to read.
- I get to go to chapel. My Mom and Dad aren't really into church.
- I love seeing all of my friends and new students.
- You get to do homework, make stuff, and do projects with friends and family.
- No more mean big sister! (I guess he'd rather be at school than home!)
- I have a ton of fun.
- The best thing about a new school year is that we get to learn about God and learn God's Word.
- I couldn't wait to see all the books I was going to get.
- It's a great view from upstairs. You can see the whole playground.
- We sing a lot of songs in chapel.
- You get to do nice stuff for friends.
- I started a brand new school. I am learning the school rules and learning a lot in class already.
- Now I'm bigger and older.
- Seeing Mr. Souza!

Please continue to support our students and staff with your prayers and in other ways as the Lord leads you this year. "We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us." II Corinthians 5:20a

God Bless you!

Mrs. B.

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