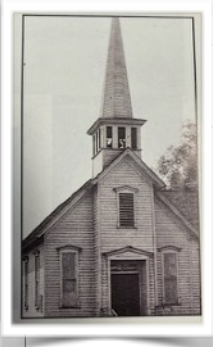


CALVARY FAMILY NEWS

January 2024



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“The First Baptist Church of Baker City was organized December 7, 1874. Rev. L.J. Boothe was chairman of the meeting and Professor S.P. Barret clerk. The members present were Hardin Estes, Perline Estes, Arthur Smith, Mary Kilbourn, Samuel Gaines, Mary Gaines, Professor Barrett, Mary Barrett, and Deiazon Smith. Rev. E.P. Waltz, the first pastor of the church came from Monroe County, Missouri, arriving at Baker City January 2, 1875. S.P. Barrett, learning that a young minister was in town, contacted him and requested him to lead a prayer meeting for his church which had just recently been organized. The 20th day of March Rev. Waltz was chosen pastor and served in that capacity for 10 years.”

Those words are taken out of the booklet that tells the history of what is now known as Calvary Baptist Church of Baker City, Oregon. If you do the math that means that at the end of this year, the Lord has graciously kept this congregation together for 150 years! Reading through our history, it is amazing to see how God has been faithful to this congregation. There have been many good times and some not so good times but through it all our Father has kept the doors open, the bills paid, and by far the most important thing, ministry to the community and the Word of God preached. There have been many pastors (including one J.M. Haskell in 1889, maybe a relative of Bob's?) and many, many more lay people who have given their time, energy, and love to serve the Lord at Calvary.

So why am I telling you all this? Because I think we need to celebrate! 150 years is a milestone that we shouldn't just pass by. At this point I don't have any real plans of what we should do. One thing I do know is that I would like it to be very public. Let's tell Baker City that God is on the throne, we have been around for a long time, and we are still here to love and serve Him and our neighbors.

Got any ideas? I would love to hear about them. In fact, here is the plan. On January 21st we will be having our first quarter business meeting (woo-hoo). But instead of just a meeting we will have a quick lunch, (I'm thinking pizza, I'm always thinking pizza) then our meeting and a planning meeting for our 150 year celebration. Please be thinking and especially praying about how we can use this to share the kingdom of God with our community.

And speaking of community, this April will be the 10th anniversary of our Community Dinner and we should be throwing a party about that as well.

Get ready for some good times at CBC.

Serving Him,

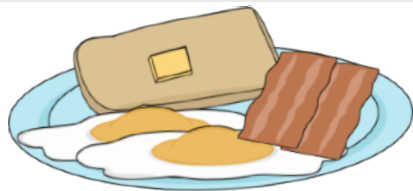
Pastor Karl





January Birthdays

- 1 Erelah Rosin
Allen Miller
Leah Reid
- 5 Chris Ralston
- 6 LaDonna
Haefer
Brent Ralston
- 13 Randy
Damschen
- 14 Angela Emmons
- 15 Jim DeMastus
- 21 Matt Rosin



Men's Breakfast will be at 8am on Saturday, January 27th, in Browning Hall. Expect Good Food, Fellowship, and Fun!

A Good New Year's Resolution....

I am no longer my own, but Yours. Put me to what You will, place me with whom You will. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed for You or laid aside for You, exalted for You or brought low for You. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to Your pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, You are mine, and I am Yours. May it be so. And may the covenant which I have just made here on earth be confirmed in heaven.

I hope you want to say "amen and amen."

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Ornaments made in Children's Church





East Coast 2024



New Year's Eve Party



We had about twenty folks gather welcome the New Year in, and play buncos and do puzzles as well as eat some of the delicious snacks and goodies, which there were a lot—popcorn, peanut butter fudge and candies, kringle pastry, cheese and crackers, chips and dip, baked bread/cheese rolls with pasta sauce, spicy, but not too spicy, meatballs, homemade cookies and much, much more!



We had a lot of fun learning to game, and throwing the dice and being together as most all of us had not played the game or was many years ago. We were all glad it was an easy game to learn and no strategy was involved in the game of chance. Jeff did get 15 mini buncos.



Danielle & Linda did oversee doing the puzzle, Jim supervised, making sure us buncos folks did not get out of line... Actually they did not try too hard to keep us in line. Many thanks to Deb and Jim for adding more pictures to our newsletter.

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First Quarter Business Meeting & Planning Time

The First Quarter Business Meeting of 2024 will be Sunday, January 21st, after our Worship Service. We will also be using that time to plan and bounce ideas around for how to celebrate Calvary Baptist Church's 150th year of being in Baker City, or our Sesquicentennial Anniversary, December 7th, 2024. Please keep it in prayer on how we can draw in the community and maybe past members, missionaries, and pastors, and help point other to God and giving Him the glory for enabling us to serve for those years as well as consider how to celebrate our 10 years of faithfully providing free dinners to the community each and every Thursday. We look forward to hearing your great ideas.



Cliff Cole Retires

After 20 plus Years of Service at the **NOCC** (Northeast Oregon Compassion Center) will be retiring! There will be an Open House for Cliff to Celebrate his time, on January 14th, from 2 - 4 pm, at the Family Life Center of Baker City Church of the Nazarene. Please stop by and wish him well and thank him for his many years of faithful service.



NOCC Annual Fundraiser Banquet & Auction

This year the Northeast Oregon Compassion Center Annual Fundraiser Banquet and Auction will be Friday, February 16th, at the Nazarene Family Life Center, with a try-tip Dinner, Silent Auction and Live Auction. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the NOCC Office Tuesday-Thursday, 9a - Noon, and 1-4pm, online and print out a receipt, or through the church office. They must be **purchased on or before Wednesday, January 31st** as **no tickets will be available at the door**, to ensure they don't oversell. Their online address is:
<https://www.neoregoncompassioncenter.org/annual-fundraising-banquet-and-auction/>





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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>31</p> <p>10a Worship & Children's Church 6-9p East Coast New Year's Eve Party</p> | <p>1</p> <p>New Year's Day</p>  | <p>2 10 am Calvary Serving Lunch at Community Connection NO Ladies' Bible Study</p> | <p>3</p> <p>5:30p Prayer & Dinner</p> | <p>4</p> <p>5-6 p Community Dinner—Pork Casserole! 6 p Celebrate Recovery</p> | <p>5</p> <p>9a Ladies First Friday Breakfast Truck Corral</p> | <p>6</p> |
| <p>7</p> <p>9a Sunday School 10a Worship & Children's Church</p>  | <p>8</p> <p>6p Men's Bible Study at Dennis' 6pm Youth Group 6pm Ladies' Bible Study at Church</p> | <p>9</p> <p>10a Ladies' Bible Study in Browning Hall</p> | <p>10 11a-Noon Lunchtime Ladies' Bible Study at Yvonne's 5:30p Prayer & Dinner</p> | <p>11</p> <p>5-6 p Community Dinner—Stew! 6 p Celebrate Recovery</p> | <p>12</p> | <p>13</p>  |
| <p>14 9a Sunday School 10a Worship & Children's Church</p> | <p>15</p> <p>6p Men's Bible Study at Dennis' 6pm Youth Group 6pm Ladies' Bible Study at Church</p> | <p>16</p> <p>10a Ladies' Bible Study in Browning Hall</p>  | <p>17</p> <p>11a-Noon Lunchtime Ladies' Bible Study at Yvonne's 5:30p Prayer & Dinner</p> | <p>18</p> <p>5-6 p Community Dinner—Cooks' Choice! 6 p Celebrate Recovery</p> | <p>19</p> | <p>20</p>  |
| <p>21 9a Sunday School 10a Worship & Children's Church 1st Q Business, Planning & Pizza Combo Meeting</p> | <p>22</p> <p>6p Men's Bible Study at Dennis' 6pm Youth Group 6pm Ladies' Bible Study at Church</p> | <p>23</p> <p>10a Ladies' Bible Study in Browning Hall</p>  | <p>24 11a-Noon Lunchtime Ladies' Bible Study at Yvonne's 5:30p Prayer & Dinner</p> | <p>25</p> <p>5-6 p Community Dinner—Sloppy Joes, Tots & Salad! 6 p Celebrate Recovery</p> | <p>26</p> | <p>27</p> <p>8am Men's Breakfast in Browning Hall</p>  |
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