



Calvary Bible Fellowship

MAY 2023 - CHURCH NEWSLETTER

RESURRECTION SUNDAY

We decided to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord this year with an afternoon service up in the mountains. It was a beautiful setting - overlooking much of the Island - as we gathered to remember the hope of our salvation. Not just that Jesus was crucified - but that He is also RISEN!

The message was from John 21. Not long after His resurrection Jesus had to go and get the disciples in the Galilee. The reason He had to go is because Peter and the boys had given up and walked away from the ministry. They knew the Lord was risen - but they assumed because they had all failed there was no hope for them to still be used by God.

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the morning. The disciples had caught nothing all day [they were not very good fishermen]. Three times Jesus asked Peter - can seem an odd exchange until we realize there are different words for LOVE in the Greek. The first two times

Jesus asked if Peter "Agape" the Lord. Peter answered he "Phileo" Jesus. But the third time Jesus changed the question. He asked if Peter "Phileo" Him. This is why Peter was not happy with the third question.

Do not miss the point. Jesus did not expect Peter to come to His level "Agape". Jesus came to his level "Phileo". He restored Peter - and just a few weeks later he would stand up and preach the Gospel and the church was born!

We serve a risen Lord. But we might not think He can use us. We might be haunted by our past and mistakes - but the truth is Jesus meets us right where we are - and has an amazing plan for our lives!



THE PURPOSE OF BAPTISM

One of my favorite things in ministry is when people step out to proclaim their faith in Jesus Christ. We were blessed to have several baptisms last month. Baptism is not about becoming a part of a particular denomination. It is also not required for salvation [the thief on the cross] though it is command for all believers - Matthew 28:19 and Acts 2:38. The purpose of baptism is to make an outward declaration of the inward transformation that takes place when we put our faith in Jesus. We are buried with Christ [seen in being submerged under the water]. The old person we used to be before we put our faith in Jesus is dead. We are then resurrected as a new creation in Jesus Christ - we have been born again [seen in coming up out of the water] - John 3:3 and 2 Corinthians 5:17.

Calvary Bible Fellowship UPCOMING EVENTS

We were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

- Romans 6:4

Sunday: Book of Revelation - We will continue our study in the book of Revelation this Sunday as we come to the church of Laodicea. They were the only church to not have anything good said about them. They were the church who left Jesus outside knocking on the door asking to come back in!

Monday - May 1: Patag Hike - We are planning a day hike up to the waterfalls in Patag. We have reserved viewing deck in Lantawan. Bring a lunch and a walking stick and come to be amazed and the beauty of our Lord's creation!

Wednesday - May 3: Worship and Communion - This coming Wednesday at 6pm we will have our monthly Night of Worship and Communion at Elisha Center. Bring a dish to pass and we will share dinner before we worship together and remember the sacrifice of our Lord!

Tuesdays & Wednesdays: Book of Psalms - We will be continuing our study through the Book of Psalms on Tuesday - May 9 at 5pm [Elisha Center] and Wednesday - May 10 at 6:30pm [Keto Mom]. You do not want to miss this incredible book that was the hymnal for the Jewish people. It is packed with powerful wisdom and instructions for how to live our lives daily for Jesus!

Friday Bible Study - Fridays @6pm - Make sure not to miss the Friday weekly Men's - Women's - and Youth Bible Study. It is a great opportunity for the families to come and be blessed. We start at 5:30pm. Bring a dish to share. Then at 6pm we break up into groups for Bible Study!



Sunday May 14: Mothers Day - We will have a special Mothers day potluck at church after the service. Dads and kids plan on bringing a dish to share as we take the time to thank our amazing wives and moms for all they do for us all year long!

Saturday May 20: Baking day - Bill Deni will be teaching an all day baking class. There are ONLY 10 spots available [first come first serve]. Cost of registration will include lunch and snacks. Sign ups will be posted on the church Messenger page.



Sunday May 28: Couples Date Night - We will be having a Couples Night Out. Mark your calendars. We will be posting more details in the coming weeks.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- Sunday 8:30am - First Service [and online] - Book of Revelation
- Sunday 10am - Second service - Book of Revelation
- Tuesday 5pm - Book of Psalms @ Elisha Center
- Wednesday 6:30pm - Book of Psalms @ Upper Room
- First Wednesday 6pm - Worship & Communion
- Friday Study 5:30pm - Men's - Women's - Youth Bible Study
- Last Friday 6pm - Fellowship Night

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