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COMING UP @ CALVARY

Don't miss these exciting events! More information is available online and in service.

Got questions about faith?
Your purpose? Life?
Come explore answers at
ALPHA
Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00pm
starting September 1st

Bring unwanted, lightly used coats
to help others in need!
Calvary Cares Coat Drive
Accepting Coats through
October 10th

Join us for the 37th Annual
Calvary Golf Tournament
Saturday, September 25th
See details within



Help students in our neighborhood
by donating to the
School Supply Drive
Delivering supplies to families on
Saturday, September 18th
11:00am-1:00pm

Enjoy fun and fellowship
while learning to knit!
Join us for
KNIT NITE
Fridays, 6:00-9:00pm
Starting on September 10th

Learn how to more effectively
share your faith at the
Evangelism Training
Sunday, September 12th
1:00-3:30pm

Learn more about capital and work
at the next **School of Theology**
Thursday, September 16th
7:00-9:00pm

School of Theology on Capital/Work

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Weekly Ministries

Sunday Worship Service
10:00am

Monday Prayer Night
7:30-8:30pm

Wednesday Prayer Walk
2:00-3:00pm



Back in the Box

A number of years ago John Ortberg wrote a fantastic little book called *When the Game is Over it All Goes Back in the Box*. In short, John calls every believer to consider the 'game' of life and the resources each person uses to either succeed or flounder in their personal and spiritual journey.

What's interesting is how you define the game of life and the resources it takes to succeed and indeed, by the world's standards, win the game. For example, you might define being successful at life as having the most financial resources, the biggest house, best education or maybe even the greatest health.

But when you die everything you've amassed at the game of life goes straight back in the box. You won't take the material possessions or financial wealth with you. Essentially, the game of life finishes the same way it started and the only things you get to walk away from the table with are the very same things you had when it started – your own soul and the relationship you built with your creator.

It's interesting that one person could be simultaneously "winning" at the game of life but losing at the game of eternal life, fixing their eyes on material things that they won't take with them when they die.

Jesus was preaching one time and compared earthly and eternal treasures. In a passage that we've come across at least a few times in our teaching series called **Money Matters**, he says:

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CALVARY BOARD REPORT

Board Member Devotion

Colossians 3:9-10 speaks of putting off our old self and putting on the new self. Many of us are very blessed and successful by the world's standards. But as Christians, we are held to a higher standard. (Romans 12). We must die to our old self & habits. We often spend too much time focusing on ourselves. We may spend too much time on the phone or watching TV. Instead, let's consider spending more time in God's Word and prayer, living for Christ, not in self alone, following the Great Commission and bringing others to Christ. Calvary's college and children's ministries are two examples of living this out faithfully. Let us pray, asking God how we can serve in ministries for Him in our own way.

VBS Report: leaders & helpers increased their faith, stepping up to serve Christ. Six children and five parents accepted Christ. It was a joy to see many VBS families attend the Sunday Worship Service on August 1st.

August 2021 Financials

Income:	\$20,068.32
Expenses:	<u>\$13,673.56</u>
Net Income:	\$ 6,394.76
	(loss)

Helpful tip: To practice good stewardship, please return unused offering envelopes and pens to the foyer after worship service on Sunday. Thank you in advance for your stewardship!

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

In Memory of:

Sen Akaba – Steve & Barbara Takemoto
Ron Chan – Mary Lam
Miki Kagoshima – The Kagoshima Family
Harold Aoyama – Aiko Aoyama,
 Russell Aoyama and Sam Tanaka

Compassion Child

Mary Lam

Birthday Offering

Vanessa Sanchez Reyes

Deacon's Fund

Tim & Hisako Smith
 Roy & Emily Takeuchi

Mercy Ministries

Janice Ishimaru
 Mary Lam

Ways to Give:

Generosity changes lives! John 3:16 says "God so loved the world that He gave..." Your generosity is living proof that God is still transforming lives today.

To stay up to date on your giving, you can: Complete an offering envelop and mail it back to the church.

NEW: ONLINE GIVING

Go to calvarystockton.church/give to set up automatic or one-time giving. It's a safe, convenient and easy-to-use way to stay up to date on your giving!

PRAYERS and THANKSGIVINGS:

- Thank you, Jesus, for Miki's memorial service.
- Thank you, Jesus, for the development and implementation of VBS.
- Thank you for Bible Study and our Small Groups.
- Prayers for Dorothy's heart procedures.
- Healing prayers for Robin Carlson's unknown health issues.
- Recovering prayers for Daniel Galaviz's heart problems.
- Blessing for Earl Pavao who was released from the hospital.
- Comforting prayers for the George Taddie family, who lost their father.

- Healing prayers for the Steve Pult family recovering from COVID.
- Prayers for Terry and Tina who evacuated their home in Chester due to fires.

CONTINUOUS PRAYERS:

- Tatsumi, arthritis in the knee.
- Opportunities to share the love of Christ through the summer bowling league.
- Joe's continuous healing prayers.
- Guidance for Calvary, our Pastor and his family, the congregation, Converge, and all Christian churches to be a light to the world.
- Revival for our country and prayers that our country returns to following Jesus Christ.

Calvary Cares Coat Drive

will take place from **Now thru October 10, 2021**

We are partnering with Salvation Army to donate coats to their annual coat giveaway, which will take place on November 5, 2021.

We welcome new and gently used coats to bless the community. Please bring to the social hall coat rack.

Luke 3:11 John replied, "If you have two shirts, give one to the poor. If you have food, share it with those who are hungry."



FACILITIES REPORT

- ◇ Thanks to all who pitched in to help clean the church in the absence of Tatsumi Stearns. Tatsumi is experiencing some health issues and hasn't been able to clean the church for the past few weeks. Please keep Tatsumi in your prayers.
- ◇ We were experiencing some air conditioning issues in the chapel and Sunday School classrooms. Guy Russo of Russo Heating/AC came out and the issues have been resolved.
- ◇ Special thank you to Allen Fong and Kevin Wong for updating our audio visual and sound system.

Submitted by Stephen Takemoto



KNIT NITE IS BACK!

Dust off those bags of yarn!
Break out those crochet hooks and knitting needles!!
Gather all those snacks you are dying to share.
Bring everything to Calvary Church social hall.

Every Friday, 6:30pm – 9:00pm
Starting September 10th

There will be lots of fun, laughter, food
and YES, knitting!

Now's the time to learn!
There will be FREE yarn, FREE crochet hooks
FREE knitting needles, FREE instruction!

Come and join the fun!
Looking forward to "hooking" you up!

PASTOR'S LETTER (continued from page 1)

“Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.” (Matthew 6:19-21, NLT)

What is your deepest desire? To be seen as successful, relevant, important, indeed, to be known? Isn't that why people play the game of life in the first place, to be approved of and be known by others?

Our world is hyper-sensitive to this desire. We now live in a day and age where everyone is projecting an image of themselves on social media. The aim? To make others think they are

important, successful, rich ... winning the game.

But the game will eventually end – and along with it the 15 minutes of fame, possessions, and wealth. Everything will go back in the box. What remains will be one who knew you all along. He is your creator God, who knows you, loves you, and sent His son Jesus to die for you on a cross.

The wisest game-players remember that the game is always going to end. So when it's all said and done, what are you going to take with you to the Kingdom of God?

Yours in Christ,



Pastor Andrew

Catalyst Ministry

In August, Catalyst began a process of alternating our weekly life group gatherings on Wednesday nights with B-Group meetings on those alternating weeks. B-Group stands for Belong Group. These groups of 2-3 Catalyst members are designed to create more intentional spaces of living life together. Some B-Groups have met in the homes of members while other groups have taken their meetings to coffee shops. One of the main goals of these B-Group meetings is to understand that ministry doesn't just happen within the confines of the church building, but anywhere and everywhere the Holy Spirit is present in our gatherings. We ask for your prayers that as we continue down this new path of discipleship, we would see significant growth, not only in our relationship with the LORD, but also in our relationships with each other.

Submitted by Brett Nakashima



37th Annual Calvary Church **GOLF TOURNAMENT** Saturday, September 25th, 2021

Oakmoore Golf Course
3777 N. Wilson Way, Stockton CA
Tee Time at 10:00am
\$65 Entry Fee

9:00-9:45am Putting Contest
10:00 Shotgun Start

4-Person Scramble, 18 Holes
Closest to the Pin

Men's and Women's Divisions

Tri-Tip lunch following event

To register, contact Gary Low (209) 477-8604 or Willie Low (209) 952-3530

SUN	M	T	W	TH	F	SAT
29 Worship Service: 10:00am	30 Prayer Night: 7:30pm – 8:30pm	31 Mercy Ministry: 2:00pm – 4:00pm	1 Small Group: 10:00am Alpha Course: 7:00pm - 9:00pm	2 Weekly Email Newsletter	3 Office closed Open Gym and Worship Service: 6:00pm – 9:00	4 Men’s Fellowship Breakfast: 8:00am – 10:00am
5 Worship Service: 10:00am Holy Communion	6 Prayer Night: 7:30pm – 8:30pm	7 Small Group: 7:30pm – 9:00pm	8 Small Group: 10:00am Alpha Course: 7:00pm - 9:00pm	9 Weekly Email Newsletter	10 Office closed Open Gym and Worship Service: 6:00pm – 9:00 Knit Nite: 6:00pm – 9:00pm	11
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BIBLE TRIVIA

Which plague of Egypt fell from the sky?

What was Moses' sister's name?

How many children did King Rehoboam have?

Who was King Solomon's mother?