

## From the Pastor's Pen...

Today, September 11, 2019, is the 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the worst terrorist attack in the history of our nation. It makes me pause and ask myself a question. Is the church in America prepared for a terrorist attack? I don't mean terrorists with bombs and guns. I mean spiritual terrorists. Unless you've been in a coma for the last couple of years, you should know that Christians are being targeted more and more by various groups and agencies, many within government.

Is the church prepared for things to get worse? Are we prepared to stand strong in the Lord and in the power of His might? Are we prepared to wage war for the gospel and the glory of God and endure whatever consequences may come? The time to prepare for an attack is before it happens. The time to prepare for spiritual terrorism is now.

This is not the time for carnivals and entertainment in the church. This is not the time to be spiritually shallow in hopes of attracting people who have no interest in God. This is the time to grow deep. We must grow deep in our knowledge of God and His Word. We must grow deep in our prayers individually and corporately. We must grow deep in our reliance on God in all things. We must grow deep in our love for Christ.

We can no longer afford to treat the faith as a casual matter. This is the time to cast off casual, cultural Christianity. It's time we take our walk with the Lord and our work for the Lord more seriously than we ever have. We don't need gimmicks or fancy programs. Those will be the first things to go when the winds of persecution start to blow. We need to anchor ourselves deep in the bedrock of God and His infallible Word. It's time to armor up!

Bro. Paul

## Caleb's Connections...

### Matthew 3:4

"Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey."

It is easy to say that, in the eyes of the world, John the Baptist was a strange man. He wore camel's hair and ate locusts and wild honey. Without a shadow of a doubt, he was not concerned with what other people thought of him. John knew what was important. He knew that after him, Jesus would come and bring salvation into the world. John wasn't concerned with impressing people, or having the right flashy show. John was concerned with preparing the way for the savior of the world. And Jesus would say Himself that "...among those born of women there is no one greater than John [the Baptist]" (Luke 7:28 NIV)

I hope that some of us can adopt the attitude of John. To get our minds off of what the world sees as important and fix our eyes on Christ! I hope we are a people not concerned with impressing people, but instead concerned with saving the lost.

### Prayer Requests

- Pray that we would be a people unashamed of the Gospel, who keep it the center and focus of our lives

- Pray that our students will use their schools as the mission field that God has given them

From what's on my heart,

Caleb

## 🎵 Cory's Column...

Proverbs 3:5-6 NASB

<sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart  
and do not lean on your own understanding.  
<sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge Him,  
and He will make your paths straight."

A Prayer for all of God's children at Parkway:

Heavenly Father,

Teach us to trust You more. Teach us to follow You with all of our heart, not just part of it. If left to our own understanding and ability, we would fail; we would perish. But in trusting You completely, Father, we find Your wisdom, Your strength, Your life. Teach us to trust You more.

Teach us Your ways, O God. May we acknowledge You in every aspect of our lives. May we seek Your will, know it, and surrender to it in all of our ways to the end that our ways become Your ways. May we repent of compartmentalizing our lives concerning You, and may we never again fail to honor You in every part of them – our personal time, our families, our work, our hobbies, our thoughts, our conversations. And, as we endeavor to seek and surrender to You, help us to trust in Your promise to make our paths straight. Guide our paths by the lamplight of Your Word and the direction of Your Holy Spirit within us. Teach us Your ways, O God.

Amen.

Always Singing His Praises!

Bro. Cory

**Katey's Korner...**

**Family Bible Challenge**

52 Verses Every Christian Should Know

Sept. 1-7	Numbers 6:24
Sept. 8-14	Colossians 3:20
Sept. 15-21	Romans 3:23
Sept. 22-28	Genesis 1:1

**OCC September Donations:**

Socks, Flip Flops, Bandanas & Fabric Bags  
(A donation container is in the glass hallway.)

**Sunday, September 29**

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck Breakfast @ 9:30am  
Church will provide sausage, biscuits, gravy and drinks  
Bring a dish to share

Kids' Sermon @ 6:00pm

SNAC for youth after Kids' Sermon

Love in Christ,

Katey

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September 8, 2019

Sunday School Attendance	107
Guests	2
Aug Sunday School Avg. Attendance	104
Aug Income	\$32,850.40
Aug Expense	\$29,625.95

The Lord's Additions

September 1, 2019 – August 31, 2020

By Letter
By Baptism
By Statement
Total

September Food Pantry Needs

Dishwashing Liquid, Plastic Bags, Fruit Cups, Grits,  
Microwave Meals (mashed potatoes, Dinty Moore, Ravioli, spaghetti, etc.),  
Individual Fruit Juices, Individual Cereals, Granola Bars

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September is Margaret Lackey State Missions Emphasis Month

Our Goal: \$1,200

Offering Sunday is Sept. 29

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See You At The Pole

Sunday, Sept. 22

Calvary Baptist Church

at 6:00p.m.

Meet at your school's flag pole for prayer

Wednesday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> at 7a.m.

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Men's Night

Saturday, Sept. 28th at 6:00p.m. at Jakob Kindt's house.

Cost: \$5 Menu: BBQ, Beans, Slaw, Potato Salad

Sign up in the glass hallway by Wednesday, Sept. 25

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3rd Sunday Ushers

David Moore, Norman Bowen, Billy Lowry,

David Cox, Bobby Wages, Greg Smith

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