



Calvin Presbyterian Church

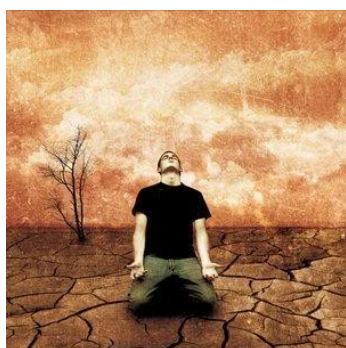
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A Week of Prayer and Fasting at Calvin Church January 11-17, 2015

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"Satan trembles when he sees the weakest saint upon his knees."

Anonymous

For the fifth year in a row we are partnering with several other churches in Corvallis to set aside a week in January for prayer and fasting. I cannot think of a better way to head into a new year than seeking God. Prayer is not for the spiritually elite; it is for EVERY follower of Jesus. Praying allows us to humble ourselves before Almighty God and listen to what He is saying. When we draw close to God in prayer, He will draw close to us. When we seek God with all our hearts, we will find him. God hears us when we pray! One recent example of answered prayer is when we recently gathered for a Sunday evening of prayer for anyone who wanted prayer. Pastor Marc received prayer for a bad cold he had for two weeks; after we prayed, the next day he was better.

The joy of prayer is being experienced each Sunday morning when we pray from 8:30 -9:00 a.m. for our worship service. Most often we will pray for God's presence to be evident to people and that NO ONE will leave the building without feeling loved by God and people at our church. Time and again those who have come to pray are amazed at how God backs up our prayers in our worship service. EM Bounds said, *"What the church needs today is not more or better machinery, not new organizations, or more novel methods; but people whom the Holy Spirit can use, people of prayer, people mighty in prayer."*

Here at Calvin we are calling for a corporate time of prayer and fasting the week of **Sunday, January 11th thru Saturday, January 17th**. We want to encourage everyone at Calvin to commit to pray and possibly fast in some fashion during this week. A few ways you may want to fast are: fasting from all food ... from specific foods ... from social media ... or other forms of fasting. Fasting all week ... one day during the week ... giving up every lunch ... eating only one meal each day. Jesus in Matthew 6:16 said *"when you fast..."* He assumed that as His followers, we would take time to pray and fast at various times in our lives.

Following are some opportunities to come and pray with others from our church during this week:

Sunday evening, January 11, 4:30-5:30 p.m. This hour of prayer will be the beginning of our week of prayer and fasting. We will meet in the sanctuary to ask God's favor as we seek His Kingdom will on behalf of our church, city, and world.

**Hour of prayer: two opportunities
Monday - Friday**

- Noon-1:00 p.m.; prayer in the sanctuary (if you are on lunch break please come even if it is for part of the hour).
- 4:30-5:30 p.m.; prayer walk our neighborhood. Each day we will prayer walk one of the 5 neighborhoods we have mapped off. This is simply walking in pairs and praying for the schools, homes, and businesses around Calvin.

I cannot emphasize enough the importance of praying together as a church family. When we pray together **I truly believe God moves in powerful ways.** Please consider participating in this week of prayer and fasting. If you are unable to join in any of the corporate prayer times, we are making available a "Prayer Points Guide" that will be a bulletin insert on Sunday, January 11th. It is also on page 2 of this Courier. If you are going to be fasting some during the week, here is a link to Campus Crusade's website with some suggestions when going on a fast: <http://www.ccci.org/training-and-growth/devotional-life/personal-guide-to-fasting/index.htm>.

Prayer Points for Calvin Presbyterian Church

January 11-17, 2015

Sunday, January 11th—Revival of God's people

Will you not revive us again: that your people may rejoice in You? Psalm 85:6

Pray for our Sunday morning worship and for the team who plans worship each week; for God to show us His vision for our church. Pray for the Pastor Search Team and the pastor God is calling to Calvin.

Monday, January 12th—Spiritual Awakening of lost and broken people

When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. Mark 6:34

Pray for our Children's Ministry/Pioneer Club, Calvin youth, college students.

Tuesday, January 13th—Evangelization of every people

... for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost. Luke 19:10

Pray for InterVarsity—Michael & Dawn DeGarmo; Cru—Melissa Crabtree; Uganda—Streams of Life Church/Asante Kids; Bridge Builders Int./Partneri Latvia—Paula Hewitt (Ireland); Servant Partners, South Africa—Trevor & Chrissy Davies (on Sabbatical).

Wednesday, January 14th—Transformation toward God's peace in our city

... and seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray to the Lord for it. Jeremiah 29:7

Pray for Calvin staff, elders, deacons & leadership development team; for various needs of people at Calvin—health, jobs, relationships. Pray for Friends of the Family, Options Pregnancy Resource Centers.

Thursday, January 15th—Reconciliation of relationships

Love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you. Matthew 5:44

Pray for marriages, for small groups/Bible studies—that they would be a place to grow closer to God and others.

Friday, January 16th

A new commandment I give you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you are to love one another. John 13:34

Pray for Block Party, Community Garden, Linus Pauling, Garfield, Acorn Outreach, Men's Ministry, Love INC.

Saturday, January 17th

With one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 15:6

Pray blessing for our church family—use our church directory to pray for God's grace and mercy for each family.

Winter Sunday School Christianity 101

Today the Evangelical Presbyterian Church perhaps best represents the biblical Christian tradition in the United States, uniting the Reformation commitment to scriptural authority and sound doctrine with the evangelical witness of the Christians who came to the New World. This 11-week class beginning on **Sunday, January 11th** is intended for everyone, not just those in leadership roles. We will rapidly cover relevant church history from the New Testament to the present, the basics of theology (God, mankind, Christ, salvation, the Holy Spirit, church and sacraments, and

eschatology - where is this all headed?), and our purpose on earth as created beings and Christians. Each week will combine a chapter of the EPC Leadership Training guide (on the above topics) with a closely related Bible passage or chapter. The guide is available to purchase for \$4. We have some available here at the church and can order more if needed. You can also go to the EPC and read it in a pdf. The EPC website link to download the guide is <http://www.epc.org/resources/download-epc-documents/>.

Calvin's Annual Meeting Sunday January 25

11:15 a.m.
**Immediately following
the worship service**

Plan to stay as we celebrate the past year and elect Deacons, Elders, and Nominating Committee representatives.

Praying for Calvin's Neighbors

Since 2011 we have been praying for the neighborhoods around Calvin. Each Sunday we list one of the five neighborhoods and some of the businesses, schools and ministries in it, as well as church members who have connections to them. This year we continued to build our relationships in the neighborhood in several ways.

- With Linus Pauling Middle

School, providing a meal for the staff during parent-teacher conferences, and by helping with their clean-up day in August.

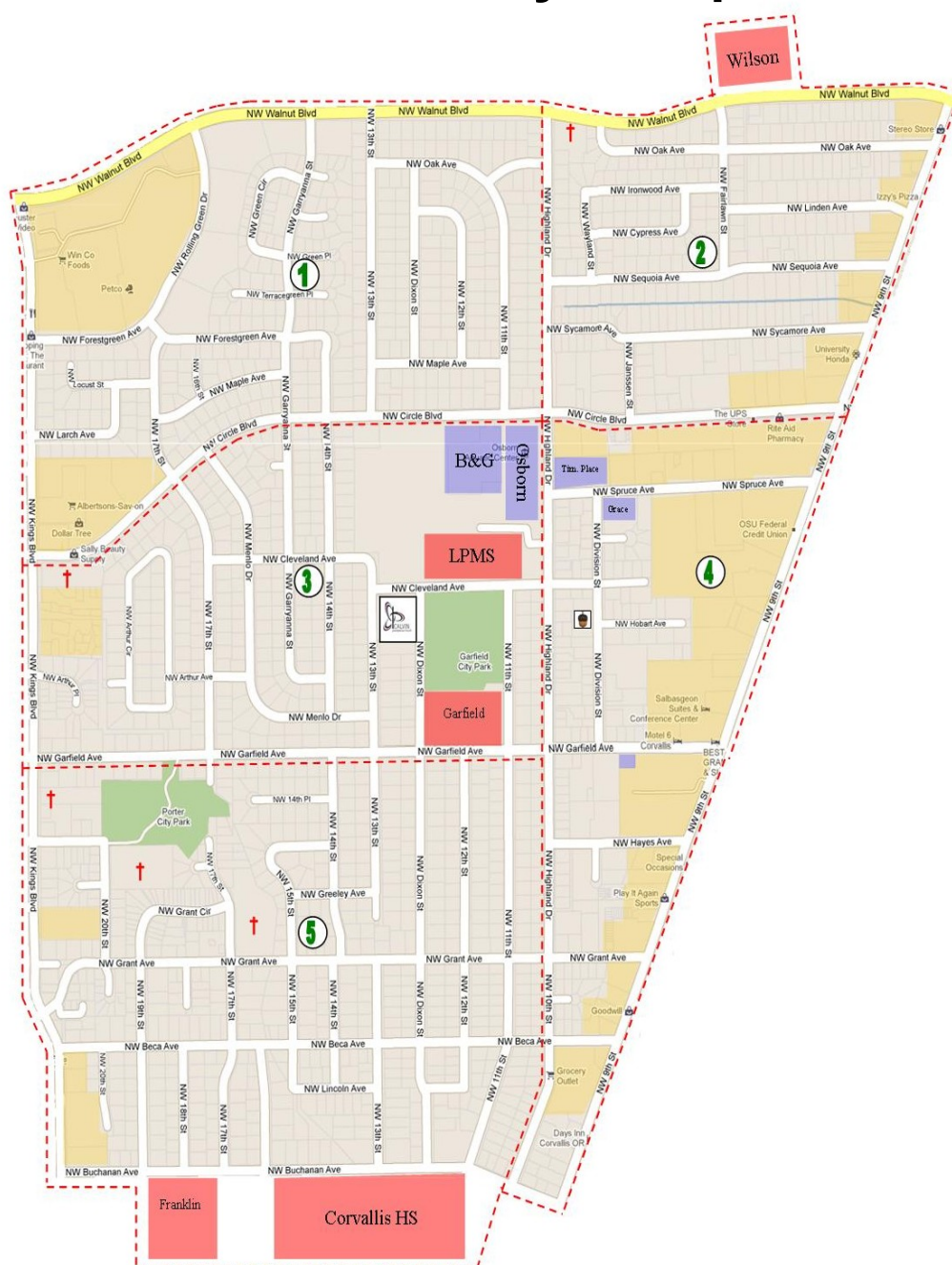
- We co-sponsored our 3rd annual Garfield Park Block Party with the Neighborhood Association, Iglesia Emanuel and the Korean Presbyterian Church.
- Beginning in December, Child Evangelism Fellowship is hosting

a Garfield-based Good News Club at Calvin on Thursday afternoons.

- Several new beds were created in the Community Garden, making space for many people on the waiting list.

As we move forward into 2015, please continue to pray for the area around Calvin. Ask God to show you how you can be a blessing to our neighbors.

Calvin's Prayer Map



Neighborhood 1

Circle—Walnut; Highland—Kings

Neighborhood 2

Circle—Walnut; Highland—9th
Wilson Elementary—Marta
McCracken (1st grade)

Neighborhood 3

Garfield—Circle; Highland—Kings
Calvin Presbyterian Church
Korean Presbyterian Church
Community Garden
Garfield Elementary School
Linus Pauling Middle School
Boys & Girls Club

Neighborhood 4

Buchanan—Circle; Highland—9th
Acorn Outreach—board members
Mark Edwards, Ellen Ogle, Laura
Rung, Ben Slothower
Timberhill Place
Vina Moses Center

Neighborhood 5

Garfield—Taylor; Highland—Kings
Corvallis High School—Linda
Keller (counseling office)
Franklin K-8—Gail Eby (office);
Cathy Shreeve (Ed. Asst.), Carol
Andresen (7th grade); Denise Wells
(8th grade)
Grant Avenue Preschool—Mindy
Aithwaite, Katie Andresen, Kim
Oxsen

January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<i>1</i> Office Closed 	<i>2</i> 	<i>3</i>
<i>4</i> 9 Prayer 10 Worship	<i>5</i> 	<i>6</i> 8:45 Prayer 1 Women's Bible Study	<i>7</i> 12 Prayer 6:30 Pioneer Club	<i>8</i> Staff Retreat Office Closed	<i>9</i> 	<i>10</i> 7 Women's Precepts Bible Study
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Outreach Partner Update: Bridge Builders News from Paula Hewitt

Dear Calvin Friends,

I so appreciate your love, concern, and prayers for me. Things here in Ireland are going well. I am able to lead or help with two Bible Studies for Latvians (one is in Dublin, the other in Carrickmacross) and have one conversation group. It is especially important that you pray people will understand the Scriptures and want to follow Jesus wholeheartedly. In the new year we will be sponsoring an event for women. It will help them learn how to talk with their friends about the Lord. A woman from the US is coming to speak. I am also very

happy that the Presbyterian church where I attend is offering to let the Latvians folks use their building. On November 30 I officially became an associate member of this Presbyterian congregation.



Perspectives on the World Christian Movement

A 17-week course that enables believers to encounter God's heart for all peoples and find their role in His mission.

Mondays, 6-9 p.m.
January 12-May 11
@ Calvin

Go to Perspectives.org for more information and to register. Pastor Marc has taken this course; talk to him to find out more.

Calvin Celebrates Christmas

Pioneer Club visited the Corvallis Manor on December 3, spreading Christmas cheer as they sang carols and passed out ornaments. Calvin members returned to the Manor on December 14 to sing carols during lunch. Our annual Christmas Eve pageant included live actors retelling the Christmas story, special music and the children teaching a song to the congregation.



A Peacemaker's Attitude

Openness	vs	Defensiveness
Desire to reflect God's love	vs	Anger
Working out a compromise	vs	Getting our way
Open communication	vs	Shutting down
Continuing relationship	vs	Alienation

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Sundays at Calvin

8:30 Prayer in the Prayer Room

9 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

10 a.m. Worship