



Calvin Presbyterian Church

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## Marc My Words

### Why I Love Calvin Presbyterian Church

By Pastor Marc Andresen

This is a bittersweet time for me. I love doing life together with the Calvin family, and although it is time, there is sadness woven into stepping away from pastoring this church. However the pain is somewhat abated by the sweetness of vision and the realization that the Lord has purpose for me in the future.

For many people retirement arrives as the end of a particular journey; the conclusion of a career. I experience deep gratification and gratefulness that as retirement inches closer I see not a conclusion, but rather a beginning. The Lord has worked in and through Calvin Church to provide a passion and vision for the next 20 years, so that the next chapter opens as a shift in ministry focus.

Part of the significance of this vision is that it was conceived and birthed in

and through the mission ministry of Calvin Church. Our church has been involved in Eastern Europe and Africa since about 1996. In, during, and through these engagements Carol and I have found a niche. We have had a number of opportunities to meet with Christian leaders in four different countries, and we have found a calling and a great place to serve in those settings.

So our big-picture plan is to connect with ministry leaders as much as possible in developing nations, in order to increase what the Lord has already begun: being a small part in building a foundation under the next generation of leaders.

The Psalms give voice to our ongoing passions:

**Psalms 71:17-19**

17 O God, You have taught me from my youth, and I still declare Your wondrous deeds.

18 And even when I am old and gray, O God, do not forsake me, ***until I declare Your strength to this generation, Your power to all who are to come.***

**Psalms 89:1**

I will sing of the lovingkindness of the Lord forever; ***to all generations*** I will make known Your faithfulness with my mouth.

**Psalms 145:3-4**

3 Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.

4 ***One generation shall praise Your works to another,*** and shall declare Your mighty acts.

As long as the Lord gives us health and energy, we seek to continue Calvin Church's ministry in other countries by coming alongside leaders to encourage them on their way. We would ask for your continuing prayers for us in these endeavors.

## Pioneer Club Year-end Project: Socks of Love



Pioneer Club filled 35 pairs of socks with toiletries and a New Testament that they donated to the local homeless shelter. Many thanks to all who donated supplies and to the Gideons for the Bibles. They also enjoyed a BBQ and prize giving at their final meeting.

# Introducing Pastor Zach Washburn



Calvin will have a new pastor this July. On April 19 the Pastor Search Team presented Zach Washburn as their unanimous candidate for our

senior pastor position. Zach preached during the Sunday worship service and then there was a question and answer time with the congregation. During the congregational meeting following the service, members of the search team (pictured below) shared why they felt Zach was the pastor God was calling to Calvin. Then church members voted in favor of the Pastor Search Team's recommendation and requested the Pacific Presbytery of the EPC to offer the call to Zach Washburn at their May meeting.

Pastor Marc attended the May Presbytery meeting, along with elders Skip Rung, Judy Kraft and Janet Magedanz. At that meeting, Zach passed his exam and was accepted for ordination into the EPC.

Zach grew up in Chapel Hill, NC and graduated from Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary. He has been married to Vanessa for 8 years. They have 3 children: Haley, 5; Liam, 4; and Lucy, 21 months. Another baby is due in October. Zach has been serving as a tentmaking associate pastor at Isight, an EPC church, where he preaches regularly. He has a passion for preaching the Word, walking alongside people who want more of Jesus, and telling people about the freedom and purpose he has found in Jesus.

Zach sends this greeting to the church:

*In less than 6 weeks, I pull out of my NC driveway and head west! We are busy*

*making arrangements, packing boxes, saying goodbyes, and generally trying to finish our time in the Appalachians well. Every day I grow more excited about our move. I am confident that the Holy Spirit is behind us coming to Corvallis- he has even provided a house in the neighborhood, on Menlo Drive! What little time I have spent among the people of Calvin has left me wanting much, much more, and I am looking forward to diving right in this summer. Thank you for all of your prayers, notes to us, and other preparations. In particular, I'd like to recognize Pastor Marc, who has gone out of his way to be helpful in every way I could have imagined, and several others I couldn't. Please pray for him and Carol, that they would now be entering the most fruitful part of the work God has called them to. I'll see you on July 12th!*



## Latvia Mission Trip

**By Pastor Marc Andresen**

From July 20-24 Calvin Church will again reach out to kids in Latvia. Callie and Aaron Newton, Paula Hewitt, Carol and Marc Andresen, and Katie Andresen will work with Madona Baptist Church and Eagles' Wings Camp to hold an English Language Camp. Through the years we have had opportunity to speak the Gospel to hundreds of young people through similar camps.

The trip will cost between \$2,000 and \$2,500 per person. The team asks you to ask the Lord if He would have you contribute support-money to the church for this endeavor.

We especially covet your prayers. Pray now that the Lord be preparing the hearts of those who will participate, and pray for the team while we are there in July.



Skip Rung teaching last summer

***Come Celebrate  
25 years at Calvin!  
Open House Retirement  
Party for Marc Andresen  
and family***

***Saturday, June 27  
4-8 p.m. @ Calvin***

As a blessing to the family, we are gathering testimony from people about their spiritual growth while attending Calvin. Please send notes or memorabilia and RSVP to the church office ASAP!



## Craig's Corner

# Thanks, My Faithful Friend!

By Pastor Craig Kulonis

Sitting here in my office at Calvin, it is hard to put into words the appreciation I have in my heart for the encouragement and love I have received from my dear friend and pastor, Marc Andresen.

Marc, Carol, Jeremy and Katie were the first people that God had my family meet when arriving in Corvallis from Southern California back in 1995 to plant the Corvallis Vineyard Church. I won't go into the details of how God ordained our meeting, but what I can tell you is that Marc has been one of the most important people in my life over the past 20 years.

I know Marc wouldn't want me to "brag" about him, but God places special people in our lives on this journey of life. One of the important ways God has used Marc in my life is that whenever I was in need of a friend to talk with, whether dealing with things involved with the "ministry" or "personal" areas, his heart was always wide open.

Another key moment in our relationship is the time Marc pulled up in his MG when I was a delivery truck driver for the Corvallis School District. I had made my usual morning stop at Hoover Elementary School when up walks Marc and proceeds to ask me if I would consider coming on staff in an interim role as the assistant pastor at Calvin. To say the least, I was really caught by surprise. I talked with Christi and prayed and sensed that I should go ahead with the 6 month interim position. Six months turned into a year, and the rest is history.

Marc has truly left a mark, in the best sense of the word, on my life. I want to go on record by saying to Marc:

*"You have been and will continue to be a faithful friend. I wish nothing but great fruitfulness as the Great Shepherd leads you and Carol into the next season of life. The beauty of knowing the Lord is that He always is the Faithful One and His presence will go with you. May Jesus be your vision, my faithful friend!"*

## Sunday School

# Joshua Study Continues

Everyone is welcome to join in on Sunday School this month. We are continuing our study of the book of Joshua. What can we learn from this book about the transfer of leadership from Moses to Joshua? How do the Israelites deal with change? Sunday School meets in Olleman Hall D from 9-9:45 a.m.

## Women's Tea

### Tuesday, June 23

### 1-3 p.m.



All women are invited to the first get-together of the summer. We will meet

at Kim Oxsen's home. This is a great opportunity to enjoy time with your Calvin friends.

## Vacation Church Workshop

### June 15-19

By Laura Rung

Calvin will again host VCW for the Adult Developmentally Disabled community. Many Calvin people have volunteered in the past, and we need your help and prayers again this year. VCW will run from 7-8:30 p.m. We can use volunteers to be classroom helpers (contact Laura Rung). Each night a snack of fruit is served. Contact Michelle Schultz if you can donate and/or prepare fruit one night. The theme this year is God's peace. Thank you for your prayers and support. Many people look forward to this week all year!

## VBS at Calvin



**August 10-14**  
**9 a.m.—noon**

Talk to Mindy Aithwaite to find out how you can help!

# June 2015

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

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|  | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b><br>12 Prayer<br>1 Women's Bible Study                        | <b>3</b><br>12 Prayer  | <b>4</b><br>6:30 Men's Prayer Gathering | <b>5</b>                  | <b>6</b><br>7 Women's Precepts Bible Study  |
| <b>7</b> Youth Sunday<br>8:30 Prayer<br>9 Sunday School<br>10 Worship  | <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b><br>12 Prayer   | <b>10</b>              | <b>11</b>                               | <b>12</b>                 | <b>13</b><br>7 Women's Bible Study  |
| <b>14</b><br>8:30 Prayer<br>9 Sunday School<br>10 Worship  | <b>15</b><br><br>Vacation Church Workshop 7-8:30 p.m. → | <b>16</b><br>12 Prayer  | <b>17</b><br>12 Prayer | <b>18</b>                               | <b>19</b>                 | <b>20</b><br>7 Women's Bible Study  |
| <b>21</b><br>8:30 Prayer<br>9 Sunday School<br>10 Worship  | <b>22</b><br><br>6:30 Deacons                           | <b>23</b><br>12 Prayer<br>1 Women's Tea @ Kim Oxsen's<br>5:30 Session | <b>24</b><br>12 Prayer | <b>25</b>                               | <b>26</b>                 | <b>27</b><br>7 Women's Bible Study<br><br>4-8 Andresen Retirement Celebration                     |
| <b>28</b><br>8:30 Prayer<br>9 Sunday School<br>10 Worship<br>11:30 Extended Fellowship<br>1 Baptism at the river | <b>29</b>   | <b>30</b><br>12 Prayer  | <b>1</b><br>12 Prayer  | <b>2</b>                                | <b>3</b><br>Office Closed | <b>4</b><br> |

# Congratulations Graduates!

## Oregon State University

Reed Oxsen, BS Construction Engineering Management  
Minor, Business

## Linn Benton Community College

Audra Mote, AA Graphic Design

## Corvallis High School

Isaac Kulonis, attending Oregon State University

Abby Leavengood, attending University of Oregon



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### **Church Staff**

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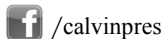
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### **Sundays at Calvin**

8:30 Prayer in the Prayer Room

9 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

10 a.m. Worship