



Calvin Courier

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Calvin Membership—Class & Format

By Pastor Zach Washburn

For those interested in becoming members of Calvin, the process will begin this September, with an introductory class on Saturday, September 14th (9 a.m. to 12 p.m.) and Tuesday September 17th (6 to 9 p.m.). You do not need to attend both of those dates; either one is sufficient.

Also, we are changing the membership process this year. We want becoming a member to lay a solid foundation for growth as a child of God, as a brother or sister at Calvin, and as a neighbor in the world. For that reason, we are adding catechesis for new members.

Catechesis, which will take place after you become a member, was common in the early church. The word means 'instruction', and referred to a period

of studying theology and practicing spiritual disciplines.

Catechesis will be expected of new members, and open to current members who wish to participate.

Here is a tentative schedule for the membership cycle, which will last through the school year:

* September: Initial class with Pastor Zach, covering core theology and the meaning and purpose of membership at Calvin.

* October-November: time for elders to connect personally with prospective members and pray for them, culminating in a membership interview.

* December: induction into membership at the beginning of a Sunday gathering.

* January-May: Catechesis. Two Sundays a month there will be lunch, teaching focused on the Apostle's Creed, and small group practice of Bible study, prayer, and other disciplines of the Christian life.

Our hope is that this extended process will both provide some fundamental instruction in Christian beliefs and be a natural onramp for participating in the life of Calvin as we follow Jesus together through prayer, Scripture examination, hospitality, generosity, service, and mission. We want to grow in faithfulness, and we believe this process will point us in the right direction.

If you are interested in membership, or are currently a member and are interested in catechesis, please contact Pastor Zach (zach@calvin-church.org).

Picnic in the Park (Calvin) 7/26 & 8/28, 5:30

Invite your friends and neighbors and bring your own picnic to join us in celebrating summer! We will provide dessert (ice cream & cookies in July, popsicles in August), lawn games, and face painting.



Missions Updates

Nancy Abner Japan Trip Q&A, Sunday, July 28, 11:30 a.m.

Nancy is planning a short return trip to Japan, where she served as a church planting missionary from 1999 - 2015. Please join her in Olleman Hall after church to hear more about the ministry and her upcoming trip.

Melissa Crabtree, Sunday, August 11
Melissa, with Cru, will be at church and share a brief update.

Lighthouse Transitional Care, Latvia Friday, August 16, 6:30 p.m., Calvin
Amanda Banister, a friend of Aaron and Callie Newton, runs this ministry. Check out lighthouselatvia.org for more info.



For the 6th year, we sent a team to teach English Camp in Madona, Latvia.



About 35 developmentally disabled adults learned about Jesus' love at CWAC in June. Dancing on the patio is always a highlight of the week.

Miller Support Update & Thank You Bible Studies

Brothers and Sisters,

As many of you are aware, Elizabeth Miller spent a month in intensive care this winter before passing away, and we received donations to help her family offset medical costs related to that time. Thankfully, through you God has provided all that was needed and much more. We are able to cover all of the hospital bills, and are now in the process of returning the surplus donations.

Thank you so much for your generosity and prayers. This has been a hard year so far, and in that, time and again, you have shown yourselves to be the people of Christ, carrying within you the Spirit of Christ.

Pastor Zach

Dear Calvin Family,

We are deeply grateful to be part of this body of believers during what has been the most difficult season of our lives. We've experienced God's faithfulness in many ways, and your support during Elizabeth's hospital stay, through her passing, and to the present has been a tangible expression of His love and grace to us. Thank you for walking with us on this trying road – words don't adequately express our deep gratitude to you all.

As we come to mind, please continue to pray for us individually and as a family, that we would be more and more faithful to seek God, follow Him, and that the path He has for us would be made clear.

Steve, Debbie and Janae

All groups welcome newcomers!

Band of Brothers, Wednesdays, 6 a.m.

This group for men of all ages is a time to discuss how we follow Jesus and support one another in this. Currently studying the gospel of Luke. Light breakfast served. Contact Dick Carozza for more information. Meets in the Conference Room.

Precepts, Wednesdays, 4:30-6 p.m.

Meets in the Conference Room. Currently studying the gospel of John. Talk to Carol Andresen for more information.

Women's Tuesday Bible Study

Will resume in September.

Andresen Thank You

Dear Calvin Family,

"Family" is the way to begin a "thank you" to the church. The Andresens have experienced overwhelming support and care for many weeks during the early days of Marc's battle with multiple myeloma.

Huge thank yous to Michelle Schultz, who organized an around-the-clock support team for Marc while Katie and Carol were away on the annual Franklin School DC trip. The team's sacrificial

devotion was amazing and very much appreciated.

In addition there has been help with yard work, meals brought in and shared, many cards sent in the mail, phone calls, and visits.

If anyone was observing from the outside, they would have seen how the Body of Christ is supposed to live and function.

We love you all!

Marc and Carol

Women's Summer Coffee

Our final summer coffee will be Tuesday, August 20, at 10 a.m. Watch the bulletin and update emails for the location.

EPC GA Update

By Pastor Zach Washburn



In June the Washburns, Ebys, and Van Arsdels traveled to Denver for General Assembly, our denomination's national

gathering. It was an enriching time of prayer, worship, and fellowship. We heard from Andrew and Norine Brunson, who are still recovering from the two years Andrew spent imprisoned in Turkey for his faith. Both Andrew and Norine spoke powerfully about the suffering they experienced, the difficulty of Andrew's isolation, and their struggle to rely on God in the darkest of times. They were honest, humble, and inspiring, and they glorified God in a manner I will not soon forget.



Calvin Kingdom Club ended the year with a picnic, games, crafts, and prizes (left and middle). Beginning in September, we will have family night on the 2nd Sunday of each month and children's and youth group on the 4th Wednesday. In June we celebrated Patrick Otis' graduation from Santiam High School and Asher Watkins' promotion to middle school (right). We also thanked all our children's and youth ministry volunteers for their faithful service this past school year.