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"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these"

—Matthew 6:28-29



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Welcome to the Family of God

Please look for these new “babies in Christ,” meet them, welcome them to Calvary Gospel Church, and pray for them daily.



Shawna Banks



Caitlyn Blofeld



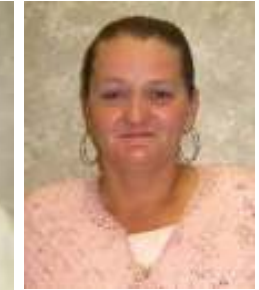
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Jason Williams



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Baptize Me Now!

On Memorial Day this past May, the Cones had a memorable occurrence at their home.

Bro. Cone has been in touch with a man named Pete for about three years. Pete delivers wood. Bro. Cone has been sharing the gospel with him over the phone and when he brings wood once a year.

During Pete's last visit on Memorial Day, the spirit of the Lord really got hold of him and he decided to get baptized right then and there. *“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”* (Romans 10:17)

The Cones have a horse trough that was given to them by Bro. O'Neal. It was full of water, ready to go, right outside their front door.

You never know what the Lord is going to do and when he is going to do it. He can come for His church at any time, so we need to be ready at all times. *“But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night....”* (II Peter 3:10)



We can all help people who cross our paths to learn about the Lord and be ready for His coming.

—Heidi Cone



Summer FunFest - August 14

Get Out Your Zoot Suit...

...but it will be too hot for the raccoon coat.



The annual Summer FunFest will be held on August 14. This community outreach event has changed over time. It started out as Old Fashioned Day, when everybody dressed up in old-fashioned dress. Some came in unconventional vehicles. (Remember the manure spreader covered with a tarp, pulled by a tractor, and full of women in gorgeous Civil War-era dresses?) Bro. Grant would break out his old-time preachers suit, and he and Sis. Grant would ride their horses to church.

After several years of Old Fashioned Sunday, it became Friends Day and then Denim Day. (Casual dress was so much easier than the old costumes.) For the last several years, it has been Summer FunFest, with food on the grounds and games for the kids. This is a good opportunity to invite guests and family to enjoy the relaxed atmosphere and meet and visit with people.

This year's FunFest will have a theme and will honor our senior citizens – those born in the 1950s or before. Everyone is encouraged to invite neighbors and family members who fit into those eras (and others as well, of course). Worship songs written in each decade will be a featured part of the service inside the church building. Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, cookies, soda, and water will be provided free of charge afterward.

Sunday school children will be able to play on the inflatables while the adults are worshipping. Following the service, the children whose parents are present will claim them and take them through the food lines. Those children whose parents are not present will be supervised by volunteers from Hyphen ministry.

Bro. Roy Grant is encouraging everyone to dress in an outfit from the decade of one's birth. It should be fun! So get your clothes together now and prepare for a great day.

Don't forget to invite someone!

--Ellen Haupt

**"Life without God
is like an
unsharpened pencil
- it has no point."**



Six Men from the Delavan Church Receive the Holy Ghost at CGC

Pastor Jeff and Ashley Contreras brought eight young men to our church for the evening service on July 10. They had been baptized in Jesus Name and needed the Holy Ghost. Six of the eight received the Holy Ghost following the CIP graduation service.



Bro. and Sis. Contreras stand behind the young men who came from Delavan to the July 10 service at CGC.

My Prodigal Son

By Vicki Leonardson

On Friday afternoon as I was packing for camp meeting, I decided to take a break. I made a cup of coffee and sat in my favorite chair in my favorite room to chat with my very best Friend.

As I began to worship God, my thoughts and prayers turned, as they always do, toward my son, Dayn.

Suddenly, I heard the still, small voice of my Creator say, "The prodigal is coming home next week. Home to Me, and he will move back home right after camp meeting."

I was completely shocked, even though this is exactly what his dad, Scott, and I had been intensely fasting and praying about for more than two years. God's presence was thick as I cried and worshiped. I called my mom, and we wept and rejoiced together.

On Thursday night as Jason Sciscoe was preaching, I was feeling a bit discouraged. Dayn was at camp meeting, but I knew he would be leaving to go home right after the service. God spoke to me again. "Listen to what the preacher is saying!" So I listened intently as Bro. Sciscoe explained how God had given him a word for the church. I carefully noted the three points that he articulated so eloquently.

When the call was given for the church to come forward, I went back and sat by my son. I repeated, as best as I could, the message to the church, only I personalized it. I said, "Dayn, religion has not worked for

you. Religion has been oppressive in your life. The time has come for you to have a funeral for religion, bury it, and focus on RELATIONSHIP! RELATIONSHIP with Jesus Christ!" I then repeated the rest of what the preacher said. "The rain will come, the harvest, and then you will be a giant-slayer in the kingdom of God!"

I watched as his eyes began to fill



Sis. Boyte prays for Dayn at family camp. His mother is praying to Dayn's right.

with tears. I sat beside him and travailed as he repented. Bro. Hawthorne (the pastor in Germantown, Wisconsin, with a mind-blowing testimony of healing and deliverance) came over, laid hands on Dayn, and prayed fervently. Scott prayed on his left side, and I sat on his right. Dayn's grandparents, along with his sister, Scotia, and other dear friends, gathered around us and began to travail. It was as if the sanctuary became a delivery room, as my son was reborn into the kingdom of God. As we all continued to pray, my friend and mentor, Darlene Boyte, came and stood in front of

Dayn, gripped his hands, and rebuked by name many evil spirits and commanded each one of them to leave.

Dayn decided to stay for the remainder of the week, and at the Friday evening choir practice, evangelist Mark Showalter called him aside and gave him a button-up shirt to wear so he could sing in the choir.

After church, he counseled Dayn at length about his own personal experience as a prodigal son.

On Saturday, Dayn's dad received a text from him. "Is it ok if I move back home on Sunday?"

Scott and I had tried everything. When we quit begging, pleading, crying, lecturing, and yelling, and began fasting and praying like never before, God moved in and worked a mighty miracle of healing and restoration!

I am so grateful to Pastor Grant and my church family for their many prayers, love, and support.

"...bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: and bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it: and let us eat, and be merry: For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found."

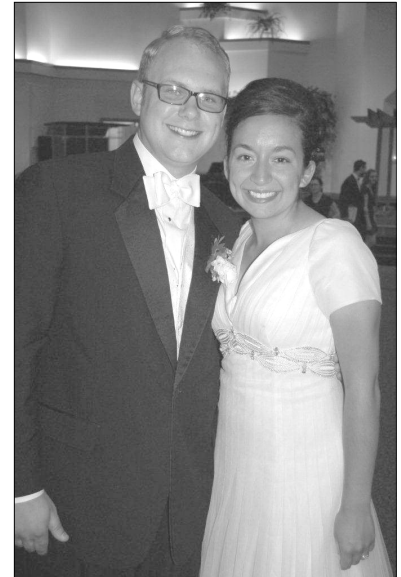
Luke 15: 22-24

Recent CIP Graduates Celebrated



July graduates of the Christian Intervention Program included (from left to right) Mary Haug, Noah Strand, and Jose Diaz.

Cartegena-Campbell Wedding



Melissa Cartegena and Joseph Campbell were married at CGC on July 16. Joe and Melissa both have many friends at CGC because Melissa attended here while she went to college, and she was an active and beloved member of the Campus ministry. Joe’s sister, Anna, was also a part of our Campus ministry.

Several ministers who have impacted their lives were involved in the ceremony. Pastor Hook from Waukesha opened the ceremony in prayer, Pastor Thomas gave the admonition, Pastor Grant performed the exchanging of vows and rings, and Pastor Steve Rodgers from Milwaukee closed the event in prayer. A beautiful reception followed at the Madison Club.

Melissa and Joe are both employed at the same charter school in the Milwaukee area.

--Peggy Thomas



Todd and Tammy Ritchie with Jeremy and Consuela

Tammy Ritchie’s Son Wed Despite Scheduling Mixup

Jeremy Dernell & Consuela Villareal were married at CrossPoint Church of the Nazarene by Pastor Jon White on July 16.

They had originally planned to be married at CGC, but there was a scheduling mix-up, so the folks at CrossPoint kindly accommodated the wedding. (CrossPoint is the neighboring church that also helps facilitate the Touched Twice Free

Clinic, which is held jointly by them and CGC.)

Jeremy is the son of CGC member Tammy Ritchie. He and Consuela met through mutual friends eight years ago and have a 5-year-old son, Devin, who is dearly loved by Grandma Tammy and Grandpa Todd. Congratulations, Jeremy and Consuela.

—Ellen Haupt



Two CGC Bible Quiz Teams Compete in

— Bringing Home Fourth Place in Junior Division, Junior

Branson, Missouri... for most this is a vacation spot. Lots of good, Christian, family-based activities and warm (okay, *roasting*) weather. For one week at the end of July, however, it also becomes the location for Junior Bible Quizzing teams from all over the country participating in the national competition.

Madison was privileged to have two teams qualify for this national tournament. Our Beginner team consisted of Margaret Ackah, Clayton Czerniakowski, Seth Merkes, and Cassie Zimmerman. Isaiah Gardner and Collin Czerniakowski represented Madison in the Junior division.

Branson is a 9, 10, 11 or even 12-hour journey from Madison depending on rest stops and impatient children. We all arrived by Sunday evening amidst temperatures as high as our hopes.

The festivities begin on Monday at noon. The draw is made and everyone finds out who quizzes who and when. This year there were 61 teams in the Junior division and 42 teams in the Beginner division. Our Junior team would quiz on Monday, but our Beginners wouldn't quiz until Tuesday afternoon.

For our first quiz, our Junior team drew a team from Georgia. It was very interesting quizzing against a team with a southern accent. Collin and Isaiah did just well enough to win this quiz. They were done for Monday and would quiz again Tuesday morning.

On Tuesday, Collin and Isaiah quizzed three times, winning against a team from Florida, a Wisconsin team from Eau Claire, and a team from Oregon. Collin and Isaiah

scored well enough in several of the games to earn gold, silver, and bronze medals. With these wins, our team was guaranteed fifth place in the tournament.

A little about the medals... At Nationals, you can earn a silver medal if you score 70 points or more. A gold medal is for scoring 100 points or more. The bronze medal is the tough medal to earn and requires teamwork! For a team of two players, one of the players must have at least 60 points, and one must have at least 50 points. These medals are not easy to get as all of the quizzers going to nationals are good quizzers and, therefore, every point earned is well deserved.

Finally, on Tuesday afternoon, our Beginner team got to quiz for the first time! The opposing team was from Texas. Now, I'm convinced that in Texas, babies are born with a buzzer in their hands. There are many, many, many Beginner Bible quizzers in Texas! But we didn't tell our Beginner team that. We had an excellent quiz. Clayton got six questions correct and quizzed out. He also earned enough points for a gold medal. We were finished for the day and would quiz again on Wednesday morning against another team from Texas.

The next team from Texas that our Beginners faced was a tough one, and our quizzers just couldn't



Junior Division Coach of the Year, Justin Wall, third from left, is shown with the runner-up and quiz officials.

pull off a win. However, Margaret earned her first ever red ribbon for second high scorer of that game. Yay, Margaret! Our Beginners would quiz again on Thursday.

On Wednesday afternoon the Junior team quizzed a team from Missouri. We lost this quiz on the second to the last question. However, with this loss, our team got about 24 hours off. Time for something fun besides quizzing!

Wednesday afternoon found our quizzers at a place called Fun Spot. The kids could fish for candy, play arcade, racing games, and 3D golf and play in ball pits. Anything their little imaginations could think of. It was a good release for them! Most of the moms hung back for naps and laundry!

Wednesday evening, we all went out to eat at a restaurant called Lambert's. This place is famous for having a staff person wander around the restaurant and toss rolls to people on demand. He would call out "hot rolls," and you could raise your hand for one. He would toss it across the

National Competition in Branson, Missouri

Junior Division Coach of the Year, and Second Highest Scorer Awards



Junior Div.,
Top Four
National
Team:

Collin Czerniakowski
and Isaiah
Gardner.

him the spot as the **second highest scorer of the tournament**. In addition, our tremendous head coach, **Justin Wall**, was named the **Junior Division coach of the year**.

What a great year of Junior Bible Quizzing for our team! God bless everyone who has supported, coached, encouraged, prayed, helped, and watched us throughout the year! If you want to be involved in this awesome ministry, there is a place for you! If you would like to help your kids get involved in this ministry, please talk to Justin Wall, Ryan Hittesdorf, or Spencer Hix. There is room for you!

--Martha Czerniakowski

restaurant to you if necessary. Lots of fun!

Thursday was back to quizzing. Our Beginners quizzed midmorning against a team from Columbus, Ohio. Despite a valiant effort, this Ohio team ended our tournament dreams. Our Beginners had an awesome year and have worked really hard. They can be proud of their accomplishments and thankful for a 17th place finish.

The last quiz on Thursday in the Junior division found Collin and Isaiah facing the Racine, Wisconsin, team they have quizzed all year. The winner of this quiz would be guaranteed fourth place. Our guys were on their game and won this quiz! Madison would quiz again Friday morning.

Friday is the last day of the National tournament. The quizzing

starts at 9 a.m. to determine the top four teams in both the Junior division and the Beginner division. After the quizzing is finished, the awards are given out for the teams and for individual accomplishments.

The first quiz in the Junior division for the day was between our Madison team and a team from Louisiana. It wasn't a great contest. Collin and Isaiah just couldn't give Louisiana much of a run for their money. We lost that quiz, but we were still so happy to have finished in the **final four**.

After the team trophies are handed out, group pictures are taken and then the individual awards are handed out. **Collin** scored enough points to earn



Beginner Team: Back-Seth Merkes & Clayton Czerniakowski. Front-Cassie Zimmerman & Margaret Ackah

Be More...

More Healthy, More Spiritual and More Happy!

Mediterranean Kebabs

Wooden kebab skewers
4oz. feta cheese
12 grape or cherry tomatoes
Red onion, cut into wedges
Green and/or red peppers, cut into chunks
½ lb flank steak, sliced thinly against the grain (marinate if you want)

Cut wooden skewers in half (making them easier to handle when full of food) and soak in water for 30 minutes. Once soaked, thread them with cherry tomatoes, wedges of onion, red and/ or green pepper, and flank steak. Leave enough space at either end to add chunks of feta cheese after grilling. Grill (or broil) over medium heat until flank steak is cooked through and veggies begin to char.

When done grilling, put feta cheese at the ends of the kebabs. Serve with grilled pita bread and the dip.

Mediterranean Kebab Dip

1 cucumber, diced
1 tbsp fresh dill
½ cup plain Greek yogurt
Juice of ½ lemon
2 cloves garlic

Pulse together in food processor until combined, or stir all ingredients together by hand for a thicker but still delicious mixture.



Guess what: Those “sell-by” dates on packages sometimes have nothing to do with when a product spoils! They’re simply guidelines for when a product is at its peak – and they’re only a guess! The USDA confirms that most milk lasts several days past the stamped date, yogurt can last three weeks longer and hard cheese as much as three months more! Yet 66% of us throw out perfectly good food. Follow this guideline: If it tastes and smells fresh, it probably is. .Women’s World Mag.

Keeping your cool

Heat stroke – in which the body can’t stop itself from overheating, can be serious, even fatal. Wear lightweight, light colored clothing. Drink 64 oz. of water per day or more. Know the signs. If you develop: hot, red dry skin; difficulty staying awake; a rapid, weak pulse; shallow, rapid breathing; or high body temperature – quickly move into an air conditioned car or building, get a cool liquid, and call 911.



More than six billion copies of the Bible have been published and have been translated into more than 2,000 languages (and counting). The Bible is the world’s all time best seller for one reason: It’s God’s book.

What does this mean to you? Simply this. When you read the Bible, you are reading God’s message for you. It’s the only way for you to know God’s plan for your life.

If you don’t have a Bible, get one.

If you’ve got a Bible, read it.

If you read the Bible, believe it.

If you believe the Bible, live it.

Wisconsin District Men's Retreat

Quite a few of our men were able to make it up to Shawano for this year's men's retreat, held near the end of July on the Wisconsin District UPC Campgrounds. Bro. Jeff Merkes, who heads up our Men's Ministry along with Bro. Jeff Neesam, said this year's retreat had a "camp spirit," meaning there was an atmosphere of unity—one mind and one accord. God's presence was felt in every service, and nobody was worried about the time schedule.

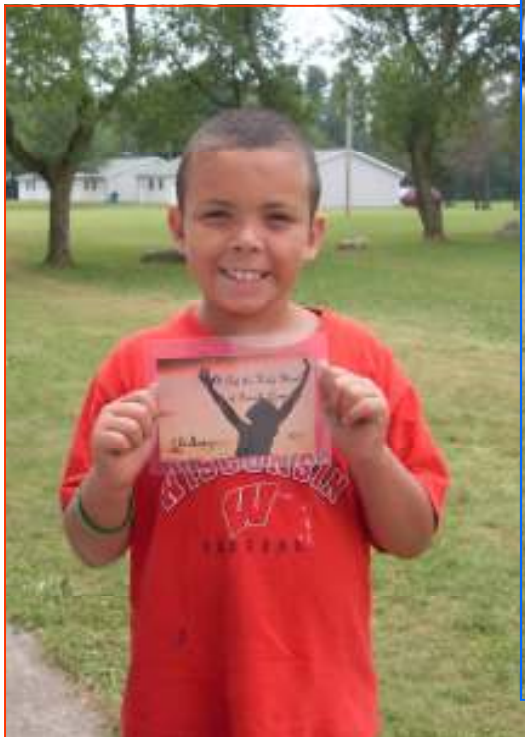
There were also plenty of opportunities for fun and fellowship. Our men did well in the fishing tournament when Jim Rivest and Jason Brost both won in their division. They were fishing together in the same boat.

—Ellen Haupt



Top left: Jim Rivest's large mouth bass took the prize.
 Bottom left: Jason Brost's 21-inch northern took first place for pike.
 Above:
 First row—Dave Hammonds, Phil Wuest, Samuel Thornton, Jason Brost.
 Middle row—Tom Powalisz, Kerry Millen, Dan Capacio, Pastor Rich Thomas, Dennis Uselmann.
 Back row—Mike Van Buren, Jim Rivest, Glen Uselmann, Patrick O'Malley, and Jeff Merkes.

I Got the Holy Ghost at Family Camp!



From left, Cle Gray, Seth Merkes, and Caitlyn Blofeld show us their Holy Ghost smiles and display the certificates they were given after receiving the Holy Ghost at Family Camp 2011.

The Soul Winner

One of the problems involved with witnessing to others about the Kingdom of God is it is not an exact science. What works for you may or may not work for me. That's why it is a difficult thing to try to teach people how to witness.

When we teach a class on soul winning, we try to expose people to a variety of different techniques that have been perfected by various others noted for their success as soul winners. Unfortunately, there does not seem to be a "one size fits all" approach to accomplishing this task. There does, however, appear to be some characteristics common to successful witnesses.

One of the common elements successful soul winners seem to possess is a high degree of gratefulness to God, who saved them out of their desperately lost and sinful lifestyles. They never forget where God brought them from, and it seems to create a genuine humbleness and honesty in them which others seem to be able to recognize. While sure of themselves, they never come across with an attitude that they are somehow better than the person receiving the witness. This thankful spirit motivates these people to reach out to others.

Another common attribute possessed by successful soul winners is the ability to relate to all types of different people. Simply put, they are friendly, outgoing, and seem to enjoy most people. Like Pastor Grant says, "Before you can present the good news, you must *be* the good news." Loving people is a natural outgrowth of being saved. Salvation, of course, is having Jesus alive and in our hearts. The Apostle Paul said it this way in Romans 5:5, "And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is

shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us."

Another common trait in the best soul winners is they are passionately in love with Jesus. This kind of passion overcomes the obstacles that keep the less committed from witnessing. No one likes sticking one's head out or being ridiculed. No one likes to venture into uncharted territory, leaving one's comfort zone behind. It takes courage to speak to others about God, especially in an environment that is hostile to the whole notion of God. Successful soul winners are fearful of standing before God, having been afraid of what people would think. Passion overcomes fear. Passion sees the sinner and not the sin. Passion sees the sinner's horrible condition and overlooks the possibility of a negative reaction to witnessing. Passion takes a chance on the power of the gospel to change a life. People who regularly win souls know it's not about them anyway; it's their pleasure to witness to others about God, because they know also that it is their responsibility as Christians.

Successful soul winners are also praying people. John 15:5, "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." Jesus is the objective. The best soul winners realize they need Jesus and so do others. Praying keeps one in line with the objective. Praying keeps soul winners on the lookout for opportunity and ready to respond when opportunity is presented. As I pray about souls, I am expecting God to provide opportunity. When opportunity is then presented, I

Bible Study

By Glen Rossing



am not surprised by it, but ready for it. Being ready for opportunity involves being knowledgeable enough about Jesus to be effective at presenting His truths. Study God's Word and be prepared to present your own testimony. Personal testimonies are hard to refute.

One more characteristic common to successful witnesses is that they realize there will be more failures than successes, but that doesn't keep them from trying. No sales person expects to win every time--or even most of the time. Hunger keeps them motivated.

These principles of soul winning are not hard to do; they just require staying on fire for Jesus. It won't be hard for any of us if we really are what we claim to be.

Contact Sis. Christina Vega to learn about winning souls and to teach home Bible studies. Classes and training are available.



“Discover the Difference”

Calvary Gospel Church

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.

Voces Unidas

Servicios en Espanol

Domingos: 1:00 p.m.
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“REACH UP” in Worship
 “REACH IN” in Discipleship
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*Watch for changes next month.

Family Movie Night

Another fun filled outdoor movie night was had by over fifty on July 22, including five visitors. Volleyball and just visiting were the favorite past-times to start the event.

Bro. and Sis. Martinez prepared **discada**, a delicious Mexican dish. It is prepared by cooking meat in a large stir-fry skillet over a propane heater and then gradually adding all the vegetables, constantly stirring. The meat and vegetable mixture is put into a heated tortilla shell and topped with salsa, mozzarella cheese, sour cream, cilantro, and a squeeze of fresh lime. The result is a tasty Mexican treat with a spicy flavor to please most pallets.

Following the food feast, everyone watched this month's feature film "What If."

--Peggy Thomas

Above, people begin to gather.

Right, Bro. and Sis. Martinez cook the *discada*, which was later enjoyed by all.

Below, YUM!



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