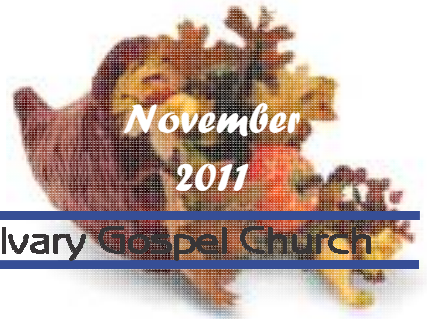




# news

The Monthly Newsletter of Calvary Gospel Church



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For each new morning with its *Light,*  
For rest & shelter of the night,  
For **health & food, for love & friends,**  
For *Everything* Thy goodness sends.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

## Profiles of Members of the FAMILY OF GOD



### Glen and Bonnie Uselmann

My earliest memories of Glen were when we taught the 9-11 year olds. We required our students to bring their Bibles to class, or they would be subject to Glen's "hammer story." If someone forgot his Bible, one would hear the moans of the rest as they had to endure the "hammer story." To this day, many still remember the hammer story in a fond way. If you want to know the "hammer story," ask Glen; he'll gladly share it with you.

Glen has moved on into a new area of ministry. He helps teach in the stewardship classes and had a big part in developing the curriculum. He's also very involved in jail ministry. Glen is faithful in his daily devotions and prayer time with God and very passionate about souls. God is opening up doors for him to reach out in new venues and areas. He is pursuing his ministerial license and allowing God to open doors where he can fulfill the call on his life as an evangelist.

Glen has two beautiful daughters by his first marriage, Alexa and Ashlin, and both have the Holy Ghost. Glen loves his daughters very much.

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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.



Zabdi Abga



Ron Annala



Collins Appoh-Opoku



Bob Balsamo



Tattiana Bennett



Cedrick Berkley



Xian Cheng



Kaliyah Cook



Jocelyn Derke



Xavier Derke



Sheridan Dunbar



Jing Fang



Megan Forbes



Angelina French



Shamiela Gaude



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Faye Hawley



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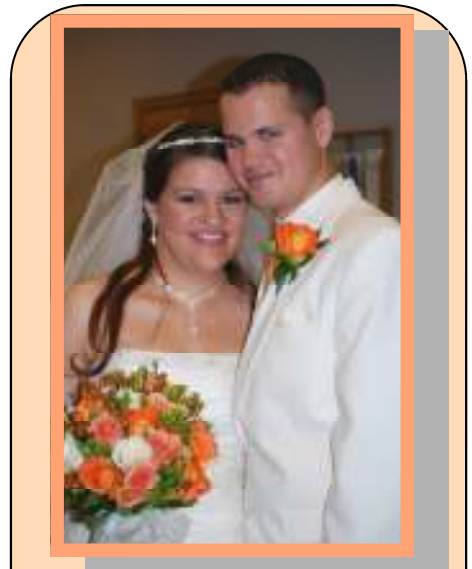
Anastasia Yap



Yan Zheng



Callissa Zimmerman



**Daniel Capacio (Jr.) and Cecilia Saldivar** were joined in marriage on Saturday, October 22, at Calvary Gospel Church. Pastor Richard Thomas officiated and Cecilia's pastor, Irma Lopez, opened the ceremony with prayer and interpreted in Spanish.

Daniel served in the U.S. Army in Afghanistan, returning only recently. The newlyweds will reside in Madison.

—Peggy Thomas



**John Waldon and Samantha Disch** were married on September 17. Congratulations to the newlyweds.

## Family Crusade Weekend With the Olivers

### 33 Baptized and/or Filled with the Holy Ghost

Bro. Mike and Sis. Vicki Oliver came to minister to CGC on October 15 and 16. In addition to the two-service family crusade on Sunday, the Olivers facilitated training in children's ministries on Saturday for those interested.

On Sunday morning, Sis. Oliver's message was entitled "Step Right Up and Get Your Ticket." She told about a little girl excitedly entering the carnival grounds and being eager to ride, but first, her father told her, they needed to buy some tickets. You can't ride without a ticket. She likened that to getting our "ticket to go to heaven" and told us our ticket was repenting, being baptized in water in Jesus' name, and being filled with the Holy Ghost.

On Sunday evening, Sis. Oliver spoke about "The Devil's Ferris Wheel." She recalled how her father had taken her to a local carnival. Young Sis. Oliver was so ex-



Above, the 6-11 year old class sang a fun song. Here they are "getting ready to fly."

cited to ride the ferris wheel that she let go of her father's hand and ran straight in line. To her dismay, her father pulled her out of the line because they needed to go to the ticket line first. Their turn to ride the ferris wheel finally arrived; however, the ride turned sour when a girl in a seat above them "lost her funnel cake" which

landed on young Sis. Oliver and her father. The day went from bad to worse when everyone exited the ride, but somehow Sis. Oliver and her father were stuck in the top car of the ferris wheel. With no one to hear their cries for help, Sis. Oliver's father climbed out of the car, held Sis. Oliver tight, and climbed down to safety. Knowing what a terrible day this had been for Sis. Oliver, her father took her to the restroom to clean up, bought her a new shirt, and took her back to the entrance of the carnival to start the day over again. God does the same thing for us. He cleans us up and gives us a new beginning.

The weekend crusade brought 33 souls baptized and/or filled with the Holy Ghost.

--Jane Rossing



From left: James Novak, (unknown), Andrew Brown, and Nene Sheppard rapped the rules before Sis. Oliver began the preaching.

# Christian Intervention Program (CIP) Marks Its 10th Anniversary

The weekend of October 30 marked the ten-year anniversary of CGC's CIP ministry. Bro. Howard Pastorella, Director of Spirit of Freedom Ministries for the United Pentecostal Church International (UPCI), was the guest speaker at the Sunday services. Bro. Pastorella noted that CGC ("miracle Madison") is the "gold standard" of Spirit of Freedom Ministries throughout the UPCI organization.

The Sunday evening service celebrated the past ten years of the CIP ministry. A video presentation took us back in time with photos of past and present students and ministry workers. Kathleen Falk, the former Dane County Executive, addressed the congregation and praised the CIP ministry for its influence on so many lives in our community. A number of past CIP graduates gave their testimonies about how CIP has impacted their lives. Many of the graduates are faithful members of CGC and are involved in various ministries; however, one graduate, Samantha Green, noted that though she doesn't attend CGC, she regularly attends church and has gotten her life back on track as evidenced by recently

earning an associate's degree. The others who gave their testimony were Jason Brost, Will Karls, Mark Nakielski, Christina Vega, Noah Strand, and Everleen Harris.



Graduates Willie Gohagan and Felicia Pendleton are shown above with Rev. Howard Pastorella, James and Audrey Hawk, and (at far right) former Dane County Executive Kathleen Falk.

Above: Jason Brost, Will Karls, Noah Strand—testifying about what God did for them through CIP.

Bro. Pastorella noted there are approximately 152 million people in the United States (12 years and older) who regularly depend on alcohol and other drugs. As a result, alcohol- and drug-related deaths now surpass the number of deaths caused by automobile accidents. Programs offered by the Spirit of Freedom Ministries such

as CIP are desperately needed throughout our country. As of 2010, 718 UPCI churches offer Spirit of Freedom Ministries programs. There are approximately 12,500 students enrolled in these programs which have an 84 percent graduation rate.

The graduating CIP students, Felicia Pendleton and Willie Gohagan, graduated and gave their testimonies. A cake reception was held in the fellowship hall after the evening service. Bro. Pastorella extended his stay in Madison to conduct training on Monday and Tuesday evenings for those interested in ministering through the Christian Intervention Program.

Thank you, Bro. James and Sis. Audrey Hawk, for your burden and dedication to the CIP ministry! As Kathleen Falk said, here's to another successful ten years of this life-changing ministry.

--Jane Rossing



## Bringing the Family Close with Holiday Traditions



*With Thanksgiving and then Christmas coming up, we asked people at CGC to share with us some of the family holiday traditions that help to keep them connected. Here are the replies.*

### **Rebekka Hittesdorf**

As a child, my siblings and I were allowed one small gift to open on Christmas Eve, and as an adult, it is something I always remember to do the night before Christmas.

My parents (Linda and Kevin Brown) have stuffed character dolls from the Nativity scene, and ever since I can remember, we would use them during the reading of the Christmas story before opening any gifts. Each of us would hold one or more characters, and every time the name in the story came up, whoever had the character would hold it up. It has been something we have done since I was a child, and now my nieces and nephews take part along with the adults.

Ryan and I began an ornament collection while we were dating, buying ornaments from wherever we visited. We continue that tradition now that we are married. Our Christmas tree has a story and memories of all the trips we have taken together.

Marrying into the Hittesdorf family was the best thing I did! Not only did I get Ryan, but also his mom (Juanita Hittesdorf), dad, sister, six uncles, two aunts, many cousins, and a Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner with a table FULL of sweet, delicious desserts--cookies, pies, cakes, and candy of all varieties. That is my kind of table!

### **Julie Powell**



We all have a BIG meal and clean up the dishes, then everyone gathers around my Dad as he reads the Christmas story from the Bible. Hearing it in his rich, deep voice is so sacred and special even the little ones are stilled.

Then comes the hoopla of opening gifts, but the sacred time is really the high point in our day.

### **Kitty and Glen Rossing**

My holiday season starts with Becky Hittesdorf and me decorating a gingerbread house right after Thanksgiving, which we've done since she graduated from Calvary Christian Academy (the school CGC used to operate).

My daughter and daughters-in-law spend one entire Saturday in December baking and dividing the treats. We usually order salad from the Olive Garden for lunch, so we don't expend the time cooking.

For Christmas, my siblings and all family members meet the Saturday before Christmas to celebrate in a rented motel banquet room. We all bring a dish to pass and our beverages. There is no prior cleaning, and

no mess to clean up afterwards; the motel staff does it all, and the room is decorated beautifully to boot! We all enjoy our fellowship in one big room and everyone gets involved in games. The little children have access to a DVD player for Christmas movies, and the pool is open for family members who enjoy swimming. For the past three years, we've had the pool to ourselves since everyone else is home celebrating Christmas.

Christmas morning finds the immediate Rossing family gathered together at one house or another, where a steak breakfast with egg casseroles and the trimmings are thoroughly enjoyed before gift opening. This opens the rest of the day for the "other side" of the family. Those without obligations stay all day for games and fun, and we end with BBQs for supper.

### **Allison Brost**

On Thanksgiving morning, my mom (Connie Hix) and I begin making the day's feast while watching the Macy Day parade. Every year when Christmas comes around, I look forward to listening to Mannheim Steamroller Christmas CDs while we bake cookies and put up the Christmas tree. One unusual Christmas tradition that we have had as long as I can remember is cooking homemade Asian cuisine for our Christmas Eve meal. My grandma and mom are quite the cooks, and each year we look forward to sampling a variety of different Asian dishes, some requested favorites and others new recipes. Makes me look forward to the season!

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### Jessica E Rivest

One of my fondest memories of the holidays is all the Christmas baking. Cookies, pies and bars galore!! I remember coloring cookie cutouts and rolling out dough with my family as a girl and now that tradition lives on as adults. My mom (Linda Brown) and sisters plan a Christmas baking day (or two!) every December. We spend all day baking treats to Christmas music and share lots of laughter!! My boys also enjoy frosting sugar cookies and eating the treats.

### Stephanie Thompson

Every year, the girls get to open new pajamas on Christmas Eve. They wear them to bed that night, and then everyone has new pajamas on when we open presents on Christmas morning.

### Ellen Haupt

When I returned to Wisconsin with my two little girls following the breakup of my marriage, establishing new holiday traditions helped us to feel complete as a family despite the fact that daddy wasn't there.

Thanksgiving found us, along with my other sisters and their families, at Grandma and Granddad's house for a late meal on Thanksgiving, following the return of the deer hunters. We girls had fun getting the meal ready together.

Christmas Eve has always been the time we open gifts, and we all gathered at my parents' house then also, leaving Christmas Day open for the other families' get-togethers. When both my parents were in the nursing home, we moved our Christmas Eve there so we could continue our family's tradition and bring happiness to our parents during this difficult time.

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### Family of God

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After his first marriage ended, Glen prayed for a wife that would love God as he did, was passionate about the ministry of God, and would love his daughters. God answered that prayer in Bonnie. Glen and Bonnie met at Mid-winter Camp in 2007. They married in November of 2007. Bonnie and her two daughters, Tiffany and Abby, had been introduced to God in 2002 through her brother and his wife. Bonnie's life was in a shambles at that time, and she had much brokenness in her heart. Bonnie has gone through some hard places and has learned that when one goes through these places God's way, there is peace—peace that comes only from knowing God and allowing Him free reign in your heart. Shortly after Bonnie was introduced to the church, she became involved in home Bible studies, which greatly impacted her relationship with God. She enjoys scripture memorization, reading books, and keeping a journal.

We are so grateful for the Uselmann family and the impact they have had on Calvary Gospel Church. Their family continues to grow with a 3-year-old grandson, Levi, and two more on the way.

—Linda Brown



The long awaited arrival of Justin and Sarah Wall's twins, **Olivia Jo** and **Isabella Rose**, is cause for praise to God for His miraculous care.

Excited grandparents, Mike and Vickie Oliver, were on hand to help when the babies came home, and Daddy has already taken a few nighttime feedings so Mommy can get some rest. We predict a happy family!

—Ellen Haupt



Welcome to **Ayla Jolie Phillips**, a daughter born to Rochelle (Shelly) and Joseph Phillips. Ayla was born on October 28 weighing just over 7 pounds. Big brother Elijah and sister Beatrice are helping mom and dad take good care of Ayla.

—Ellen Haupt

## Calvary Gospel Church gave generously to purchase new building—

# Local Newspaper Covers Fort Atkinson River of Life Church's Plans to Start Spanish Services

The following is an excerpt from an article that ran in the "Daily Jefferson County Union" on October 12, highlighting the Fort Atkinson United Pentecostal church, pastored by Jeff Contreras. Pastor Contreras is married to our own Ashley Thomas. Calvary Gospel Church was instrumental in purchasing the church building that was miraculously provided by God.

**From the  
DAILY JEFFERSON COUNTY UNION  
Re: Fort Atkinson's River of Life  
United Pentecostal Church**

### Fort's River of Life planning Spanish church

By Paris Knox, Union staff writer

River of Life Apostolic Church in Fort Atkinson is planning to start offering Spanish-language church within its organization.

The program at River of Life—which purchased the former Friendship Baptist Church building in June 2011—will kick off on Thursday, Oct. 20, with a visit from Jason Long, a missionary working in Nicaragua.

"Long will present a video, then speak and offer a sermon in Spanish. The session is open to the public. Following the presentation will be a social hour with refreshments.

"He will come and share his burden for the country he works in. It's how he raises support," said the Rev. David Punzel, pastor.

Following the Thursday program, the first Sunday service for the Spanish-speaking church will be on Oct. 23 at 1:30 p.m. Afterward attendees will be invited to join in a meal to celebrate the start of the Spanish-speaking church....

"At the beginning, the folks from this church will be involved with the worship and singing. I will preach while someone interprets until we find a fellow to come and

preach in Spanish without an interpreter," explained Punzel. "Our worship is more contemporary; it's upbeat. We have a lot of Sunday school and children's activities, and the Spanish-language services we offer will be the same way."

Punzel said he thought there was a need for more Spanish-language programs in the area, and Jefferson County has a larger Hispanic population than he expected when he moved from Madison.... "God is really impressing me to reach out to this group of people. He's really been pushing me. I think it's a real need. To be honest, it's a really big undertaking."

River of Life has been in Fort Atkinson since 2008, although it moved into its first permanent home this summer.

"We moved here through what we call home missions. The church will send a group of people to start a church in a new town. Fort Atkinson is a growing area, and a great town. We also have churches in Madison, Oconomowoc, Milwaukee, Elkhorn and Delavan, so this was a perfect place for us," said Punzel.

Before June, church members were meeting in a rental building behind the Soup's On restaurant.

"The new building's really helped, with comfort and credibility," said Punzel of the former Baptist church.

As River of Life began looking for a building, Punzel recalled, everything fell into place very quickly.

"It was a miracle how it happened," explained Punzel. "The day we began looking for a building, I set up a lunch date with another local pastor, Don Seeman."

Punzel nearly skipped the meeting as he had much to do, but was awoken in the middle of the night prior to his meeting.

"I was hesitant to go, but God impressed me that the pastor would help me find the building," he said. "I fell back asleep, woke up the next morning, and knew that he would help us."

According to Punzel, the lunch meeting

went as expected, and he completely forgot about asking Pastor Seeman if he had any ideas about a building.

"Then, out of the blue, he asked me if, by any chance, we were looking for a building. I almost choked on my food," said Punzel. Seeman pointed Punzel to Friendship Baptist Church.

"I called a wrong number the first time. Later that day, I called again. They were praying at that very moment for God to tell them what to do. They weren't making payments on the building, and didn't want the building to be sold and lose its use as a church," said Punzel.

The two churches decided against leasing the building or combining congregations due to the differences in their beliefs, Punzel said, so Friendship Baptist sold the building to River of Life for what it owed on its mortgage: \$50,000.

"We were a small group, and had no money for a down payment," noted Punzel, "so the folks from Calvary Gospel Church in Madison took an offering one Sunday night. In 15 to 20 minutes, they raised \$22,000. One thing after another fell into place; it's been amazing. We know that God is with us. We are so thankful to those folks at Calvary Gospel.

"I'd really like to thank the people from Friendship Baptist Church, he added. "They sold us the building and everything that was in it, including computers. I'd also like to thank Steve Zimmerman at Johnson Bank. All the people at Johnson Bank have been really great."

Since the acquisition of a church building, Punzel said, River of Life has been able to become more active in its neighborhood, reaching out to families and children in the area. When the church moved in, Punzel and other congregation members walked around the neighborhood, introducing themselves to their new neighbors.

Punzel said that now River of Life Apostolic church is ready to move forward with its new mission in assisting the Spanish-speaking residents of the area. †

# Second Annual CGC Ladies Conference Held

Last year's CGC Ladies Conference was such a big success it was repeated this year. Attendance was wonderful, as can be seen from the pictures accompanying this article. Many visitors attended, friends and relatives of our ladies.

Friday evening, in a general session, a video presentation and the evening's speaker, Fiona Demos, shared their testimonies of God's care through difficult times, including abusive relationships, illnesses, and other trying times.

On Saturday, after a time of praise and worship, there were breakout sessions : Food & Fitness-Matters of the Heart; Measuring Your Self Worth; Priorities, Seasons and Time Management; and Mending Broken Relationships.

A wonderful baked chicken luncheon was prepared by Kevin Brown and his helpers and greatly enjoyed by the ladies.

Thanks to our Ladies Ministry leader, Linda Brown, and to all who helped plan and present this conference. We fully appreciate the sacrifices you made so we could enjoy such a wonderful time.

—Ellen Haupt



Left: Linda Brown  
 Above: Julie Puckett, Sandra Watkins, and Juanita Hittesdorf registered the guests.  
 Bottom left: part of the kitchen crew.



# Be More...

*More Healthy, More Spiritual and More Happy!*



## Got milk?

Get a sharper memory!  
Frequently forgetting  
where you put your keys?  
Having trouble recalling  
information you just

learned? Forgetfulness is one of the most common signs of stress – and new research in the journal Nutrition Research has pinpointed a super-easy way to thwart it: Drink a yogurt smoothie or a glass of milk every day. Turns out, phospholipids – certain fats in dairy products that help keep cell membranes healthy – rev recall by improving your brain’s ability to adapt to chronic stress, particularly in neurons where new memories are formed!

## Go ahead – shake hands!



Think you can catch an illness by shaking someone’s hand? Not likely. Johns Hopkins researchers say that because any germs on the hands are quickly embedded in skin oils, they aren’t easily transferred to another person during this brief ritual! Besides, unless you have a cut, germs can’t penetrate the skin on your hands, the way they can through the delicate tissues of the eyes, nose and mouth.

## THE SOUL OF AMERICA

Hear these thoughts from Charles Malik (1906-1987), Lebanon’s ambassador to the United Nations and president of the thirteenth session of the UN General Assembly in 1959:

The good (in the United States) would never have come into being without the blessing and power of Jesus Christ ..... Whoever tries to conceive the American word without taking full account of the suffering and love and salvation of Christ is only dreaming. I know how embarrassing this matter is to politicians, bureaucrats, businessmen, and cynics; but, whatever these honored men think, the irrefutable truth is that the soul of America is, at its best and highest, Christian.

**What is an antioxidant exactly?**

It is any nutrient that can help block a type of change in our cells - called oxidation - that is known to cause disease and speed aging.



## Oh, Sweet Justice! A Facebook mom teaches her son a valuable lesson:

Hi, this is XXXXX’s mom. I wanted to let all of you know that he is no longer allowed on Facebook because of choices he made today. He posted on Facebook personal information about someone that, regardless if it were true or not, was rude. Because he chose to try and make her mad by spreading personal information, I thought he should know how it feels when the tables are turned.... He wet the bed until he was eight.

## “Discover the Difference”

### Calvary Gospel Church

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

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*Servicios en Espanol*

Domingos: 1:00 p.m.  
 Martes: 7:30 p.m.

Signing for the Deaf available  
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Calvary Gospel Church  
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“REACH UP” in Worship  
 “REACH IN” in Discipleship  
 “REACH OUT” in Evangelism

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### UPCI General Conference

The location of the 2011 General Conference of the UPC International in St. Louis allowed several of our members to attend. They all came back fired up for Jesus!

Left: Some of CGC's young ladies who attended the 2011 General Conf.

Right: Nazley Vega-Martinez with Rev. David Bernard, General Superintendent of the UPCI.



## Missionaries to Nicaragua Share Their Burden

Rev. and Sis. Jayson Long, missionaries to Nicaragua, presented their ministry to Calvary Gospel Church (CGC) on October 23, preaching in CGC's morning and evening services as well as at the Voces Unidas afternoon service. CGC has not been a Partner in Missions with the Longs, so Pastor Grant urged the church members to pledge a monthly offering so we could do that.

Nicaragua is a beautiful country with many lakes. There are UPC churches in very remote villages, and a new Bible college building is almost complete. The Longs have been there

since November 2008, when they went as AIMers (Associates in Missions), selling their house and all they had to go and assist Missionaries Steven and Yvonne Nicks. Sis. Long testified of how God has continually and miraculously provided their needs. She has been working to develop Sunday school throughout the region.

Current needs in the country of Nicaragua include solar electrical systems for the remote churches and \$5,000 for a new church building and pastoral home near the border with Costa Rica.



(If anyone would like to pledge a monthly support amount or contribute to the projects, contact Sis. Carolyn Thorpe in the office.)

--Ellen Haupt



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