

The Clarion
February
2021

Calvary Presbyterian Church

A community worshiping, growing, and service together



Upcoming Events

Winter Fest 2021

February 1-6

Winterfest 2021 Registration is open.

[Click here to register.](#)

Ash Wednesday at Home

February 17

Palm Sunday Picnic

March 28 at 12PM

Eisha Perry	2/1
Elizabeth von Bibra	2/2
Meagan Cisneros	2/4
Clifford Douglas	2/5
Jeremy Bruce	2/8
Fayrouz Malki	2/8
Orville Houg	2/10
Thomas von Bibra	2/11
Belinda Arrambide	2/17

Birthdays

Presbyterian Corner

Our faith, our practice, and our roots.



Is “speaking in tongues” necessary sign of the Holy Spirit in one’s life?

Some Christian traditions, particularly the Pentecostal, stress the gift of “speaking in tongues” (also called “glossolalia,” from the Greek word *glóssa* meaning “tongue”). This refers to a person’s uttering words in a language unknown to the speaker, and is seen as a gift of the Holy Spirit. If this happens in the context of a worship service, there may also be someone who is given the gift of “interpretation,” to be able to say what is being said. This was a practice that occurred in the early church, even on the day of Pentecost, when people spoke in unknown languages and were also able to understand such languages (Acts 2:4-13).

The apostle Paul refers to this phenomenon (1 Cor. 14:2). But he recognizes it is not a gift for every Christian (1 Cor. 12:30) and that it is helpful only when someone can interpret what is said so the church can be upbuilt. In this regard, the gift of “prophecy,” in which the word and will of God can be proclaimed, is more useful and greater (1 Cor. 14:5). Paul refers to his own experience (1 Cor. 14:18), but also recognizes that those outside the church who might view this experience will have no idea what is going on! (1 Cor. 14:23).

Presbyterians have not stressed the gift of “speaking in tongues.” Some have even doubted that it is a legitimate activity now, believing that these kinds of “exceptional gifts” of the Holy Spirit are not longer given today’s church. However, some Presbyterians have experienced this gift. Yet, all Presbyterians should acknowledge that this is not a gift that is “required” as an indubitable sign of the Holy Spirit in one’s life.

There is a bigger New Testament picture of the work of the Holy Spirit in the church and Christians experience. Paul sees the gifts of the Spirit as expressing themselves in the “fruit of the Spirit,” which is the visible manifestation of the Spirit’s presence. The “fruit of the Spirit” is very “ordinary” phenomena: “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control” (Gal. 5:22-23). These are the signs of the Spirit’s presence. The greater gift of God’s Spirit is love, which is the crucial ingredient, even if one speaks in “the tongues of mortals and of angels” (1 Cor. 12:1, 13).

-from Donald K. McKim, *Presbyterian Questions, Presbyterian Answers*

Our Prayer Wall is Ready!



Now members of Calvary and people in our community is be able to stop by, write out a prayer request and place it on our wall. Then folks can also take one and pray for their neighbor. This is a great way to engage remotely with our community and offer hope, comfort and support to our city.

- Keep Shining,
Reece



BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR YOUR AT-
HOME KIT!

ASH
WEDNESDAY
AT HOME

FEBRUARY 17, 2021



FEBRUARY 17-APRIL 4TH

LENT BIBLE READING PLAN

Calvary Presbyterian Church

Journey to the Cross

BY ASHLEY LYNN ROQUE

This Lenten season, I want to invite you to journey with me through the healings, teachings, and tensions of Jesus of Nazareth. I firmly believe we must embrace the healing of Christ in our own lives before we can become open to His teachings. Spending time with Christ and the tension he brought to the Jewish leaders and surrounding community will help prepare our hearts for Holy Week.

The first two weeks of Lent will be centered on the healings of Jesus. As you read his miracles, pray about where you might need healing in your own life. Healing begins with acceptance. We must accept our past, our mistakes, and other people if we are to find healing and serenity in any season. Join me as I journey to the cross by reading through the Gospels this Lenten season. May God bless you this Lenten season with a greater experience of serenity.



Feb. 17-28th

Feb. 17th: Mark 4:35-41

Feb. 18th: Luke 5:16-26

Feb. 19th: Mark 5:1-20

Feb. 22nd: Mark 5:21-43

Feb. 23rd: John 6:16-21

Feb. 24th: Mark 8:22-26

Feb. 25th: John 9

Feb. 26th: John 11:1-44

Your rock is Christ,
and it is not the Rock
which ebbs and flows,
but your sea.
- Samuel Rutherford

CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ASHLEY'S BOOK CLUB

Books on Growth, Connection and Spirituality



DIDN'T SEE THAT COMING

by Rachel Hollis

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Rachel Hollis came into my life about two years ago. A friend of mine who sat in the cubicle next to me recommended her podcast. At the time, Rachel had a popular podcast for women called Rise and a podcast with her husband, Dave, for couples called Rise Together. Rachel and her husband did an amazing job centering the concerns and cares and dreams of women. She is especially passionate about empowering women to go after all that they long for. This power couple gave the world heart-felt advice that was rooted in laughter, vulnerability, and deep inspiration.

And then they got divorced.

Didn't See That Coming is the journey through grief and healing that Rachel offers up as a road map. She doesn't outline the details of her divorce but instead gives an honest look into how she struggled through one of the biggest changes of her life. In her chapter "Letting Go of Guilt," Rachel wrote:

"If you are reading this and you're trapped in self-hatred from something that you've done, I beg you to remember that hatred never heals - only love can do that. You are going to have to love yourself enough to seek help. You are going to have to love yourself enough to forgive yourself. You are going to have to love yourself enough to believe that you can be better, that you will be better, next time."



Didn't See That Coming

My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing.

- James 1:2-4

Self-hatred can creep up in times of weakness and defeat and it can take up residence in our mind for a very long time. It is so important that we learn to love ourselves through our own growth process and give ourselves the same grace we would give our children, our best friend or a partner.


Rachel also challenges her readers to shift their perspective on suffering:

"So which parts of your life are you seeing as much bigger than they have any right to be? What are the areas that are causing suffering that, if you were able to adjust the way you were looking at them, would cease to matter so much? How can you rethink your negative experiences as happening FOR you and not TO you?"

This is especially important when you think about James 1: 2-4.

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As you consider what to read this spring, consider adding this book to your reading list and allow Rachel Hollis to inspire you.



THE SEASON OF SINGLENES

BY ASHLEY LYNN ROQUE

IF SINGLENES IS A GIFT CAN I EXCHANGE IT?

It is officially February which means, whether you like it or not there are hearts, teddy bears, balloons and chocolates all over the place. Personally, I love it. But Jen wishes stores would at least wait until after New Years before they start putting out Valentine's Day merchandise.

For the last two years, I have been in this amazing and wonderful relationship with my fiancé, Jen. But before that, I was in what I would describe as a "very prolonged season of singleness." Despite how busy I kept myself, it was often very difficult to see the days, months and even years go by without meeting Mrs. Right. And then, it happened. I met Jen at a church in Toluca Lake where she served as the outreach coordinator. She was one of three leaders in a small church plant for the United Methodist Church. Naturally, I fell in love with this beautiful woman, and by God's grace, she felt the same way about me. Now we are in the thick of wedding plans and I can't wait for the day I introduce myself as "Mrs. Hengst."

I can't really explain how or why my "prolonged season of singleness" ended. All I know is, Jen and I found each other at just the right time. By no means do I have regrets but thinking back, there are a few things I wish I had given more attention to and focused on in my years of being single and I want to offer them to you, no matter what season of life you are currently experiencing.

Prioritize and master your finances. I wish I had read David Bach's book "Smart Women Finish Rich" in my early twenties and focused much more of my attention on safeguarding the resources I had instead of believing they weren't enough.

Master communication skills. I wish I had learned to speak better. Tone, voice, inflection, mood, and word choice all play a key role in how others perceive and experience me. We should all be constantly learning about how to communicate better to those around us, not just our significant other.

Become more comfortable with rejection. A lot of us remain single because we are too scared to talk to someone whom we find attractive. But even when you are in a relationship, rejection is a normal part of life. Someone may reject your music, the way you fold the clothes, or how you cook pancakes. It's normal. Become comfortable with it. It doesn't mean they are rejecting you as a human being, maybe just that weird song you liked in middle school.

Meditate, meditate, meditate. One of the huge keys to personal growth is learning to accept our circumstances and not attach ourselves to every thought or emotion (good or bad). God has blessed us with the amazing tool of meditation that helps us learn how to center ourselves and reconnect with Him. Try downloading the Headspace app and master the skills of breathing and being mindful. (LA County residents can access this app for FREE during the pandemic. It's normally \$13/month. If you need help with this, just ask me!)

Develop hobbies. Don't just read about scuba diving, get certified. Don't just admire people who can ski or build or paint or run 5ks - consider doing these things yourself. Hobbies give us the chance to build new skills and to gain self-confidence while spending time in things we are interested in. Find things that inspire you, that you might want to pursue, and go all in.

Finally, **develop your connection to God.** In the 21 years that I have been a Christian, I have seldom missed a day where I didn't pray or read Scripture. But I wish I saw it less like a chore and more as a gift, a privilege. Today, I find my time with God as the sweetest part of my day.

None of these things will make your season of singleness shorter or make Mrs. or Mr. or Mx. Right come sooner. But it will allow you to possibly shift your perspective on the gifts God has for you in this season. May God bless you and our entire church family on Valentine's Day with a deep awareness of God's love and our love for one another.



LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Lent of Liberation

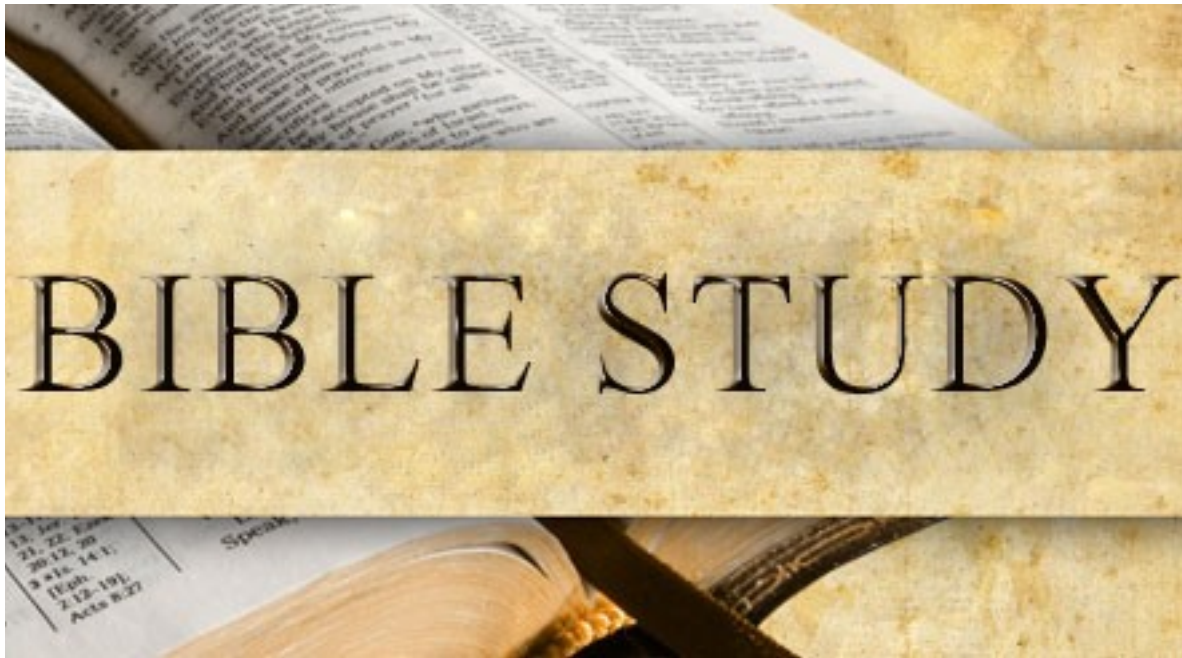
CONFRONTING THE LEGACY OF
AMERICAN SLAVERY

BEGINNING FEBRUARY 17TH
TWO STUDY TIMES:

7:00 PM WEDNESDAY EVENINGS
WITH ASHLEY

11:30 AM SUNDAY MORNINGS
WITH REECE

STOP BY THE CHURCH TO PICK UP
YOUR COPY OF THE BOOK OR
CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE, AND
WE WILL DROP OFF A COPY.



What the Bible means to _____

Please join us as Ron Schooler leads a discussion on four Mondays (February 15, February 22, March 1, and March 8) on the Bible.

The session titles are:

February 16- What makes the Bible special?

February 22- What is the nature of the Bible?

March 1- How is the Bible relevant to us?

March 8- What are good ways to read the Bible?



Remember we are still collecting food, for our little birdhouse library that we've temperately converted in a mini food bank to keep supporting our community!

If you would like to make donations and want us to pick them up from your house, please let us know.



Palm Sunday Picnic

MARCH 28TH 12:00 PM

Come for a motorized procession around the block of the church as we wave palm fronds.

Followed by a hot dog lunch. Take your food to go or eat inside your cars in the church parking lot!

JOIN US!



Angel INTERFAITH NETWORK News

♥♥♥♥♥ *February 2021* ♥♥♥♥♥

Happy Valentine's Day!

Valentine's Day is a great reminder that we are to **Love Our Neighbors**. At Angel Interfaith Network, we strive to do just that by meeting the urgent unmet needs of patients and their families at LAC+USC Medical Center.

Network Partners:

This past Season of Advent, the pandemic created a challenge for many Alternative Christmas Markets. Thanks to the diligence and efforts of the market coordinators, they created virtual markets! Our sincere appreciation is given to the generous participating congregants at **Claremont Presbyterian Church, All Saints Church, San Marino Community Church, Our Lady of Assumption and Shepherd Of The Valley Presbyterian** for sharing their gifts of good will.

LAC+USC Orthopedic Clinic & Rehabilitation Services Department held their annual holiday fundraiser in honor of Angel Interfaith. They generously donated Target & Food gift cards along with monetary donations.

Those We Serve:

Saul has been undergoing cancer treatment for the past 6 years and has lost one kidney during the process. He has been unable to work and his disability benefits have run out. He qualified for the Food Delivery program through Project Angel Food but was in need of a microwave. Angel Interfaith Network was able to deliver a microwave to his home and also assisted Saul with food card and a microwave for his meals.

Urgent Needs:

The need for food cards and rental assistance continues and we are seeing an increase in need during this second surge of the pandemic. Please consider Angel Interfaith Network as your charity of choice. Without your generosity, our work would simply not be possible.

For donations, please visit: <http://angelinterfaith.net/wp/donate-now/>

Donations can also be mailed to: AIN c/o St. Camillus Center: 1911 Zonal Ave. L A, CA 90033
Please make checks payable to St. Camillus, with **AIN** on the memo line.

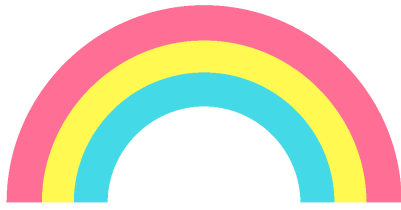
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We thank you for your continued support!

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LET ALL
that you do
BE BORN
IN LOVE

1 CORINTHIANS 16:14

January Financials

Jan Budgeted Income \$16,066.67
Jan Actual Income \$11,385.00
Jan Budgeted Expense \$37,037.74
Jan Actual Expense \$43,562.37
Jan Food Bank Expenses: \$100.00

*These amounts reflect the operating budget only. Income numbers are purely from Sunday offering. Investment and property numbers are not included.



Join your church family online each Sunday at 10:30 am here: <http://calvarypres.online.church/>

To see more of Rev. Millason Dailey's sermons check out on our [Messages page](#).

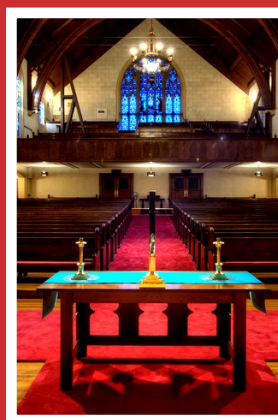
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Every Sunday to see a new
service!