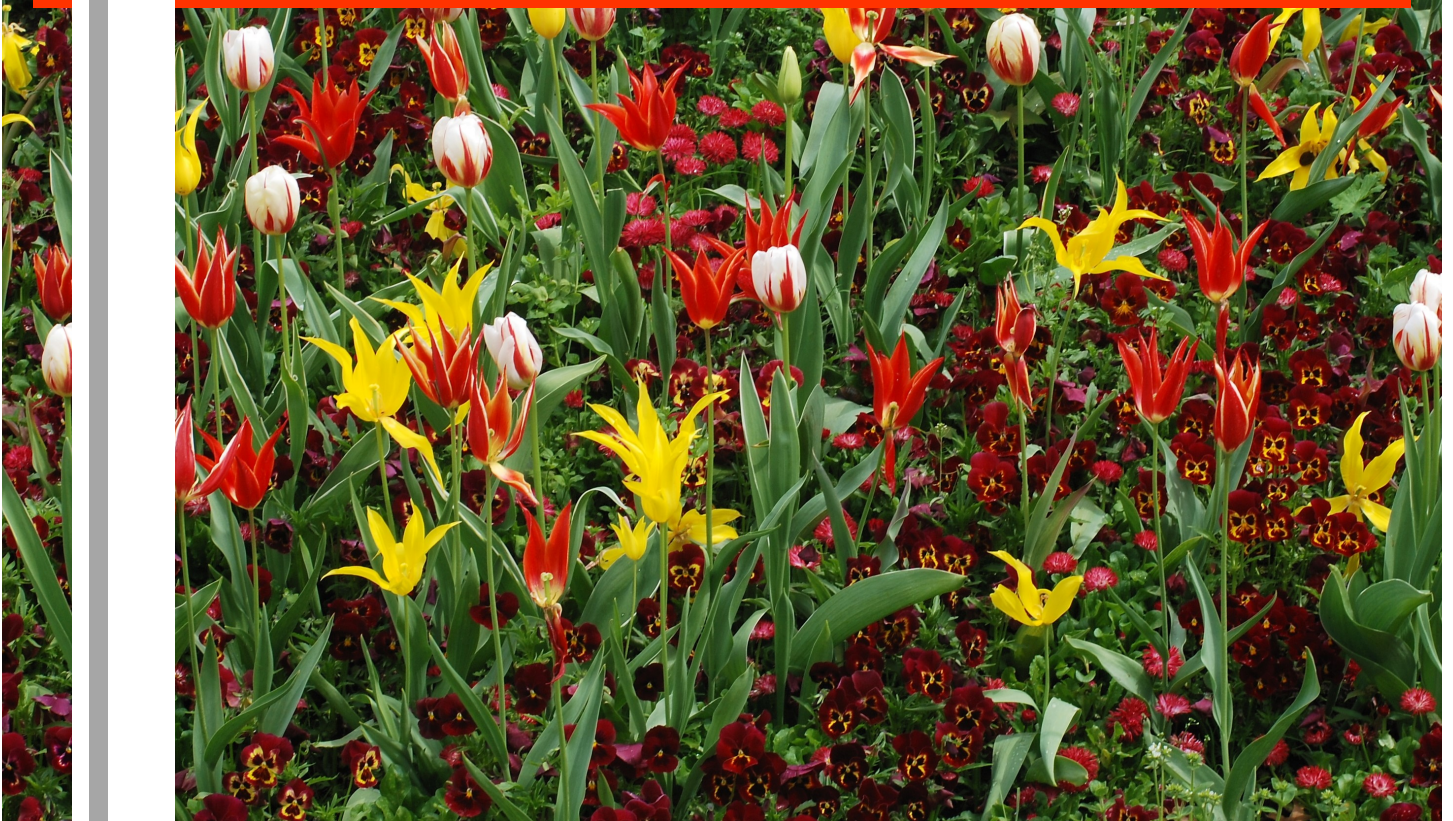


The Clarion
April
2021

Calvary Presbyterian Church

A community worshipping, growing, and service together



Upcoming Events

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 4th

10:30 am online

Calvary Discussions on the Bible

Every Monday in April at

7:00 pm online

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Maxfield Dube 4/6

Devon Douglas 4/9

Jeff Bruce 4/10

Donna Heselbarth 4/15

Kelly Douglas 4/16

Lorenz von Bibra 4/16

Cynthia Zack 4/26

Reiko Furuta 4/26

Join us for online
worship!

Christ Has Risen

An Easter Sunday Celebration



Sunday, April 4th, 10:30 am
<https://calvarypres.online.church/>

Come and celebrate with us!

Presbyterian Corner

Our faith, our practice, and our roots.



Does the Holy Spirit work outside the church?

The Holy Spirit is God present with us. The Spirit gives gifts to the church (1 Cor. 12:7-13). The Spirit is received by faith (Gal. 3:14). Believers are “baptized with the Holy Spirit” to become leaders in the church (Acts 11:16).

But the Spirit of God is also active in creation at large and in ways that go beyond what the spirit does in and through the church. We can see the Spirit’s working wherever the Spirit’s goals and purposes are being carried out.

For example, when Jesus attended the synagogue in his hometown of Nazareth, he read from the prophet Isaiah (6:1-2) and town of Nazareth, and said:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the years of the Lord’s favor.”

(Luce 4:18-19)

Here Jesus’ ministry was being previewed. We find in his words what types of actions the Holy Spirit of God desires to carry out. If so, one way of understanding the wider work of the Holy Spirit in the world is to see the ways and places where the poor receive: “good news,” where those who are captive to powers (we could say such as to addictions) are released, where those who are blind (in whatever sense) recover their sight, and where the oppressed go free. Where the Lord’s favor is proclaimed, there the Spirit of God is at work.

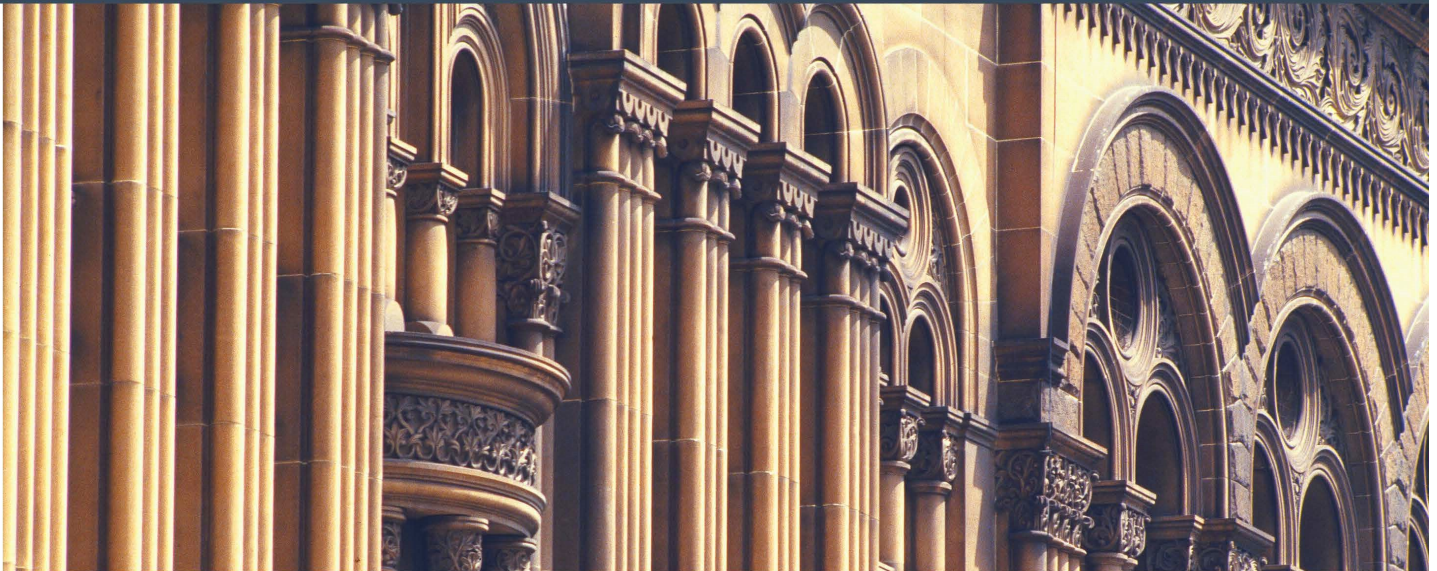
To see the Spirit’s work in this way enables Presbyterians to be alert to God’s wider work in the world, and encourages us too join with all peoples in struggles for peace, justice, and freedom. We will sense an awareness of God in the Spirit as we cooperate, even with those who are not Christians, in the work and purposes of God in society and culture. We will watch for the surprising work of God’s Spirit, even in times and places and among people we do not expect.

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

BIBLE READING PLAN

JAMES

FAITH WORKS



FUN FACTS ABOUT THE LETTER OF JAMES.

-JAMES IS THE BROTHER OF JESUS
(MATT. 13:55 & GAL. 1:9)

-JAMES WAS A LEADER IN THE EARLY
CHURCH UNTIL HE WAS MARTYRED.

-MARTIN LUTHER REJECTED THIS
LETTER'S PLACEMENT IN THE BIBLE
BECAUSE IT APPEARED TO
CONTRADICT PAUL'S MESSAGE OF
JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH.

- IT IS PACKED WITH WISDOM!

-COMPARED TO PAUL, JAMES IS LESS
INTERESTED IN THEOLOGY AND MORE
INTERESTED IN WISE LIVING.

-MY FAVORITE SERMON SERIES ON
JAMES IS PREACHED BY
MATT CHANDLER OF
THE VILLAGE CHURCH.

FAITH WORKS

THIS APRIL I WILL BE READING THE LETTER OF
JAMES WITH OUR CALVARY YOUTH GROUP AND I
WANT TO INVITE YOU TO READ IT WITH US TOO!

1st Week

All of James
James 1: 1-8
James 1: 9-11
James 1:12-18
All of James

2nd Week

All of James
James 1:19-27
James 2:1-12
James 2:14-26
All of James

3rd Week

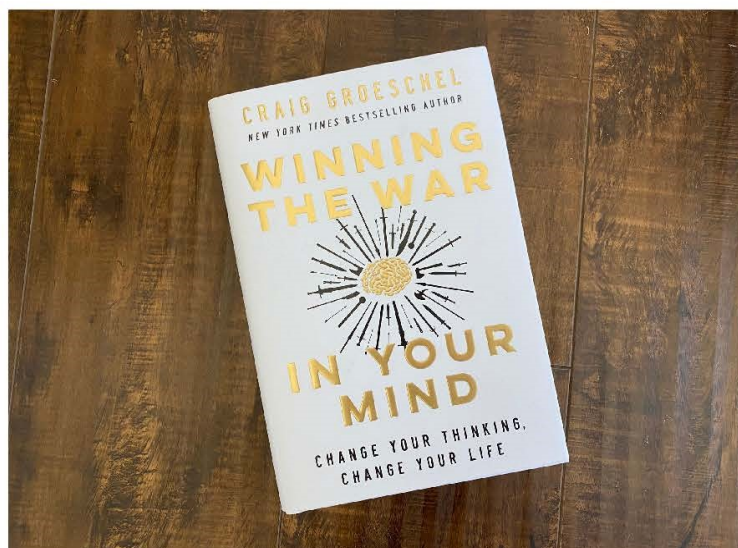
James 3: 1-12
James 3: 13-18
All of James
James 4: 1-10
James 4:11-12

4th Week

James 4:13-17
James 5:1-6
All of James
James 5: 7-12
James 5: 13-19

ASHLEY'S BOOK CLUB

Books on Growth, Connection and Spirituality




**WINNING THE
WAR IN YOUR
MIND:**

**CHANGE YOUR
THINKING,
CHANGE YOUR
LIFE**

By Craig Groeschel


It is so important that we do everything we can to develop a healthy and positive mindset. As Christians, we have been given Scripture and psychology to help us discover how we can think in a healthy, life-giving way. Pastor Craig Groeschel has given us an amazing book on how to combine psychology with Christian truth in efforts to help us change our lives as we change our thinking.

I have been a big fan of Craig Groeschel for quite a while. Groeschel hosts an amazing leadership podcast that I highly recommend. When the pandemic first began, I found a lot of inspiration as I listened to his talks about how to lead in crisis and how to lead at home. His book on winning the war with our minds has been just as helpful to me.



"Our lives are always moving in the direction of our strongest thoughts"

Groeschel believes that "our lives are always moving in the direction of our strongest thoughts" therefore we must keep guard over what our strongest thoughts are. As you read the book, Groeschel will show you how to replace lies with truth, how to rewire our brain by renewing our mind, how to change our perspectives, and how to revive our souls by reclaiming personal responsibility of our minds and of our lives. That might seem like an oversimplification of a very difficult and often complicated experience, but his thoughts on the matter are worth reading and considering.



Trying to change old patterns of thinking can be a very challenging experience, and I believe we can benefit from the bountiful wisdom of others. I found Craig Groeschel's book to be very accessible and helpful and I hope you find his words that way too. I also want to encourage you to listen to his accompanying sermons at Life.Church.

His church is the church that freely provides the platform with which we watch our Sunday service online. Even if you don't prescribe to his evangelical theology, he has so much wisdom on the topic of mental health that I believe every Christian will find helpful. As with everything I recommend, I want to encourage you to take what works for you and leave the rest.

May God grant you a greater sense of peace this Easter season as you seek to change your thinking and change your life.



In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression
Millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity.

The programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing: **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People** - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

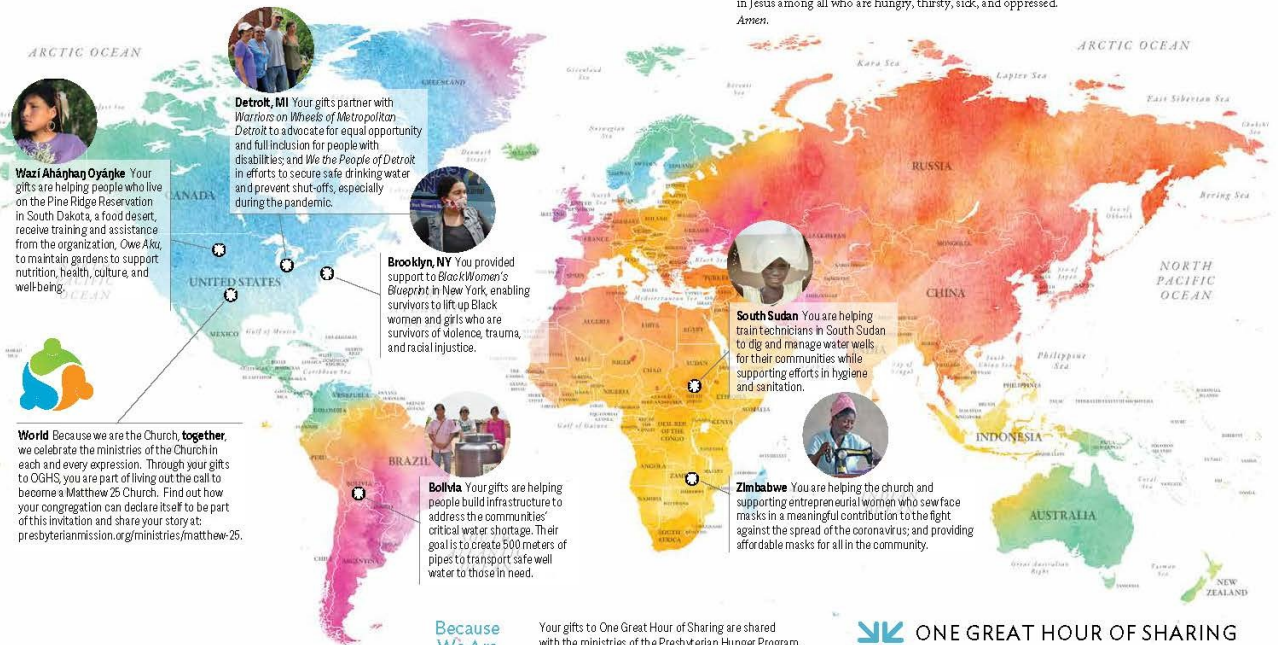
Request your Fish Bank (or envelope) from the church office and bring it back to church on Palm Sunday during the Palm Parade, filled with coins.

(Checks or online giving also greatly appreciated!)



YOUR GIFTS MAKE THESE MINISTRIES POSSIBLE

Prayer: God, we want to become repairers of the breach. We want to see you among us, and so we walk where you said you would be; in Jesus among all who are hungry, thirsty, sick, and oppressed. Amen.



World Because we are the Church, together, we celebrate the ministries of the Church in each and every expression. Through your gift to OGHs, you are part of living out the call to become a Matthew 25 Church. Find out how your congregation can declare itself to be part of this invitation and share your story at: presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25.

Because We Are the Church, Together

Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing are shared with the ministries of the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Together, we are making a difference. And when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

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pcusa.org/oghsmap

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Each day at or after a meal time, gather around this map activity. Consider the reflection and questions, place a coin or a bill (a "gift") in your fish coinbank or a jar, and end by saying the prayer of the week or one of your own.

For more locations and ministries, go to pcusa.org/oghsmap or scan this code.



Wednesday: Read Isaiah 58:6-8, 12. What are we asked to do? Who helps meet those same needs for you (v. 12)? Say a prayer of gratitude for them.

Thursday: Our Grace Fish coinboxes will hold many gifts of money this season, but what other kinds of gifts can we give? What gifts can you give or share?

Friday: Find where you live on the map and identify which OGHs site is closest to you. What problems are being solved there?

Saturday: Sunday is PDA's Blue Shirt Sunday. What does PDA do to show God's love? Choose something blue to wear or share with your congregation.

Prayer: God, open our eyes to your face in every person. Let us see the ways we are all connected with all of creation. May we as your Church, together, seek love, justice and peace with all. Amen.
Lectionary: Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 19:15

Sunday: After a natural disaster or in a public health crisis, it may be hard to find places to buy basic supplies. Say a prayer of thanksgiving and give a gift for each time you had toilet paper to use today.

Monday: Over 23 million Americans live in a food desert, far from a store where they can buy fresh food. Give a gift for each grocery store nearby.

Tuesday: Electricity is usually the first utility that is lost in a storm. Give a gift for each light switch in your home.

Wednesday: What did you use water for today? Using the other side of this placemat, find the projects related to water, and say a prayer for each.

Thursday: Using the online OGHs map, look at the states where PDA is working. Read about one near to you and one far away, and make a generous gift for each as you offer a prayer.

Friday: Health is one of our most important needs. The pandemic has made thousands of people sick. Say a prayer for each person your family knows who has had COVID-19. Then offer a prayer for those you do not know.

Saturday: Find the international locations where PDA is serving, and give a gift for each.

Prayer: Gather us all around your banquet table, O God, with all who hunger and thirst. May we join, together, to share the abundance you've intended for all. Amen.
Lectionary: Genesis 17:17, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

Sunday: Most people around the world don't have access to the many varieties of fruit and vegetables we have. Give one gift for each type of vegetable in your house.

Monday: Climate change is forcing farmers worldwide to either adjust their farming methods or move away. Give a gift for each type of animal you saw today.

Tuesday: Thousands of "front-line" workers risk their lives daily to help those who have COVID-19. Say a prayer for the doctors, nurses, and other medical staff who care for the sick.

Wednesday: Without the right nutrition in the first two years of life, a child's physical and mental development is compromised. Give a gift for each toddler you know.

Thursday: When roads are closed and electricity is off, going to see a doctor can be hard. Give a gift for each person in your family who has been able to see a doctor in the past year.

Friday: It is estimated that 1 in 5 kids in the U.S. will experience hunger this year. Give at least one gift if you have not experienced hunger this year.

Saturday: Tomorrow is SDOP Sunday! Visit pcusa.org/sdop and identify a community partnership that SDOP has cultivated. Give a generous gift in honor of that partnership.

Prayer: Encourage us Creator, when things get difficult. May we draw creativity and hope from your Spirit, and from our partners along the way. Amen.
Lectionary: Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

Sunday: Where does your water come from? Many people carry buckets of water long distances to their homes every day. Give a gift for every faucet in your home.

Monday: Find Detroit on the OGHs map. What needs is SDOP working to address there? Say a prayer of thanksgiving for those who are helping in Detroit.

Tuesday: Social barriers are like locked doors that hold people back and keep them from thriving. Give a gift for every door that can lock in your home.

Wednesday: If you could start a business of your own, what would it be? Give a gift for every good business idea you hear from those you are with.

Thursday: Rainwater is rare in some places, so special collection systems are built to catch the water so it can be used for growing plants. Give one gift for every day it rained (or snowed) in the past week.

Friday: Changing weather patterns mean old ways of farming don't work in some areas anymore, so farmers need to be taught new techniques. Give one gift for every farm you've visited.

Saturday: Over 780 million people around the world can't get safe water to drink every day, not to mention water for cleaning and cooking. Give a gift for every glass of water you've had today.

Prayer: Help us to learn from what others have seen, so that we might grow in understanding across lines of difference. Amen.
Lectionary: Numbers 2:14-9; Psalm 107:1-3; 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

Sunday: Blankets are used internationally to comfort those impacted by disasters. Give a gift for each blanket in your home or find some blankets you can donate.

Monday: Hunger-related causes kill tens of thousands every day around the world. Give a gift for meals you've had today.

Tuesday: Poverty can make people feel like their wheels are spinning and getting nowhere because of surprise expenses, problems, or illness. Give a gift for every wheel in and around your home that helps your family get places.

Wednesday: Teaching healthy food choices and food safety can change the health of an entire community! What healthy foods do you have in your kitchen? Choose some to donate to a food pantry or soup kitchen.

Thursday: The most vulnerable are often the most impacted in emergency situations. Say a prayer for children impacted by disasters, and give a gift for every flashlight in your home.

Friday: The coronavirus has made us all aware of how easily we can become sick. Say a prayer for each person in your home, for continued good health. Make a gift in honor of each.

Saturday: Communication can be incredibly difficult after a disaster, especially if the internet isn't working! Give a gift for every computer in your home and call, email or text a loved one

Prayer: Guide us through the paths that feel lonely, assured that you are always with us. Be with us in the darkness as we walk by faith and not by sight. Amen.
Lectionary: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16; John 12:20-33

Sunday: Using the online map, find Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles. PHD helped a congregation respond to a sudden increase in need. Make a gift for everyone you know who helps support your household.

Monday: Social support and connection are important parts of being healthy. Say a prayer of gratitude for every home that offers welcome to you.

Tuesday: Immunizations give us hope for a day when certain diseases will no longer cause sickness and pain. Check your immunization record, make appointments for any missing shots, and give a gift.

Wednesday: God's love is shown in so many ways. Find three things you can do today or tomorrow to share God's love.

Thursday: Give a gift for every year you have been in school and find 3 books you can donate to another person can read and learn.

Friday: Learning new languages can help form relationships. Learn about the indigenous peoples who inhabited the land where you are now. Learn the name they gave that place or region.

Saturday: During a pandemic, access to the things we need to protect ourselves and our families is challenging. Make a gift for each of your favorite items used to protect your health.

NOT A BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY

No, not a Bible study. Rather conversations about the Bible. That is what I am planning for four Mondays in April. The Bible is essential to Christianity and informs and feeds our faith. Yet at the same time it has too often been used for purposes against the grain of Christian faith. My goal is that as we talk together about this dichotomy and see ways in which we can be enriched by the Scriptures and avoid their misuse.

There will be short videos as introductions to our conversations over Zoom. The videos will be available on the Calvary web site several days before the conversation. The conversations will be held on the four Mondays in April at 7:00 pm.

I'm not using Calvary's Zoom. Ron Schooler is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

*Topic: Calvary Discussions on the Bible
Time: Every Monday in April at 7:00 pm*

Join Zoom Meeting

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Angel INTERFAITH NETWORK News *April 2021*

"Where Flowers Bloom So Does Hope" - Lady Bird Johnson

Spring is here, bringing growth and hope. For those enduring hardships that winter brought our way, Spring is a reminder of new beginnings and hope. New beginnings that offer endless possibilities for renewed faith, growth and transformation. What a blessing you are, to all the patients and their families, as your support brings hope through Angel Interfaith Network's mission.

Thank you!

♥♥♥ Special thanks to **Holy Family Church in South Pasadena** for coming through during the pandemic surge with additional support and donations of food gift cards. This allowed Angel Interfaith Network to continue providing for patients with nowhere to turn. Last month alone, Angel Interfaith provided \$ 2,500 in food gift cards alone. ♥♥♥

♥♥♥ To our **"Anonymous Angel"**.....Thank you. Know that we have received your gift of plus size shirts, pants, shorts, and shoes. Your thoughtful gesture of kindness in responding to our "Urgent Needs" request is appreciated.

♥♥♥ **Mrs. Nancy Morgan and Mrs. Marilyn Newton** for taking the time to drive out to Angel Interfaith's Gatehouse" with donations of baby items and children's books from our friends at **East Whittier Presbyterian Church**.



♥♥♥ And speaking of blooms & flowers, look at these beautiful infant sweaters knitted by **Mrs. Marilyn Newton**. They will be given to Mothers with infants getting discharged from LAC+USC Medical Center and need some extra help with baby items.



Those We Serve!

- Rosie is a 78 year old who suffers from Cancer and other chronic health conditions. She has no family or friends, rents a small room and fully takes care of herself. She is not eligible for government assistance and returns bottles and cans from the street for money to live. She recently became ill causing her to fall behind with her rent. Referred by her Social Worker for assistance, Angel Interfaith was able to provide her with food cards and rental assistance to avoid being displaced.
- Ray arrived not feeling well to the Emergency room, unaware of a 670 sugar level and testing positive for Covid19. Unable to work and not eligible for assistance, his social worker referred him to Angel Interfaith and was provided with food cards and rental assistance.

Urgent Needs:



Although we begin to see a light at the end of the tunnel, we also continue to see the critical need for funds to help with rent, utilities, and grocery store gift cards for food. Your financial support will help us to meet and provide for the urgent needs of patients like Rosie and Ray.

Donations can 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.

If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, you can give or enroll online to become a Sustaining Angel :
<http://angelinterfaith.net/sustainers.html>

Reflections With Reece

Over the course of the past year, the challenges that our community regularly faces have been amplified and multiplied. Poverty, hunger, inequity, marginalization and desperation have bubbled to the surface of our cultural consciousness and can no longer be ignored. Do you ever look at these problems and feel overwhelmed? Do you long to make a difference, but just don't know where to start? I often feel that way too.

Fast forward to January 2021. I am watching a local news broadcast that highlighted a family that created a "Sharing Table" for their neighborhood. They had no idea what people might need, because everyone is very private, so they put out a plastic folding table with three clear plastic bins on top which were filled with non-perishable foods, household items and toiletries. They also had a poster that said "*Sharing Table: Take what you need, leave what you can.*" Immediately people in their community began stopping to pick things up, as well as drop things off. The most touching aspect of the sharing table was the way that it encouraged and inspired everyone who used it. Even the news anchor was fighting back tears.



(Source: liherald.com)

I decided right then that I had been given an answer for how I could help my community. I could create a space for my neighborhood to share in having their needs met and in meeting the needs of others. So over the course of a weekend, using some reclaimed wood, I built a little community sharing table.

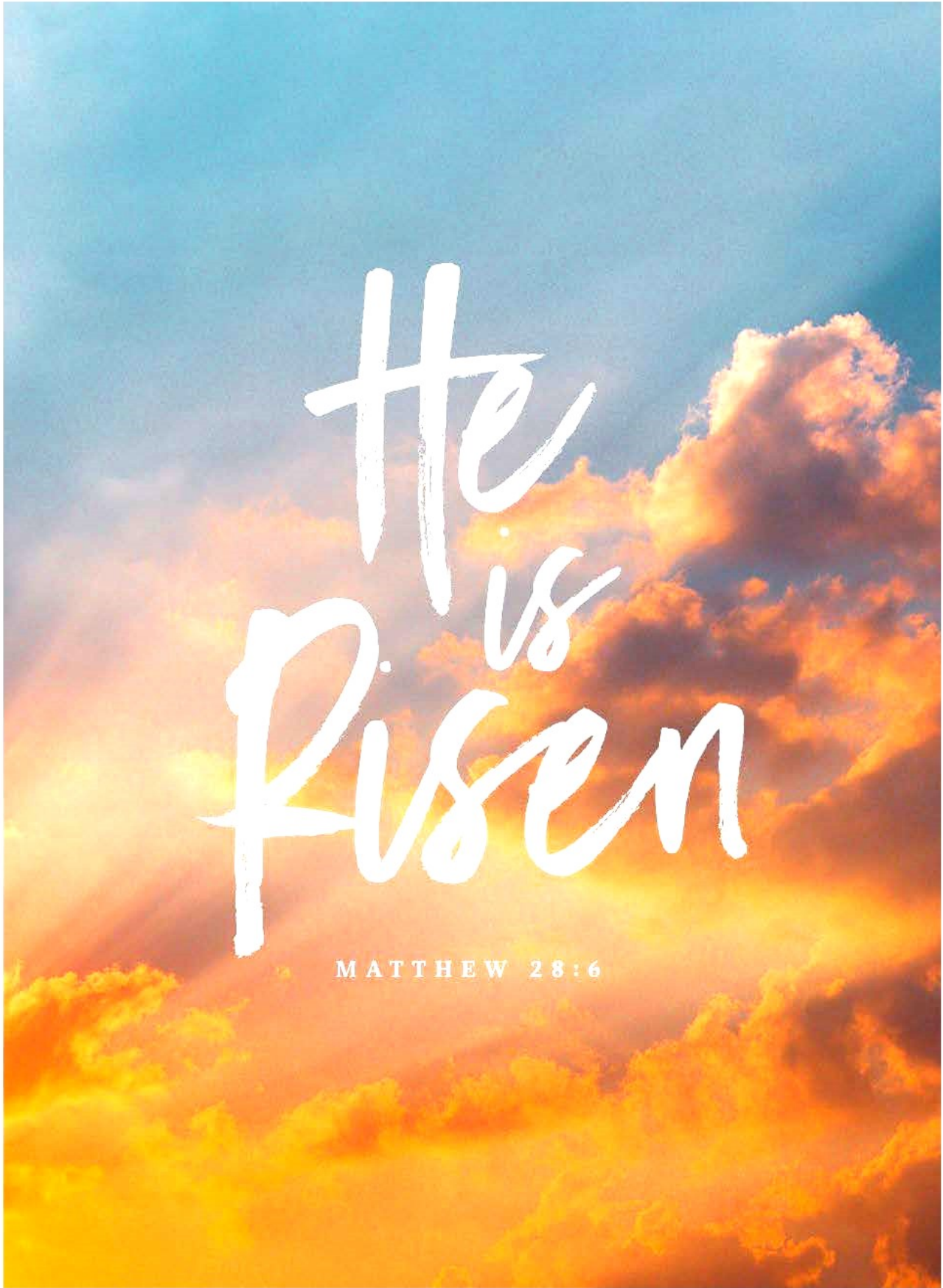


When it was completed, I put it out in front of my house. Cars began to stop immediately. Some took pictures to post online and share the idea with their friends. Others began taking things that they needed. I felt a little nervous about people taking everything on the first day and having to purchase more items to put out on the table. My worries were unnecessary, because people have been regularly leaving supplies. The table has never been empty! It is also important to note that everyone has treated the table with respect. There has been no vandalism, not trash left behind and no used items offered as donations.

I am not sharing this with you to brag about how generous I am. I am sharing this with the hope that some of you will be inspired to put a sharing table out in your own neighborhood and take the next step in becoming more "hands on" in Calvary's mission to engage with the community and help those in need. All you need is a table, it does not have to be fancy. If you cannot put a table out in front of your residence, maybe you can coordinate with others who can and donate supplies for their table. Together, we can take the good news that "God's Kingdom has come near" to our own neighborhoods.

I would love to talk more with you if you have questions about creating a sharing table for your neighbors.

Keep Shining,
Reece Lemmon
Director of Spiritual Formation and Service
(626)429-8412



He
is
Risen

MATTHEW 28:6

March Financials

March Budgeted Income \$16,066.67
March Actual Income \$10,275.67
March Budgeted Expense \$37,293.15
March Actual Expense \$38,570.30
March Food Bank Expenses: \$223.74

*These amounts reflect the operating budget only. Income numbers are purely from Sunday offering. Investment and property numbers are not included. We received a first round of the Payroll Protection loan in May 2020 and received a second round in February 2021. We have submitted the paperwork to have the first round loan forgiven and are awaiting notice. We are also looking into other credits from the government to help with payroll costs.



Join your church family online each
Sunday at 10:30 am here: [http://
calvarypres.online.church/](http://calvarypres.online.church/)

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

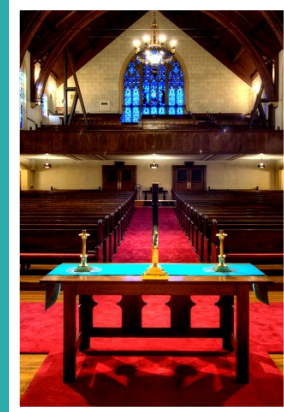
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Praise The LORD with us!
Join us for Worship! Online,
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Every Sunday to see a new
service!

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*At Calvary Presbyterian Church, Christ meets community:
Welcomes Everyone, Deepens Faith, Sends All...to love and serve as Jesus did.*

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