

Calvin Commentary



FROM THE STUDY WINDOW

The shift from an internal institutional mindset to a missional mindset requires significant revision in our thought as to how we go about being the church. Reggie McNeil in his book, [Missional Renaissance](#) suggests a number of ways in which our thought and actions need to change. He suggests that we need to shift from a “proclamation model” to “demonstrational model” in which individual Christians demonstrate their faith by helping and caring for the people around them.

The modern church has assumed that the greatest need is to proclaim truth in a world that is increasingly hostile to God so that people can hear the good news and connect with what God is doing. Proclamation, preaching and teaching the bible, is what keeps people focused and enthused. The result of this is a church culture that is heavily dependent upon preaching and teaching to orient people to the ways and work of God. In this approach we learn about God through the Bible. As a result clergy become authoritative voices that spell out how the Bible should be interpreted.

The missional church sees a different dynamic at work. Missional followers of Christ understand that demonstrating the love and service of Christ in concrete specific ways will draw people to the church and help them get to know the God who moves us to such love and service. Using the life of Jesus and the witness of the early church as a starting point, they focus on living out their faith by loving and caring for the people around them. It doesn't require any special degree and it means that Christ is present caring for people wherever his followers live, work, and play.

The truth and power of this way of thinking is obvious in Lilly's story. She and husband Jim had a delightful life. He was a rapidly rising young executive and they had three children that in combination with her work as a writer kept her busy. She had not been to church or even thought about it since she was a child. Then Jim was killed in a car crash coming home from work. She was so devastated that she couldn't function and she had no one to help her. Her neighbor Mary held things together for her. When Lilly couldn't function, Mary washed the clothes and dishes and prepared meals and helped her take care of the kids. When Mary invited her to come to church with her, she came and that was the start of a new life for she and the kids.

JCPC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



WILDERNESS ESCAPE JUNE 23 – 27 9:00AM-NOON

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Call the church office to sign up
Registration Forms are available in the church office

From the Study Window

As McNeil and others point out, this shift in thinking does not mean that teaching and preaching are unimportant. They are vitally important. People need biblical truth for living. They need to hear and obey God's word. This shift in thinking is about recognizing how people get in touch with the gospel in this culture. It is about putting a greater emphasis on the value and impact of what believers do beyond the walls of the church. Our acts of service and love, not our teaching skills, will intrigue people and draw them into contact with the Good News of the gospel.

In Christ's Service

Rev. Harry Brown

Notes of Sympathy



John Calvin Presbyterian extends our sincere sympathy to:

Sara Smith and family upon the passing of Cal Smith
and

Margaret Corcoran and family upon the passing of Bob Corcoran

You light a lamp for me. The LORD, my God, lights up my darkness.

Psalm 18:28

JCPC Seeks Christian Education Coordinator

The Christian Education Committee is accepting resumes for the Christian Education Coordinator position that is responsible to lead and nurture children, youth and their families as part of a Christian ministry, integrating this ministry into the life and work of the church. This position oversees the Christian Education ministry for children, youth, and young adults.

A full job description with responsibilities is posted on the JCPC web page (www.johncalvinchurch.org).

Please submit resume to: resumes@jcpc.nocoxmail.com

May 2014 Session Actions


On Monday, May 19, the Session at John Calvin Presbyterian gathered for their monthly meeting. Below are some of the highlights from the meeting.

- Confirmed Sofia Hill as an Active Member of John Calvin Presbyterian Church.
- Approved the Baptism of Graham Steven Stropolo, son of Ryan and Catherine Robertson Stropolo on June 8, 2014.
- Heard Richard Britson's report on his visit to the Women's Prison at St. Gabriel, where there is a potential mission opportunity.
- Authorized a task force to study parking lot safety.
- Approved the church office to be closed on Fridays during the summer months.
- Concurred with the request that casual attire to be worn by the choir during summer worship services.
- Approved the purchase of an automatic external defibrillator for the church.
- Endorsed Jeff Ferguson's move to the status of candidate with the Presbytery of South Louisiana.
- Expressed appreciation to Lenny Nelson for the successful installation of the outdoor electronic sign.
- Financial Report: January –April 30, 2014 Revenues: \$151,387.52 Expenses: \$159,960.80

Our Journey Together 2014 Pledge: Annual Budget \$242,000 Year to Date Received \$70,390



JOHN CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8:30 AM Chapel Service 10:30 AM Traditional Worship 11:30 AM Hospitality	2	3	4 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal	5	6	7
8  8:30 AM Chapel Service 10:30 AM Traditional Worship 11:30 AM Hospitality	9 Playschool Summer Camp Wk 1	10	11 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal	12 7:00 PM Resource Meeting	13	14
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29 8:30 AM Chapel Service 10:30 AM Traditional Worship 11:30 AM Hospitality	30	1	2	3	4	5

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jonathan Zea
- 2 Cindy Freudenthal
- 4 Sarah Springler
- 9 Connie Casey
- 9 Linda Hubchen
- 11 William Fernandez
- 13 Joe Palermo
- 16 Greg Freudenthal
- 18 Jane Malsbary
- 18 Freddie Marler
- 18 Brock Moore
- 24 Sabastian Zea
- 25 Kelly Zea
- 30 Ann Miller



MUSIC NOTES

We are pleased that Laurell Brown will be substituting on the keyboards on Pentecost Sunday, June 8, when both Jan Cox, accompanist, and Bill Memmott, organist-choir master, will be out of town.

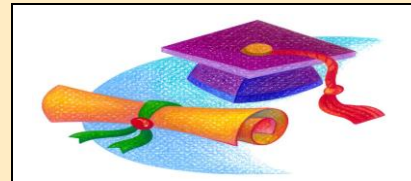
Those of us who are seniors are reluctant to admit our ages. But in this case, I am pleased to do so. Pentecost weekend I will be the guest of honor at the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Pro Arte Chorale in suburban New York City, marking my work as founding conductor. A wonderful lagniappe will be my visiting the New Jersey contingent of my family (some of whom I have not met before).

The choir will rehearse throughout June and continue to sing throughout July. We thank them for their faithfulness. July 27th will be Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing Sunday, so let us know what old and/or familiar hymns you would like to sing (especially those that are no longer in our hymnbook).

SOLI DEO GLORIA

William R. Memmott

It has been a fun and wild year at the Playschool this year, so much so that we even treated our students to a clown magic show performance in Fellowship Hall on their last Friday of school. Our students just finished the school year, had their graduations and received their diplomas. They have grown so much during the course of the year and it is so nice to see their tears of sadness and apprehension replaced with laughter and smiles. The children have had a wonderful school year and we wish the best to our students that are not returning to us next year, especially our Developmental Kindergarteners. We know they will do great things at "real" school. We are excited to have so many students returning to us next year and we can't wait to see them again along with many new faces in September!



We are having four weeks of Summer Camp during the weeks of June 9-13, June 16-20, July 14-18, and July 21-25. Our themes for Summer Camp this year include At the Carnival, On the Farm, Things that Go, and Camping.

