

# Trumpet Call



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## Trumpet Call?

Welcome to Trumpet Call, the inaugural issue of our church newsletter, which will be published quarterly at the end of summer, fall, winter, and spring.

In the Old Testament times a trumpet made from a ram's horn was used for different purposes. Called a shofar [sho-FAR] in Hebrew, it was sounded to praise God. Psalm 98:6 says *"Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth...with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn..."* In those days the trumpet blare was also a call to worship and to proclaim the presence of the Lord. The Hebrews used the trumpet (pictured above in the nameplate) to assemble the people, to gather troops for war, and to announce festivals, holy days, and new moon celebrations. In the New Testament First Thessalonians 4 tells that there will be a trumpet call of God at the rapture and Revelation 11 says that a trumpet will announce that the kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of Christ.

Our Trumpet Call will also be a way to give praise to God and to call people to worship. It will provide an opportunity to share with each other prayer concerns as well as tell about church activities that have taken place and those that are being planned for the future. May the Lord be glorified!

## The Feast of Trumpets

On October 4<sup>th</sup> Jews and Christians around the world will be celebrating the Feast of Trumpets, also called Rosh Hashanah [Rōsh HĀ-shā-NĀ] which means "head of the year". This two day holiday is nothing like secular New Year celebrations for it has been one of the holiest days of the year for millennia.

Blowing the shofar during this feast, as commanded by the Lord, represents a call to awaken the conscience. The custom has been to take time to look back in self-examination over the events and emotions of the previous year. So the rousing blasts of the shofar are a call to repentance.

The Feast of Trumpets can be a very special time for believers in Christ. To have our sins forgiven, we must have a repentant heart. But unlike those who have fear of the great Day of Judgment, we can come in submission to our Heavenly Father, knowing He will forgive us because of Jesus' atoning sacrifice. May you have a Happy Spiritual New Year!

## Our Soldiers in Iraq

Five of our church members are currently deployed in Iraq. Mark Stump was home for a two-week R & R this month and many of us got to visit with and pray for him. Tim Pasagui, Rian Carter, Joe Galindo, and Caleb Hancock are currently stationed there. All these brave soldiers want and need our prayers. "Iraq is a spiritually dark land," Mark said, "a very oppressive place". These guys covet our prayers for their spiritual well-being as well as for their physical safety.

Susie (Tuttle) has been organizing a "shoebox" ministry this year to bless the troops. Thank you to everyone who has contributed. Several shipments of shoeboxes filled with medical supplies have been sent to our guys. These have included devotionals by Chuck Smith and have been received with enthusiasm by the men in their units. Instead of medical supplies, for the next shipment -- going out soon -- Susie is collecting items of encouragement. There's still time for those who want to participate to place your gifts of CDs, books, and letters on the "red, white, and blue" table in the entryway.

## Summer Fellowship

An all-church picnic kicked off the summer season Memorial Day weekend with an afternoon at Skidaway State Park. Water balloon toss, horseshoes, and swimming competed with fried chicken, salads, and a myriad of desserts.

In June the ladies dressed up for a Southern Tea. The luncheon tables were lovely, complete with "exceptional" sandwiches, fancy cookies, and, of course, sweet tea. Special music and a devotional message followed.

The men had two Prayer Breakfasts this summer: June and August. For you guys who haven't experienced the egg dishes Pastor Dan whips up, you're in for a treat. During the usual monthly meetings, the men are working their way through a study of the gospel of John.

The Annual Church Business Meeting was held July 24<sup>th</sup> after the Sunday service followed by the Christian staple -- food and fellowship.

Everyone is looking forward to the fresh summer veggies that will highlight the August Salad Bar Fellowship lunch after church on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

## Intensive Care for Marriage

Beginning in July several couples have been meeting with Pastor Dan every other week to learn about keeping marriage strong.

"I just want to praise God," Pastor Dan said, "for the work that He's doing in all those who are a part of the Intensive Care Marriage Group. For about a year the Lord has laid on my heart to put together some kind of a group marriage counseling centered around the Word of God and the experiences of Bill Stonebreaker and his wife, Danita."

"Bill wrote a book called Spiritual Warfare in Marriage and within it lies treasures of information and insight for a happy and fruitful marriage. I've used this book along side the Word of God in many marriage counseling sessions and have found that the Holy Spirit has touched this book to break the yoke of bondage in many marriages."

"The prerequisite of the course," insists Pastor Dan, "is that those who start it must agree to complete it. Otherwise, if they miss one session they have to bow out. The requirement for such faithfulness is because each session is directly linked to the previous session. So far no one has missed or dropped out. In our time together we have had fruitful group discussions. Those involved will testify of the power of the Holy Spirit they've experienced in each of the sessions. We're looking ahead for even greater things as He changes us from glory to glory. Thank you Jesus!"

## Young Adult Fellowship

The young adults meet every other Friday night at George and Vicki Mitcher's home on Wilmington Island. They are finishing up a two-year study of the book of Ezekiel and will be starting the book of Proverbs soon. There is time to relax and unwind from the day as people gather before worship. Prayer and study follow, and the evening ends with snacks and social time. George says "young adults are those who have graduated from high school up through about age thirty".

## Sunday School Classes

Marina Troxell is leading children's worship on Sunday mornings during the adult worship time. Utilizing her vocal and keyboard gifts, she is enjoying teaching the children some of the contemporary worship songs that the adults sing.

The elementary class is currently learning about the life of Jesus and how to apply what they've learned to their own lives: obedience, baptism, temptation, and witnessing. They're also doing a study about praying for others. Ask one of them about the "five-fingered" prayer. During the fall they'll be learning about the creation story.

The toddler room is for children under age five. Music, crafts, games, and teaching time takes place during the adult worship and Bible teaching time.

## New Youth Group Forming

The Welniaks will be hosting a youth group at their home every other Friday evening at 7PM for teens, ages 13-17, beginning September 2<sup>nd</sup>. On most evenings Mike and Angie will be serving dinner before the Bible study. Mike will be teaching out of the book of John. There is a sign-up sheet on the Information Table.

## Ladies Night Out

On August 16<sup>th</sup> there was a "Ladies Night Out" which began with worship and a prayer time at church and then continued at "The Lady and Sons" restaurant in the historic district. It was a full, fun evening of sweet fellowship, traditional Southern cuisine, and no cooking or clean up!

Susie has Paula Deen's, The Lady & Sons Savannah Country Cookbook, which can be purchased in many of the local stores. It features the mashed potato recipe that the ladies enjoyed that night. Now we know why it was so good; it calls for a whole stick of butter. Susie shared that once on Paula's television cooking show, one of her sons quipped, "No matter what it is, Mama always puts in a stick of butter!" The cookbook also has recipes for her Southern Fried Chicken, Old-Time Beef Stew, Banana Pudding with Meringue Topping, Peach Cobbler, and many more favorites.

## Ladies Bible Study Resumes

Ladies, mark your calendars to set aside the second and fourth Tuesdays evenings this fall for a new group study.

After completing a wonderful study (soon to be published) that Susie wrote on the Song of Solomon, the ladies took a summer hiatus and will be resuming their group study for the fall. Beginning September 13<sup>th</sup> and continuing through November, the ladies will be meeting at church at 7PM for a time of worship and Bible study using The Calvary Road by Roy Hession which can be purchased after the Sunday services at the Calvary Store for a minimal amount. This small book has had a big impact on many people over the years. It's about seeking a closer walk with the Lord.

## Celebrations

Married in the month of May! Congratulations to Jake and Jessi Tuttle and to David and Aida Anderson.

Praise the Lord, there were three people baptized this summer. On the Fourth of July weekend a crowd from church drove up to Burkes Beach on Hilton Head Island to witness the event and stayed to swim and surf and picnic on the beach. Another baptism celebration will be on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Three of our young adults celebrated graduations this summer: Emily Avery from Savannah College of Art and Design, Jessi Tuttle from Armstrong Atlantic State University, and Brian Maxon from high school. God has "plans to prosper them and not to harm them, plans to give them a hope and a future!"

## Worship Conference

Two of our worship team members, Sherri Marshall and Kaare Aagard, had the opportunity to attend The Calvary Chapel Deep South Worship Conference August 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. It was held in Lilburn, Georgia, at Calvary Chapel Stone Mountain.

Pastor Bill Welch from Calvary Chapel Huntington Beach, California, and Pastor Sandy Adams from Calvary Chapel Stone Mountain were the conference speakers, and Joshua Blevins from CC Stone Mountain was the worship leader. The conference was called "Reflect 2005" and was a call for Calvary Chapel worship leaders to renew their priorities in how they go about leading's God's people into worship.

Sherri thought it was very refreshing. She said, "As I reflect on what touched me most, I am reminded of Pastor Adam's question to the conferees. He asked if we were "Soul Men or Soul Women", and he reminded us that emotion has an appropriate place in worship. According to Pastor Adams, "Worship corrals our wayward feelings and redirects them to the Lord. God wants our emotional hugs and kisses." He cited the sixth chapter of the Book of Second Samuel, as an example of raw emotion in worship, when David danced mightily before the LORD at the return of the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem. He encouraged us to worship with all of our heart, mind, soul and strength."

Kaare found the worship conference to be a wonderful experience. He said, "During the conference the Lord impressed upon my heart that worship is not something that we engage in only on Sunday morning or Wednesday evening." Kaare believes that "worship is what we should be engaged in every second of the day, and that "we do ourselves a disservice -- and shortchange the Lord -- when we conceive of worship as only happening at a predetermined time."

Pastor Welch discussed the idea that the only thing needed to worship is an altar. Just as there was an altar in the tabernacle for the sacrifices to be offered, we make an altar in our heart as we follow Romans 12:1. ***"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service."***

Kaare notes that in the NASB we see that the phrase "reasonable service" is rendered as "spiritual service of worship" and he says that "By the mercies of God we worship every day of our lives as we present our bodies as living sacrifices." To all of us he adds this encouragement, "The Lord bless you and keep you as we each seek to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

## Welcome

Melissa and Isaiah Pasagui are "home" again after six months in California with Tim's parents. They thoroughly enjoyed Tim's two week R&R from Iraq last month. Welcome back!

A warm welcome to David Anderson's bride, Aida, and her son, Stephen, who have joined us from Texas, and also to Chuck and Shelley Teague who recently moved to Savannah from California.

## Pastors' Conference

By Pastor Dan

This past June I had the privilege of being able to go to the "Calvary Chapel National Conference for Senior Pastors" in California. The theme of the conference was based upon the seven churches of the book of Revelation. We were encouraged to learn by their example, as well as to make sure we don't make the same mistakes. The two churches that did walk in the ways of the Lord, the church of Smyrna and the church of Philadelphia, are excellent examples for us to follow. I thought it was awesome that we were going through the same Scriptures that were being used for the theme of the conference.

While at the conference, I had a chance to hang out with Henry Gainey from Calvary Chapel of Thomasville, Georgia. Henry is not only a pastor he's a doctor that still practices medicine. He's written a small book called Afterglow based on his experience in leading "Afterglows" at Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa. [*An Afterglow service is a special time of waiting on the Lord to see and experience His glory in the ministry of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.*]

Henry and I talked about getting together a group of Georgia Calvary Chapels that would be interested in taking a tour of Israel together. That idea is still in the planning stage, so if you're interested let me know. Love you all.

## Titus Two Women

Titus was trained by the Apostle Paul who counseled him to have the older women ***"teach what is good"*** and ***"train the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the Word of God."*** (Titus 2). This kind of training does not mean just the teaching of doctrine but, rather, encouraging and modeling a way of life that fits God's truth. In future newsletters be sure to check out this column to read advice and counsel from some of our older "Titus Two" women, and if it rings true, welcome it into your heart.

For those of you with young children, prayerfully consider bringing them to church on October 31 for our Annual Night of Praise. Let's help our children focus on the light of Jesus that night not on the dark things of the world.

Halloween is not an innocent holiday. It began thousands of years ago as the Festival of Death which marked the Celtic New Year, and today it is the most important day in the satanic calendar. Many parents don't realize that its symbols -- costumes, trick-or-treating, jack-o-lanterns -- were magical charms used by the Druids, the satanic priests, along with vegetable, animal, and human sacrifices to the lord of death.

Trying to divert interest in Halloween, the early church changed it to All Saints Day; but it never works to Christianize a pagan holiday. The holy and the profane don't mix. Halloween today is touted as harmless fun, but, in reality, its theme is one of darkness, death, and evil. As Christians we are called to ***"live as children of light."*** (Ephesians 5:8 NIV).

## Crosswalk '05

By Emily Avery

Many of you know that I have been on Crosswalk for the last four years, and each year has been a very different experience. I wasn't sure I would get to go this year, but I left it up to the Lord. Usually the team is put together by January, so I thought for sure that I wasn't going. Then in May, I got a call from the director saying that a girl had dropped out, so they needed me to go. I had doubts about my finances and leaving town for so long again, but God said "go".

Crosswalk is a non-profit ministry comprised of people from various denominations who unite every summer to take the gospel message in music and drama to incarcerated youth.

This year I prayed to find my place on the team where I could be used the best. I usually sing and act, and I did both again this year. God humbled me by sending another girl who was an excellent singer, so we shared a lot of the things. I learned a lot about teamwork this year. I learned to just step in and serve wherever I was needed and to be bold about using my gifts. God made a way for me to sing a song by Plumb called "I Can't Do This" which embodied all that I was going through in my personal life. It became my theme song. I also sang back-up on other songs and assumed the role of "packing technician" since I have a knack for fitting lots of stuff into a little space.

Of the four years I have gone, this year was the smoothest. Problems like dead batteries, flat tires, and broken equipment all came up, but God put us in just the right place at the right time so we could move on and share the Good News.

One of the most touching things that happened was at a gas station in Colorado. An old Native American woman came up to me and asked me for a hot dog. She had the saddest, most worn-down disposition. I felt immediate compassion for her. I offered her food from our car (we had just gone shopping) but she just wanted a hot dog. She smelled like alcohol and pulled a half-eaten pickle from her pocket, but I was moved. I got her two hot dogs and then she accepted some healthy food from us. I told her I was doing this because I loved Jesus and Jesus loved her and wanted more for her than the lifestyle she had. She started to cry and grabbed my shoulder and said "Thank you, sister," and walked away. Her name was Lorriane.

We went into a lot of facilities with large populations of sex-offenders. On the West Coast the juveniles are older (16-24) so that made it even more intimidating at times. But God is great. One such facility produced a better response to the gospel than any other group.

Now I'm getting letters from about seven guys and some are asking me really intense questions. I'm going about it all by answering them from the Word and keeping the message simple: Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.

Please pray for these kids. We sow a lot of seeds every year. Pray that others will come and water and harvest them. We could always use more pen-pals if anyone feels led to write to a troubled kid.

## Prayer & Praise

Please remember Tom Odar and his wife, Yvonne, in your prayers. Yvonne is still back in her home country of South Africa because the government there has refused to issue her an exit visa to allow her to return the U.S.

Pray for the families with school age children, several of whom are starting at new schools this year. Also there are families just beginning the homeschooling adventure.

The angels in heaven were rejoicing this month along with his parents, Gerald and Jackie Hendrix, when Kyle made a declaration to trust Jesus as his Savior.

## Upcoming Church Events

### September

*Church Baptism* - Saturday, Sept. 10th

Location: to be announced

### October

*Annual Night of Praise* - Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

The annual *Marriage Retreat* in the Georgia Mountains is usually in October or November. Stay tuned for the announcement from Calvary Chapel Gainesville regarding the date and the details.

### November

*Michael Sewell's "dramatic ministry performance"*  
Wednesday, Nov. 2nd See his website for information about his powerful dramas. <http://www.sowingcircle.org/sewell/>

*Annual Thanksgiving Sunday Dinner*

Tentative date: Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>

## Visit Our Website

[www.calvarychapel.com/Savannah/](http://www.calvarychapel.com/Savannah/)

If you haven't checked out the church website, go to <http://www.calvarychapel.com/Savannah/media.htm> where you'll find all of Pastor Dan's recent Wednesday night and Sunday morning messages.

If you miss a service one week or just want to listen again to part of one, it's easy to do. This has been a blessing to people in different parts of the country and even some of the troops in Iraq. One soldier sent an email saying that after listening to several of Pastor Dan's messages, he is rededicating his life to the Lord Jesus. Praise God! Let others know about the site.

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