

Trumpet Call



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Hurricane Relief

If you listen closely you might hear a collective sigh of relief. The Atlantic Hurricane Season officially ends November 30. This has been the most active season on record with 25 tropical storms and 13 hurricanes that caused over \$70 billion in damage and over 2,800 deaths.

In particular Hurricane Katrina was catastrophic, and people from the Gulf States are still reeling from staggering personal loss and tragedy and will continue to suffer far ranging economic consequences. As millions were faced with overwhelming needs, Americans dug deep into their pockets to help, but some gave also of themselves. Good Samaritans poured into the hard-hit Gulf region from all over the United States to supplement government disaster assistance. Volunteers from quite a few Calvary Chapels around the country, including CC Savannah, went to the Gulf area to lend a helping hand.

Kaare Aagard had an opportunity to take some time off from work and drive down to Louisiana with Pastor Joseph Cope from Calvary Chapel Hilton Head, South Carolina. They left Savannah early Sunday afternoon on September 11, an infamous date in recent history.

All along the way and back again, they felt the Lord's presence. When they stopped to get a bite to eat Sunday evening, Kaare and Joseph got to share some spiritual things with the young lady at the restaurant who served them their dinner. When she told them her boyfriend might have to go to Iraq, that was a natural opportunity to tell her about the Muslims today and all the signs that point to Jesus' returning. Kaare said that he and Joseph just "sat back as the Holy Spirit took over, and she stood listening in peace and tears came to her eyes". After they left the restaurant and were back in their truck, they prayed for her.

That night they stayed at a home in beautiful Birmingham, Alabama, along with seven other Calvary Chapel volunteers. Everyone was up by 6:00 AM for devotions and coffee, and then they were off to get a trailer tire replaced that had blown while Pastor Paul of CC Charleston was en route the day before. The attendant on duty said he didn't have the right air hose or a strong enough jack. Kaare and Joseph lifted up their dilemma to

the Lord and two minutes later, the man had "found" an air hose and a floor jack. "God is amazing", Kaare says.

The next day after breakfast and devotions at the restaurant, they were on the road again...until a wheel fell off the 30-foot trailer that one of the guys was towing. It rolled down the road onto the center of the Interstate. There was, amazingly, no damage to anyone or any property except that all the studs had been sheared off. All the guys were stuck in a truck stop parking lot for eight hours; however, they got to share the Lord with the two guys who fixed the trailer. Kaare realizes that "the Lord uses His servants as He sees fit".

Finally, they all arrived in Covington, Louisiana, at 3:00 AM Tuesday. They slept in the trucks for three hours, ate a quick breakfast, and after devotions with Pastor Paul were ready to try to find out where to go. The pastor of Calvary Chapel New Orleans hooked them up with an overseer and they spent the morning clearing trees away from an elderly lady's home. About 1:00 PM they began their main project for the day along with eight other guys from CC Chino Hills. Kaare reports that they "settled into the gifts the Lord had brought us [down] for". One pastor with a bad back ran errands and got to speak with people in town and at each house. Kaare and two others sharpened and repaired chainsaws, three guys ran the chainsaws, and two ran the Bobcats. The other eight hauled tree limbs to the road by hand. They were all exhausted when they called it a day at 7:30 PM. After Pastor Joseph's spaghetti dinner, they went to bed in tents around 10:00.

The guys got up with the sun and had a Bible Study on the front lawn of their first job, and then cleared trees again all day at three other homes. The last day they caravanned to Biloxi, Mississippi, where some stayed to work. Kaare and two others had to head back to Charleston/Savannah.

Kaare believes that the theme for the week seemed to be God's providence. Pastor Joseph "sat back" and shared that no matter what was thrown at them, God worked something out. Kaare mused that "it seemed similar to the accounts of the apostles: all men with passions, wills, and selfish desires, but led by the Lord Jesus, being molded in Him."

Welcome

Danielle and Zachary Carter are back from their half-year stay in Texas and are eagerly awaiting Rian's return from Iraq. There are new faces in the congregation: Brian Quigley from Virginia Beach, Travis MacMillian from here in Savannah, Candis and Mark Morvant from Corpus Christi, Texas, Carol Armstrong from Frisco, Texas, as well as Paige, Carrie and Sam Walser's new addition. Welcome all!

Prayer Chain

The newly formed Calvary Chapel of Savannah prayer chain is organized and operational. Its members are committed to discreetly pray for you or your family and friends. If you have a concern that you would like them to take to the Lord on your behalf, call Susie and she will quickly pass on the prayer request to the group.

Prayer and Praise

Thank You, Lord, that Pastor Dan's surgery was successful. We pray that You would bless him with a speedy and complete recovery. We also ask Your anointing on Pastor Joseph and the other men who will be sharing Your Word with us while Pastor Dan is recuperating.

Fall Fellowship

As we segue from fall into winter, let's pause to remember the fellowship we enjoyed this past season.

In October many of us gathered at the beach on Tybee to witness the splash of mass baptisms in the still warm surf. It was a beautiful day and everyone stayed to picnic together at the shoreline.

The men have faithfully gathered for their monthly Saturday morning Prayer Breakfasts where they've been enjoying each other's company, co-teaching from the book of John, savoring home-made breakfast treats, and staying into the afternoon for a mini work day.

There have also been several Saturday all-church work days this fall. Note Pastor Dan's transformed office, the kitchen improvements, and the now lighted hallway. Are you catching Pastor's Dan's vision of "row houses" at the front of the sanctuary? And what about those stairs! Now we can start working on the upper level.

The Ladies Bible Study met biweekly all fall and has finished their intense study of The Calvary Road. "The Book", as Shakila calls it, evoked spirited discussions every meeting as the ladies shared the pangs of conviction they felt from the Holy Spirit as well as the confirmation that sanctification is really hard work. "Walking in the light" took on deeper meaning as the group strived to recognize subtleties of sin. They

discovered when you open yourself up to the light God shines on you, you're ready for personal revival to begin.

Our Annual Night of Praise and accompanying "Souper Supper" transformed October 31st into a glorious evening. Jesus was exalted by the poignant testimonies shared and the music and songs from the heart. The varieties of soups and breads and desserts contributed to the joy of the evening.

We were extremely blessed earlier this month to have the incredibly talented Michael Sewell minister to us through his inspiring drama. In his humorous, yet consequential, one-man play "Divine Comebacks for an Impertinent Planet", Michael gave us a glimpse of the Lord's mercy and love. In a creative and unique way, he showed rather than told us that "God so loved the world that He gave His One and Only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

November brought another annual celebration to Calvary Chapel -- the all-church Thanksgiving feast. We moved the date ahead a bit this year in order to have it before Pastor Dan's surgery. We are all appreciative of his leadership and pastoral care, and so the Thanksgiving season is the perfect time to voice our thankfulness to the Lord for him. Some of the potluck dishes from the Thanksgiving meal that we enjoyed can be recreated at home thanks to Melissa who collected favorite recipes and has made them available in an attractive and handy booklet.

Celebrations

At Calvary Chapel we do not perform baby or child baptism. But it is scriptural to dedicate our children to the Lord, like Hannah in 1 Samuel 28 and Mary and Joseph in Luke 2:22. In September the congregation was delighted to witness Antwan and Julie dedicate little Savannah and Justyn.

Pastor Dan baptized *eight* adults and young people in October! Some were making a profession of faith for the first time and others were renewing one they had made previously. It was a glorious day for Jesse Ferreira and his granddaughter, Amber, Aida Anderson, Brian Quigley, Jeremy Mitchler and his fiancée, Kelli Davis, Sherri Marshall, and Kyle Hendrix. Praise the Lord!

The Calvary Chapel of Savannah Women's Ministries hosted not one but two baby showers recently. Carrie's shower was in September at Susie's, and Bethany's shower was in October in Shelley's home. Melissa coordinated several really creative games at each party that the ladies had a lot of fun playing.

Women's Retreat

November 18 and 19 four of the ladies from CC Savannah joined about fifty women from South Carolina, North Carolina, and Georgia at Calvary Chapel of Columbia for a Women's Retreat. The theme was "A Woman of Virtue". The speaker, June Hesterly from Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa in California, is a popular conference speaker who, along side her pastor-husband, has been in the ministry for thirty-five years.

From her heart June shared some of her own personal experiences as she taught from the Book of Ruth and gave insights the Lord showed her about the characters of Naomi and Ruth and Orpah.

One of the themes of the weekend was faith. Vicki Mitchler said June exhorted them to have faith and to wait on the Lord because we just don't know what God has in store for us. Vicki particularly liked a pithy saying June shared, "What a caterpillar calls the end of the world, God calls a butterfly."

June encouraged the ladies to spend time in the Word daily. "We put other things before God," she said. "We even let *good* things come between us and God. But read the Word and you'll find that you still have time for the good things."

Both Vicki and Jackie Hendrix appreciated June's wisdom about how the Holy Spirit interacts with us during our Christian walk. When we are first saved, He is *with* us, then He dwells *in* us, and finally at some point along the Highway His power comes *upon* us. It is then that He can use us to further His kingdom.

June talked about how Naomi influenced her daughter-in-law, Ruth, and said the older women in the church should teach the younger women about things like loving their husbands, training their children, and taking care of their homes. We also see this theme in another Bible book; the apostle Paul told Titus to urge the older women to teach the younger. So, you mature women in the Lord should prayerfully consider speaking to the younger ones in our "Titus Two Women" column in the upcoming newsletters. February is the next edition.

Titus Two Women

Moms, the Christmas season is fast approaching and the world is vying for our children's attention. Retail stores have been selling plastic reindeer and fat snowmen for over a month. How can we help our families keep Christ in Christmas? One way is to celebrate Advent, the four week season before Christmas, which this year begins November 27. Advent helps to prepare hearts to remember the advent (arrival) of Christ's First Coming, but also it's a reminder to look forward to the advent of His Second Coming.

There are many ways for families to celebrate: lighting nightly Advent candles, reading the Christmas story in the Bible, singing carols as a family worship time, displaying a nativity scene that the kids are allowed to touch and re-arrange. There is a wonderful book series by Arnold Ytreeide that is designed to be read as a devotional each evening in Advent. The first book, Jotham's Journey, is a mesmerizing story about a young shepherd boy in Israel two thousand years ago. Ytreeide's other two books, Bartholomew's Passage and Tabitha's Travels are as captivating. Each day's reading ends at a cliff hanger and leads into spiritual ideas to discuss or ponder. Children and adults alike will enthusiastically look forward to hearing the next segment each night until Christmas.

May the Lord bless you with His peace during the busy and sometimes stressful holiday season ahead and allow you to make family memories and traditions that honor Jesus -- for He is the reason for the season.

Children's Church

While we are still renovating, we have two classes: babies, toddlers, and preschoolers in one room and K-5 in the other. Sixth graders and older join the adults.

Parents: if you're late to church, please enter the building through the "side" door which leads into the classroom area, and kindly take your little ones to the bathroom before dropping them off, making sure to close the classroom door if church has begun so the children's "joyful noise unto the Lord" doesn't disturb the adult service. And very importantly, we ask that you do not bring sick children to church. If your children have any discharge, colored mucus, or fever, we will have to send them home so they don't infect the others. Thank you!

Veteran's Day Salute

By Melissa Pasagui

We are so blessed to live in America. Our soldiers are men and women just like anyone else except they were chosen to fight a war far away so that we could remain safe here at home. There are no accidents. No coincidences. Just Divine assignments. Tim included. Isn't our Lord wonderful? If you're not already, please pray for the people who are protesting this war. Pray that the Lord will help them see how they are belittling the men and women serving, and even dying, to preserve our freedom. May the Lord open their eyes to His truths, to His love. Thank you for all of your prayers on behalf of my soldier and our family.

Poetry Corner

"The Unlikely Witness"

By Tara Workman

In a modern suburb of a fairly large city
lived a little boy named Billy,
Now Billy had no brothers or sisters,
but was well equipped with all of his wishes.
He cried and he whined with all of his might.
His face turned quite red; he look such a sight.
Billy had both a mom and a dad,
but he never saw them unless he was bad.
As Billy grew older he got into fights;
he started drinking and sneaking out at night.
By the time that Billy turned seventeen,
he'd wrecked three cars and nearly killed a man.
But his parents indulged him with no thought or care of what
his future might be like with some love and some prayer.
Until that fateful day when Billy failed to stop.
Through the red light he plowed right into a tree.
Billy slowly woke up, but he wasn't alright.
In the hospital bed he lay quickly dying.

On the other side of Billy's hometown lived another boy.
Now this little boy had been brought up with love and care.
His parents were poor, but they didn't care.
Their home was filled with the word of the Lord.
This little boy was called Timmy
and he went to the same school as Billy.
Billy teased and bullied Timmy every day,
but Timmy never had one mean thing to say.
His parents had taught him to love all
No matter what they did; forgive and go on.
Timmy and his family prayed for Billy every day,
but Billy continued on his merry way.
Now Timmy was Tim with a job of his own,
A preacher at the local church.
There he also taught to love our neighbors as ourselves,
But to love the Lord above all else.

When Billy woke up after his car crash that day,
he remembered a little boy named Timmy
With love in his eyes, a smile on his face,
despite the hurts he caused.
Billy wondered about this and just had to know
How Timmy had put up with all of his mess.
Billy had his mom call Timmy, now Tim,
who came right over to talk to him.
"How could you forgive me after all that I've done?"
"Because of Someone much greater who filled me with love."
"But who is this and how does this work?"
Tell me now; I've got to know quick."
"For God so loved the world that He gave His own Son.
Jesus Christ died for you and for me,
so that we could live forever with him in eternity.
Do you believe? He loves you, you know.
Just ask for His forgiveness, He'll make you white as snow."

"I do believe," Billy exclaimed.
"Oh, how I've needed this day."
Tim just smiled with joy on his face.

"I've prayed for you every day.
I'm so glad you've finally accepted Jesus' mercy and grace."
"I am too," said Billy with wonder.
He quickly called for his mom and his dad.
"Please listen and believe," he asked.
"I've found love and eternal happiness.
Won't you please accept Him too and be at peace with this?
I'm going home to be with my new Savior. Rejoice with me,
I'm going home. I love you folks," he said and was gone.
A look of joy like no one had ever seen
Was on Billy's face like a bright, shining gleam.
"We accept this Christ," Billy's parents agreed.
"We need His forgiveness, we need His love.
Please help us to know Him."
"He'll help you," Tim replied.
"Let's pray right now, there's no better time."
So right at that moment they all said a prayer.
Some of thanksgiving and others of first belief.
"Oh, Jesus, won't you come into my life.
Save me, I pray and make me new.
I love You, I need You, I thank You.
Amen."

Thanksgiving Blessings

Thank you so much to everyone who donated Thanksgiving dinner food items and money gifts for grocery store turkey vouchers. Three Calvary Chapel of Savannah families were blessed by your generosity.

Upcoming Church Events

Ladies, stay tuned for the date of the Christmas Tea, which will be on a Saturday in December. The theme is "The Handmaid of the Lord" from Luke 1:38.

Autumn Church Directory

If you haven't already picked up an updated church directory, look for one on the Information Table.

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The winter newsletter will be published in February. Please give church-related announcements and news to Susan by February 12th. If space permits, we will print short testimonies, reflections, original stories, or poems which encourage, edify, or uplift our readers.