



In The Vine



*Newsletter for October 2023---Calvary Baptist Church,
Gainesville, Texas*

Greetings from Pastor Scott:

Fall is in the air! The days are growing shorter, and the leaves have the first tinge of color change. It could be from the need of rain, but we will go with fall. Leaves need chlorophyll to maintain their green color. As the amount of sunlight is reduced, the leaves cannot produce enough to keep fresh. The less chlorophyll, the less healthy the leaf and it eventually falls off. We see the process as beautiful in color and spectacle, not so much when we need to rake all those leaves, but it is still a wonder every year. Sometimes our lives can become like those leaves: not a healthy color and drying out. A constant connection with Christ (John 15:4-5) is needed to maintain spiritual freshness. The Holiday season is busier than our usual schedule, so I encourage you to intentionally make time to get your spiritual "chlorophyll" daily from the presence of God. Reading, meditating, memorizing the word and thanking God for at least one thing every day will keep you in the green!

God bless y'all!



Autumn Days

The sun is shining less and less
As autumn changes into its colorful dress.

Flowers and grass begin their sleep
Quiet, silent in slumber deep.

The animals' fur begins to grow
To protect them from winter's lows.

Monarchs are southward bound
Leaving gardens across our town.

Our littles ones return to school
Gone are fun memories of sun and pool.

And college kids cheer their teams
Onward, upwards bowl bound dreams.

Fall is the time for family to greet
Giving thanks for love, health, and meat.

To Father we lift our songs and praise
As we thank Him for our autumn days.



To Kathy Hellman on becoming a great grandmother to the great grandson of Ethan and Lexi Hellman. Steelyn Lee was born on September 25th. He weighed 10 pounds and was 22 ¾ inches long. Ethan attended church here for many years.

To Cassie Ball on the new addition to their family. Joining big brother Berkley is Harrison Coe born on September 25th. He weighed 9 pounds 4.5 ounces. He was 21 inches long. Cassie is our wonderful nursery worker.

Also joining our church family is Jade Chien, an exchange student from Taiwan. She is a senior at Gainesville High. She is staying with host parents, Scott and Jana Arant. Welcome Jade to our church family. We love you!

Congratulations to Lily Price, daughter of Nick and Julia Price. She is a cheerleader for the Krum Bobcats. She cheers for the second-grade football team and is the granddaughter of Kathy Hellman.

We welcome the Blagg family to our fellowship. May God bless you.



October 2 - Helen Kuiper
12 - Randy Jenkins
16 - Kirk McBee
26 - Jana Arant

May you have a wonderful day and great BD month.



Happy October Anniversary to: Fred and Diana Eichenberger on October 4th



Opportunities to Serve:

October 8 - Pastor Appreciation Day - Covered dish luncheon after the morning service. Please invite anyone to come that has been away or watching online.

October 14 - Depot Days - Volunteers needed for the booth. Booth needs to be ready by 9am. This activity can be done in shifts. Depot Days runs from 10 to 4pm.

October 21 - Men's Prayer Breakfast on Saturday at 8 am.

October 21 - Annual Fall Festival - Trick or Trunk. Sign up if you plan to decorate your trunk. Bring LOTS of candy that is individually wrapped for us to give away. This runs from 6 to 7:30pm. Drop offs for candy are located at the entrances.

October 22 - Next Women's Meeting - All ladies are invited to attend. Bring your ideas to share! This will be at 5 pm.

October 29 - Fifth Sunday activities. Fellowship at 6pm.

→The church will be participating in the Gainesville Christmas Parade. The theme this year is "Elf." See Ryan Kremling to work on the float.

November 4 - 10 to noon. Packing Operation Christmas Child Boxes. Children across the world will be receiving these boxes and hearing the Good News of Jesus Christ!

November 5 - Daylight Savings Time Starts - Fall back one hour.

November 11 - Painting with Jana's neighbor. Time to get your creative side activated.

November 23 - Thanksgiving Day!

The Christmas Card Exchange list will be available soon after this date. This program supports the Christmas gifts for our community children who may not have a Christmas.

December 7 - Christmas Parade

December 9 - 9 - 10 am - Kids' Breakfast with Saint Nick.

December 10 - 8:30 am Church Wide Christmas Breakfast

December 10 - 6:00 pm Children's Christmas Program



CALLING ALL CHEFS — We have many great cooks in our midst start sharing your recipes!

Pretzel Salad—

2 c. crushed pretzels

3.4 c. melted oleo

2 T. sugar

2 c. boiling water

1 6 oz strawberry Jello

1 c. sugar

2 pk. frozen strawberries
(10 oz.)

8 oz Cool Whip

8 oz cream cheese

Mix pretzels, 2 T sugar, and melted margarine. Spread in a 9x13 pan. Bake at 400 °F for 8 minutes. Let cool Beat cheese and 1 c sugar until smooth. Fold in Cool Whip. Spread over cooled pretzels. Chill. Mix boiling water and Jello. Add frozen strawberries. Stir until all thawed. Pour over top of cream cheese mixture. Chill until set.

May you have a blessed month. See ya.

