



In The Vine



*Newsletter for January, 2024
Calvary Baptist Church, Gainesville, Texas*

From Pastor Scott:

Oh my! The New Year is here and moving fast. With every new start there are some great expectations. Everyone wants the year to be a great one with many accomplishments and few troubles. Many years happen like that, but there are years that we would rather put away and never bring to memory again. However, as believers in the Eternal, All-powerful, All-knowing, Ever-present, Heavenly Father, we have a hope that will see us through any circumstance. Paul tells us to "Give thanks in everything, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.", 1 Thessalonians 5:18. This comes easy when things are going well, but it is more difficult when circumstances are not so bright. It is God's will that we give Him thanks. Look for the presence of God and what He is trying to show you in those times. God does not tell us to give thanks for the difficulties, but in them. It is with this attitude that we follow the Good Shepherd "...through the valley of the shadow of death..." We serve a mighty God, Who will be with us and give us everything we need to make it through the storms of life. This sounds like a cliché but it is absolutely true! Therefore, no matter what we face in this year, God deserves every and all thanks we can give Him. May God bless and keep all of you strong this year and in years to come.
Love in Christ!

With a new year begins a new journey of adventures into a created timeline such as this. May your new year be filled with blessings and the making of new memories. Speaking of adventures, here is a poem created for some grandchildren who were starting a new life out of state from beloved grandparents.....

Douglass, the Moose- by Lori Kremling

My name is Douglass the Moose

I'm cute and need lots of love

I was born in Utah on a gift store shelf

But my momma decided to buy me for herself.

I have been in her car for quite some time

Just sittin' on the dash, soaking up the sunshine

Hoping someday I would move away from home

To go to another place to roam

I know these 3 girls who love me a lot

And now I know the perfect spot.

So, she gave me a kiss and a great big hug

And put me in a box, snug as a bug.

When I arrive at your home

Pass me around and love me as your own.

I am coming to you for adventures, you see

For I will always be your friend, indeed.

I Love you all and hope to see you soon!



Happy Birthday Greetings and Upcoming Anniversaries for January and February-



January-

4 Bob Chapman	5 Sam Bonnici
11 Brenda Jenkins	21 Joe Gibson
26 Jerry Pelton	31 Kathy Hellman

February-

3 Gene Dotson	23 Colton Rains
28 Oscar (Lefty) Harlow	



February-

24 George & Martha Cox -Happy Anniversary to you both. May you enjoy many more years together!!



Opportunities to Serve.....

Great News..our Christmas Boxes went to South Africa. Please remember we are collecting items each month. Those items needed include: soap, wash cloths, combs, and toothbrushes. Continue to check the bulletin each week for monthly needed items.

*Our children's Garage Sale for camp netted approximately \$600. Another will be scheduled for some time in March.

January 28 -Joint service with Southside at 6pm. We are the host. Brother Scott said to bring easy foods. Brother Duke will bring the message. If you were unable to attend the last meeting, please come and be blessed.

The new budgets are still available if you have not gotten one. Please continue to check the bulletin for changes in dates.

February 4 -Women's meeting in sanctuary at 5pm. All ladies 14 and up are invited to attend. We need you and your talents!



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

Chicken Tortilla Soup-

1 onion, chopped, saute in a bit of oil
 2-3 stalks celery, finely chopped
 2 cans of chicken with rice soup
 1 can Rotel (mild)
 1 can chicken broth
 Pepper, salt, and chili powder to taste
 1 can of chicken or 2 cooked, diced chicken breasts

Cook chicken with veggies over medium heat to combine flavors. Serve over broken tortilla chips and grated cheddar cheese. You can add spices that you like. I use a mild Rotel. (I doubled this recipe. I buy the family size chicken and rice soup and use the low sodium boxes of chicken broth. I make this on the stovetop. Can be put in the crockpot to serve.

If you have news to share please email me at debraw1865@gmail.com

May you have a blessed month. See 'ya!

