

Sunday, 17th June, 2018

WELCOME

A warm welcome to any visitors who are with us this morning.
Please join us for morning tea after the service.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CALVARY CHAPEL 20TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY—Please consider setting aside the weekend of the 14-15th of July as we plan to celebrate 20 years as a congregation.

BEHOLD ISRAEL—On Sunday the 29th July at 7pm we will be having a special evening service with guest speaker Amir Tsafarti from Behold Israel. Amir's teachings, based on God's Word, sift out the truth on current events amidst global media bias against Israel.

ETHNOS MISSIONS SUNDAY—On Sunday the 5th of August, we have Trevor Clarke the NZ director of Ethnos NZ (Formerly New Tribes Missions) with us for our morning service. He will be bringing the message including what's happening in global missions.

THE WORD OF LIFE

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Acts 2:1

Here is the story of the birth of the body of Jesus Christ, the church. Notice the day on which this occurred — the day of Pentecost. Pentecost is a Greek word that means "fifty." The day was called that because it was fifty days after the Passover feast. Pentecost was a Jewish feast which is given to us in the Old Testament under the title, the Feast of Weeks. It is called also the Feast of the Wave Loaves because it consisted of two loaves of bread that were baked of grain from the new harvest. Pentecost came at the end of the wheat harvest in Palestine, and they were to take this new wheat, the first fruits of the harvest, and bake of it two loaves.

All of this shows how the New Testament has its roots in the Old. These two loaves were symbols of the two bodies from which the church was to be formed: the Jews and the Gentiles. Jesus said he came first to the lost sheep of the house of the Israel, the Jews. But he said, "I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen," (John 10:16). He was referring to the Gentiles. Here, on the day of Pentecost, God took the Jews and the Gentiles and brought them together and baptized them into one.

These loaves of the Old Testament were to be baked with leaven. Leaven is yeast, and is a symbol of sin. The wave loaves is the only sacrifice in all the Old Testament that ever had leaven included in it. This is God's wonderful way of telling us that the church is not made up of perfect people. It is made up of saints, but they are sinful saints. They yet have sin in them. It is not made up of those who have reached perfection, but of those who are in the process of becoming what God wants them to be, who have a divine authority and life at work within them changing them. Thus the loaves are baked with leaven.

In that beautiful symbolism lies the heart of the church. On the day of Pentecost, right in line with this Old Testament prediction, the Holy Spirit came. He took one hundred and twenty people who were gathered into one place, and made one out of them. Here were one hundred and twenty isolated individuals who had been living their lives quite separately, held together only by a mutual interest in Jesus Christ. But now they are baptized by the Spirit into one body. —Ray Stedman

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

9:00-9:45am—Prayer Ministry

Please join us in prayer for the service. Meeting in the Upper Room—All welcome.

10:00am—Morning Service

Ps. Ron Matsen, The Sanctuary - Worship in Song & God's Word. Current Study in the book of Acts.

11:30am—Building Resilience Group—TODAY

12-16s group meets fortnightly in The Attic.

TUESDAY

10:00am—Midweek Study

The study in 1st John begins at 10am but you are welcome to come in earlier at 9:30am for morning tea and some discussion. Meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome.

FRIDAY

6:30am—Men's Prayer— 17/08

Meeting upstairs at church. Opportunity to get breakfast together at a local café afterward.

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MEMORY VERSE

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. (1 Corinthians 15:57-58 NKJV)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There is crèche for babies and age-appropriate teaching for children 2-12 years. All children will be in the main service for worship and then dispatched to their various classes afterwards.

PRAYER

For prayer requests please email prayer@calvarychapel.org.nz For practical help call the church office on: 918 8000 or for after-hour emergencies: 918 8056

OFFERINGS OF WORSHIP

The giving of one's money at church is an act of worship and recognition that God is the rightful owner of all that we possess. It is to be done joyfully, freely, sacrificially and discreetly. If you would like to worship God in this manner, we have provided a box on the wall in the fellowship hall.

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