

# THE MESSENGER



A small group of teenagers in Burleson, Texas, came together for a DiscipleNow weekend in early 1990. They came seeking God and little did they know how powerfully He was about to move. On Saturday night their hearts were penetrated like never before, when they became broken before God and burdened for their friends. Compelled to pray, they drove to three different schools that night. Not knowing exactly what to do, they went to the school flagpoles and prayed for their friends, schools, and leaders. Those students had no idea how God would use their obedience.

God used what He did among those teenagers and others who were holding similar prayer meetings at their schools to birth a vision in the hearts of youth leaders across Texas. The vision was that students throughout Texas would follow these examples and meet at their school flagpoles to pray simultaneously. The challenge was named See You at the Pole™ at a brainstorming session during a meeting of key youth leaders. The vision was shared with 20,000 students in June 1990 at Reunion Arena in Dallas, Texas.

Only God had envisioned how many students would step up to the challenge. At 7:00 a.m. on September 12, 1990, more than 45,000 teenagers met at school flagpoles in four different states to pray before the start of school. Reports came into toll-free number for days after the first event.

A few months later, a group of youth ministers from all over the country gathered together for a national conference in Colorado. Many of them reported that their students had heard about the prayer movement in Texas and were equally burdened for their schools. No other events had been planned, but it was clear that students across the country would be creating their own national day of student prayer. There was no stopping them.

On September 11, 1991, at 7:00 a.m., an estimated one million students gathered at school flagpoles all over the country. From Boston, Massachusetts, to Los Angeles, California, from North Dakota to the tip of Texas, students came together to pray. Some sang, some read Scripture, but most importantly, they prayed. Like those first students, they prayed for their schools, for their friends, for their leaders, and for their country.

As in all great movements of prayer, See You at the Pole™ did not begin in the hearts of people. It began in the heart of God. God used the obedience of a small group of teenagers to ignite what has become an international movement of prayer among young people.

Since 1991, See You at the Pole™ has grown to God-sized proportions. Within the first few years, the movement began to spread to other nations through missionaries from the U.S. Now each year, an estimated 1 million students from all the world participate in See You at the Pole™. Students in more than 64 countries have participated. In places like Canada, Korea, Japan, Turkey, and the Ivory Coast, students are responding to God and taking seriously the challenge to pray.

God is continuing to call His people to repentance and prayer. Countless inspiring testimonies of how He has used See You at the Pole™ to bring students to Christ and to change lives affirm God's power to answer those who cry out to Him in humble dependence. Bible clubs, weekly prayer meetings, and other ministries have begun on campuses where students participated in See You at the Pole™.

Source: [www.syatp.com](http://www.syatp.com)



### SEPTEMBER 1

5K WILL VISIT 1ST GRADE DURING  
THE SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

### SEPTEMBER 4

RA/GA/MISSION FRIENDS  
PRESCHOOL CHOIR  
& CHILDREN'S CHOIR  
ALL RESUME  
5:45PM - 7:15PM

### SEPTEMBER 8 PROMOTION SUNDAY

1ST - 6TH GRADES WILL HAVE  
REFRESHMENTS FOR KIDS IN  
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP ROOM  
AT 9:15AM

### SEPTEMBER 11

RA/GA REMINDER  
BRING A PLAIN WHITE T-SHIRT  
[WE WILL TIE DYE ON SEPTEMBER 18]

### SEPTEMBER 18

TIE DYE OUR T-SHIRTS  
SO WEAR OLD CLOTHES!



### SEPTEMBER 8

AWANA RESUMES  
\*\*NEW TIME\*\*  
5:30 - 7:00PM  
NO SUPPER WILL BE SERVED  
2K - 6TH GRADE  
[MUST BE 2 YEARS OLD BY SEPT 1<sup>ST</sup>]

### SEPTEMBER 22

SPIRIT NIGHT @ AWANA  
F.R.O.G  
WEAR GREEN AND  
FULLY RELY ON GOD!

### SEPTEMBER 29

AWANA STORE OPEN

# WMU MISSION OF THE MONTH

## *September's Mission of the Month is Honduras Mission Team*

MISSION STATEMENT: Baptist Medical & Dental Mission International (BMDMI) exists under the Lordship of Jesus Christ to evangelize the lost, disciple the saved, and minister to the needs of the poor.

BMDMI, established in 1974, is a missionary organization that specializes in short-term mission trips focused on providing medical and dental care to remote areas of Central America & South Asia. Calvary has several members who journey yearly to Honduras to minister to the poor in a variety of ways. In addition to medical and dental care, patients are provided with clothing and hygiene items.

**Two of those hygiene items are soap and washcloths.** Every patient is given soap and a washcloth. This month's mission is to partner with the team by providing soap and washcloths to distribute to their patients.

There will be boxes in both hallways behind the sanctuary for your donations. Thank you in advance for your generosity and caring hearts.



# JANIE CHAPMAN

## *State Missions*

2019 Season of Prayer for State Missions and Janie Chapman  
Offering will be September 8 -15, 2019.

The State Goal is \$1,800,000 and Calvary's Goal is \$3,000.  
Please be in prayer and consider giving.



# KINDERGARTEN

## *An Article from Rita McInville, Director*

It's one of the very most exciting times of the year for parents, children, and educators...back to school! The teachers and I had the privilege to attend the WeekDay Conference, hosted by the SC Baptist Convention, in Columbia just a few weeks ago. The theme for this year's conference was "A Work of Heart" focusing on Deuteronomy 6: 4 - 7. Our hearts were encouraged and our cups were not only filled, they were overflowing! We were able to worship together, learn together and spend time together getting to know each other more.

The WeekDay Conference serves as a kick off for the 2019 - 2020 school year. The staff and I returned with new ideas and a roster for each class. The teachers immediately began making contact with families. As I type this, teachers are visiting each family in their class as well as setting up their classroom for the new school year. This year my staff consists of 13 teachers and 4 assistants. We have 106 families with a total of 124 students enrolled for the 2019 - 2020 school year.

As we begin our 59th school year, we are excited and looking forward to what the Lord will do through our ministry at Calvary Kindergarten. Our 5 day students begin September 3. Our 2 and 3 day students will start on September 4. Would you join me in praying for the families that the Lord has brought to us? Pray that our students are able to adjust and enjoy their new routine and their new classroom. Pray that we would enjoy a fun, safe and successful year together. Our school verse is Matthew 5:16 "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven." Finally would you please pray that our light shines brightly to our students and their families as they enter our school? Please pray that they would know and feel the love of Jesus!

# FALL FESTIVAL

## *Save the Date!*

Our Fall Festival will be on Wednesday, October 30 from 6:00 - 8:00PM. We will need candy, little debbies, and PLENTY of volunteers! Please email Amy at [ahatchell@calvarycares.com](mailto:ahatchell@calvarycares.com) if you would like to volunteer to help.

# HEMOCARE

## *Homecare Ministry*

Our Homecare Ministry will meet on Monday, September 9th. Everyone is welcome to join us as we visit with our members who spend most of their time confined to their home or resident facility.

# CITY-WIDE STUDENT WORSHIP RALLY

## *September 22, 2019 | 6:00 - 7:30PM*

Our Florence Baptist Association Student Ministries are hosting a City-Wide Student Worship Rally for all students 7th - 12th grade. We are excited to have Justin Putnam leading worship. Students will have the opportunity to worship together with other teens from our city and be challenged be leaders for the gospel on their campus.

# WORSHIP CHOIR

## *New Church Year*

The Adult Worship Choir will be kicking off for the new church year on September 8, at 4:30 pm, and we would love to have you join us! The Worship Choir is made up of musicians of all different levels who love the Lord and each other and desire to lead the church in worship through choral singing. This is a great time to join, as we will begin working on our Christmas presentation for this year, along with preparing anthems for weekly worship. If you have any questions, please contact Landon Reynolds at [LReynolds@calvarycares.com](mailto:LReynolds@calvarycares.com). We hope to see you there!

# A LETTER FROM PASTOR MIKE

IT'S ALL ABOUT FOCUS.

We just enjoyed a weeklong family vacation at the beach, like many of you this Summer. This year was different, because Caroline and I were more focused on our 11 month old granddaughter than on anything else. Here's a gratuitous picture of her there, just because...

We tended to keep "baby hours" on the beach. We were up early cooking breakfast with our helper or going for shaded golf cart rides, or taking later walks on the beach. We didn't spend as much time in the sun in the heat of the day. That was absolutely fine with me, by the way! The best part of vacation, no matter how great the setting, is focusing on people you love.

I did miss one exciting event as a result of mostly avoiding the daytime beach. One day, our son-in-law, Joe, was fishing and one of our daughters was wading in shallow water nearby. Suddenly, Joe saw a six foot shark about



an arm's length from our daughter. She didn't see the shark, because she was focused on a little fish swimming quickly by. Fortunately, the shark wasn't interested in her either, since he was focused on the fish too. Joe ran toward her and yelled to get out and she did. She could tell he wasn't kidding! Fortunately, disaster was averted. The shark looked like this, maybe.

Focus matters! Jesus told his followers that his focus was on lost people. He compared himself to a shepherd who would leave 99 "righteous" sheep to go after one who was lost. (Luke 15:1-7) That's focus.

As the new school year begins, it's also a new year for our church. New deacons, new teachers, new committees, new beginnings. The success of our new church year will be determined by our focus. Are we focusing like Jesus? Will we be distracted by all the good options around us, or will we focus on working where Jesus works, how Jesus works.

This Fall, we'll be hearing stories on Sunday mornings from church members who have had their attention focused on Jesus. He's doing incredible things all around us today. If you have such a story you want to share, let me know. Maybe we will pick your story to be shared on a Sunday morning. See you soon. Stay focused on Jesus!

- Pastor Mike