



Calvary
Baptist Church

For the week of:
3/29/26

Home Worship Guide

The Church

The Church is the Bride of Christ. We should love and take care of the Church because of this. This week is all about the Church. We see different ways she is mentioned and referenced in Scripture. The prayer is that you have a newly found love and compassion for the Church of Christ.

WELCOME

Why should we do a family devotional?

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” - Deuteronomy 6:4-8

As long as there have been a “people of God,” the command given to them has always been that they would be instructing their children in the way of the Lord. Scripture expects parents to be the primary disciplers of their children.

But teaching children is more than simply giving rules. It involves showing them HOW to obey the Lord by doing it yourself! These family devotionals are meant to equip you as an individual to grow in your understanding of the Lord and His Word, as well as providing parents with the resources and opportunities to demonstrate for their children what it looks like to pursue God.

How to use this devotional:

This is simply a resource for you to use however works best for your family! Each day there is a selected Scripture reading, devotional, discussion questions, a prayer prompt, and a song to sing together. You may consider splitting parts and having one family member read the Scripture while another reads the devotional and another leads the prayer. Feel free to read additional Scripture as you call to mind passages that relate to what was read. Sing more hymns and songs with your family than the one provided if you feel led to. Use this guide in whatever way helps you and your family draw nearer to the Lord together.

PAST WORSHIP GUIDES

Are you just now learning about these worship guides? Or maybe you were traveling and missed a week. Don't worry! These worship guides are written in a way so that they can be used for years to come.

All of our past worship guides are available on our website. Feel free to scroll and find the one that works for you and your family. The dates simply help you know when they were written, it doesn't mean you only have to read them the week that they were published!

Find those worship guides here:



<https://www.calvaryleavenworth.com/homeworship>

MONDAY

Foundation and Permanence

Read: Matthew 16:17-19

Have you ever stopped to notice the beauty of rocks? The variety of colors, shapes, and sizes is something only our God could imagine and make a reality. Jesus uses the imagery of rocks to depict the firm foundation on which He intends to build His Church. The declaration “you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church” is the commissioning of Peter as the foundational man of God who would lead the emerging early church community.

The broader New Testament context reveals an important theological tension. Peter does, in fact, have the distinction of being the foundational apostle by which His church is built. Theologically, however, the Church is “built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone” (Eph. 2:20). While Peter functions as the foundational apostle of the Church, Christ remains the ultimate foundation of the Church.

In biblical usage, a cornerstone functions as a foundational stone of supreme importance—the stone that anchors and stabilizes an entire structure. In Christian theology, Christ Jesus holds this role as the cornerstone on which the church is built (Eph 2:20), establishing the foundation for believers’ faith and community. The cornerstone carries symbolic weight beyond its architectural function. Isaiah describes it as “tested” and “precious,” establishing a sure foundation (Isa 28:16), suggesting that this stone has proven its reliability and holds exceptional value. The biblical metaphor emphasizes stability and trustworthiness—qualities essential to any structure that must endure; qualities that describe Christ.

Discussion Questions:
What does it look like for a church today to be truly built on Christ as its foundation?

Pray

Praise the Lord Jesus for being our foundational hope.

Sing

The Solid Rock

THE SOLID ROCK

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Chorus

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand:
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, his covenant, his blood,
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay.

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found:
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne.



TUESDAY

Faithful Community

Read: Faithful Community

In this section, we see the Church living as a faithful community in four specific ways. First, they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching. This means they gathered together for the expressed purpose of learning from God's Word. They valued the Word and devoted themselves to it. Second, they also devoted themselves to fellowship. This means they valued community among the believers. They relied on each other for spiritual and physical support. Third, the Church regularly worshiped together through the observance of Communion (i.e. the Lord's Supper) and prayer. They came together to celebrate Christ, who He is and what He accomplished on the cross and through the grave on behalf of the Church. And fourth, they believed in evangelism. This is evidenced by "every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved." It is clear that the Church valued evangelism due to how often new believers were added to their number.

Remember, according to Hebrews 10:24-25, there is an expectation we be together. Particularly that we are together when worshipping. The biblical vision of a faithful church community centers on mutual accountability rather than an isolated Christian life experience. Christians were, and are, meant to be in communion with one another in life and in worship. Do not neglect being with other Christians.

Discussion Question

What does true Christian fellowship look like beyond simply spending time together?

Pray

Pray that your church would look like the church in Acts 2.

Sing

At Calvary

AT CALVARY

Years I spent in vanity and pride,
caring not my Lord was crucified,
knowing not it was for me He died
on Calvary.

Chorus:

Mercy there was great and grace was free;
pardon there was multiplied to me;
there my burdened soul found liberty,
at Calvary.

By God's Word at last my sin I learned;
then I trembled at the law I'd spurned,
till my guilty soul imploring turned
to Calvary.

Now I've giv'n to Jesus ev'rything;
now I gladly own Him as my King;
now my raptured soul can only sing
of Calvary.

O the love that drew salvation's plan!
O the grace that brought it down to man!
O the mighty gulf that God did span
at Calvary!



WEDNESDAY

The Gospel Picture of Marriage

Read: Ephesians 5:22-33

The New Testament presents marriage as a divinely ordained partnership that mirrors the relationship between Christ and the church. God established companionship as essential to human flourishing, creating woman as a suitable counterpart for man (Gen 2:18–24), and Jesus affirmed this foundational design, teaching that marriage unites two people into a single entity (Matt 19:4–6). This union carries profound spiritual significance—the marital bond is understood as reflecting the mystery of Christ’s relationship with his church.

Christ died for the church, sacrificing his life for her. Scripture says husbands are to model that sacrificial love for their wives and wives are to honor their husbands as the church does Christ. Marriage can be used (and should be) as a way to live out the gospel message: that Christ loved the church so genuinely, He gave Himself up for her. Husbands have a high calling to glorify Christ through their love for their wife.

The Church itself is a proclamation of God’s redemptive work through Jesus Christ. The Church is not simply an institution created in the New Testament. It is a community of believers who embody and communicate the gospel message through its visible witness and transformed character. Marriage is a primary part of the witness that believers have to communicate the transformative work and sacrificial nature of the gospel.

Discussion Question:

Where do you see the greatest gap between the biblical picture of marriage and what our culture promotes?

How can marriages within the church serve as a visible witness to unbelievers?

Pray

Pray that the marriages in our church communicate the gospel through their love for one another.

Sing

Grace Greater than Our Sin

GRACE GREATER THAN OUR SIN

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
yonder on Calvary's mount out-poured,
there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Chorus:

Grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that is greater than all our sin.

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold,
threaten the soul with infinite loss,
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,
points to the refuge, the mighty cross.

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
freely bestowed on all who believe;
all who are longing to see His face,
will you this moment His grace receive?



THURSDAY

The Body of Christ

Read: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Your physical body is composed of many different parts to make up one organism. When your foot is in pain, your body is in pain. We have the same concept with the Body of Christ. The Body of Christ is composed of many different parts to make up one organism. When one member is in pain, the whole body hurts. The unity found within the Body of Christ (i.e. the Church) transcends all boundaries. We are not identified by our social or economic status. We are not separated into educated and uneducated groups of people. We are not identified by which political party we identify with. We are only identified by our union with Christ. If you are connected with Christ, through faith, you are a part of the Body of Christ as one spiritual organism.

The metaphor that Paul uses in this text emphasizes a functional interdependence. God has deliberately given different gifts and focuses to the different people who make up the Body of Christ to fulfil His sovereign purpose. Some can see their differences as a bad thing, as if being different that others makes them less useful. Quite the contrary! God has made us different to fulfill being a unique part of the Body of Christ for His glory.

Our church is better for the diversity that we have amongst the body. We have some gifted musicians and they help us lead worship on Sundays. We have some gifted teachers who lead small groups or Sunday School classes. Those are all very high profile roles. But we also have some who are faithful in AWANA and have been serving there for years, people who don't get enough thanks. We have people who come into the church throughout the week and assist the pastors with administrative tasks that most people are clueless to. All of these roles makes the Body of Christ function at the highest level.

Discussion Questions:

Are you more likely to undervalue your own role or overlook others'? Why or why not?

Pray

Thank God for making the Body of Christ filled with many unique parts for His glory.

Sing

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS

O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior,
And life more abundant and free!

Chorus:

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.

Thro' death into life everlasting,
He passed, and we follow Him there;
O'er us sin no more hath dominion--
For more than conqu'rors we are!

His Word shall not fail you--He promised;
Believe Him, and all will be well:
Then go to a world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell!



FRIDAY

Organic Unity Found in Church Membership

Read: 1 Cor. 12:12-27

The church functions as a single body composed of many members, unified through baptism into Christ regardless of social or ethnic background. Rather than having us all look and act the same, God arranges diverse members within the body in an organized and unified way. These differences strengthen the church, rather than weaken it. Young and old or wealthy and poor members all prove to be indispensable, and God cares for the church in such a way so that division is prevented and members care for one another. When one member experiences suffering or celebration, the entire body shares that experience. This is the beauty of being a part of the Body of Christ.

Church membership centers around this organic unity. It's not meant to be some arbitrary affiliation with an institution. Church membership is an agreed upon relationship based upon the completed work of Christ and His resurrection. We are united through baptism into the same family of Christ.

Church membership begins an interconnectivity that means sufferings and joys are shared experiences across that membership body. Growth of the body occurs with proper attention given to it by leadership pouring into the body as well as proper care for the hurting and lonely. Church membership provides this type of care for those who are suffering. Church membership also serves as an authority structure for addressing serious sin that may be found within the Church. This protects the Church from being infected by the serious ripple effects of sin.

Discussion Questions:

Why do people sometimes view differences as a weakness instead of a strength?

Pray

Thank God for the blessing of belonging to a church body.

Sing

Rock of Ages

ROCK OF AGES

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy wounded side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure;
save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labors of my hands
can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to the cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyes shall close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown,
see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.



He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1:13-14



CALVARY

BAPTIST CHURCH

Worship

8:30 & 11:00am

Sunday School

10:00am

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“Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.”

Mark 5:19

