

# The Outlook

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## Calendar of Events

- ♦ **Nov. 8:** Shoebox Return
- ♦ **Nov. 15:** Military BibleSticks Collection
- ♦ **Nov. 26:** Happy Thanksgiving
- ♦ **Sundays:**
  - 9:00am Adult Sunday School
  - 10:30am Worship Service
  - 6:00pm Rt. 66
- ♦ **Mondays:**
  - 3-4pm Good News Club
- ♦ **Tuesdays:**
  - 6:00pm Victory Prayer
- ♦ **Wednesdays:**
  - 1pm Ladies Prayer/Bible Study
- ♦ **Thursdays:**
  - 6-8pm Awana

## Listening for God's Voice

*By Terry Sundberg*

Henry Blackaby wrote "*Experiencing God*" somewhere back in the 80's or 90's. And in his simple way, he has helped believers know and do the will of God. I think every believer would like (1) to know God's will, and (2) to have done or to be doing God's will. The way this process begins is not in coming up with our own plans, but in concentrating on deepening our personal relationship with God first and foremost. This requires spending time in the Scriptures and in prayer. It is out of this real, personal relationship that we can come to know where God is working and how we can join Him.

So, we need to make intimacy with God our highest priority. We can choose to spend time with Him. We can choose to open and read and meditate on the Scriptures. We can choose to show up at Bible studies, classes, and worship services with a thirst for God. And we can choose to open our spiritual ears to hear His voice.

The Jews of Jesus' time had difficulty "hearing" what God was saying to them through the Savior.

By the time we get to John 7, we see Jesus in increasing conflict with the religious leaders in Israel. He had already performed many "signs" in order to reveal His deity. He had healed a man on the Sabbath. He had boldly declared Himself to be equal with the Father. So, the conflict heated up, to the point that they were seeking to find Him and kill Him. At the Feast of Tabernacles, Jesus began to teach at the temple when the Jews reacted with astonishment at His teaching because He had never been trained in the rabbinical schools. He said, "My teaching is not Mine, but His who sent Me." But we know from each of the Gospel accounts that the religious leadership remained steadfastly against Jesus. The illegal trials and ultimately, the crucifixion, provided blatant proof of the hardness and unwillingness of their hearts.



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But then, in John 7:17, we find a conditional promise. "If anyone is willing to do His will, he will know of the teaching, whether it is of God or whether I speak from Myself." There it is. IF...ANYONE... IS WILLING...TO DO HIS WILL (the Father's)... HE WILL KNOW OF THE TEACHING... WHETHER IT IS OF GOD OR WHETHER I SPEAK FROM MYSELF.

G. Campbell Morgan writes, "When men are wholly, completely consecrated to the will of God, and want to do that above everything else, then they find out that Christ's teaching is Divine, that it is the teaching of God." The Jews were amazed at Jesus, but in the end, they were unwilling to listen and follow Him. The question for us remains, "Are we willing to do His will?" But even when we are willing, how does this work?

Galatians 2:20 is helpful here. "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me." This crucifixion with Christ means "death to or separation from the reigning power of the old sinful life and freedom to experience the power of the resurrection life of Christ by faith." (Ryrie) The power to accomplish His will does not come from us, but from the indwelling Christ, by faith. It isn't simply mustering up consecration or surrender, but trusting in Him to work in us and through us.

Here are some brief stories about four "consecrated" men:

### Charles Spurgeon

Charles Spurgeon was saved on January 6, 1850, and on February 1 he wrote the following prayer of consecration: O great and unsearchable God, who knowest my heart, and triest all my ways; with a humble dependence upon the support of Thy Holy Spirit, I yield up myself to Thee; as Thy own reasonable sacrifice, I return to Thee Thine own. I would be for ever, unreservedly, perpetually Thine; whilst I am on earth, I would serve Thee; and may I enjoy Thee and praise Thee forever! Amen. -W. Wiersbe

### Fred Craddock

Fred Craddock, in an address to ministers, caught the practical implications of consecration. "To give my life for Christ appears glorious," he said. "To pour myself out for others...to pay the ultimate price of martyrdom—I'll do it. I'm ready, Lord, to go out in a blaze of glory. "We think giving our all to the Lord is like taking \$1,000 bill and laying it on the table— 'Here's my life, Lord. I'm giving it all.' But the reality for most of us is that he sends us to the bank and has us cash in the \$1,000 for quarters. We go through life putting out 25 cents here and 50 cents there. Listen to the neighbor kid's troubles instead of saying, 'Get lost.' Go to a committee meeting. Give a cup of water to a shaky old man in a nursing home. Usually giving our life to Christ isn't glorious. It's done in all those little acts of love, 25 cents at a time. It would be easy to go out in a flash of glory; it's harder to live the Christian life little by little over the long haul." -Darryl Bell

### Bobby Richardson

At a meeting of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Bobby Richardson, former New York Yankee second baseman, offered a prayer that is a classic in brevity and poignancy: "Dear God, Your will, nothing more, nothing less, nothing else. Amen."

### William Booth

I will tell you the secret: God has had all that there was of me. There have been men with greater brains than I, even with greater opportunities, but from the day I got the poor of London on my heart and caught a vision of what Jesus Christ could do with me and them, on that day I made up my mind that God should have all of William Booth there was. And if there is anything of power in the Salvation Army, it is because God has had all the adoration of my heart, all the power of my will, and all the influence of my life. -William Booth

Pastor Terry

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## Military BibleSticks / Faith Comes By Hearing

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Faith Comes By Hearing has been providing BibleSticks to our service members and veterans since 2008, and CFW has been a part of that for many of those years. For the 2019 fiscal year over 221,000 BibleSticks were distributed. Covid-19 brought with it many difficulties. Their production facilities were forced to close during the months of April and May, however, by June, production was back to full capacity. Production was not the only casualty. Our military personnel have experienced a heightened level of isolation as the country attempts to mitigate the pandemic's spread. With each member that falls ill, his or her entire unit is quarantined, keeping chaplains from tending to the spiritual needs of the service members—our troops need God's Word now more than ever.

Along with providing Military BibleSticks, Faith Comes By Hearing has come alongside the worldwide translation community in a movement to see that the Word of God is recorded and freely provided in every language that needs it by the year 2033. We want everyone on Earth to have access to Jesus Christ's Gospel in a format they can understand. The various ministries carrying out this work have entered into an unprecedented time of unity, meaning that at long last, after two thousand-plus years, we can finally see the finish line: the Great Commission completed and in our generation!

**With your help, it can be done. Join this journey and be a part of changing the world for Christ. CFW will be taking a special offering on November 15<sup>th</sup> to raise money for Military BibleSticks and Vision 2033. If you would like to donate prior to this date, please label your donation clearly.**

*Our own missionaries*, the Teeters in Brazil, and the Vargases in Papua New Guinea are both familiar with Faith Comes by Hearing.

*Email from Margie Teeter:*

"When this group comes to Boa Vista to work on a project, they come with a team of about 4 people, 3 to work on the different aspects of the recording and one person to take care of the logistics, like scheduling things, cooking, etc. They work super hard. We've enjoyed having them. So far, for our work, they have recorded three New Testaments in the indigenous languages and are scheduled to do another any day now. They try to find good readers in the indigenous languages to do the different voices.

Like, they have one person be the narrator, one person speaking the words of Jesus, someone doing Peter, Paul, etc. etc. They record passages over and over until they get it good enough. When they come to our place, they try to get the project all recorded with all the different voices, then take it back with them to edit and clean it up before recording the final project. They have done the Jesus film in a number of languages too. They do a good job. The people really like hearing the Bible in their own language. It has been a very valuable tool in places where there are people who don't read. We have a hard time keeping up with the demand for these talking Bibles."

*Email from Denis Vargas:*

"Yes, Faith Comes By Hearing is indeed one of Wycliffe and SIL's main partners, and both organizations develop several projects together, including audio Bibles and the Jesus Film Project. Actually, in our long term plan, once we finish translating the gospel of Mark, we will immediately jump into the gospel of Luke. That is the basis for the Jesus Film. Once teams have Luke translated, FCBH provides training and facilitates the production of the Jesus Film in vernacular. So it is our goal to start working in the Jesus Film in Diodio by 2022. Later on, we would start recording New Testament books as they are checked. But it is wonderful to know CFW was been supporting them, it is amazing how God connects us all!"

## Bible.is

You, too, can now have access to Faith Comes By Hearing's high quality, dramatized audio Bibles! Listen online, or download the free *Bible.is* mobile app. You can stream or download your favorite version for listening and study when you don't have internet access.

*Bible.is* provides over 1,396 Bible translations, making it easy to read, study, and share God's Word with friends and family around the globe. You can find and create Scripture playlists. Then share them with your friends, family, and neighbors—even publicly on social media—so you can study God's Word together.

Also available to watch are excellent word-for-word *Gospel Films* about the life and ministry of Jesus in more than 500 languages.



## November Missionary Spotlight

• Marcos and Telma Pereira

### *Serving in Brazil with Victoria Ministries*

*From Pereira's October prayer letter:*

The time of the flying seeds has arrived in the central highlands of Brazil. These odd embryonic plants are cast off from their parent plant and sent into the wind in an epic journey to a near or quite far location from where they originally came to life. Each of these seeds has a different shape, size, and color. All of them though depend on wind to propel them to where they will land, grow, and produce fruit.

We would love to go through life without any windy turbulent seasons that God allows adversity to bring. It seems to us that with less turbulence we can produce more. The detail is that God is not interested in what we can produce in our strength but in the incredible things we can produce in His strength amid the storm.

He can use the wind turbulence of hardship and uncertainty to propel our obedience to Him to places, situations and outcomes that will produce things that go beyond our imagination.

May you and I persevere in casting seeds of love, forgiveness, and hope into the winds of this hurricane called 2020.

#### **Victoria Ministries**

We were able to organize a family picnic open to the public on the 7<sup>th</sup> of September (Brazilian Independence Day). This was the first event we were able to have since February. There were many adjustments to be made to comply with the safety standards the city hall set, but we were able to meet them all. We are currently going to have another picnic on the 12<sup>th</sup> of October along with a weekend of leadership training.

So far it looks like we might be able to have day camps in January 2021 and our Camp Leadership Training. With us being in the US our small permanent staff will be even smaller, yet many volunteers have offered to help in January. Our first re-scheduled church retreats from 2020 are set to start in April 2021.

**For Victoria Ministries, we currently need to raise a Covid-19 Relief aid of \$1000.00 per month for the next 5 months (total \$5000), that will make it possible to pay all fixed expenses from November 2020 till March 2021.**

#### **Our Family**

Public schools in our state here in Brazil, so far, have decided to just finish this year with online studies. It has certainly been challenging for students, teachers, and parents. It has been a privilege to live in the rural area at camp during this time as we were able to set a daily schedule of study, work, leisure, and exercise. Of course, between what we had in mind and what the boys had in mind there is the chaos called parenting...

One change since our last prayer letter is that Max will be coming up to the States to look for a job from November till February. After prayerful consideration we felt this would be the best for him to grow.

#### **Trip to the USA**

We are still on track to be in the USA from November till February 2021 on furlough. Of course, it is hard to know what this furlough will look like, but it will certainly be a unique faith growing time. We have been able to schedule our visit to most of the churches and even some of our prayer and financial support team members. We hope to see you and be able to share what God has done, is doing and has for the years to come at Victoria Ministries.

Marcos and Telma and family plan to be headquartered here at CFW from mid-November to February. Marcos is scheduled to speak here November 22<sup>nd</sup> during the morning worship. ◇



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Finally! We were able to start Awana again. Our first night was October 22, and we had

approximately 20 kids in attendance. If you have kids, or know kids that are preschool age through the 6th grade bring them to the church at 6:00pm on Thursdays for a fun time of learning God's Word. Covid-19 protocols are in place.

Good News Club is also taking place here at CFW. All kids age kindergarten through 5th grades are welcome on Mondays from 3 - 4pm. ♦

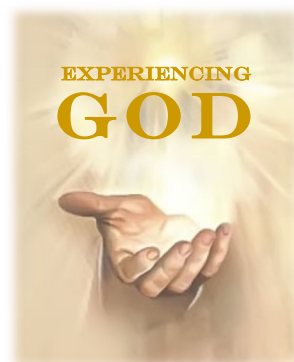


## Ladies Prayer and Bible Study

*New study starting January 13<sup>th</sup>!*

### *Experiencing God, Knowing and doing the Will of God*

by Henry and Richard Blackaby and Claude King.



Learn to recognize where God is working, so you can join Him in what He is doing. Then you will experience God doing through you what only He can do.

For more than 15 years God has used *Experiencing God* to awaken believers to a radically God-centered way of life. As a result, millions have come to know God intimately, to recognize His voice, and to understand His will for their lives. God is inviting you to experience Him in an intimate love relationship through which He reveals to you His will, His ways, and His work.

**Sign up beginning November 18. A workbook will be required for each participant; if desired you may also order the *Experiencing God* book. Material will be ordered the week of December 14th, so please let Cheryl know prior to this date.**



## Operation Christmas Child

Be sure to return your shoeboxes by November 8<sup>th</sup> along with \$9 for shipping and handling.

Also, there are extra boxes, so feel free to take a box home to fill during the coming year. You'll be all ready to go for next year when the time comes.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

**Fiscal Year:**  
**Sept. 1, 2020 - Aug. 31, 2021**

Annual Budget    \$215,441.00  
Monthly Budget    \$17,953.42

**October Offerings**  
**\$15,952.56**

**Christmas in September**  
**\$6,501.48**



Ken and Linda Johnson    Nov. 15



Dan Tupper	Nov. 2
Annabell Pierson	Nov. 12
Ally Balbuena	Nov. 14
Holly Andersen	Nov. 15
Cheryl Schlenker	Nov. 19
Ken Johnson	Nov. 21
Raelee Allen	Nov. 24

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