



CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH YOUTH GROUP NOTEPAD

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1 Corinthians 1:10
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I was recently asked to be the new co-editor of the Notepad. I have helped Matt previously by typing a few articles and aiding him on decisions about the newsletter. Now through the unfortunate loss of our past co-editor I have been challenged to fill the void. Matt spends countless hours at my computer arranging the newsletter, adding precise detail and forming it into the impeccable form it is now. I'll be doing more to assist Matt now and it will be very convenient for me because I can work on it at any time on my computer. I hope to be writing some future articles and contributing any way I can to improve the Notepad. -Dave Franklin

I really feel that Dave will do a great job for this newsletter. He has expressed interest in helping our school's newspaper, but the communication's class publishes it and he's not in that class.

As you may of realized by reading Dave's note, I produce the newsletter on his computer. After he received it last summer, I really thought about producing the next newsletter for the youth group. That was until I found out that Gerry wanted to do it, so I just forgot about my idea. A few weeks later I found out Gerry needed someone to type it up, and naturally, I volunteered. One thing led to another, and I became the editor of this newsletter.

I had in the back of my mind to make Dave the co-editor this June, when Gerry would have graduated. However, because unfortunate events took place in our church in the past couple of months, the decision came sooner than I suspected.

Dave is pretty cool except for these two reasons:
 1. You may need a dictionary by your side when you read his articles. He finds complex words in various pieces of literature, thinks they sound cool, and then writes them down so he can use them in his own writing.
 2. He is a jeopardy fan and sometimes makes me play the Super Nintendo version with him whenever I come over. After not questioning the answers in the first round, I begin to fall asleep, and of course he wins all the time.

As long as Dave doesn't mess up his computer any more, (he messed up his printer and monitor) We will strive to make this newsletter something we can all be proud of.
 - Matt Headley




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FEEDBACK



MATT: Last month I asked you to give me some input on comments, ideas, etc. Here they are. Everything written in *Italics* are my responses.

1. "Matt, you are do'n an awesome job. I would have never thought our newsletter would have gotten this good! If you would need any help, just let me know! Keep it up!" - Tabitha
2. "The articles are very good, especially the What's Happening part. I like the question part the best." - Robin Gross
3. "Matt, try the Doodle Pad, Bri. P.S. I really like your Sports Editor. He writes very good articles." - Brian Duffy

Free publicity for your very own articles? That's pathetic guys! Brian has talked to me beforehand about his Doodle Pad idea. I think it's a great idea, but I don't think I will put it in every month. Brian, you are doing a good job, but we just need more of it! Read on:

4. "The newsletter is pretty cool, but there needs to be more info and articles on things that people are interested in, such as music reviews, more news on sports, maybe some jokes or humor notes and a short biography on different teens for each newsletter."
5. "Give it a new name other than Newsletter. But you're doing a good job. Put good jokes in if they make it more interesting."
6. "I think you're doing a wonderful job. I like the Weird stories and sports! I love the sports. I think you should put more sports in! (That's my opinion.)"
7. "Need to say more about sports. Doing alright. Kinda boring."
8. "You guys are doing great! Put some more stuff about sports."
9. "It needs to be more interesting."

More sports is definitely a top priority right now, but no one has seen me about writing about it, so I asked Matt Purzycki if he was interested, and he accepted. A few responses I received told me it needs to be more interesting; unfortunately only a couple gave me any kind of idea how to make it more interesting. Music Reviews: As we all know, music is an extremely debated subject in this church, but I will definitely keep that one in mind. Jokes and Humor: I want to put a humor page in the newsletter in each month with comics and other humorous things. Look in a future issue for your favorite jokes.

I had the idea of short biographies on different teens for each newsletter ever since I started this newsletter. Now that I know it will be a popular idea, I will definitely work on that.

Obviously, someone hasn't noticed that this newsletter has a name. I thought that the name "Notepad" was pretty obviously located at the top of the front page. If you mean you don't like "Notepad", I'm sorry, but nobody else has suggested renaming it.

10. "I think the newsletter is a good thing to let us know what's going on in the youth group."
11. "I like the new articles! It adds a sting to the reading. I like it. Good job!"
12. "I think you have been doing very good. I think you should keep on doing it."
13. "I think the newsletter is going good."
14. "You are doing a good job with the newsletter! I like the part where you have our answers to your questions (New Year's resolutions, our pet peeves)."
15. "I think it's pretty good. I read the birthday section and when we are asked questions and we can read our answers!"

If there is one greatest thing I have learned about this youth group, it's this: Even though we hate to admit it, we love watching and reading about ourselves! I will try my hardest to come up with questions that will be likely to produce hilarious answers. If anyone has thought of any, feel free to



tell me, or place it in the can (CAN IT!). I have to give the credit to Stephanie Wilson for Pet Peeves. She totally came up with the idea and gathered your answers.

16. "It needs a comic section! Other than that, it's pretty cool. Jill still bugs me!"

I don't know if you want any youth group member's comics, or a few from the newspaper. I probably will not make a complete section of comics, but I will include at least one in every issue. If anyone out there wants to draw for the newsletter, please see me. Sorry, I can't help you with your problem with Jill.

17. "I think that the Newsletter is doing very well, and the articles are very well written. The people who wrote took time to write them, and I appreciate that. Thanks."

18. "I think the newsletter is good. It is really, really, really, great. I'm glad there is someone who can handle it."

19. "You are doing fine with it. I enjoy it, I really do. - from someone."

20. "It is fine how it is. I think it is okay."

And last, but certainly least...

21. "I think it should talk about your mom."

See if you can guess who wrote that? Jim, if that is you who wrote that, I might surprise you someday.

Thank you for participating in my little informal survey. Your ideas and comments will help me create this newsletter for YOU!



WHAT'S UP

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MARCH						



SUNDAY, MARCH 19: MOVIE NIGHT

After the evening service, we will be having a movie afterglo. Depending on availability, the movies that you might see will be: A Test of Faith, Without Reservation, and The Wait of the World. Pastor Mark will be bringing popcorn and hopefully it won't be a leftover present from Christmas. We will probably be staying until 9:30.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31: MALL SCAVENGER HUNT

We will be heading out to a local mall, but this time, not to shop. Pastor Mark will have a list of things for us to find, like items, and prices. This will be like what we did 2 years ago (Don't ask me, I didn't go), which is why I'm especially looking forward to go. It sounds like a lot of fun!



Happy Birthday - Rick Palma - March 2nd



WORDS OF WISDOM

(THIS MONTH'S TOPIC: HATRED.)



QUOTATIONS:

1. *Man, biologically considered.... is the most formidable of all the beasts of prey, and, indeed, the only one that preys systematically on its own species.*

-William James

2. *Hating people is like burning down your own house to get rid of a rat.*

-Harry Emerson Fosdick

3. *Help us to see persons, Lord - not a black person or a white person, a red person or a yellow person, but a human being.*

4. *Hatred is like an acid. It can do more damage to the vessel in which it is stored than to the object on which it is poured.*

5. *I will permit no man to narrow and degrade my soul by making me hate him.*

-Booker T. Washington

VERSES:

EPHESIANS 4:32 - *And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.*

PROVERBS 16:32 - *He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.*

I JOHN 4:20 - *If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?*



Jr. HIGH WINTER CAMP

We had a blast at Jr. High Camp. Pastor Walburg kept us busy all through the weekend, with lots of games and contests. Dallas took first place in snowman (woman) building along with her notes popping up mysteriously through cabin walls and in the chapel. Some of the highlights and top 5 events are:

5. Tabitha meets tree head-on.
4. Adam wants attention by getting stitches.
3. Begging Mr. Gross on the way home to make a pit stop.
2. Torturing the snobs across the hall.
1. Who T.P.ed the guys cabin?

Aside from all the fun, we had an awesome speaker!



- Tabitha Eichmann



The Sights and Sounds of Camp Calvary

From the unceasing musical entertainment by the guys, (La La La La La La...Dave knows...) to the expressions shown on the girls faces when they were showered with shaving cream, this weekend proved to be very interesting. The constant swooshing of the mud with each step we took and the polar blast from the persistent wind failed to dishearten us. We endured the bleak conditions and found enjoyment participating in such activities as paintball and the cabin contests. In paintball we (Team Calvary) found ourselves at a serious disadvantage. The other team definitely had experience, but we put up a strong fight. The guys should not be discouraged because, as I washed the paint out of my hair in the shower, I heard several of the members of the opposing team speak of their vast paintball experience. They bragged about prior games where they were given 200 or so paintballs and 3 hours of competition. How can we compete against those G.I. Joe characters who's entire existence in life is based solely on paintball?



We also participated in some indoor activities like the Hit and Run game where Calvary's athletic wonder, Jill Jordan, found it difficult to get her seat back. After ten minutes of begging and pleading for a seat someone was kind enough to let her go. We also saw the movie *Future Tense* which was superb. It was a moving film that revealed just how important witnessing is. It conveyed a message that went above and beyond hearing another sermon on witnessing. Respect was the theme for Chapel time, and Pastor Ted delivered four exceptional sermons. We also saw several, excellent skits acted out by the counselors. The final performance where Pastor Mark was consumed by guilt when he saw his friends get drag down to hell because he couldn't find the appropriate time to witness was particularly inspiring. As each day came to a close us guys went back to our "oversized shed" (suggested by a guy) and were entertained by our Arabian friend (Matt Anist) and the comedy act performed by Calvary's finest. Pastor Tedd didn't find the bodily noises or jokes amusing, nor did he find the last night comical when a mysterious heat failure in his cozy, little room changed his room into a frigid icebox. Although Pastor Tedd might disagree, it was a great winter weekend. Rick, did Opus ever regain circulation in his rope-burned neck?

-Dave Franklin



There were 14 Senior Highers going to camp. There were 5 girls and 9 guys. all five of us girls were in the same cabin with 1 other girl and we actually had a cool counselor. All the guys were together with Pastor Mark and my Uncle Tedd. The second night the heat was turned off and my Uncle Tedd hates being cold and he was awake all night freezing!

We played a lot of inside games. One you had to hit someone and put it back on the trash can and get back to the empty chair. I was in the middle about 10 times. We also did shuffle your buns and newspaper basketball. Our team won every time! For our one outside game we had to video tape a lot of different things! We made a huge human pyramid, Ken K. won the hairiest leg contest and me and Ivy ruined the serious part of the thing because we started dying of laughter. A lot of people played paintball. Ivy got hit in the back of the head, Mark got hit in the face, and Brad (Mr. Fun) got hit on his side. Ivy found a new boyfriend named surf dork or Ocean Geek! Someone banged on the wall of our cabin during the night and me, Ivy and Krissy screamed our heads off! The messages were all very good. My Uncle Ted spoke on respect. About 3 people got saved and a lot made decisions.

The ride home was a mess. After we stopped for dinner Rick got Pastor Mark with shaving cream, but Rick got it worse. When they got on the bus they sprayed some in Ivy's hair. Then they got Krissy really bad! All over her. Then Rick really got me. My hair, face, coat and jeans were completely white. It was even in my mouth. Everyone was sticky on the way home! We all had a great time!

- Jill Jordan



(FROM MARCH 1994)

A POEM OF ABORTION

It is early, the month is one,
Though you can't see me, I have begun.
I'm so small I don't have to hide,
I'm just a seed that lies inside.

Four weeks later, the month is two,
I'm so small and a part of you.
Mommy you'll love me, just wait and see,

Time has passed and the month is three,
Now I'm someone you can see.
My hair is blonde, my eyes are brown,
Mommy you'll love havin' me around.

Now I'm gone, the month is five,
Mommy killed me, I'm no longer alive.
It's too late, I can't be saved.
I wanted to be born.

The month is six, It's too late,
I can't be fixed, I guess Mommy didn't
love me.
She threw me away, she will never forget
me.
In her memory I will stay,

The month is nine, I could have been
born and doing fine.
Although I'm in Heaven, I still have to
cry,
Because of Mommy, I had to die.

Author - unknown

The Best of **CAMPERS** *Journal*

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Read: Isaiah 40:25-31

"Counting For Nothing" February 13

"This is definitely not hopeful music... I'm not offering anything really."

What musical artist made the hopeless-lyrics confession above? None other than Adam Duritz, lead singer of the mega-selling band Counting Crows.

Even though the lead Crow is trying to be honest, the group is offering something: hopelessness. And they're singing that theme to the tune of millions of dollars in CD/cassette sales.

So who's snatching up Adam and the band's melancholy releases? Obviously it's young people who identify with their despairing view of life.

"Why would anyone want to fill their ears with dark and dreary drivel?" you may ask. Simple. It gives listeners more reasons to feel depressed and angry - the way they've grown accustomed to feeling about life in this world.

"How can this way of life be appealing?" you now ask. Well, Counting Crows makes feeling hopeless "fun" by giving their lyrics some catch melodies and an upbeat sound. But you can't cloak the message. The despair seeps through.

Whether you've ever listened to this group is not the point. What really matters is how you are fueling your identity. do you lean toward books, music, videos that are positive or negative? Helpful or hopeless?

If you're stuck in the despair/self pity mode, check out these words from the Bible: "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles." (Isaiah 40:31).

HOPEFULLY! That's the way God wants you to view life. But you won't *feel* full of hope if you continually surround yourself with friends, music or entertainment that are filled with nothing but despair.

Hope in the Lord. Rest in the hope that comes from Him. Then start counting your blessings. -TF

To find hope, look to the God of hope.



THE SPORTSPAGE CONTRIBUTED BY VARIOUS YOUTH GROUP SPORTS FANS.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Sports is open for anyone to write for. If you are interested, see me or Dave, or just slip your article in the Notepad Can. **We Want To Hear From You!!!**



NCAA BASKETBALL

It is a great day in College Basketball. What's going on with the #1 seed. First it was U-Mass then they lost to G.W. then it was North Carolina then they lost to Virginia then it was U-Conn. Then they lost to Villanova bad, 96 - 73! Then Kansas was #1 that night they lost to Oklahoma. After that U.C.L.A. became #1. They still are. Who will be #1 next who knows it could be N.C. again, Kansas, U-Conn, Kentucky, Arkansas who knows? Hopefully Kansas or U-Conn in my opinion. It's gonna be a good end of the season I predict the Final Eight: N.C., Kentucky, Kansas, U-Conn, Arkansas, Villanova, Georgetown, and U.C.L.A. in my opinion. By the way N.C. lost to Wake Forest last night.

- Matt Purzycki



MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Tension is rising between the baseball players and the managers. It looks like the show must go on with or without our usual sports legends. Replacement players are ready from the minor league to keep the tradition alive.



GREEDY PLAYERS ON STRIKE!



NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

Well the Flyers are in third place in the Atlantic division after being upset by the Rangers. Renberg being the high scorer put 2 points on the board one was with a minute and nine seconds left. It was a boring game overall.

- Brian Duffy

Weird Articles

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FROM THE NEWS

FOR URINATING IN COFFEE POT MAN TO MOP PUBLIC TOILETS

ST. JOSEPH, MO. (AP) - A man who was videotaped urinating into a company coffee pot has received an appropriately unpleasant sentence: cleaning bathrooms.

Milton Ross, 41, pleaded guilty Friday to third-degree assault. He was placed on two years' probation and ordered to spend 100 hours cleaning public restrooms.

"I made a stupid choice," said Ross, who was fired.

STUDENT IS TOP PIG

EASTON, PA - Being a pig may finally pay off for Vicki Salemi.

The 21-year-old Lafayette College senior was the sole slob picked to represent Pennsylvania in toy maker Milton Bradley's nationwide search for America's biggest pig sty.

"I'm finally getting the award I deserve," said Salemi, a psychology major from Mahwah, N.J. (from Associated Press reports)

TEXAS INMATE PROTESTS, FAILS TO STOP EXECUTION

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) - Raymond Carl Kinnamon fought his executioners until the very end.

"I want everybody to know I'm not ready to go," he said shortly before dawn Sunday.

He tried to prove it, with a 30 - minute filibuster in an apparent attempt to talk his way past the dawn execution deadline set in his death warrant.

Then he tried to escape from leather restraints that kept him connected to two intravenous tubes already positioned to deliver a solution of lethal drugs.

The 53-year-old career criminal was executed for a killing during a \$1,500 bar robbery in Houston exactly 10 years earlier. The execution followed a frenzy of legal wrangling through the night that ended with the U.S. Supreme Court rejecting an appeal.

"I've got a few things to say," Kinnamon announced as witnesses filed into the death chamber about 5:15 a.m.

He was still talking 30 minutes later, after thanking dozens of people, criticizing capital punishment, expressing love for his family and getting a drink of water from the prison warden.

It was not clear what would have happened if Kinnamon had continued speaking past the sunrise deadline.

"I can see no reason for my death," he said before beginning to squirm, lifting his head and shoulders and trying to slide his right arm out of a leather strap.

SOME GAMBLING SUPERSTITIONS by The Associated Press

Gamblers' superstitions run the gamut from the logical to the bizarre. And they are nothing new. Among the longtime beliefs of bettors, according to "The Encyclopedia of Superstitions" by Edwin Radford:

- If you have bad luck at cards, and rise and turn three times with your chair, your ill luck will change.
- If in a game of chance a woman touches your shoulders or should you meet a woman while on the way to the gambling rooms, you will have no luck.
- If you show passion at losses, the demon of bad luck will follow you.
- There was never a good hand with the four of clubs in it. The four of clubs is referred to be some gamblers as "the Devil's four-poster bedstead."
- Borrowed money cannot loose.

VICTIM TO WED ACCUSED

ROCHESTER, N.Y. - A woman plans to marry the man accused of repeatedly stabbing her and breaking her arms with a hammer in an attempted murder.

Crystal Nicole Hutchins, 20, and Brandon Hampson, 23, applied for a marriage certificate this month. Hampson is charged with attempted second-degree murder. Hutchins was repeatedly stabbed with a screwdriver Oct. 19. Her hands and arms were broken with a hammer.

It was unclear whether Hutchins would testify against her fiancé, but prosecutors said the marriage would not affect their case. (from Associated Press reports.)

Crooks in a factory in Vang in Norway were working with quiet, well planned efficiency. They found the company safe and set a small explosive charge, just large enough to blow off the door. Having set the fuse, they retreated to the safety of the next room. When it came, the explosion was shattering. The entire factory descended on the crouching criminals, killing them. The trouble was that the safe hadn't contained what they thought - it was packed with dynamite.

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In April 1991, Wayne Manns was hospitalized in serious condition in San Francisco as the result of a shoplifting accident at The Emporium department store. According to security guards, Manns had tucked six kitchen knives - with blades pointing upward - under his waistband and tried to slip out the door, and in an ensuing tussle with the guards was stabbed severely.

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An unaccomplished Japanese gangster was responsible for an accidental explosion that injured 62 people aboard a passenger jet and forced the aircraft to make an emergency landing. The man, a member of a Japanese crime organization, admitted he was carrying a hand grenade and, because it appeared bulky in his pocket, became fearful of being caught. He unwrapped the taped grenade in the restroom and accidentally pulled the pin, then panicked and threw it in the garbage when turbulence prevented him from replacing the pin. He ran from the bathroom as the explosion tore a hole in the side of the jet

- *The Washington Post.*

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A burglar got trapped in a ventilating shaft in Brooklyn. His legs didn't dangle for the janitors to observe, and no one heard his shouts. He was found during renovations, and by then he was dead - nearly dried out and mummified by what police estimated were several years of forced ventilation.

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TRUE STORY OF THE MONTH

In her eleven months on the California town's police force, a 24-year-old rookie earned the nickname "Calamity Jane."

First she grappled with a drunken driver, who tried to take her gun. The driver got a broken nose; the policewoman got a broken finger and a wrenched back.

On her first solo patrol, two men she stopped to question attacked her. One put a gun to her head; the other stabbed her in the chest. She was protected by her bullet-proof vest but was cut seriously on the hand.

Shortly after returning to duty, "Jane" was investigating a freeway accident when she and the driver involved in the accident were hit by a car that ran through the warning flares.

When she later chased a car stolen by teenagers, the kids smashed the car into a wall at 60 mph and then she crashed right behind them, suffering a bruised heart, blurred vision and a broken sternum.

"Calamity Jane" had also had a tough time in police academy, where she dislocated a shoulder and was bitten by a rattlesnake.

Of her eleven months on the force, only two were spent on active duty. The rest of the time she spent recovering from injuries.

EXCUSE OF THE MONTH

Plainclothes transit police in New York arrested passenger Moses Wattly, thirty-eight, for carrying homemade pipe bombs on the subway. One of the bombs was two-feet-long and hooked to four shotgun shells and a fragmentation grenade. When asked why he had the bombs, Wattley said, he carried them "for protection."