



To Serve Man

By Bill Schutte

'To Serve Man' was the title of a great old Outer Limits TV episode that I recall from my childhood. In that installment aliens come to earth bringing the promise of a comfortable and carefree life through technological advancement. Their altruistic philosophies and plans are outlined in a mysterious book, written in the alien's native language, that they carry with them. The aliens volunteer that the book is entitled To Serve Man. By the end of the show an earth scientist finally translates the book and comes to the chilling (but belated) realization that To Serve Man is a cookbook. Calvary Chapel is "cooking up" some service plans of our own. Just as tasty but much more purely motivated.

Last month a group of Calvary Chapel members met to set into motion plans for providing service and support to our community and neighbors. We did a lot of brainstorming about all the ways we could serve. You can tell from listening to this group that they have vision and passion for becoming good neighbors. Even though it was enjoyable to think about all the possible ways we could use our resources, we decided to set-up some broader objectives to guide our work in the near future.

In the near term Calvary Chapel's Service ministry team will endeavor to:

Discover: Learning about the characteristics and needs of the community is an important and logical next step. We have initiated communications with the Phinney Neighborhood Association and two local churches who are active in social service. It is hoped that their experience and wisdom will help us find passions and partnerships that lead us into particular areas of service.

Support: We at CC are already providing community service in many ways. For example; core groups, mom's groups, youth groups, or children's church might undertake some activities of service. The service committee desires to support these activities in any way we can.

Interact: We also feel drawn to make acquaintance with our neighbors. To that end we are exploring some ways to interact with our neighborhood. These activities will allow them to know us and we them. Who knows what partnerships may rise from these interactions?

Thanks to John Carlson, Becky Glad, Lauren Heerschap, Barb Mercklinghaus, and Galen Shorack for volunteering for this committee. If anyone else is interested in working toward establishing Service ministries, please feel free to contact me, Bill Schutte at 206 788-7702.



CONGRATULATIONS to everyone at Calvary Chapel on the big move! We are in and just beginning to acclimate to our new digs, but as you wander around the building you can still find the occasional piece of missing trim or burned out light bulbs. We are having one last work PARTY to give us all a chance to put the finishing touches on and move the last few goals ahead. We will be doing everything from cleaning windows and installing trim to maybe even building the coffee bar. So plan on coming; **Saturday, November 3rd, 9am until 5pm** (lunch provided).

The Pastor's Letter

- by Bill Glad



At the end of our worship service on October 21st, I invited people to join me in a Pastor's book group. Since I'm sure not everyone was present, I want to invite anyone reading this letter to come and join as well!

We're going to start with James Sire's book, *The Universe Next Door: A Basic Worldview Catalog*, Fourth Edition. It's published by InterVarsity Press and available at most discerning booksellers. This book begins with a short discussion of the concept of worldview, then jumps into descriptions and critiques of eight worldviews (Christian Theism, Deism, Naturalism, Nihilism, Existentialism, Eastern Pantheistic Monism, New Age, and Post-Modernism). As it says in the title, this book is basic and written in an accessible style.

I read this book back in the late 1970's while in college and found it incredibly helpful in my desire to understand where other people "were coming from". This book is written by a Christian, and though not comprehensive, is a great start at understanding the assumptions

and logic behind the many different ways people view the world, including our own. I'm convinced the more conscious we are of our worldview and those of others, the better able we are to converse with both respect and clarity about our differences.

Since I am not eager to take another weeknight in order to meet together, I am opting for gathering early on Saturday mornings at the church office. Since there is now a weekly CC basketball game in the gym at 9:30 AM, I'm pushing for an 8:00 AM start time (we'll go an hour and a half).

Here's the schedule I'm hoping for:

November 10 – Chapters 1-3
(Introduction, Theism, Deism)

November 24 – Chapters 4-6
(Naturalism, Nihilism, Existentialism)

December 8 – Chapters 7-9
(Pantheism, New Age, Postmodernism).

If this is a conversation you'd like to participate in, let me know, get the book, and start reading!

The Men's Retreat is Coming!

Men of Calvary Chapel, please save the weekend of **January 18-20** for our every-other-year retreat. We'll be heading off to Cascades Camp and Conference Center in Yelm for a weekend of male bonding, encouragement, food, exercise, worship, and a little bit of sleep.

If you would like to be a part of the planning team, please give Bill Glad a call at the church office, or send him an email at bill@ccseattle.org.

Something to Think About...

I often run across interesting perspectives or quotes in my reading. I thought this paragraph was particularly thought provoking and pertinent to our sermon series. It's written by Dennis Prager, who describes himself as "a believing Jew" at the end of his summary of *The Gift of the Jews* by Thomas Cahill (who is Catholic).

"Now someone - preferably though not necessarily a non-Christian - needs to write 'The Gifts of the Christians.' For these are very great and include something called the United States of America. America is largely a Christian gift, and unless most of us Americans understand this, and unless Christian influence endures, this gift will surely be taken away. European rejection of those gifts gave us Nazism and communism. Even a Jew knows that."

Meet Marianne Murphy with OMF in Japan

After 12 years at Sapporo International Church, Marianne is making a change in her place of ministry. She is moving to a growing bedroom community of 45,000 people called "Otofuke"! (O-tofu-kay. Not Okay-tofu...). It's about 4 hours east of Sapporo and across the river from Obihiro City. Marianne will be joining her friends, the Muratas, who have been pastoring Gloria Church (there are four church members). God has been giving these believers Church a vision for reaching out to surrounding towns and villages to start churches, Bible studies, cell groups, anything to reach people who will never otherwise hear of Jesus. One small town of 5,000 already has a bakery and coffee shop run by a Christian couple. They have latchkey kids who hang out and learn math...and even more important things. Friends have told Marianne, "Otofuke is a nice place to live...and a hard place to do evangelism." But one of the church members was given a vision from the Lord after she started praying - a huge cross coming up out of plowed-up land. Their sense of this is that salvation will come as the "hard soil" of Japan is plowed up by prayer.



Marianne will be sharing briefly during our worship service on November 11th. You are invited to join us after the service in the office meeting room for refreshments and a lengthier time to hear and pray for what's happening in Japan.

Check Out the New Missions Website

Have you ever wanted to know more about the missionaries that Calvary Chapel supports? Have you ever wanted to learn more about the countries they are serving in and the latest news from their area? Have you ever wanted to do all this online?! Well now you can! The Missions Team has updated the www.ccseattle.org website to include information about our missionaries. A short biography is provided along with all the contact information we have. Many missionaries have websites of their own and you can find links to them from our site. You can then get added to their mailing lists. You can even check out their neighborhood via a link to Google map! At the bottom of each page you'll find a list of news items that is updated every day (Curious how? Try googling 'RSS'). To check out all the new features go to:

www.ccseattle.org/site/ministries/missions/

One of the Missions Team's main goals is to keep the congregation informed and connected to the missionaries we all support. Our church supports many amazing people. Some have been working in the field for decades and some are relatively new. We hope you'll find the updated website useful. Please send us any questions or comments and let us know what you think!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Don't forget to fall back!</p> <p>The names on each day represent the current schedule for Prayer & Fasting. If you would like to join the rotation please contact the office.</p>						
				1 Lauren H.	2 Andrea Z. & Angie D.	3 WORK PARTY! 9am-5pm Kay S.
4 Children's Church Teacher Training 11:00am—1:00pm at the McAferty's Intercession – 4:00 PM Worship—5:00 PM New Comer Dinner—6:45 PM	5 Greg & Lisa D.	6 Jeff & Jeanie D.	7 Mom's In Community 9:30 AM Prayer Meeting at the Lijja's—8:30 PM TG 7:00 PM Linda C.	8 Elder Meeting 7:00 PM Becky G.	9 Annabelle R.	10 9:30 am
11 Intercession – 4:00 PM Worship—5:00 PM Core Group Leader Training—3:00 PM Renee L.	12 Troy S.	13 Bill & Kris H.	14 TG 7:00 PM @ the church Connie S.	15 Angela E.	16 TG Movie Night / Thanksgiving Party 7:00 PM	17 9:30 am
18 Intercession – 4:00 PM Worship—5:00 PM	19 Bill G.	20 Garett B. & Michelle Q.	21 Mom's In Community 9:30 AM Prayer Meeting at the Lijja's—8:30 PM TG 7:00 PM Jim & Chikako M.	22 thanksgiving Jerry & Daelene K.	23 Doug W.	24 9:30 am Mark & Claire W-T.
25 Intercession – 4:00 PM Worship—5:00 PM Ian H.	26 Scott & Kristen O.	27 Kristie E.	28 TG 7:00 PM @ the church Erik L.	29 Elder Meeting 7:00 PM Lauren H.	30 Andrea Z. & Angie D.	



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