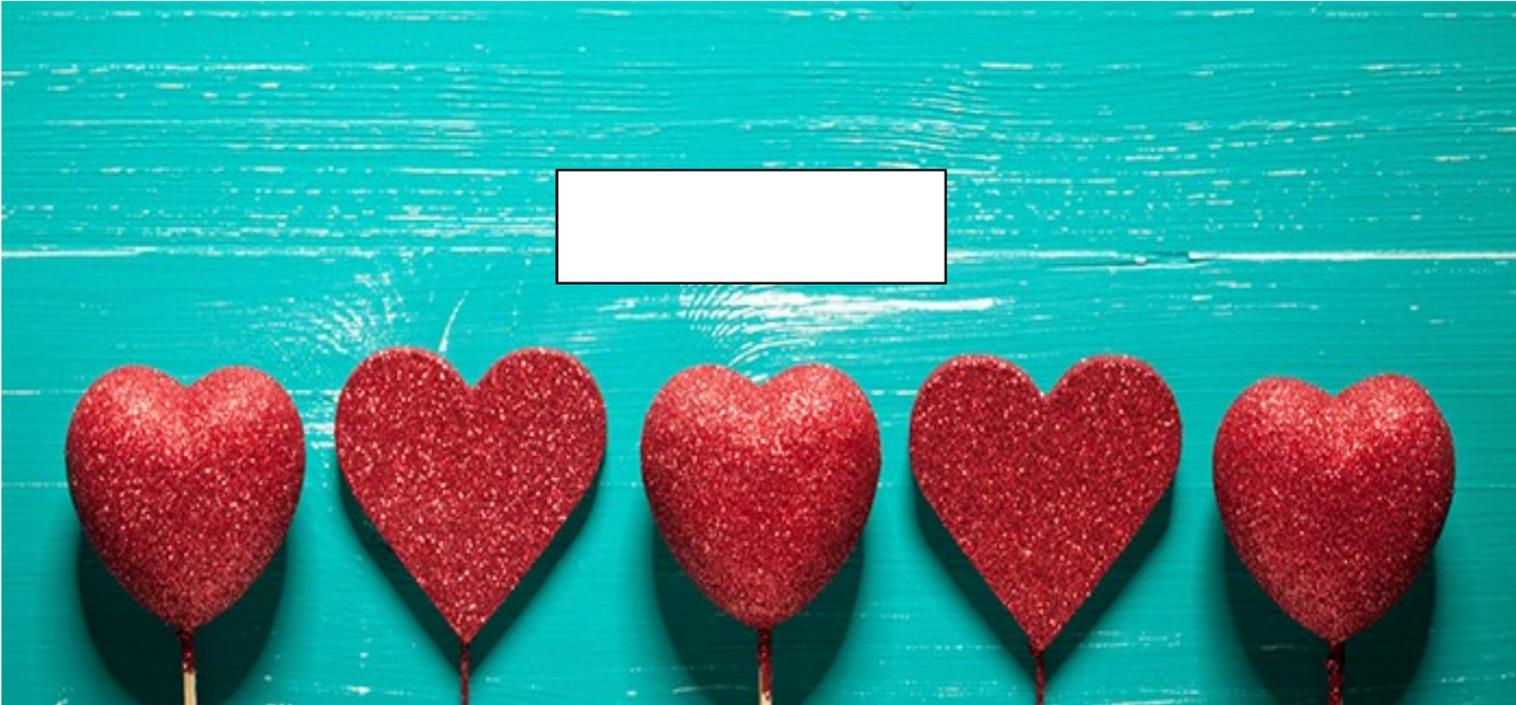


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The Vine

Dear Calvary Chapel Family,
Wishing you all well and hope you're delighting yourself in God's grace!

Wild Game Feed will be on Friday, February 26th. Doors open at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary. There are limited amount of tickets so please get you tickets from Scott McGann, Jason Hill, or Alan Mann. This is a great time for folks to get together and fellowship, the guest speaker this year is Dave Neth, and don't forget to bring a wild game dish to share!

Meet the Pastor Luncheon will be Sunday, February 21st after 2nd service. This is a really good way to meet Pastor Mike and ask any questions about the church. You will also hear history of how the church got started here in Emmett.

Have you ever heard of Amazon Smile? We encourage you to check it out! Inside you will find more information and how easy it is to support our school CCA!

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"CREATE IN ME A
 CLEAN heart,
 O GOD,
 AND RENEW A
 RIGHT spirit
 WITHIN ME."
 PSALM 51:10

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Behold, I DO A NEW THING

—BRIAN BRODERSEN

As we transition from 2015 to 2016, I am excited about a new year and new opportunities to grow as a Christian and to serve Jesus. What does that look like for me? Well, I can't say for sure, but a few things are strong on my heart as we enter 2016.

I want to be more focused on the things of the Spirit. It's so easy to get distracted by things that, in the big picture of eternity, don't really matter. I want to focus on knowing God better, on meditating in God's Word more diligently, on praying more faithfully, on loving God and His church more fervently. Not in a legalistic fashion, but out of love and appreciation for all God has done for me in saving me, making me His child, and allowing me the privilege of being His servant.

I want to be more intentional about living on mission—realizing that I'm a missionary (a sent one) right to my own community and culture. I want to be more proactive in engaging people with the gospel. I want to be more like Jesus, who was "the faithful witness" ([Revelation 1:5](#)). These are dark days, and people need Christ; we are the ones to help them make that connection with Him. But we can't do this without the power of the Holy Spirit, so I want to seek the Lord for fresh outpourings of His Spirit, not only for myself, but for all of God's servants.

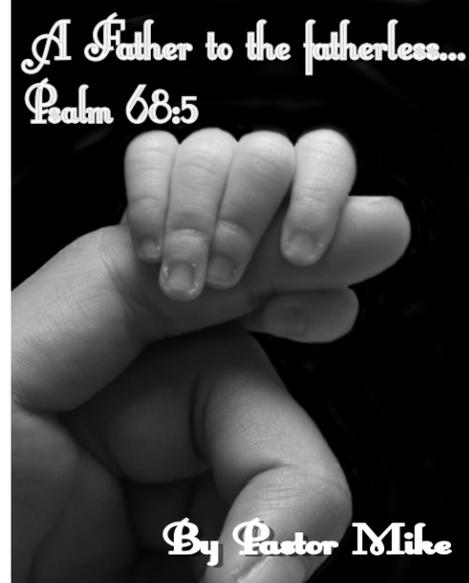
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I want to take risks for the gospel. I want to take new ventures in faith. There's a huge world full of people who have yet to hear the gospel. They're waiting for the message of God's love and grace through Christ to reach them: "And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent?" ([Romans 10:14-15](#)). Whether it's reaching out with the gospel to refugees or sending workers out to pioneer new churches in cities, towns, and villages around the world, I want to do what I can to get the gospel to the nations.

Lastly, I want to be faithful. God has entrusted so much to me: a ministry that reaches around the globe; a wonderful congregation full of people eager to grow in their faith; an awesome team of people that I get to do this thing called ministry with; an amazing wife and four children who, along with their spouses, love Jesus and are serving Him in their individual callings. And then there's the five grandchildren. I don't have the time or space to tell about the blessing they are to me. How I thank God for them. God has been so good to me; I want to be faithful to Him.

So these are some of the things on my heart as I approach this New Year.

What's on your heart? Have you thought about the things you'd like to see God do in and through your life in the days ahead? Think about it. Write it down. Pray over those things. Believe God for good things in the year ahead, and get ready for Him to do a new and fresh work.



Organic? I wouldn't call it that. Planned? Perhaps, but not by me. I never dreamed of pastoring a church that was known for foster care. My wife and I never aspired to become foster and adoptive parents ourselves. As a Church planter it was always my vision to follow Jesus and believe God for great things, beyond that it was God's place to show me what

He was doing so we could get involved. I have always believed that He is the Good Shepherd and it is our job to follow Him. What an honor it is that God has granted our church family the charge to be sentinels over the care of these forgotten and neglected children. "He administers justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the stranger, giving him food and clothing" *Deut 10:18*.

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In 1980 a Chicago pastor felt impressed that if every Church found a family to foster and/or adopt one child, and the Church would come along side that family to support them, that the orphan crisis in their city would be answered. He and a group of pastors formed an organization to recruit these churches called One church One Child. A few years ago One Church One Child came to Idaho and what they discovered is that it is no different in our state, there are still hundreds of children, especially teens, waiting to be adopted and thousands in foster care needing placements. So too, If every congregation in our state would take up this cause to support one family to foster or adopt one child, we would easily meet the need.

In 2009, before we knew any of these statistics, before One Church One Child even came to our state, God used the Sund family to call our Church family to action to take care of these fatherless children. To my knowledge our Church family currently has 7 foster kids in placement and numerous adopted kiddos. We have

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numerous foster families and folks who minister to foster kids at the Patriot Center as well as Royal Family Kids Camp.

It is true more foster families are needed, and I realize not everyone is called to be a foster parent, but that doesn't mean you can't take part. I would encourage you to pray how you might be a support to foster families in our Church. Here are some ways you might be able to help:

Prayer: We need everyone to pray for our foster parents, children and their birth parents. Usually these are tough situations and the kids have complex needs. We need wisdom to address their needs and lead kiddos and birth parents to Jesus.

Baby Sitting: Foster parents get few breaks. If you are over the age of 18 please consider signing up to watch kiddos for foster parents one evening out of your month. It would be a blessing to see foster parents get a much needed night out. If you don't have time to donate for baby sitting consider providing a date night or get away gift card.

Meals: Often placements come unexpectedly, and foster parents are scrambling to gather up the basics. Pray about being a part of our meals ministry to bring a meal to a foster parent during their first week of placement.

Supplies: the kiddos don't come with much and often the foster parents have to run to the store to buy shoes, clothing, diapers, car seats, cribs etc. We are always looking for items such as extra children's clothes (infant through 18 years old), back packs, cribs, high chairs, toiletries, blankets, pillows etc. We need help to put together back pack go-bags with essential supplies for kids of all ages. We are also looking for a place to store such items.

Mentoring: Foster kids sometimes need a friend, someone who can mentor them that isn't a parent figure in their life. Taking a foster kid out for ice cream, talking to them about Jesus, and just listening to them can go a long way. Sometimes mentors are needed for birth parents to help them work their case plan. financial, spiritual, recovery, and parenting are typical mentoring needs for parents trying to reunify their family.

For More Information about becoming a foster or adoptive parent or if you would like to sign up to help foster families call the Church office 365-0991, Text the word "Foster" to 991-2756 or visit ccemmett.org/foster

"He who has pity on the poor lends to the LORD, And He will pay back what he has given" Proverb 19:17.

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