FIRST CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
NORTH ANDOVER, MASSACHUSETTS

9:30 AM. OCTOBER 25, 2020

“For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ has set you free from the law of sin and death.” Romans 8:2

CALL TO WORSHIP: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. Let us gather in worship

INVOCATION: We praise you, we worship you, we adore you. The stars in their courses magnify you; day and night tell of your glory. Your peace blows over the earth, and the breath of your mouth fills all space. We praise you, we worship you, we adore you even as we remember the prayer your Son taught us when he said, “Our Father….”

ACT OF PRAISE: Psalm 1 reader: Russell Johnson

1 Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;
2 but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.
3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.
4 In all that they do, they prosper.
5 The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
6 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
7 for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

READING: Romans 8:1-14 reader: Russell Johnson

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit[a] of life in Christ Jesus has set you[b] free from the law of sin and of death. 3 For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin,[c] he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.[d] 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit[e] set their minds on the things of the Spirit.[f] 6 To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit[g] is life and peace. 7 For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law—indeed it cannot, 8 and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit,[h] since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. 10 But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit[i] is life because of righteousness. 11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ[j] from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through[k] his Spirit that dwells in you.
12 So then, brothers and sisters,[1] we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — 13 for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

MEDITATION: Life in the Spirit

BENEDICTION: May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

SPECIAL KINGDOM BUSINESS MEETING Nov. 1, 2020, @10:15 a.m.
On Sunday, November 1, 2020, at 10:15 a.m., a Special Kingdom Business Meeting will be held by request of the Church Council for the purpose of ratifying actions taken by church organizations and of considering amendments to the Church By-Laws. Because of COVID 19 restrictions this meeting will take place outdoors in the church parking lot. Respectfully submitted, Church Clerk
Of necessity, this meeting will pre-empt the on-line service that morning.

ON-LINE BIBLE STUDY – Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.