

# HEART OF CALVARY



*Demonstrating God's love to people, helping them to be healed from their hurts & set free from bondage, so they can be equipped and trained for ministry to bless generations!*

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## Scripture Memory

By Kyle Tharp

This past spring at the Moody Bible Institute, I had the joy of starting the discipline of Scripture memory! The words "Joy" and "Discipline" do not usually go in the same sentence, however I have found that there is no greater joy than finding God's word hidden in your heart.

I would like to invite everyone at Calvary Temple into the discipline of scripture memory! Not for me, but for you, for Christ, and for the Lost. Scripture memory for me started out as an assignment, to be honest, but soon I found that having Jesus' words in me made me more joyful, more effective in ministry, and more in love with Jesus. Jesus said in John 15:11 "These things I have told you, so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete." And Psalm 119:11 says "I have hidden your word in my heart that I may not sin against you". I have found that Bible memorization, and scripture memory is something that mature Christians seem to do. Chuck Swindoll, John Piper, and Rick Warren all practice scripture memory, as well as Jesus. Jesus and Paul memorized scripture and used it not just in ministry, but Jesus used it in overcoming temptation in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11). Imagine if you would, if you are in a situation where a close loved one wants to hear the gospel, but you don't have your Bible on hand...could you give them direct scripture? Or even worse, perhaps in the future you live in a nation (even our own nation) that outlawed scripture (as it is in many parts of the world). Will you have any Bible hidden in your heart if they take your Bible away? This was the exact issue that faced many Christians in Mosul, Iraq when ISIS invaded last year. Will you

have scripture in your heart, even if you don't have it in your hand?

So what does this look like? I think it is different for everyone. Find what works best for you. Maybe you should write the verse out fully several times a day? A friend of mine uses [memverse.com](http://memverse.com) Or you could just write it down once and then recite it out loud several times a day? For me, I keep a sheet in my notebook with the verses I am memorizing and when I open to that page I pray "Holy Spirit, help me. Hide your word in my heart, for worship, for adoration, and for warfare." I write them out and then recite them out loud. And you should always memorize it in the version that you feel most comfortable with. The thought of this may make many of you think "Isn't this weird religious ritual?" Isn't Jesus more about relationship? You are right, Christ is all about relationship, and I believe that if you love Christ deeply you will want to not just know "of" His words, but you will want His words in your heart, because if you love Christ, you will love His word. If you want more information about scripture memory please call me, or email me [kyle.tharp@moody.edu](mailto:kyle.tharp@moody.edu) I wrote a whole paper on it and had an opportunity to preach on the subject at the Clinton church this past July! I would happy to discuss it further! :D

I want to encourage you to memorize as many or as few verses as you feel that you can. I think it is better to memorize a few verses really well, than to "kind of sort of" know a lot of them. I will simply be suggesting two verses a month for us as a body to meditate on and to memorize together!

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Titus 3:5

"He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit."

Matthew 22:37

"Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."



# peggy's ponderings

## By God's Grace and Prayer

I asked my friend, Mary Ann, how she kept such a peaceful, gentle spirit, day in and day out, as she dealt with the resurfacing effects of her husband's lifetime battle with polio.

"How do you do it? How do you stay so joyful? What are some of the practical things you do?" I questioned.

"Well," she answered, "probably the most helpful advice I ever received was from a former polio-battler herself. She told me to do whatever you can while you can and live in the moment."

That piece of advice went straight to her heart, and for the last twenty years or so, she has been practicing walking out that advice with her dear husband. They keep busy doing the things they most like to do.

She told me that learning to let go of the worry about the future was a huge hurdle for her in the quest for peace. "That," she said quietly, "came about by prayer."

She is one of the most peaceful, joyful, gentle, humble women I have ever met. She would never describe herself in these words, but trust me, they fit her like a glove...a dainty, white, tea-party-lady-like glove. Every word of her testimony of how she walks out each day in actual peace, joy, and gentleness in the Lord was always undergirded with this phrase:

**"It's by God's grace and prayer."**

Ever so gently, not "preachy" or self-exalting, those simple words, giving glory to the Lord, slipped gracefully into our conversation.

"My serenity is proportional to my expectations," she continued. "Acceptance is the answer to all my problems. We can't do everything that everyone else does; so when I stopped worrying about fitting into everyone else's plans and started focusing on plans for us, I found peace."

When I stopped being embarrassed about our "situation" and "limitations" and began to concentrate on what we could and wanted to do, I began to find contentment and freedom."

Her next words barreled into my heart like a quarterback crashing through the defensive line for a winning touchdown: **"The understanding and acceptance of friends is so important."**

My soul fell to its knees in silence as I heard the Holy Spirit speak the following words, "The understanding and acceptance of friends is not just simply 'so important'...in My kingdom they are a **must!**"

I knew, at that very moment, God had handed me a mandate and a precious, tool to help others facing the often misunderstood, lonely, energy and soul-sucking ministry of a caretaker.

One of the most important facets of a caretaker's ability to find peace, joy, contentment, and strength as he or she walks through the blessed, God-offered opportunity to care for a loved one in a time of deep need is...

**ME**  
and  
**YOU.**

**WE must** strive diligently to understand what those precious care-giving saints are encountering as they walk out their call of God at this time in their lives.

**WE must** try to comprehend, to the best of our ability, the limitations they are facing and the burdens they are bearing.

**WE must** learn to accept them at all times and in all conditions with understanding, patience, joy, and unconditional love.

And how do WE do this?

Quiet-spoken words tumble gently into my ear,  
**"By God's grace and prayer."**

"Thank you, Mary Ann, for your godly wisdom, and **By God's grace and prayer**, I will follow your example, and although you're much younger than I am,  
I want to be just like you...when I grow up."

Blessings, Peggy

# MISSION OF THE MONTH

*Kyle Tharp*



Calvary Temple Family! I'm so honored to be able to write you all this month and thank you all so much for your love and support!

As you probably all know, I am about to begin another semester at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. I am extremely excited for classes to begin, and to dive in to the treasure of God's word in class, I am also very excited for the opportunity I have this semester to serve. For those of you who may not know, I am majoring in Biblical Studies with an interdisciplinary in T.E.S.O.L. (Teaching English to speakers of other languages), and will be taking six classes this semester. I am studying at Moody because I believe God has called me to serve His church. I am not sure where exactly, or even how, but whether I am in Terre Haute, Tallahassee, or Turkmenistan I know the Lord has called me to serve His church, and so I am here receiving the training I will need to do that. I could never be here without the Love and support of you, Calvary Temple.

This semester I will be serving at New Jerusalem Baptist Church in the City, with many children. We will be teaching Bible lessons, playing games and spreading the love of Jesus to these kids in the inner city, I will also have the opportunity to serve Christ with Frontlines Homeless Ministry, and hopefully I will also be able to visit the South Asian Friendship Center in Little India to tutor the kids there again. I will never forget last semester when I

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went out with Frontlines Homeless ministry giving out blankets and soup to those living on the streets. My good friend Jen went with me and she struck up a conversation with a homeless woman that night, and they actually developed a friendship and would talk every time Jen saw her on the street. About a month later I was in Chapel when Jen told me that this friend she had made on the street had passed away due to the extreme cold. Despite the blankets, the soup and all that we as students could offer this woman died on the streets of Chicago, not due to violence, or alcohol, but because of extreme cold. Despite your views on homelessness and the cause, the fact still remains that we as the church are not to judge these people, but to give them a hand up (not just a hand out). We as Christians have been called to serve the "least" of those among us (Mtt. 25:40). And recently I was reminded that "*We only love Jesus as much as we love the person that we love the least.*" Going into this semester, and into the rest of my life, I no longer want to "Preach more", or "Write more", "Read More", or anything else more, I just want to Love More.

I am so grateful for you, Calvary Temple, not just because you allowed me to serve the Youth Group in the past, and not just because you have allowed me to preach, or because of your support, but because you guys loved me before I knew Christ, and that made me want to know Him. I received Christ in the basement of your church! I have no home like Calvary. You have trained me and sent me out, and now while here in Chicago I have the opportunity to be trained even more, and to love others just as you loved me, which is just as Christ loved you and sent you. I'm so thankful for your love and support, truly.

Please pray for me, if you would, this semester as I try to learn much and serve well, I have many Bible classes, including *Life In Bible Times*, *Hermeneutics*, *Church History I*, and also several other classes as well pertaining to things like health, worship and language. Please also pray that I would be able to share the gospel even more than I was able to last semester, and that God, through His Holy Spirit would have a great Harvest here in Chicago!

*"Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ..." Philipians 1:4-5<sup>A</sup>*

*For the King – Kyle Tharp*

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Ralph & Janet Hagedorn	Sept. 2
Josh & Courtney Brittain	Sept. 6
Andy & Charlene Stephens	Sept. 9
Dan & Janet Archer	Sept. 13
Mark & Laura Achenbach	Sept. 20
Donna & Artie Allen	Sept. 21
Ken & Betty Parsley	Sept. 21



Goodbye to Mike and Miriam Lubinski. We miss you and wish you the very best of God's blessings in your new job and ministries.



We welcome Sarah Heath as the new director of the children's ministry.

Thanks, Sarah! May God richly bless your ministry!



Nancy Jenkins	Sept. 4
Tina Dean	Sept. 6
Lila Tilford	Sept. 6
Easton Campbell	Sept. 9
Jack Forsythe	Sept. 9
Kirstin Clark	Sept. 10
Gerald Bettag	Sept. 11
Dave Osborne	Sept. 11
Dennis Jorgenson	Sept. 12
Maggie Lubinski	Sept. 13
Jerry Nelson	Sept. 13
Betty Parsley	Sept. 16
Max Orman	Sept. 16
Will Morefield	Sept. 17
Margie Phillips	Sept. 18
Troy Sartor	Sept. 19
Aaron Enyeart	Sept. 19
Avary Pounds	Sept. 20
Debbie Porter	Sept. 21
Joe Mullenix	Sept. 22
Parker Smith	Sept. 22
Janet Hagedorn	Sept. 28
Avery Pounds	Sept. 30
Easton Campbell	Sept. 30

## Church Bulletin Bloopers

1. The Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7:00. Please use the back door.
2. Weight Watchers will meet at 7 p.m. Please use large double door at the side entrance.
3. Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
4. Don't let worry kill you—let the church help.
5. Pastor is on vacation. Massages can be given to the church secretary.
6. Potluck supper: prayer and medication to follow.
7. Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
8. The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.
9. This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.
10. The third verse of Blessed Assurance will be sung without musical accomplishment.

### Note

If you have anything you want to share in the newsletter, let me know at [beckycurtis2116@gmail.com](mailto:beckycurtis2116@gmail.com) or

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