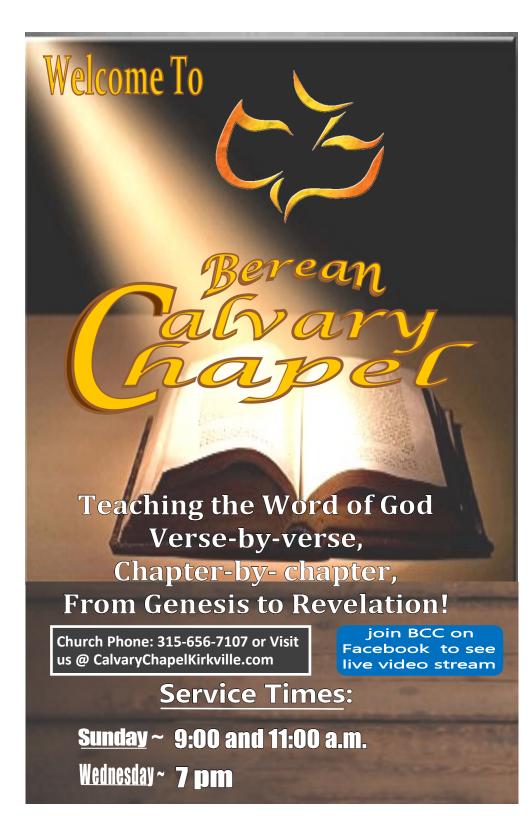
And the remnant who have escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward (Isa 37:31)

Fruit. The deepest Christian desire is to bear fruit to God, abounding in the fruit of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Who doesn't want that? It's interesting that the amount of fruit we produce is dependent upon how deep our roots go. In Psalm one we read the one who walks with the Lord and does not ascribe to the worldly wisdom of this age but instead digs deep into the word of God and meditates on it day and night shall be like a tree, planted by the rivers of water that bring forth fruit it its season. Their leaf also will not wither and whatever he does shall prosper. Jesus talked about the four soils of a man's heart and spoke of the one who's heart was described as stony ground. They looked good for a while, looked like an on-fire Christian, but fell away because they had no depth of earth, they had no root system to speak of so when trials and tribulation came, they were scorched and withered away because they had no root. But not so with the Christian. Our root system is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ and we abide in Him. He who abides in Him bears fruit, good fruit, much fruit. You see, our root system is not in ourselves. We are branches abiding in the Vine. Are you bearing good fruit? If not, check your root. Abide in Christ. Meditate. Saturate yourself in the Word of God and of Christ and you will bear good fruit.

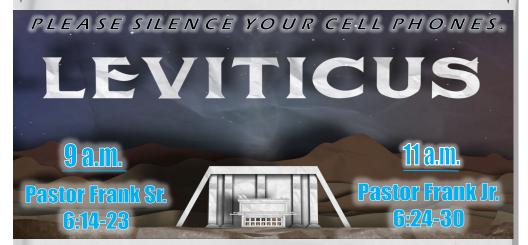
WHAT DOES THE BIBLE TELL US ABOUT WHY WE EXIST?
WHAT DOES THE BIBLE TELL US ABOUT THE FUTURE?
WHAT DOES THE BIBLE TELL US ABOUT THE CHURCH?

If you'd like to meet with Pastor Frank Sr. to discuss these or other questions about what the Bible tells us about life and the world we live in he'd be happy to meet with you! Give him a call this week at 315-656-7021 or 315-415-6730!



## The Lord's Day ~ July 14, 2019

→ Anyone is welcome to join us at 8:30 a.m. for prayer in the big Sunday School room. →



## TODAY

10:15 ~ PLEASE join us downstairs for Coffee Hour and our Graduates Reception! EVERYONE WELCOME!

11 a.m. ~ Children's Program downstairs for ages 2 - Grade 6

## THIS WEEK:

MONDAY @ 7PM ~ All women are welcome to join us in Vi's screen room to plan the Sept.27-28 Women's Retreat! Refreshments provided.

<u>WEDNESDAY @ 7:00</u> ~ Discussion Bible Study through the book of James led by Pastor Frank Sr downstairs in the fellowship hall.

The Lord Loves a Cheerful Giver! ~ If you arrived after the Offering was received there is an Offering box located at the back of the auditorium where you can also place your tithes and offerings.

## I Have Christ, What Want I



In the heart of London City, Mid the dwellings of the poor, These bright golden words were uttered, 'I have Christ, what want I more." By a lonely dying woman, Stretched upon a garret floor, Having not one earthly comfort, "I have Christ, what want I more." He who heard them, rant to fetch her, Something from this world's great store. It was needless, died she saying "I have Christ, what want I more". But her words will live forever, I repeat them o're and o're God delights to hear me say "I have Christ, what want I more". Oh, my dear, my fellow sinners, High and low and rich and poor, Can you say with deep thanksgiving "I have Christ, what want I more". Look away from earth's attraction All earth's joys will soon be o're. Rest not till each heart exclaimeth, "I have Christ, what want I more".

