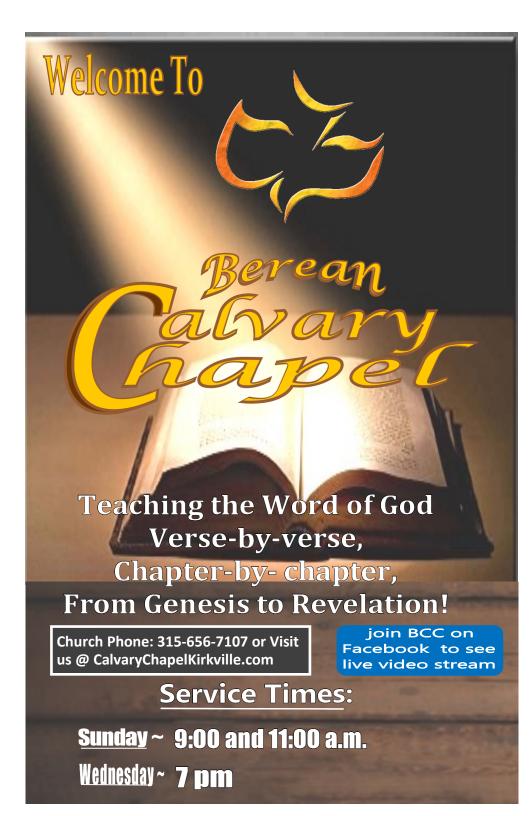
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Put yourself in their 1st century sandals for a moment. The disciples on Emmaus said, "and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. "But we WERE hoping (past tense) that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened (Luke 24:20-21). Clearly, this turn of events did not turn out as they expected. They had not understood that Christ needed to suffer, die and raise again. So, from their limited understanding at that time, it looked like an unmitigated disaster. Purely from a natural human perspective, Jesus being crucified and dying on the cross LOOKED like a failure. They were looking at the seen and not at the unseen. For the things that are seen are temporal, but the things that are not seen are eternal. When Christ died on the Cross it was not a failure but total, absolute victory! Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it. This is a great encouragement for us. Our lives may look in the eyes of others as a total failure, a disappointment, a tragedy. But not with God. It's like the poem, The Weaver. We see the backside of the tapestry, with all it's messy knots and tangled threads and we can't make sense of it, whereas God sees the beautiful artwork that is being created out of our lives, which will be revealed to us at a time of His choosing. For we are His workmanship created in Christ...

WE STAND WITH ISRAEL BECAUSE WE STAND ON GOD'S WORD!



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The Lord's Day ~ September 15, 2019

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

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES.

11 a.m. ~ Guest speaker Pastor Steve Popen Children's Program downstairs for ages 2 - Grade 6

Registration money for Women's Retreat can be paid to Donna Fuller today.

No Wednesday Bible Study this week.

"Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples!

Shout to God with the voice of triumph!

For the LORD Most High is awesome;

He is a great King over all the earth".

Psalm 47:1

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.

JESUS IS COMING SOON!

are you ready?

"Let us be alert to the season in which we are living. It is the season of the Blessed Hope, calling for us to cut our ties with the world and build ourselves on this One who will soon appear. He is our hope—a Blessed Hope enabling us to rise above our times and fix our gaze upon Him."

> A.W. Tozer, <u>Preparing for Jesus' Return: Daily Live</u> the Blessed Hope

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Mark your calendars!

Sept. 23-25:

North East Pastor's Conference at CCFL in Farmington, NY. Sign up if you'd like to have a room set aside with the BCC group. Register online @ CCFL.com