

CALVARY CONNECTION



Danielle & Matt Dale



The Dale's new home, Irvine, CA

Au Revoir Matt & Danielle By Nancy Kitzmiller



Danielle and Matt Dale are off on an exciting new life adventure. Matt has begun his new position as Operations Manager at Copenbarger & Voorhees, LLP, a Christian run company that conducts trust preparation and asset management to connect donors with various organizations. Danielle will finish up her last week as Office

Manager at Dr. Bernhoft's office in Ojai and then join Matt in Irvine.

Matt has always loved music and learned to play the guitar during his Freshman year at Thomas Aquinas College in Santa Paula when Pastor Francisco Avila, the then pastor at CCSP showed him a few basic chords and he has been hooked ever since.

This inspiring young couple have always enjoyed making music together and have been leading worship at CCOV since 2006.

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Service Times:
Sunday:
9:00am Family Service
10:30am Worship Service *
* (Children's classes available)

Wednesday Youth:
7:00pm

Thursday Mid-Week Service:
7:00pm

Thursday Calvary Kids Club:
7:00pm



Our Family Summer 2010



Summer Connection By Pastor Dan Nelson



We are midway through summer and excitement is running at full speed. Celebrations and Father's Day BBQ's got us in the mood for summer fun. Hosanna Jones and the Quest for the 10 Commandments VBS was astounding, and it also led us right into a stellar 4th of July weekend. Now one week of Horse Camp, as well as our Youth Group "Newbie Party", are successfully complete. In addition, our House to House mid-week services, Groovy Movies, and Beach Sundays have begun. Combined with eventful Sunday mornings, it all comes together to create an action-packed season!

There is a lot of effort from so many that goes into our wonderful summer ministry. Many servants have partnered together to do this well. Thank you for everything that you are doing.

At the beach, we recently looked at Revelation 3 where Jesus sent a message to the church at Ephesus commending them for their hard work and diligence. They were doing some very important things but their passion for Jesus was waning. Said "You have lost your first love". Sunday mornings, our journey in Matthew brought us to the Sermon on the Mount where we were recently reminded that it is the matters of the heart that mean the most. We must respond to the words of Jesus and take care that our first love should never get lost in our busyness doing good things. Jesus said one must get back to doing the basic things that proved so critical in developing fervent relationship with God. How about you?

As a body, as well as individuals, we want our relationship with God to be our highest priority. Our time invested

in prayer, Bible study, and personal devotion meditating on and applying His Word is as critical now as ever. During this recent hot spell, many find respite in liquid refreshment such as cold soda, iced tea, and fresh water. But there is a spiritual thirst that can only be satisfied by the true Living Water. Make this summer spiritually fruitful in your personal life and revisit the first things in your relationship with Christ, and everything else you do will be sweeter because of it.

Family to Family: Presenting the Alcalá's By Nancy Kitzmiller

In this issue of Calvary Connection we will be getting to know the Alcalá family a little better. David is that smiling face you see up front with his guitar leading the praise songs that he loves. He especially enjoys when one of his fellow worshipers tell him they enjoyed a particular song or that one of the tunes ministered to them. So come on, let's all encourage David!

David also serves Calvary Chapel Ojai Valley in the Children's Ministry where he has been faithfully serving since the early days while meeting as a Bible Study at the Nelson's home. He has continued to serve all this time as the Director of the children's program.

Marlo Alcalá also served in the children's nursery up until two years ago. Her focus in this season of her life is serving her beloved family: David, Mandalyn (Mandy), 11 years old, who is a sweet, kind, sensitive, gentle spirit with a determined nature, who is definitely a daddy's

girl; her sister Hope, 5 years of age, who is the joker in the family and self-appointed mommy protector, using a loud voice to set straight any who she feels is not treating Marlo fairly; and Mary, the Alcalá's 1 year old daughter who Marlo describes as pure joy and whom they all tend to all day long.

Marlo considers herself an open book, but David thinks there are some things about him that most of the CCOV body do not know about him: i.e. he has a blue belt in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu a black belt in Tae Kwon-do, a brown belt in Kempo, a yellow belt in Judo and wrestled while attending Jr. College -- all of which make him well qualified for children's leadership!

Let's all look for opportunities to encourage and thank the Alcalá's as they serve us here at CCOV!

THE ALCALÁ FAMILY



DAVID & HOPE (5 YEARS)



MARLO & MARY (1 YEAR)



MANDY (11 YEARS)

Families on the Rock By Brian & Sheri Donovan



Guys: Jesus calls us to Love and Honor our Wife!

Flowers and chocolate are nice and always welcome but try this: Take 15 minutes and give your wife a foot or shoulder rub. You don't need to be an expert just use a little lotion and gently massage the area. It's a great way to say I Love you and Thanks for all you do!

Fun Family Nights!

Looking for a fun way to go to the movies without getting sticky butter on the bottom of your shoes? Try this! Create your own movie theater

It's simple:

Create a Family theater sign (like Donovan Family theater) and hang it up in the entry way to where you will be watching the movie.

Then using paper and markers create movie tickets (.25 cents), a concession stand sign and a ticket booth sign (movie tickets sold here)

Identify an area outside where the kids will purchase the tickets and hang up your ticket booth sign

Hang the concession sign it prominently over your designated concession stand in the house.

Identify 4 or 5 items to sell at your concession stand and identify the cost for each. Like popcorn (.25 cents), M&M's (.15 cents), ice cream (.25 cents), apple juice (.10 cents), pretzels (.10 cents), and so on.

Give your kids enough change to purchase a movie ticket (.25 cents) and a couple items at the concession stand. Once everyone has purchased their items allow the moviegoers to enter the theater and find a seat.

Dim the lights and enjoy. I guarantee the kids will want to do this again and again.

Meal time Devotion: Try this devotion during your next meal time:

Attitude of Gratitude

Mealtime prayer: What are some things that your family members have done for each other today? Thank God for your family and the ways you can help each other.

Appetizer: How do you feel when you do something nice for someone else and he or she doesn't thank you for what you've done? What about when someone does something nice for you and you don't thank the person?

Main Course: The bible tells us that one day Jesus healed 10 men who were sick with a disease called leprosy (Luke 17:12-19). Only one of the men took time to thank Jesus for healing him. How do you think Jesus felt about this? Why do you think the other nine men didn't thank Jesus?

Table Talk: What things do we take for granted but should be thankful for?

How does it help our relationship with one another when we remember to show gratitude? Write a thank you note to someone and give it to him or her tomorrow.

Vitamins and Minerals: "Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done" (Psalm 105:1).

The 5 minute devotion:

Are you looking for an easy way to do family devotions but don't know where to start. Try this! It only takes about 5 minutes at meal time.

Poor Trade-offs

Life is full of trade offs. Today's poor choices are a down payment on tomorrow's problems. It's all a part of living with the law of God that says we reap what we sow (Galatians 6:7). That was true of a 30 year old Mississippi resident. A conviction for felony drunk driving resulted in his getting a 15 year prison sentence. The judge then suspended 14 years of the sentence if the man would honor the terms of a 1 year house arrest.

The trade off was simple. Stay home and out of trouble for 1 year instead of going to prison for 15 years. But the man didn't like being cooped up, so he went fishing – driving with a suspended license to get there. He was arrested and the judge threw him in prison. The fishing trip cost him many years of freedom.

What bad trade offs do we make. Do we reject God's mercy so we can enjoy sin's season of pleasure? In the bible, we see some examples. Moses

traded the Promise land for an outburst of anger (Numbers 20:7-13). David traded his reputation for a night of passion (2 Samuel 11). Ananias and Sapphira traded life for some extra money (Acts 5:1-11).

Are you facing temptation today? Don't give in. Cling to Jesus. Obey his commands. Never exchange fellowship with him for anything. It's always a poor trade-off.

In the heat of temptation don't lose

Did you know ... ?

1. That Calvary Chapel's Sports Ministry kicked off this summer with the Surf Clinic on July 23rd. Stay tuned for more exciting sports clinics and activities in the coming weeks.
2. That work on our Chapel Project has been proceeding at a steady pace. Help is still needed to finish up our bathrooms and to start on the stairs to the upper room. Call Steve Logan or the church office if you can help
3. That we now have a "cleaning ministry" that is breaking tasks down into those taking one hour or less. Call the church office if you would like to be added to the cleaning crew list. Let us all work together to maintain our church home.

