



Spotlight



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Living Out the Great Commission

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God has a plan and a vision of who and what we should be as the church – and if we are not actively helping to execute that plan that He has revealed to us through our prayers, study, Bible reading, times of quiet reflection, through our fellowship together at church, and in our relationships with our friends, family and neighbors, then we really have to ask ourselves what we are doing as a church family. Are we really living as we ought to be? Are we really living out the Great Commission that Jesus called us to in Matthew 28:16-20?

Recently in our city we have collectively born witness to the devastating effects of sin and brokenness enacted in our streets. Whether that was the van attack or the seemingly constant reports of sporadic crime and violence in our neighborhood, these points of pain and sadness invite us out of our comfortable pews into the work of sharing Jesus' love in a world that desperately needs to know that they are loved and special to God. God invites us into His reconciling work in this world, invites us into incredible possibilities that we are called to as we invite others to be a part of the family of God.

As members of Calvary Baptist Church we have a particular responsibility to reach out to our neighbors in new and different ways. No longer can we count on the rights, privileges and circumstances of the past continuing to bring new people through our doors today. And if we want to continue to be a presence of love and care in our neighborhood well into the future, we have to stop doing the same old things we have always done as a community because they lead to the same old results which have led us to the situation we are in today. Don't get me wrong I love a strawberry social, or a square dance as much as the next person here but the point of doing what we do is not only for our benefit, it is for the benefit of the other – and if we are not doing new things, in new ways, to attract and keep new people, we simply are not embodying that Commission that Christ called us to.

As a church, as the gathered people of God at Calvary Baptist Church we still preach the truth of God made flesh and love come down and the presence of God with us in all things and our sins forgiven through the life giving sacrifice of Jesus, who died on the cross and was raised to life by the power of God. Some things don't change. But increasingly we are faced with a societal landscape that is changing all the time. We are faced with new realities and are increasingly forced to find new ways to relate to a world that is still broken, hurt, and lost but expressing the effects of those things in ever new and different ways, which still essentially do not satisfy their souls. People still need to know the Good News of God's love for them in the person of Jesus, the same love that we live out together as a church family here at Calvary Baptist Church. And as disconcerting as this may be at first blush, it also presents us with a unique opportunity to live out God's message of ... continued on pg 6

Saturday June 16th

Calvary's Annual
Picnic at

Ganaraska Woods

*Fun for everyone!
Arrive anytime Saturday
morning*

Accommodation is available on Friday night. Please call 905-666-1863 for reservation.

No charge for the picnic, but those staying for dinner are asked to bring a salad.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

WELCOMES...

**JONATHAN,
OUR NEW
YOUTH PASTOR**

To find out more about Jonathan and Calvary's Youth Programming, contact us at: jonathan@calvary-baptist-church.ca

Youth Ministry Mission: To expand the Kingdom of God by drawing young people and their families in the Beaches community closer to the love of God, Christ, Holy Spirit and the church community.

Youth Ministry Vision: For Calvary Baptist Church to serve as a place in which families, youth and the local community can come together to commit their life to God; learn, grow, celebrate and fellowship with their brothers and sisters in Christ. A full church congregation that is dedicated to fulfilling the will of God in our local community.

Upcoming/Future Projects:

1. Weekly Friday night youth ministry
2. Bi-weekly Sunday youth ministry
3. Establish a dedicated youth room within the church
4. Community service events facilitated by youth (e.g. community lunches, etc.)
5. Youth facilitated/supported Sunday services
6. Baptism classes
7. Youth weekend camps/March break camps/summer camps, etc.
8. Youth Testimonies

Youth Room Needs:

1. Bibles & youth curriculum
2. Seating – couches, bean bags, etc
3. Tables – coffee table, round tables, etc.
4. Whiteboard, flip chart stand & paper
5. Stationary supplies
6. Projector
7. Sound system/speakers
8. Youth focused Christ centered wall décor
9. Instruments
10. Food, transportation (bus tokens, etc.), event money/tickets, décor (paint, wall art, etc.)

**JOIN US FOR
YOUTH MINISTRY**

WORSHIP. PRAY. EXPLORE. PLAY. GROW.

Join us for bible study, music, prayer, fellowship, food and fun activities.

Every Friday night (starting June 1) - 6pm-9pm
Every 1st & 3rd Sunday (starting May 6) - 12pm-2pm

BRING A FRIEND!

Contact Pastor Jonathan for more info:
jonathanealvary-baptist-church.ca

Prayer Requests:

1. For all church staff/volunteers working on the discipleship & outreach team to be strengthened, empowered and driven to engage with our local community;
2. For local youth and their families to be drawn to our weekly/bi-weekly church ministry;
3. For the resources and funding needed to ensure we are able to connect with youth and their families in dynamic ways; and,
4. For young people to commit their lives to God through the support they receive from Calvary Baptist Church.

Finance & Facilities Team Report

Financial statements for the three months ended March 31

	2018		2017
	Actual	Budget	Actual
INCOME			
General Offering	\$ 16,661	\$ 20,465	\$ 16,584
Leroux	26,850	26,850	26,850
Heavenly Light & other rentals	5,550	7,275	3,740
Fundraising and other	1,690	1,895	1,097
TOTAL INCOME	50,751	56,485	48,271
EXPENSE			
E - Facilities Team	24,949	28,602	27,483
F - Ministry Support and Admin	1,564	1,825	1,668
G - Worship Team	3,321	2,425	740
H - Christian Education Team	540	600	-
I - Pastoral Care Team	75	1,000	206
K - Finance & Stewardship Team	2,294	1,720	2,828
L - Salaries and Benefits	26,506	27,124	25,397
TOTAL EXPENSE	59,249	63,296	58,322
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ (8,498)	\$ (6,811)	\$ (10,051)

The financial statements for the first three months show a deficit of \$8.5k, which is larger than budgeted. This is primarily due to lower income than budgeted. Although envelope giving is up from the prior year, it is lower than budget. In addition, there has been a decline in plate and other giving, resulting in an under budget situation for giving overall. The budget for other rental income was aggressive, and to date we are lagging behind budget. Expenses were largely on budget for the first three months.

Facilities

During the recent ice storm the building incurred some damage which will require repair. Work is underway to obtain estimates, and it is possible that the cost will be significant. Going forward, our facilities will continue to present a challenge to our financial position.

Update on Grant Application – Canada Summer Jobs

We have been informed that our grant application to Canada Summer Jobs seeking funds for three summer students was partially successful. We are eligible for funding for an outreach assistant to work with our part-time youth pastor for eight weeks this summer. If you know of any potential applicants within the Calvary family or immediate community, please let our office administrator Tanya Hardeo know.

Heather Mains, Treasurer

Moderator's Thoughts

At this time of the year everything is growing, waking up, and reviving. Our last Huddle made me feel as though we, as a church family, are also in revival mode.

I feel very excited that God has answered our prayers and sent us Jonathan as our Discipleship Pastor. We will continue to pray that his ministry will be very fruitful with our youth, and the community around us alike.

Pastor David continues to bless and encourage us towards being a better family of God, together and to understand that we are the hands and feet that show the love of Jesus. Continue to lift him up in prayer as he completes the Ordination process with CBOQ.

Our Mission Team Organizational Chart will soon be ready for display in the Benlamond foyer. The goal of this display is to gain clarity on how the teams work together to make decisions, which are then presented to the membership for discussion/ approval at Huddles. There will be a photo of each Team Chair and a brief description of their mandate. Our hope is to increase our transparency to the congregation and our community. All of us, together will strive to "Live to seek, know and worship God as we represent the redeeming love of Jesus."

Tina Timmermans, Moderator

Worship Team: Minister of Music Search Update

The Search Committee is in the middle of another round of interviews and will be able to make a decision mid May. We are confident that God is leading us to the right candidate with the heart and skills to lead this important aspect of our worship.

Victoria Drysdale, Worship Team

Hello from New Administrator Tanya

We have been attending Calvary Baptist Church for almost a year now. The congregation has been warm and friendly. Pastor David's messages are bible based, meaningful and encouraging. This has attracted me to Calvary.

Accounting has been my profession for over 20 years. I look forward to applying my knowledge in the role of administrator at Calgary Baptist Church. This position has both the administration and accounting experience that I enjoy performing. What more wonderful than working in a spiritual environment helping God with his plans.

I have three sons Teighan, Brandon and Nick, whom are great kids. Teighan who is 14 and 26 year old twins, Nick and Brandon.

My husband, Teighan and myself have been living in Toronto for the past 14 years.

I am blessed to have found Calvary. *Tanya Hardeo*

Stewardship & Fundraising

On Friday April 20th, we held our last "Music On Main" concert for this season. Those who attended had rave reviews for both the East York Concert Band, and the Larry Bond Elegant Jazz Duo. One of our regular attendees said it was the best "Music on Main" yet.

Sadly, only 17 members of our congregation attended out of a total audience of over 50 people. There are three main purposes for these events. First, to provide our membership with an enjoyable evening of entertainment and socializing, second, to attract residents from the community at large and show them what a pleasant environment we have and how warm and friendly we are, and third, to raise funds for various projects at our church.

In the future, it would be rewarding to see a strong turnout at these events from our congregation. We sincerely thank those of you who did attend, for your support.

There is much to be done around the church to properly maintain our beautiful, older buildings. In the very near future, we will be launching a fundraising campaign in order to provide the funds for some major projects, including a complete refurbishing of the back parking lot. Stay tuned.

*Gord Moore, Chair, Stewardship & Fundraising Team
Cynthia, Sneyd, Carol Carney, Evan Butchers*

Did You Know ...

Remembering

- The Britton family was very active members of our church family and will be remembered by those who knew them. Carol's husband, Peter Dimitriou, passed away February 7th with funeral service held February 13th at Turner and Porter Funeral Home, Toronto. To Carol, Paul and Richard we send our love and prayers.

Well Deserved

- Our Rita Shelton Deverell has been chosen National Woman of the Year by ACTR in recognition as an artist, broadcast and television producer. Rita is also a two time Gemini winner and a member of the Order of Canada. Congratulations, Rita, from your church family.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, May 5th: Toronto Baptist Ministries will hold an **ordination examination council** for David McCleary and other candidates at 9 a.m. till noon at Blythwood Rd. Baptist Church (80 Blythwood Rd.)

Sunday, May 6th: **Youth Ministry Meeting** after the service.

Tuesday, May 8th: **Mission Team Meeting** 7:30 p.m. in the Resource Room.

Sunday, May 27th: **Worship Team Meeting** after the service.

Friday, June 1st: **Youth Ministry Meeting** at 6 p.m.

Saturday, June 9th: **Bazaar in Parking Lot.** Clear your closets & basements of unneeded items that others will love!

June 7-9: **CBOQ Assembly** Hilton Mississauga/Meadowvale at 6750 Mississauga Rd. Theme "Lead with Love"

Sunday, June 16th: **Church Picnic** at Ganaraska Woods.

Right: Mission Team surrounding incoming Outreach Worker Jonathan Johns in prayer.

Below: Goodbye to Carol Carney as Admin and Hello to Tanya Hardeo.



Are you looking to surrender to Christ and follow Him for the rest of your life? Consider Baptism classes. Connect with Pastor David McCleary at pastor@calvary-baptist-church.ca to discuss this further.



- 3 Kimberley Powell
- 10 Nancy Burton, Sara Powell
- 14 Leslie Harsell, Darlene Kelley
- 22 Doris Harsell, Doris Hunter
- 24 Marguerite Campbell
- 29 Watson Cambridge
- 30 David McCleary

June

- 3 Garry Kelley
- 10 Jack Vitto
- 11 Ben Frank
- 12 Victoria Drysdale, Esther Mae McCleary
- 16 George Dewar
- 17 Fred O'Sullivan
- 20 Norma Forrest
- 23 Catherine Churchill Frank
- 27 Kent Faulkner

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love, truth, grace, mercy and peace in the face of the ever changing realities of the world around us. God has kept us in this neighborhood for going on 124 years! He keeps us here because we are faced with a unique opportunity to live out the truth of a life lived in a radically different orientation and purpose to the stated priorities to the world around us; and as a result we have the perfect backdrop for demonstrating the radical grace, mercy, hope and love inherent in Jesus' message of God's love so often absent in the day to day movements of the world around us.

So let us embrace all that God has given us in the changes He is effecting all around us, the new thinking and teaching around matters of faith and practice that He has called me to in being the senior pastor here for nearly two years now, the positive and constructive changes that we are seeing in church leadership, the arrival of Pastor Jonathan, and new attitudes, hearts and lives that He is reviving and inviting into His great work of making disciples and loving the world that are coming to pass at Calvary Baptist Church in this new season of life and love and in through the ongoing work of His spirit.

As a church family we have a unique duty and opportunity to make people who felt far away from God, feel welcome in our midst. In doing things differently and in showing love in new and different ways, we can show the world the love of God and the truth of the Gospel in new and exciting ways. And instead of strangers and challenges to faith in our neighborhood, instead looking through the lens of the Great Commission, we would instead see people like us, sinners saved by grace, who know that in spite of their struggles, that they are still loved and made welcome in a wonderfully organic way because of the love of God still at work in this place! This is a whole new look and feel to our church family that God is inviting us into. Let us embrace it and each other as we move forward together into this new season of life, loving God and each other with all we have. Amen?! Amen! *David McCleary*

The Main Thing • Calvary Baptist Church

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