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Community Christmas Dinner



December 25th at 3 p.m.

*We need many hands to
provide this event.*

Food, Funds & Gifts

*Contact Rita Deverell
(416.434.0710) to
contribute to this
appreciated Outreach.*

We must do the works of him who sent me

Howdy folks. How are you doing? I hope this note finds you well and enjoying the last of the fall colours – that wonderful last note of warmth and vibrancy, that final gift of God to the weather faint of heart few days before the snow flies in earnest! ☺ Now I don't know about you but even after being here in this part of the world for close to four decades, my first inclination every autumn is to start to hibernate!! But as Christians we are not called to hibernate – Jesus said: **4 As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me...**

Over the course of the summer we have been learning together about it means to be the church. We have been thinking about what it means to be called the children of God and to be adopted as the brothers and sisters of Jesus. Jesus said that you would know that we were His disciples because of our Love: our love for God, our love for Him, our love for our neighbours and for ourselves! Moment by moment God is speaking to each of our hearts about what He is calling us to do and be in His name. He is calling us to reconciliation and wholeness and as we learn to love God and He teaches us to love our neighbours are we learn to love ourselves.

⁸ But he's already made it plain how to live, what to do, what GOD is looking for in men and women. It's quite simple: Do what is fair and just to your neighbor, be compassionate and loyal in your love, And don't take yourself too seriously— take God seriously.

I am sure even now God is talking to each of our hearts about who He wants us to be. He is giving us ideas about what HE wants us to do, individually, and as a community, because God has something special for us all to do. Every day God is giving us glimpses about the things He is envisioning for us as a community, in our prayer time, in our Bible reading and study times together. It is time that we started sharing those dreams with each other. Over the last little while, I along with the Mission Team have been dreaming about who we could be in a year, in three years, and in five years. Let us share those dreams with each other and let us together start thinking about how to make those dreams a reality, so that we can share them with our friends and neighbours and the world – and show them just how much God loves them.

David

Why We Celebrate Advent

Advent was introduced in the Christian church some time in the 5th century in the form of a six-week fast leading to Christmas. It was reduced to its current length at some stage in the 6th century and the fasting was later dropped. Advent is originally a time to reflect and prepare for Christmas similarly to how Lent is in preparation for Easter.

Upcoming Events

Fri. Nov. 4-6 – **Women's Retreat at Ganaraska Woods.** Theme "Women Then & Now" with Marlene Barnett. \$100

Sun. Nov. 6 – **Remembrance Day Service** with Major Jim Hardwick. *(Communion will be deferred to Nov. 13)*

Tues. Nov. 8 – 7:30 p.m. **Mission Team Mtg**

Sat. Nov. 26 – **Christmas Fair** 10 to 2

Sun. Nov. 27 – Advent I Star Tree Service

Sun. Dec. 11 – **Candlelight Carol Service** 7:30 p.m.

Thurs. Dec. 24 – **Candlelight Christmas Communion Service** 7:30 p.m.

Fri. Dec. 25 – **Christmas Community Dinner** 3 p.m.

Sat, Dec. 31-Jan. 1 – **New Year's at Ganaraska**

Sun. Jan. 1 – **New Year's Day Service**

Sun. Jan 29 – **Annual Blessing Review Luncheon**

November Birthdays

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|----|---------------------------------|
| 1 | Shelton Deverell |
| 5 | Irene Armstrong |
| 7 | Richard Cambridge |
| 13 | Cynthia Sneyd |
| 14 | Audrey Freeland |
| 15 | Celina Cambridge, Julie Patton |
| 19 | Aniah Cambridge, Domenico Vitto |
| 23 | Nancy Moore |
| 24 | Alexander Kelley |



December Birthdays

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| 1 | Sharon Mole |
| 3 | Rob Farrant, Rick Moore, Michaela Leadingham |
| 15 | Henry Condie, Ann Moore |
| 18 | Mary Kozak |
| 23 | Amanda Kelley |
| 24 | Carol Carney |
| 28 | Bill Petrie |

Worship Team News

Since Pastor David has joined us in June, the Worship Team has been very busy. We have slightly altered our Sunday Services, and in upcoming weeks there'll be even more changes to keep our worship fresh for long-time attenders and more approachable for newcomers. We asked those who attended the Anniversary Potluck Luncheon to share things they loved about our services, as well as things they'd like to see tweaked. If you still have suggestions, please let me know.

One Sunday of each month will be geared towards our youth, and each fifth Sunday will be something different from usual (prayer focus, small group modelling, etc.). We'd like to be able to use our PowerPoint projector monthly, but need volunteers to program, set up and monitor during the service. Is technology like this your gift? Time to unwrap it and put it to use at Calvary.

Our Remembrance Day Service will have special guest Major Jim Harwick giving the message. We will again be treated to Gord's trumpet for the always moving Remembrance portion of the service.

The Advent Season will be upon us starting November 27th with our Star Tree Service, where our congregation decorates our Christmas Tree with stars engraved with the names of loved ones (see page 3 if you want a new star). Because everyone loves singing Christmas Carols, we'll have opportunities just prior to the service on Sunday December 4th and 18th. Get your requests to Sheelah and come early.

Our much anticipated Candlelight Carol Service is on Sunday December 11th at 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve will be at 7:30 p.m. and include Communion. This year Christmas Day is on a Sunday, and we will be here celebrating the birth of our Lord. We plan to put our faith in action and use part of our time helping set up for that afternoon's Community Christmas Dinner.

New Year's Eve Watchnight Service is a special time at Ganaraska Woods, and we encourage everyone who is available to travel there to participate. Accordingly, the January 1 Service at Calvary will be quiet.

The Worship Team would like to expand our numbers. We also want more people involved in components of our Worship Service. If you have a heart for worship, come to our next meeting in January and see if you feel comfortable joining me, Carol Carney, Rex Deverell, Shelley Faulkner, Sheelah Saunders and Paul Sneyd.

Victoria Drysdale, Worship Team Chair
vdrysdale@sympatico.ca

Finance & Facilities Team Financial Results January to September 30th



Memorial Star Tree November 27th

Statement of Income and Expense

INCOME	Actual	Budget
General Offering	\$ 52,568	\$ 65,864
Leroux	80,550	80,550
Shiloh & other rentals	7,725	8,738
Fundraising and other	762	1,499
TOTAL INCOME	141,605	156,651
EXPENSE		
E - Facilities Team	55,430	60,905
F - Ministry Support and Admin	9,710	8,557
G - Worship Team	4,353	2,983
H - Christian Education Team	200	1,612
I - Pastoral Care Team	1,044	2,269
K - Finance & Stewardship Team	4,637	7,462
L - Salaries and Benefits	69,148	75,480
TOTAL EXPENSE	144,522	159,268
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ (2,917)	\$ (2,617)

The Christmas Season is fast approaching, and we will again be erecting our Star Christmas Tree on the first Sunday of Advent (November 27th) in the Sanctuary and decorating it with the stars honouring and remembering loved ones.

If you wish to order a star for the tree, Call Mary Kozak at 416.698.4469 before November 13th. Cost \$10.

Advent is Coming!



Advent is the period of four Sundays and weeks before Christmas. Advent means 'Coming' in Latin. This is the coming of Jesus into the world. Christians use the four Sundays and weeks of Advent to prepare and remember the real meaning of Christmas. The first Sunday of Advent in 2016 will be November 27th.

Every year CBOQ collaborates with Canadian Baptists from across the country to produce The Canadian Baptist Advent Reader. Written by our members from across Canada, the Advent Reader is an opportunity for us to prepare ourselves to celebrate Christmas and join with our bigger Canadian Baptist family in reflection, prayer and worship. To sign up to receive these daily readings please use this web link:

baptist.ca/enews/advent/

Our financial picture to the end of September reflects mixed blessings. Our revenue is down, with income from the congregation of \$53k below budget and prior year by \$10k. This is due mainly to a decline in envelope giving. It has not been offset by other revenue sources and therefore represents a concerning trend for our long term sustainability.

We are fortunate that most expense categories are at or below budget. To date, facilities costs are lower than budget and prior year (\$55.4k vs. \$60.9k) due to lower natural gas costs. While maintenance expenditures were below budget (\$11.4k vs. \$13.5k), there are a number of projects planned before the year-end which will absorb the year-to-date buffer in facilities costs. These projects include improved parking lot lighting; additional roof shingle replacement; improved safety and security measures (new keys, security cameras, upgrades to emergency exits); upgrades to the resource room (doors) and painting Clark Hall. Salaries are also below budget due to a later than expected start date for our new pastor. Repairs for the organ and piano have been higher than budgeted, but will be covered by donations of just over \$3k that have been designated by congregation members for that purpose.

The result is that we have a small operating loss as budgeted for the first nine months of the year.

The decline in giving continues to be a serious concern. We ask that congregation members prayerfully consider their ability to support Calvary.

Heather Mains



You're Invited to Our
Christmas Fair

* Home Baking * Meat Pies *
* Preserves * Candies *
Toys * China * Crystal *
* Jewellery * Linens *
* Crafts * Lunch Room *
Lucky Draw & more



Items to fit all budgets

Calvary Baptist Church

72 Main St. (between Gerrard & Kingston)

Saturday
November 26th
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Remember to bring non perishable food items to stock the shelves of our Care Centre.



Some of the messages that were on our Sign over the past two months.

It's September!
Come early for a good seat.

Welcome to our worship & fellowship

Hunger Awareness Week
The Daily Bread Food Bank
for the Beach is here.

Music on Main (with details)

Serving our Community for 122 Years!



Music Notes

Christmas Choir & Regular Choir

As we head into November, Christmas is a' comin, and so is our seasonal Christmas Choir! Christmas choir practices start in the church Resource Room on Wednesday, November 9th from 7:30 to 9 p.m. All subsequent practices will run weekly on Wednesday evenings until and including December 14th.

We are looking forward to having more people join us as we prepare special music for the upcoming season. If you are interested in joining the Christmas Choir and you can sing in tune in a part (i.e. soprano, alto, tenor or bass), please come and speak to me!

The Christmas Choir will sing on the four Sundays in Advent from November 27th to December 18th, as well as for the beautiful Candlelight service which will be held on the evening of Sunday, December 11th. If you are planning to participate in Christmas Choir, please let Carol Carney or myself know the dates so we will have adequate copies of music available for everyone. See you at the first practice on November 9th!

On a separate note, Christmas came a little early for our regular choir members, who were delighted with the lovely new black choir folders you will see them using for their performances!

Praise Team

The next monthly Praise Team practice will be on Wednesday, November 16th in the sanctuary, so please mark the date in your calendars.

Music Director Sheelah Saunders

Outreach Items

One of the indicators of the health of a congregation is its commitment to outreach programmes, as well as a membership which practices individual outreach in the community. Our congregations' two major outreach programs – The Grace Pascoe Care Centre and The Ganaraska Woods Retreat and Conference Centre exhibit our commitment to these major outreach programmes.

Our membership has practiced individual outreach with the initiation of such events as our Music on Main series and the upcoming Christmas Fair. Each of us practices individual outreach daily as we talk to friends, relatives, neighbors, etc. This type of outreach doesn't necessarily take place as a planned event or activity – but it can certainly yield some very long lasting benefits!

THINK ABOUT IT – AND DO IT!! – IT WORKS!!!

Christian Education

A small group of us (Andrea Cambridge, Rita Deverell and Pastor David) have been meeting and praying about our Sunday School programme. As of November, we will be offering the following three programmes (Bible study and other activities) for children and youth on Sunday mornings:

Pre-readers will be meeting with Andrea Cambridge in the nursery.

Children in *Grades 1-5* will meet with Shelley Faulkner.

Youth in *Grades 6-8* will meet with Rita Deverell.

The children and youth will be in church for the first part of the service and leave for their programmes after the "Moment with the Children."

Once a month the youth will be staying in church for the entire service.

We covet your prayers for this important ministry and I would be happy to speak with anyone who is interested in offering a helping hand with any of the age groups listed above.

Shelley Faulkner, Chair



Toronto Star Boxes

Santa's workshop arrives in the church gym in late November with over 1,400 boxes. Darlene Kelley needs helpers to organize and deliver these gifts to underprivileged children. Let Darlene know when you can help. She'll be making announcements soon.

The Stewardship and Fundraising Team is concentrating its efforts in four areas.

Special Events: Two "Music On Main" concerts have been held this year, one in May, and one in October, which 100 people attended. Just under \$1,500 has been raised with these two events. Two more concerts are already planned. On Friday, March 24th, 2017, the featured performer will be Thomas Bell, Organist and Choirmaster at St. Pauls Church, Bloor Street in Toronto. On Friday, May 12th, 2017, we have the pleasure of hosting the University of Mary Hardin Baylor Cru, a men's chorus from Belton, Texas.

Saturday, Nov. 26, 2016, Annual Christmas Fair.

A Saturday in June, (exact date to be determined) will be the Annual Treasure Find.

Please mark these dates on your calendar and see Cynthia Sneyd if you can help with any of these events. We ask for your support through your attendance, and by bringing your friends.

Planned Giving: On Sunday, October 23rd Raj Thavaratnasingham, a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones, and a member of the Planned Giving Committee at Centenary Hospital Foundation, gave a presentation on how you can support Calvary into the future at minimal cost, or even no cost, today. The presentation centred on three main areas;

(i) leave a bequest to Calvary in your will, of either a specific dollar amount, or a % of your estate

(ii) donate securities and receive a charitable tax receipt for the full market value at the time the church sells them, while paying no capital gains tax on the increase in value over the time that you have owned the stock

(iii) name Calvary as a beneficiary on an insurance policy and the premiums you pay are tax deductible.

In all of these cases, you should consult with your lawyer, and probably a financial advisor as well.

Always indicate on any document the church's full name, address and charitable number as follows;

Calvary Baptist Church, 72 Main Street, Toronto, Ontario.
Charitable number #10683 1894RR0001

If you have any questions or would like more information, please call Raj, or speak to Gord Moore.

Regular Giving: At the Annual Blessings Review meeting in January 2017, Carol Carney will make a brief presentation on different convenient ways to carry out your regular giving to Calvary.

Rental Opportunities: Julie Patton is exploring possible rental opportunities of our various facilities. As a start, she has been taking pictures to put on our website.

If you have suggestions for fundraising, or would like to join our Team, please speak to any member of the team. We thank you for your support.

Gord Moore, Chair, Stewardship & Fundraising Team



Did You Know ...

Love, Prayers & Sympathy

- ⇒ Carol Jackson, a very close friend in Ottawa of Tina Timmermans, passed away in the early morning of October 11th. A tribute was held in Ottawa Sunday afternoon, October 16th, which Tina attended. Tina, your church family send their love, prayers and sympathy.
- ⇒ Elizabeth Cleland passed peacefully at the Cedarvale Lodge in Keswick on Thursday, October 13th. Elizabeth was the Calvary Baptist Church Secretary for over 30 years. A celebration of life was held on Thursday, October 27th at Cedarvale Lodge. To Bob and children, we send our love, prayers and sympathy.

Love & Prayer

- ⇒ Kennie Crockford had a fall in the night of October 11th, fracturing arm, wrist and hip while at her granddaughter's home in Pickering for Thanksgiving. She is at present in Pickering Hospital. Love and prayers, Kennie.

A New Destination

- ⇒ Michael Mains, son of Heather and Ken Mains, moved to Melbourne, Australia earlier this month and has signed on with a modeling agency there. He plans to stay there through to next spring.

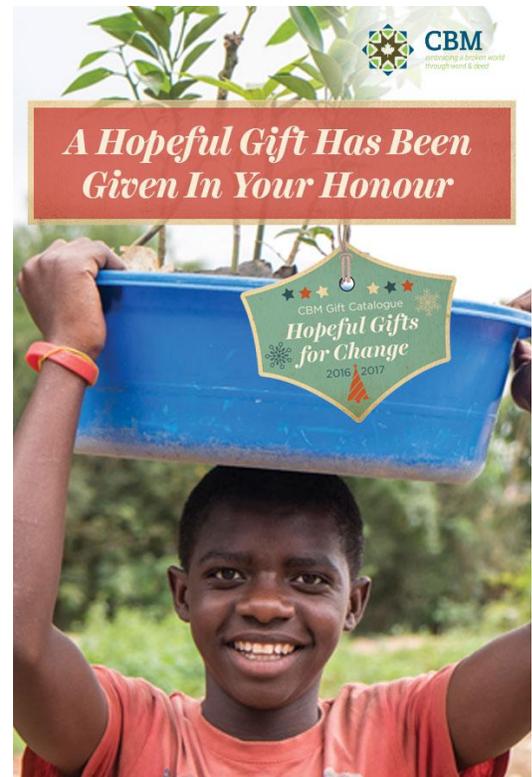
Thank You

- ⇒ The thanks of our church family are sent to Margaret Ledger who, for many years, was the co-ordinator for Coffee Hour on Sundays after morning service. Marita Vitto has now taken on this position – thank you Marita. See Marita to volunteer for your Sunday on Coffee duty.

New Address

- ⇒ Audrey Freeland's new address in Stratford is – Ann Hathaway Retirement Residence, #C211, 480 Downie Street, Stratford, Ontario, N5A 7Y5. Love and best wishes, Audrey, from your Calvary friends.

Remember you can use the alphabetical cubbies in the foyer to send Christmas cards to friends at Calvary.



Want to Make a Difference?

For that already-has-everything person on your Christmas List the answer is Canadian Baptist Ministries "Hopeful Gifts for Change."

Each unique gift from the CBM Hopeful Gifts for Change catalogue provides a life-changing opportunity for children and families in need around the world.

For you, it's an opportunity to show your love to friends and family in a way that is truly meaningful – by giving a gift that brings hope. A gift that will be treasured.

Find the catalogue in the church foyer or at www.cbmin.org/cbm/giftcatalogue



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