

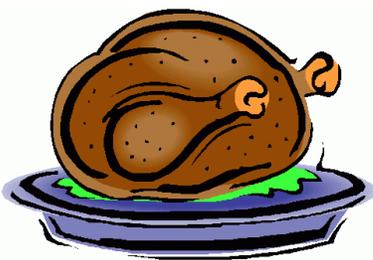
Spotlight



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Community Christmas Dinner



December 25th at 3 p.m.

We need many hands to host and provide this event.

Food, Funds Gifts & Prayers

Contact Rita Deverell
(416.434.0758 or
ritadeverell@ca.inter.net)
to contribute to this
appreciated Outreach.

Let's Be Like the Christmas Angels

I hope this "Spotlight" finds you well. I hope and pray that this note also finds you living as you are meant to be, in the middle of God's will for your life – and that with each passing day you are learning just how much God loves you and what it is that we can be doing to love our neighbours as we learn to love ourselves.

This time of year can get a little bit hectic and if we're not careful, in spite of our best intentions, things can get overwhelming. It seems no sooner have we eaten all the extra Halloween candy than it's time to think about all that needs doing to get ready for Christmas, thinking of all the people left to buy for, the presents that would best suit those still left to buy for, the family events we have yet to organize and all the logistics still left to arrange. It always seems to sneak up on us and before we know it, it's here!

But that is the way of Christmas isn't it? Think of all the turmoil that reigned that first Christmas – a soon to be teenaged mother blindsided by news from heaven that she carried within her own body the Saviour of the world and the Son of God, naively telling her fiancée boyfriend the same news that the angel of God had told her hoping and praying that she wouldn't have to be a single mom after she told him, and then having to deal with the fallout with her own family and community as a result of it all. But greater still was be the good news that for all the world – Jesus Christ the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

...the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

That's how it started that very first Christmas – out of the chaos of those unlikely beginnings came the good news that changed the world forever! This is the good news of great joy! God cared about us, loved us enough to send His Son to come and stay with us to help us understand how much God loves us. This is what we celebrate at Christmas time. This is the beginning of the Good News for us and the good news for all the world!

This Christmas, God is calling us to be like those Christmas angels that first Christmas and tell the world about Jesus, the good news of great joy for us and all the world, in all that we do and say and are – God calls us to do this in little and big ways – in a smile, a kind word, a thought-filled gift of our presence this Christmas season, through our staffing initiatives with a new nursery coordinator and through our quest to hire a new youth and family pastor, in reaching out in love to our neighbours, through our invitation to Heavenly Light Church to join us here, all of it bears witness like the angels did that first Christmas to the good news of God's love for us in the gift of Jesus.

David



Friday Nov. 17, 2017
7:30 p.m.

Come to Calvary
72 Main Street
(south of Gerrard at Benlamond)

A beautiful evening of
Instrumental and Vocal
Music!

Followed by yummy desserts

Tickets \$15.00
Call - 416-691-4721

Wheelchair Accessible

Featuring:

- *Mended Heart* instrumental/vocal southern gospel group
- *Christian Chuquhuara* piano/vocal hits of the 50's/60's
- *Plus:* Organ, Piano, and vocal/guitar performances



What Will YOU

Plant

This Christmas?



The Canadian Baptist Ministries *Hopeful Gifts for Change* catalogue offers meaningful gifts that affirm life, faith, hope and love. From school supplies to clean water, you can make a lasting difference in the lives of people around the world – all while shopping for your own family and friends here at home.

When you give a Hopeful Gifts item, you are planting a seed that allows the growing to begin. Your gift will take root and flourish in the lives of children, families and entire communities. The possibilities are endless.

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

A Time of Anticipation

As Advent approaches and we start a new Church calendar, we not only look forward to celebrating the birth of our Lord, but we also look forward to all the activities in our Church family.

Preparations are under way for the best Christmas Fair ever! Not only does the mission bring us together but it is an excellent way for us to introduce our church family to the neighbors in our community. Our thanks to Rick Moore and the many hands that help and contribute to this important fundraiser.

Our music program for Christmas is also taking shape. Our thanks to Albert Wong for undertaking the choir music, and our thanks to Fred Sneyd for his directorship of the Hand Bell Choir.

With the Alpha program on the way, new staff Kelis Moriah in to nurture our youngest congregants and the many updates and repairs to our facilities, we have been blessed. Continue to pray that God will show us how to work on His Kingdom to reach others with the love and forgiveness of Jesus.

Your Mission Team continues to meet on a regular basis to share ideas, implement programs and access our progress. We welcome your input of any suggestions and ask that you remember us in your prayers.
Tina Timmermans, Moderator

Memorial Star Tree

The Christmas Season is fast approaching, and we will again be erecting our Star Christmas Tree on the first Sunday of

Advent (December 3rd) 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 12th. Cost \$10.



You're Invited to Our Christmas Fair

- * Home Baking * Meat Pies * Preserves * Candies *
- * China * Crystal * Books * Jewellery * Linens *
- * DVDs/CDs * Crafts * Lunch Room * Lucky Draw

Items to fit all budgets

Calvary Baptist Church

72 Main St. (between Gerrard & Kingston)

Saturday, November 25th

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Women's Retreat Thank You

The Ladies Retreat at Ganaraska featured a video series about understanding Muslims. But what made the greatest impact was Elizabeth, a convert to Islam, and a friend of Wendy Dunits from Peterborough who further clarified Islamic beliefs as opposed to misconceptions based on extremists or media distortion.

I enjoyed my weekend. Thanks for making me feel so welcome. Tell the cooks they are great. I enjoyed the interaction and questions and comments. I hope we made some small steps towards understanding of our faith.

Elizabeth



The Kiwanis Club of Riverdale is selling nuts, truffles, shortbread and fruitcake. Please contact Henry or Rae Condie, Barbara or Paul Sneyd to order.

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



Toronto Star Boxes



Santa's workshop arrives in the church gym later in November with over 925 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.

Finance & Facilities Team Financial Results to October 2017

	2017		2016
	Actual	Budget	Actual
INCOME			
General Offering	\$ 60,320	\$ 57,570	\$ 59,727
Leroux	89,500	89,500	89,500
Heavenly Light & Shiloh	13,140	10,083	9,075
Fundraising and other	5,853	15,865	4,289
TOTAL INCOME	168,813	173,017	162,591
EXPENSE			
E - Facilities Team	87,939	69,747	60,388
F - Ministry Support & Admin	6,299	4,583	10,273
G - Worship Team	7,348	2,675	5,093
H - Christian Education	140	1,083	200
I - Pastoral Care	2,729	2,400	1,609
K - Finance & Stewardship	7,514	7,375	5,293
L - Salaries and Benefits	77,035	93,492	78,232
TOTAL EXPENSE	189,005	181,355	161,088
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ (20,192)	\$ (8,338)	\$ 1,503

The results to October 31 reflect income ahead of budget and prior year for all categories except fundraising and other gifts. Expenses are over budget for an operating loss of \$20k for the first 10 months vs. an expected loss of \$8k for the same period. We are grateful that giving from the congregation is on budget and ahead of the prior year, and that the new arrangements to share the sanctuary, which began in August, as well as income from other rentals has sustained our rental income.

On the expense side, the vacancy in the Music Director position has resulted in lower salaries than expected, with offsetting costs incurred for music supply (Worship team). With respect to facilities costs, while we had savings on gas earlier in the year due to the warm winter, repairs to the building, including improvements to the wheelchair access ramp, and repairs to the boiler and some windows have resulted in higher facilities maintenance costs than expected. Overall, expenses are over budget by \$8k for the period and higher than the prior year, mainly due to higher facilities costs.

Although efforts to obtain grant funding for improved access did not yield results, new grant submissions have been made to CBOQ and TBM to support a youth ministry as part of the effort to seek ways to increase staff capacity and improve access within the current financial constraints.

Heather Mains, Treasurer

Grace Pascoe Food Bank

Help needed: If you are available Monday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon, the Grace Pascoe Care Centre could use your help unloading the food truck. Also Tuesday mornings from 9:30 – 11:30 they need helpers for food distribution, for details speak with Kathie Collins Williams (416.691.2899 or gracepascoe@on.aibn.com).

Did You Know ...

Love, Prayers & Congratulations

- ⇒ Our church family send their love and prayers to Irene Armstrong who has returned to her residence after a stay at Markham-Stouffville Hospital. Irene had a fall at her residence in October which resulted in an operation for a broken femur. We also send our congratulations to Irene on celebrating her 97th birthday November 5th.

From Darkness to Light

- ⇒ Thank you to the donors who noticed the lack of lighting in our two parking lots after dark and provided the funding for motion activated sensor lights to be installed. This is much appreciated.

News from Ghana

- ⇒ Tina Timmermans recently had a telephone call from Benjamin Adjei who returned to Ghana, to let our church family know he is thinking of us. He worshipped with our church family while attending Tyndale College but had to return to Ghana in May. He is presently a part-time teacher of pre-seminary students. Our love and prayers are sent to Benjamin.



Come to Calvary for our Candlelight Carol Service

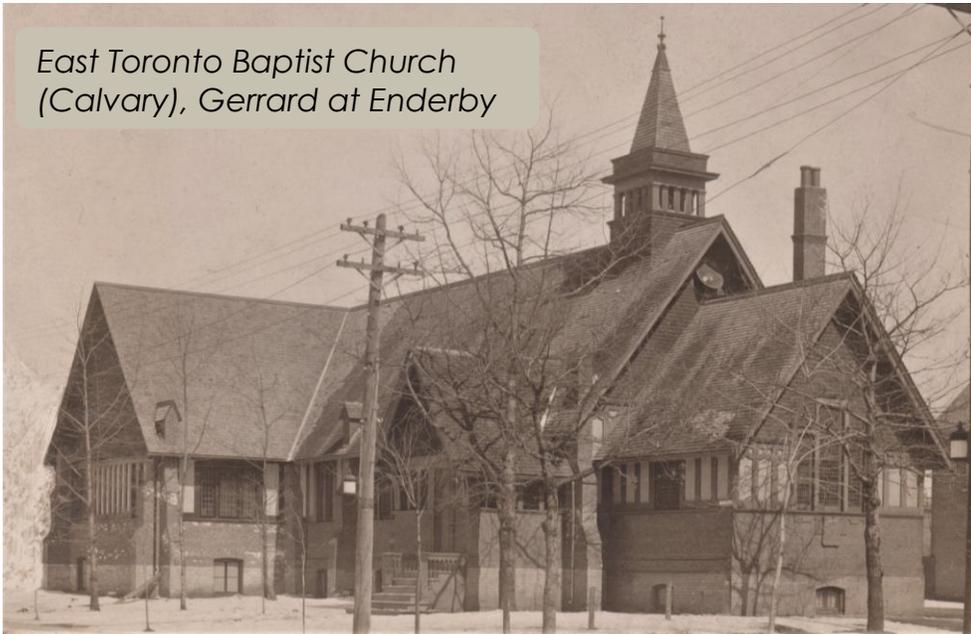
Sunday, December 17th @ 7:30 p.m.

Choir ★ Bells ★ Carols ★ Readings

★ Special Music ★

Followed by Refreshments

East Toronto Baptist Church
(Calvary), Gerrard at Enderby



CALVARY SPOTLIGHT

November Birthdays

- 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

- 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

Upcoming Events

Tues. Nov. 21 – 7:30 p.m. **Mission Team Mtg**

Wed. Nov. 15/22/29 – **Alpha**
6:30 p.m. (introduction to Christianity) in Resource Room

Thurs. Nov. 16/30/Dec. 7/14 –
7:30 p.m. **Christmas Choir Practice**

Fri. Nov. 17 – **Music on Main**

Sat. Nov. 25 – **Christmas Fair** 10 - 2

Tues. Nov. 28 – **Emotionally Healthy Church** 7:30 p.m. at home of Barbara Sneyd

Sun. Dec. 3 – **Advent I Star Tree Service**

Sun. Dec. 17 – **Candlelight Carol Service** 7:30 p.m.



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