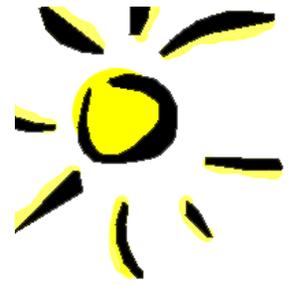




Spotlight



Summer 2015

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Office Hours for Pastoral Care, Prayer & Support

Monday – 9:30 – 1:30:
Rex Deverell, Pastor Emeritus

Tuesday – 9:00 – noon:
Rev. Tom Crosby

Thursday – 9:30 – 1:30:
Shelley Faulkner



For June:

Promoted the Yard Sale
"God's Been Patient ... so far!"
Lois Wilson's visit
"Thanks Dad!"

CBOQ Assembly

"Oh, man – I'm dreading this." That's what I said as delegate Marguerite and I settled into our seats at the Annual Baptist Assembly. (I'm often a disgruntled Baptist at denominational events.) The lights went down and a spot light came up on a man who grinned at us for a few seconds and then introduced the worship leader for the weekend. A light came up on singer/songwriter Steve Bell told us he was going to teach us some songs. Groan: Oh, no – we're going to have to participate.

But you know, God opens eyes and warms hearts.

By the end of the afternoon I was open and warm. Steve Bell led us to worship with songs and stories of how God has dealt with him personally – sometimes through painful experiences, sometimes through moments of joy, and always through surprising discoveries.

The keynote speaker was Gary Nelson – former General Secretary of Canadian Baptist Ministries and now President of Tyndale University College and Seminary. He took us back through the history of the Baptists – the story of Founder Thomas Helwys whose plea for religious liberty got him thrown into Newgate Prison where he died in 1616.

The theme of the Assembly was Growing Up Together: Who are we – and who shall we be? The strangest thing happened. Over the three days we grew and we grew together. There was no dissension or bickering – there was a sense of openness and pervasive listening to opposite points of view.

Oh sure, there was business to transact, budgets to approve, and the reports of church initiatives and denominational partners. Some speakers seemed to go on forever, but we learned of things we had not been aware. We saw ways our church and our churches are reaching out into the community and into the world.

We talked about youth and how at their transition times Church and Young Folk lose touch with one another. We talked about productive church meetings and techniques for leading them. We talked about how to encourage the pastor. We talked about congregations helping one another.

Our leaders are telling us that we are Christians in a time when the church no longer occupies a position of privilege and power. But Baptists began as powerless people who defended the faith of the least privileged. And we survived oppression and we grew.

I came away excited about us – the people of Calvary Baptist, grateful for who we are and grateful for a chance to build a new and vibrant community.

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Did You Know ...

Love, Prayers & Sympathy

- ⇒ Chela Tisdall, of our church family, went to be with her Lord on May 3rd after a 9 month courageous battle with cancer. The service was held in Calvary on May 8th with Rev. Rex Deverell officiating. Our love, prayers and sympathy are with Barry and Diane at this time.
- ⇒ Mary Mitchell went to be with her Lord on May 5th in Winnipeg, Manitoba where she has resided for the past few years. Mary will be remembered by many in our church family for her dedicated service.
- ⇒ Charles Alcorn, father of Darlene Kelley, went to be with his Lord on June 12th London, Ontario with the funeral service held on June 18th at Open Door Christian Fellowship, London. Our love, prayers and sympathy are with Darlene and Garry, Amanda and Alexander at this time.

Welcome to Our New Babies

- ⇒ Congratulations to Lauren and Mark Hudleston on the arrival of Will born June 6th. Cathy Condie is the proud grandmother and Henry Condie is the proud great-grandfather. Lauren and Mark live in Ottawa.
- ⇒ Congratulations to Kathryn and Andrew Dalton on the arrival of Evan Andrew on May 5th in Goose Bay, Labrador. Eileen Kelley is the proud great-grandmother, Wayne and Kathy Kelley are the proud grand-parents and Garry and Darlene Kelley are the proud uncle and aunt.

Congratulations to our Graduates

- ⇒ To Andrew Petralis, grandson of Tina Timmermans, on his Grade 6 graduation from Gledhill Public School.
- ⇒ To Jessie Attan on her graduation from George Brown College in Food & Nutrition Management.
- ⇒ To Jenna Houzer who graduated from Ryerson University in Child and Youth Work.
- ⇒ To Hanna Roberts who graduated from Sir Wilfred Laurier University in Honors Environmental Studies & Geography.
- ⇒ To Jenna Williams, daughter of Carrie Williams, granddaughter of Lorraine Griffiths, who graduated from U of T with a Bachelor of Arts Degree with Majors in Political Science and History.

Love & Prayers

- ⇒ Our love and prayers go out to John Ryzebol, brother of Diane Roberts, who had been diagnosed with a tumor on the spine and rushed to Toronto Western on June 9th. John will be treated with chemotherapy and radiation at Princess Margaret for bone marrow cancer which is treatable but not curable.
- ⇒ Our love and prayers are with Audrey Knowles, who is presently at home with day home care after her stay in Scarborough General, where she had been recovering from a fall, and then a further fall from her bed in the hospital. Audrey expects to go to Providence Health Care when a bed is available.

Wedding Bells

- ⇒ Lindsay Mains, daughter of Heather and Ken Mains, was united in marriage to Andrew Ball June 20th at the Burlington Golf & Country Club. Our church family sends their love and best wishes.

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⇒ Will Griffiths, grandson of Lorraine Griffiths, son of Ross and Elizabeth Griffiths, was united in marriage to Rachel Grehan on Saturday, June 28th in Calgary, Alberta. Lorraine travelled to Calgary to attend the wedding.

Her daughter, Carrie, was scheduled to attend with her but was admitted to Scarborough General Hospital Monday, June 22nd with a low sodium count. Carrie will be in hospital for a few days. Our love and prayers are with Carrie.

Wedding Anniversary

⇒ Congratulations to Darlene and Garry Kelley who celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on June 21st.

Blissful Retirement

⇒ Heather Mains will be retiring from the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research at the end of July.

Good News

⇒ Bessie Drysdale will be able to worship with us more frequently as she is moving back to Toronto after six years away in North Bay. She has been accepted into a 2nd degree program at U of T Mississauga where she will be studying psychology.

June 28: we will be joining with the Shiloh congregation at their **1 p.m.** service under the leadership of Pastor Johnson.

July 5: Shelley Faulkner will lead a Taizé service.

July 12: our own Dr. Rita Deverell, broadcaster, journalist, and writer will speak to us on the topic of her current concern for our congregation.

July 19: Paul Abell will be our special guest. Paul is a Stewardship Coordinator with A Rocha, an international organization dedicated to Christian environmental conservancy, and he will be speaking about faith and care for our planet.

July 26: Shelley Faulkner will lead the service.

August 2: Tom Crosby and his brothers from the U.S. will be leading an exciting service featuring Texas Gospel music.

August 9: we have asked the Rev. Gary Harder to speak about the concept of intentional transition (or interim) ministry.

Following August 9, we hope to welcome an interim pastor and finally a new minister.

Pastoral Search

On Sunday, June 14th the congregation ratified the establishment of a Pastoral Search Team which has been tasked with finding an interim and long-term pastor for Calvary. The Team is chaired by Tina Timmerman, and includes Tom Crosby, Janet Elliot, Heather Mains and Mary Kozak. Please ask the Holy Spirit to guide this Team through the season of discernment in the work they are doing on behalf of the congregation.

The Search Committee has met and would like you to keep an eye out for a survey that will be coming both via e-mail and in hard copy in the sanctuary. We would like you to be part of this search, and this is a way to get your opinions.

Summer Coffee Time

It has been decided to continue after service coffee time during the summer this year. Margaret Ledger and her helpers (Freda Goss, Lorraine Griffiths and Kay McCrone especially) do a marvellous job throughout the rest of the year but Margaret is off for June, July and August.



This is an excellent opportunity to get to know one another better.

Set up, making coffee and tea and clean up are involved. Disposable cups will be used.

If you would like to help with this ministry and will be in attendance during the summer please let me know what Sunday you would like to be part of this. I will see that all supplies are provided (coffee, milk etc.) Please contact Marlene Ronson at 416.699.7515 or call the church office 416-691-4721 to volunteer your time.

Facilities Report



Generally, the church buildings are holding up well, considering their constant daily use. However, there are things to be done, as follows:

- ✓ The Clarke Hall washroom remains to be painted due to peeling of the old paint. This should be done soon.
- ✓ The Exit Sign bulbs are to be replaced with longer-lasting LED ones which are on order. This action is in line with our due diligence for emergencies.
- ✓ The parking lot areas are in need of a thorough cleanup of leaves and debris. As well, the lighting needs a bulb-replacement check.
- ✓ The south-side flat roof leak has required repair for some time, and is a priority. An assessment and estimate will be forthcoming soon.
- ✓ The furnace and system was inspected recently, and is in need of upgrades to maintain efficiency of its heavy workload. For example, 24 burners require replacement due to corrosion, and the duct work is heavily carboned.

Budget concerns limit our expediency in some matters. Nonetheless, these matters are being pursued to satisfactory resolution.

Frank Carney, Facilities Team

Volunteer & Interim Opportunities

The Finance Team is seeking volunteers for two roles:

Treasurer: to join the Finance Team, taking responsibility for oversight of bookkeeping as well as preparation of monthly and yearly financial statements as well as quarterly and annual CRA and other regulatory filings. Please contact Sandy Drysdale (416.694.7619) or Heather Mains (415.463.8732).

Church Administrator: to fill the part-time role of Church Administrator as of mid-August, while our current Administrator, Carol Carney, takes a leave of absence to care for her granddaughter. Carol plans to return to the role in the summer of 2016. Please contact Carol directly at the church office (416.691.4721) if you would like further details on the role and responsibilities.

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Marguerite and I went to the Assembly as your delegates, Calvary, and we came away with the sense that we have a real future. Our job is not only to continue to grow up, taking on responsibility – but to be together and to grow upwards.

Rex Deverell

Honouring Someone Special

A gift to the TRIBUTE FUND at Calvary is a wonderful way to honour a person on a particular occasion, or the memory of someone. Your donation is a way of expressing appreciation or love that goes beyond most ordinary ways of showing you care.

A *loving tribute* can be made for a birthday, anniversary, graduation, retirement, or to celebrate any occasion. A *memorial tribute* can be given to recognize the passing of a life. Our Tribute Fund is a perfect vehicle when you or your friends want to know how to best celebrate a person or an occasion.

The practice of making a charitable donation as a tribute provides a very meaningful way to honour people and their accomplishments. A gift to the Calvary Tribute Fund benefits the donor, the person being remembered and the ministry of your church.

Just include a note with your donation in your offering envelope indicating the person you are honouring.

Rick Moore, Stewardship Calvary

Scarborough Village Singers

The Kiwanis Club of Riverdale is having a fundraising concert on Friday, October 16/15 at St. Nicholas Anglican Church--1512 Kingston Rd. at 7:30 p.m. The Scarborough Village Singers will perform. Tickets are \$20, with the proceeds going to our Eliminate Project.

Please speak to Henry or Rae Condie, or Paul or Barbara Sneyd for tickets and more information.



As I was doing a bit of gardening in our yard the other day, I went to sweep some pine needles off the roof of our shed and discovered a family of chickadees happily chirping and jumping from branch to branch in an evergreen shrub. Isn't it great to get outside again and enjoy the surprises and delights of God's creation?

The church choir enjoyed the beauty of Tina Timmerman's home and garden as we celebrated our end of season potluck at the end of May. Thank you for your gracious hospitality, Tina! The Choir will return in September to minister in song, refreshed from the summer hiatus.

The Praise Team continues on a relaxed basis in the summer months with members participating as they are available, but monthly practices also break until the fall.

I too am looking forward to a time of refreshment as I return to the annual conference of the Summer Institute of Church Music in early July for a number of days, which is held in Whitby.

The theme of this year's conference is Where Streams of Living Water Flow: Care of Self, Care of Others, and the key choral conductor and speaker is Lee Willingham, Associate Professor of Music at Wilfred Laurier University, and founder of the Bell'Arte singers. The conference is packed with workshops, sight-reading, singing and connecting with other "music" folks from all over Ontario so it will be not only fun, but educational and inspiring!
Sheelah Saunders, Director of Music

- 3 Garry Kelley
- 7 Audrey Knowles
- 9 Kwaka Darigo Mensah
- 10 Jack Vitto
- 11 Ben Frank
- 12 Victoria Drysdale
- 13 Ron Murphy
- 16 George Dewar
- 17 Fred O'Sullivan
- 20 Norma Forrest
- 22 Connie Elliott
- 23 Catherine Churchill Frank
- 27 Ken Faulkner

July Birthdays

- 2 Eileen Kelley
- 4 Tom Crosby
- 7 Helen Boyko
- 17 Rex Deverell
- 21 Pat Dewar
- 27 Betty Murphy
- 29 Greg Frank

August Birthdays

- 1 Rita Deverell
- 3 Bob Long
- 9 Dorothy Burton
- 14 Sheelah Saunders
- 26 Freda Goss
- 19 Kamila Edwards

Christian Education

We are praying and looking for a new leader for our Christian Education team. This is an amazing opportunity to share the love of Jesus with the children. This honour would include organizing the teachers, planning and preparing lessons and attending monthly Mission Team Meetings. If you would like to be more involved at Calvary, have a love of children and a desire to share God's love, then please talk to Diane Houzer. I am more than happy to help.

Diane Houzer

Intercultural Missional Opportunity

Interested in participating in a new Canadian Baptist initiative? Volunteer leaders are needed from Calvary, Shiloh, East Toronto Chinese, and First Baptist to attend a training program for developing intercultural missional leadership Sunday, August 30th and September 20th (location and times for this TBA). Anyone interested in intercultural ministry and outreach who might participate in these two events are asked to call Paul Sneyd at 416.690.0147.

Upcoming Events

Summer Preaching Schedule
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September 27: **Anniversary Service** Former member Rev. Carl Brown with musical group The Tarnished Angels (Wendy Dunits group) followed by a Luncheon.

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