



Spotlight

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Easter Flowers



Sunday,
March 27th

Contact Cynthia Sneyd to contribute or assist with flowers on this special Sunday

A Holy Ghost Building

The Sunday morning following the sudden passing of Marlene Ronson, prior to service, I came face to face with the placard tribute to the Rita Ford Window.

For whatever reason, Marlene's significant importance to the church – to the building – came to me in a deeply felt, thunderclap moment. I did not dismiss the message.

As Facilities Chair and previously Moderator, I had come to rely on Marlene's support, insights, and awareness of various church and building matters.

I've frequently wondered about the importance of structures, their architectural design, their beauty, their reassuring presence in our lives.

Last Sunday, while preparing for church, I looked forward to attending, to be with church friends, within the spiritual and physical warmth of the structure.

"For he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God." *Hebrews 11:10*

Bill Monroe, a son of Kentucky and the creator of the genre of Bluegrass music, wrote a spiritual song in 1954, 'I'm working On a Building'.

Parts of the lyrics are as follows:

I'm working on a building.
I'm working on a building. Hallelujah
For my Lord, for my Lord.

If I was a preacher, I tell you what I would do,
I'd go on preaching and I'd work on the building too.

It's a Holy Ghost building,
It's a Holy Ghost building, Hallelujah
For my Lord, for my Lord.

On the Building, on the Care Centre, on the Church

Our lives are interwoven with places and the people who fill and define and sustain them.

Thanks be to God for Marlene's presence and weaving at Calvary throughout her life.
Frank Carney, Facilities Team





For February our sign said:

"Join Us ♦ Pancake Dinner"

"Poor February!

The only month with no full moon"

"Celebrate Black History"

Our website

God is Our Guide

The Pastoral Search Committee continues to work faithfully and diligently towards the search for a permanent part-time pastor to lead us into the future. We have received a total of 10 respondents to date, evaluating each resume, listening to sermons presented to us and scheduling interviews, according to the process outlined by the CBOQ.

Although our target to present a candidate to the congregation remains unchanged as "Spring," it is dependent on the progress of the interviews.

We continue to appreciate your prayers of support, and have faith that God is our Guide.
Tina Timmermans

If you're on Facebook *Friend*

Calvary Baptist Church Toronto on Main Street

to see photos and get the latest info on church events



Invitation to Serve Communion

Imagine being in the upper room the night of the Last Supper. Imagine being served by the Messiah. Imagine Him bathing your feet, drying them tenderly, then serving you bread and wine with a simple request: "Do this in memory of me." Is He calling you to be His hands and feet to serve as He served? Do you hear Jesus whisper: "Do this in memory of me"? You have the opportunity to honour our Risen Lord by volunteering to serve communion. Contact Victoria by phone or e-mail at vdrysdale@sympatico.ca or 416.694.7619.

My least favourite Bible Verse

"To those whom much is given, much is expected." Luke 12: 48

Personally I know God has blessed me so much that my only response can be to strive to be a blessing to others. But corporately we at Calvary have been given so much. A safe country to worship in, a majestic space to fill with praise, and neighbourhood with needs that we can address through our Care Centre, the list could fill this page.

As individuals that make up the family of Calvary, we also have been given much. We are chock full of people with a diversity of talents that allow us to maintain the building, finances and ministries that range from making Sunday morning coffee to preaching.

At this challenging time when we are looking for a new pastor to lead us into the future as well as meet our financial sustainability we can take heart in knowing that God has supplied us with all the gifts we need – right here – right now. As part of our Recovenanting service we distributed a blue card with the various Teams and talents employed in their functioning, inviting people to find their place within the body of Christ. I ask you to prayerfully consider what God has given you, and how you can use these gifts. Nobody is good at something immediately, or without instruction and assistance. Calvary is the most appreciative place there is to explore your capabilities in a way you may not have done before or in another situation. See me if you'd like to explore how you can meet God's great expectations!

Victoria Drysdale, Worship Team Leader

Calvary's Teams

Below is a listing of Calvary's Governance structure as passed in our revised Constitution. As is apparent, many Teams could use more members. If you feel gifted in any of these areas, please contact one of the members.

Worship Team – Responsible for the various aspects of the planning, preparation, presentation and evaluation of worship. *Victoria Drysdale, Carol Carney, Rex Deverell, Monica Justice, Sheelah Saunders, Paul Sneyd*

Finance /Facilities Team – Ensures that the ongoing financial and administrative activities of Church life are cared for as well as the physical plant, its improvement and maintenance. Supervision of paid administrative and custodial staff and volunteer or hired assistance is part of this team's work. *Heather Mains, Frank Carney*

Community Nurture – Concerns ministry to individuals and families to ensure that each one is receiving the loving Christian care of the congregation. It also oversees and co-ordinates ministries relating to the Christian education, training, and nurture of members of the congregation at all ages: infants, children, youth, adults, and seniors. *Shelley Faulkner*

Outreach – This team is the central group for assisting the whole Church to fulfill Jesus' mandate to "make disciples" in the great commission. They in touch with neighbourhood agencies, the Toronto Baptist Ministries, the CBOQ and CBM to ensure that Calvary Baptist Church is informed and connected to participation at a larger level. Two sub-organizations that fall within this Team's purview are the Ganaraska Woods Conference Centre and Grace Pascoe Care Centre. *Paul Sneyd*

Stewardship and Fundraising - Responsible for ensuring we remain mindful that giving to the Church occurs when the heart is engaged, when lives are changed and transformed. This team will co-ordinate regular givings throughout the year, planned givings, rental opportunities, and special events and projects. *Gord Moore, Carol Carney, Julie Patton, Cynthia Sneyd*

Communication and Social Media – Responsible for maintaining a consistent communication strategy including an up-to-date membership list, communicating news or coming events consistently across all platforms, posting occasional updates from staff and ministry teams on website, Facebook and other platforms. *Tom Crosby*

Mission Team – Made up of Chairs of Each Team lead by Moderator *Marguerite Campbell* (term ends in June)

Bring Your Care Centre Donations to Church Sundays

As you are shopping and see some of these items at reduced prices, it's a good opportunity to pick-up a few extras for the Care Centre.

Canned Vegetables/Fruit ♦ Soup
Pasta Sauce ♦ Pasta ♦ Kraft Dinner
♦ Hand Soap ♦ Toothpaste ♦
Shampoo ♦ Tooth Brushes

Drop your donation into the basket at the front of the sanctuary.

Did You Know ...

Love, Prayers & Sympathy

⇒ A former long-time member of Calvary, Margaret "Peggy" Knight, passed away February 6th at Chartwell Long Term Care Centre in Kitchener. Peggy and her husband Fred were an integral part of Calvary for many years. Our love, prayers and sympathy go out to her daughter Janie Wiles and her husband Donald, her grandchildren Andrew (Meghann) and Noah (Jennifer), great-grandchildren Ethan, Clara, Mia and Catriona. A celebration service of Peggy's life will be held April 7th at 1 p.m. at the McDougall & Brown Funeral Home, 2900 Kingston Road, Scarborough.

⇒ Our church family has suffered a great loss in the sudden untimely passing of Marlene Ronson February 19th. Marlene was extremely involved in so many aspects of our church life and Ganaraska Woods Retreat Centre. She had served for many years as Parish Nurse of Woodbine Heights Baptist Church. Our love, prayers and sympathy go out to her husband, Don, her children Shawn and Matthew (Tanya), her grandchildren Charlotte and Nat, her sisters Wendy (Roger) and Rene (Mike), her brother Paul (Lorna) and her nephews. A private family service was held Saturday February 27th at Giffen-Mack Funeral Home with a Memorial Service at Calvary on March 4th. She is missed and will be missed.

Music Notes



Easter Choir

This is a reminder that Easter Choir practice will begin on Wednesday March 2nd at 7:30 p.m. in the Resource room. The Choir will be preparing special music for Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and of course, Easter Sunday. Easter Choir practices will run from Wednesday, March 2nd up until and including March 23rd from 7:30-9 p.m. I look forward to seeing you there!

Bell Choir

As you know, our church has a beautiful set of hand bells that have been used in special church services, for a number of years. Fred Sneyd has done a wonderful job of leading and teaching a group of children to play the bells, and the group was called the Beach Bells. We have enjoyed the bells ministry and watched as the children grew up over the years in this group. As children grow up and tend to change their interests, it has become more difficult for Fred to recruit children to play the bells at our special services. Fortunately, this past Christmas, professional singer Ashley Boychuk gave Fred a hand so they could accompany the Choir in one of our pieces at the Christmas Candlelight service.

I have appreciated the beauty of the hand bells music, and had hoped that Fred might be available to put something together for us this Easter, but he will be out of the country at that time. Since he will not be around to prepare something, he has graciously agreed for the bells to be used while he is out of town.

Our Texan friend, Tom Crosby has experience leading a church bell choir, so I approached him to see if he would consider preparing some bells music for our special Easter Sunday service. I was delighted that he agreed, and he has been able to recruit a good-sized adult group of bells players, almost all whom have no experience playing the hand bells. You can see them working hard on the stage in Clarke Hall, after our Sunday church services! I am really looking forward to see what music they have to share with us on Easter Sunday, so please encourage this group when you see them practicing.

March Praise Team Practice Cancelled

The hand bell choir has been trying to find practice time on Sundays as well as on some Wednesdays, and so as a result, our monthly Praise Team practice (on the 3rd Wednesday of the month) is going to be cancelled on Wednesday, March 16th to give the bells folks a chance to practice more that evening, as it will be getting closer to Easter then.

I would, however, like to have a short practice another time with the Praise Team that will be singing on Easter Sunday and I will email you separately.

Sheelah Saunders, Director of Music



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March Birthdays

3	Rashan Edwards
4	Kennie Crockford Janet Elliott
7	Marita Vitto
8	Tina Timmermans
11	Barbara Sneyd
17	Fred Sneyd
19	Barbara Gibbings
27	Lily Elliott

April Birthdays

8	Ian Drysdale Wendy Wood
10	Gord Moore
11	Stephanie Saunders
12	Rae Condie
13	Jessie Attan
16	Kathie Collins-Williams Margaret Ledger
29	Grace McQueen

Upcoming Events

Saturday, March 6 – **Memorial Service** for Marlene Ronson 11 a.m.

World Day of Prayer. St. Aidan's Church, Silverbirch at 11 a.m.

Tuesday, March 22 – **Mission Team Meeting** 7:15 p.m.

Sunday, March 29 – **Palm Sunday**

Thursday, March 24 – **Maundy Thursday Service** 7 p.m. hosted by Shiloh, with Calvary Church at the Centre (formerly Fallingbrook) & First Baptist Churches

Friday, March 25 – **Good Friday Service** 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, March 27 – **Easter Sunday** 10:30 a.m. Combined with Shiloh

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Interim Pastor: Andrea Cambridge • GPCC Director: Kathie Collins-Williams • Director of Music: Sheelah Saunders

Interim Administrator: Daphne L. Hunt • Building Manager: Jim Yolevski



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