



May/June 2016

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Treasure Hunt



Saturday, June 4th
from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Calvary Parking Lot

Hot dogs ❖ Coffee ❖
Decorate-your-own-Cupcakes

Remember when doing Spring cleaning, save those items you no longer use or need and donate to our church yard sale. Bring your stuff into the church for sorting, and plan to help out on the day. Please contact Cynthia Sneyd at cynthiasneyd@gmail.com

Spotlight



Pastoral Search

The pastoral search is nearing its conclusion. We received a number of responses to our posting for a permanent, part-time minister through January and February. The Team interviewed a number of candidates from late January through March, with second interviews of a short list of candidates conducted in April. The next steps entail a request for the candidate to preach a sermon in late May. Following the sermon, the congregation will be invited to meet the candidate. Once the candidate has been excused, we will convene a brief but formal meeting in order to vote on acceptance of the candidate. As soon as a date for the sermon and meeting has been established, we will advise the congregation.

The prayers and ongoing support of congregation members has been most appreciated. *Tina Timmermans, Pastoral Search Team Chair*

Finance & Facilities: Financial Results to April

The financial position to date is ahead of budget, with a surplus of \$4.5k for the first four months of the year vs. a budgeted loss of \$7.8k. Contributions from the congregation (\$19.6k vs. \$21.8k budget) continue to fall below budget and the prior year, while rental income is meeting budget. Lower giving has been offset by lower expenditures than budgeted, particularly in the area of facilities. To date, facilities costs are lower than budget and prior year (\$24.5k vs. \$35.7k) due to lower natural gas costs (\$5k lower) as a result of the warm winter. Maintenance expenditures are also below budget (\$1.3k vs. \$6k). Both of these trends could continue, giving more room for maintenance costs, including roof repairs which are underway or other items that could arise later in the year, and which are very difficult to predict for budget purposes. Salaries are also falling slightly below budget, providing a much appreciated budget buffer.

Although we are operating at a small surplus, the decline in giving is of concern. We ask that congregation members prayerfully consider their ability to support Calvary
Heather Mains



Friday May 13, 2016

7:30 p.m.

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Choir

I am sure you were blessed to hear the ministry of the Easter Choir on Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. The Choir is continuing to practice and sing in the months of April and May.

Everyone that has participated in the Choir over the last year is invited to the Choir year-end potluck at the Saunders' home after church on Sunday, May 29th. Don't forget to let the Choir know how much you've appreciated their dedication and ministry over the past year.

The choir has benefited from the resourcefulness and skills of one of our choir members, Tom Crosby, who upgraded the lighting in the Resource room where we practice. Choir members were having difficulty reading their music at our evening practices, and the new bright lights have made a vast and attractive improvement to our space. Thanks, Tom!

Praise Team

Please note that the next monthly Praise Team practice will be on Wednesday May 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary. This practice has been moved up one week since I will be on vacation from May 16th to May 22nd.

Handbell Choir

If you were at Calvary on Easter Sunday, you would have been delighted to hear the lovely music of a recently formed adult handbell choir group, auditioned, taught and led by church member, Tom Crosby. The bell choir played a lovely piece during the offertory, and ended our celebratory service with a rousing version of Crown Him with Many Crowns!

Feedback from the participants who tried "ringing" for the first time was very positive, and they are enthusiastic to give it another try. I approached Tom to ask if he would be willing to prepare a bell choir for our Canadian Thanksgiving Sunday, and he has graciously agreed.

I believe Fred Sneyd is busily looking through some of the music he used for the youth Beach Bells group he led, so that it can be shared and hopefully used! I look forward to hearing the handbells used more frequently in our church ministry!

Instrument Repairs

As you know, our church has been blessed with a number of musical instruments to enhance our worship, and the primary ones used are the grand piano in the sanctuary, the Steinway upright piano in the Resource room for choir practices, and the Casavant pipe organ in the sanctuary.

The Hardman grand piano recently had a much needed minor repair as the lid that covers the piano keys (the fallboard) was pushing back too far and pressing down on some of the keys, causing them to stick and even sound unnecessarily. I am glad that this issue has been resolved, and the piano has received its needed tuning for this time of year.

The Casavant pipe organ is an instrument that requires by far the most repairs, partially given its history of being taken and restored from a church that had fire and water damage. Our organ technician has received approval from the church to proceed with two of the most needed repairs this spring. The first one will involve fixing wind leaks on the Choir manual, and the second one will be to secure some of the organ pipes and rack that are leaning and falling over, which impact the Great manual. These two repairs fall within the church budget. There is quite a list of other repairs that will be needed for the organ down the road, but as you can expect, these will proceed only when there are the resources to do so, through fund-raising for this purpose.

Sheelah Saunders, Director of Music

There will be no *Spotlight* over the summer as editor Victoria Drysdale will be recuperating from knee replacement surgery. Keep informed of Church events by checking out our website (calvary-baptist-church.ca) and Facebook (Calvary Baptist Church on Main Street) pages.

Did You Know ...

Baptism

- ⇒ On Easter Sunday, March 27th, Rev. Andrea Cambridge immersed Kimberley Powell and Tina Timmermans of our church family in the waters of baptism. On following Sundays both have been welcomed by Andrea, on behalf of the church family, and presented with a Bible. Love and prayers of your church family are with you Kimberley and Tina.

Celebration of Life

- ⇒ On April 7th a Celebration of Life for Peggy Knight was held at McDougall & Brown Funeral Home. Peggy, a former longtime member, passed away February 6th at Chartwell Long Term Care Centre in Kitchener. Some of our Calvary church family were able to attend the service conducted by Rev. Rex Deverell. Love, prayers and sympathy from our church family are with her daughter Janie, her son-in-law Donald, her grandchildren Andrew (Meghann) and Noah (Jennifer) and her great-grandchildren Ethan, Clara, Mia and Catriana.

Love & Prayers

- ⇒ Dorothy Burton of our church family is presently a patient at Toronto East General Hospital. Our love and prayers are with you, Dorothy, at this time.

Congratulations

- ⇒ Sandy and Victoria Drysdale are celebrating the marriage of their son Ian to Hye Jeong Chubi Yun in a small backyard ceremony at their home on Friday, May 6. Pastor Al Roberts is performing the ceremony. A larger Buddhist Tea Ceremony will follow in Korea sometime in 2017.

Refugee Voices: Stories of Struggle and Success

In recent months, Canada has welcomed 25 000 Syrian Refugees and is committed to welcoming 10 000 more by year's end. Thousands of Canadians have joined together to form private sponsorship groups to help these individuals settle and learn to call Canada home. Groups are now busy helping families with their initial immediate settlement needs. However, once the official time period ends for the sponsors to help the refugees resettle, there continue to be many obstacles in the process of making a new life in Canada. Join the East End Refugee Committee (EERC) when four of our former refugees will share their personal stories. They came from different places and situations and different life stages: as a teenager, a single woman and mid-career. Each will describe personal struggles and successes. This will be followed by a question and answer period.

The event will take place on Monday May 16th, 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Kingston Road United Church sanctuary, 975 Kingston Road at Scarborough Road. There is no charge but the EERC would gratefully accept donations. Receipts can be issued for donations of \$20.00 or more. The EERC has been sponsoring refugees since 1995. It was started by Kingston Road United Church and St. John's Norway Anglican Church and joined by representatives of Beach United, Calvary Baptist, Eastminster United, Fallingbrook Presbyterian, Neighbourhood Universalist Unitarian, St. Aidan's and St. Saviours Anglican Churches. We are dedicated to making a difference in the world for those less fortunate than ourselves.

Upcoming Events

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| Tuesday, May 3 | Toronto Baptist Ministries Annual General Meeting 7 – 8:30 p.m. at East Toronto Chinese Baptist Church, 22 Carnforth Rd. |
| Wednesday, May 11 | Praise Team Monthly Practice 6:30 in the Sanctuary |
| Friday, May 13 | Music on Main Concert & Desserts 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary |
| Sunday, May 15 | Pentecost Sunday Birth of the Church Celebration |
| Monday, May 16 | Refugee Voices 7 p.m. Kingston Rd United (see above) |
| Tuesday, May 24 | Mission Team Mtg 7:15 p.m. Resource Room |
| Sunday, May 29 | Choir End of Year Potluck After Service @ Saunders Home (see page 2) |
| Saturday, June 4 | Treasure Hunt (Church Garage Sale+) 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. (see page 1) |
| Sunday, June 5 | Worship Team Meeting After Service @ Drysdales Home |
| June 9 – 11 | CBOQ Assembly Mississauga Hilton Hotel (see page 5) |

Communications Team Leader Tom Crosby has been working with our Administrator to help compile an accurate Church Directory. Part of his research has been into our Canadian Baptist identify. The following read is a good start to the discussion about who we are at Calvary.

I have spent considerable time, lately, investigating the history and policy of the Baptist Church in Canada, which had a bit of a late start and different path compared to our "Southern Brethren," of which I am more familiar. I don't claim to be an expert on the matter, or even a good historian, but I do claim my rights concerning "priesthood," "freedom," and "equality" (read on) in our fellowship. I encourage each of you, my brothers and sisters, to do your own investigation and join in the conversation.

As many of you know, Baptists are now the largest of those Christian denominations called "Protestant," which sprang up after Martin Luther's list of "protests" against the Catholic Church began a reformation of many bodies of believers into groups that later became known as Lutheran, Methodist, Baptist, etc.

Baptists, as a specific group, derived from those ministers who began to realize an inherent problem in the baptism of infants, in that it was not in line with New Testament practices of baptizing only individuals who had come to a personal saving faith in Christ Jesus as Saviour and Lord. At first being referred to derogatively as "Ana-Baptists" or "re-baptizers" (as this conviction resulted in the re-baptizing of believers), they were eventually penned as "Baptists."

Baptists, as a whole, pride themselves in getting back to the basics of the New Testament Church, as described therein, and shedding those trappings of ordinances, worship and practice not mentioned in Scripture.

As a result, Canadian Baptists of Ontario and Quebec (CBOQ), of which Calvary is a member church, have enumerated seven "Baptist Distinctives" which can be found on pp 53-56 of "This We Believe," and can be viewed on the CBOQ website: www.baptist.ca. These "Baptist Distinctives" are:

- 1) Lordship of Christ: Christian life begins as a personal experience with God in Christ; revealed through His atoning death and resurrection.
- 2) Sufficiency of Scripture as the inspired Word of God: the Christian's guidebook; authoritative for all matters of faith and practice, each Christian with the right to interpret the Bible for themselves.
- 3) Priesthood of all believers: each Christian is accountable to God, and religiously free to be so.
- 4) Mission of each believer: to be God's witness and minister to the lost and hurting; we each have our own story to live and share.
- 5) Church of the believer: each local congregation being made up of members of the larger Body of Christ; "all who profess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour." Salvation is followed by baptism (almost always by immersion), which is then followed by membership into the local church. In our church, I think, acceptable baptism is left up to the individual's own discernment, respecting the "priesthood" of each believer.

The other ordinance that Baptists practice is communion, or the Lord's Supper, to be taken only by the redeemed, as a sign, similar to baptism, that they are one with Christ, in His death and resurrection. Some Christian churches practice "closed communion," allowing only those Christians who have been "properly" immersed, or only members of that specific congregation to partake, but no major Baptist group in Canada today practices closed communion, and instead, allows all believers to share in the meal. Though any and all persons are allowed to participate in worship and certain peripheral functions; matters of teaching and decision-making are reserved for members.

6) Church autonomy and association: our local church is independent of the larger denomination in that we make our own decisions, but we are interdependent in our cooperation with the Association concerning missions and other ministries difficult to accomplish alone.

7) Freedom and equality: each individual is equal and free to express a personal faith that is not predetermined or coerced.

... I think I can hear a resounding chorus of voices with mine as I say a hearty "Amen!"

Tom Crosby

CBOQ Assembly June 9-11 Mississauga Hilton

Would you like to spend time with others who worship in our greater congregational family of churches and share our experiences and our lives together? Calvary needs two delegates to attend. If interested contact Moderator Marguerite Campbell.

Following God's Lead to New Opportunities is the theme for Assembly 2016. For many of us, that call to follow into new situations forces us to confront the unfamiliar. This year's plenary speakers are Anna Robbins, Academic Dean and Associate Professor of Theology, Culture and Ethics at Acadia Divinity College, and Tim McCoy, Executive Minister of CBOQ. From the worship, learning sessions, speakers, sharing and even business, Assembly is an enriching experience.

Community Nurture Update

Do you enjoy visiting with people? Do you enjoy spending time with children? Then perhaps you would like to get involved with the new Community Nurture Team at Calvary. This team helps meet the needs of our community in the areas of Pastoral Care and Christian Education. Here is a brief overview of these key areas of ministry:

A. Pastoral Care

A few of us met in late March to talk about how we can continue to care for those who are unable to come out to church ("shut-ins") and those with urgent physical or emotional needs. We have a list of shut-ins and are working on ensuring that these people receive regular contact through mailings and visits. Our Interim Pastor, Andrea Cambridge, will continue to assist those with urgent and time sensitive needs.

Please consider getting involved by contacting Andrea if you know of people in need of pastoral care, or by calling or visiting those who are not able to be with us on Sunday morning. Please contact Shelley Faulkner if you would like to be part of the team that visits with our shut-ins.

B. Christian Education

We are in the process of re-building our Christian Education Team since two of our main leaders moved out of the city in 2015. We are looking for people to help out in the nursery caring for the very young children, and also people to teach the older children. The time commitment is about 30 minutes during the second half of our Sunday morning service. Our goal is to develop a team of volunteers who can participate on a rotating basis. If you are interested in helping out with either the nursery aged children or the older ones please contact Shelley Faulkner (shelley@ksts.ca or at 416.466.7922).



Worship Team *Victoria Drysdale, Worship Team Leader*

What a joyful Easter we just celebrated. Many thanks to all the people who contributed to what is the most significant worship services for Christians – the death and resurrection of our Saviour. We joined with three other area churches for Maundy Thursday and our sister congregation Shiloh for Easter Sunday. Many thanks to everyone who took part in the three services, from Cynthia Sneyd who organized the flowers, Jack Vitto who set up Communion, Tom Crosby and the Hand Bells, Sheelah Saunders preparing special music from our Choir and Praise Team, Daphne Hunt our Administrator for bulletin preparation as well as musicians, worship leaders, prayers of the people leaders, greeters, ushers, sound people, and refreshment ladies.

We appreciate our interim Pastor Andrea Cambridge, who has graciously extended her time with us through April and May. Her warm, gentle spirit has guided us through our time of transition. We are currently part way through a series on David, and looking forward to Andreas bringing new insights into our understanding of this well know character.

On May 15th we will celebrate Pentecost, the birth of the Church. What birthday gift will you bring to Calvary? As you can see above, the Worship Team is responsible for many aspects of our Sunday services. Pray about the gifts God has given you, and how they can be used in our Church family.

Who's Coming to Ganaraska

- May 6, 7 – Couples Retreat (The Rock of Bethel, Burlington)
 May 21- 23 – Congregational Retreat (Zion Alliance, Toronto)
 May 27 - 29 – Quinte Music Camp Meeting (Brockville)
 June 10 - 12 – Marriage Enrichment Retreat (Newcastle Fellowship)
June 18 – Annual Church Picnic (Calvary Baptist, Toronto)
 June 23 - 26 – Word of Hope Convocation Retreat
 July – Adventure Day Camps Staff Training (Calvary Baptist, Oshawa)
 August 5 – 7 – University Bible Fellowship Retreat (North York)
 August 10 - 14 – Quinte Music Camp Planning Retreat (Brockville)
 August 16 - 18 – Yonge Street Mission Seniors Retreat
 August 19 – 21 – Congregational Retreat (Markham Christian Community Church, Markham)
August 24 – Volunteers Retreat (Grace Pascoe Care Centre, Calvary)
September 10 – Worship Team Planning Event (Calvary)
October 10 – Thanksgiving Festivities (Calvary)
November 4 -6 – Ladies Retreat (Calvary)
December 31 - January 1, 2017 – New Year's Events (Calvary)
 January 21/22, 2017 – Cubs Retreat (Murray Street Baptist, Peterborough)
January 27/28, 2017 – Newcomers & Friends Retreat (Calvary)
 * Calvary Events in BOLD

Camps at Ganaraska Woods this Summer

- July 8-9** *Adventure Day Camp Staff* – 42 youth prepare to be camp counsellors.
July 11-15 *Adventure Day Camp* – each day 60 children ages 7 to 15
July 18-22 *Adventure Day Camp* – each day 60 children ages 7 to 15
July 25-29 *Adventure Day Camp* – each day 60 children ages 7 to 15
July 18-22 enjoy camping activities, swimming and daily bible study.
July 25-29 enjoy camping activities, swimming and daily bible study.
August 10-14 *Quinte Music Camp* – A multi-denominational camp founded in 1972. Families and individuals are welcomed to experience Christian community.
 August 19-21 *Markham Christian Community Church* camp weekend.

The Ganaraska Commission would appreciate volunteer helpers in the kitchen for our August camps!!

Summer Refreshment Time

During the summer our After-Service Refreshment team takes a much deserved break. Many thanks Margaret Ledger and all the faithful kitchen gang.

If you appreciate a Coffee/Tea/cold drinks and something to nibble on while we're socializing, maybe you'd be able to take on one or two summer Sundays to come early and stay late to set up and clean up. If you are interested please contact me, Victoria Drysdale, Worship Team Chair vdrysdale@sympatico.ca 416.694.7619.



CALVARY SPOTLIGHT

May Birthdays

- 8 Kimberly Powell
 10 Nancy Burton, Sara Powell
 14 Leslie Harsell, Darlene Kelley
 20 Shirley O'Sullivan
 22 Doris Hunter
 24 Marguerite Campbell
 29 Watson Cambridge

June Birthdays

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

Remember to pick up your new church directory (one per household) available in the foyer



For April –

LIFE IS A CHALLENGE. MEET IT!

LIFE IS BEAUTY. ADMIRE IT!

LIFE IS A SONG. SING IT!



The Main Thing • Calvary Baptist Church

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