



Annual Blessing Review

January 2017

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We Know Who Holds the Future

Happy New Year, church family of Calvary Baptist Church! It has been quite a (half) year in the life of Calvary Baptist Church! In June of last year as we started this journey together, as the church, we started this journey together studying the Bible and learning about who Jesus intended us to be by looking at the church at the very start of the church.

It has been a time of non-stop learning, challenges and opportunities. As we enter our 123rd year together we do so as a united family gathered in this place to love God, and love our neighbours as we learn to love ourselves! As a church family we face some unique challenges in this upcoming year, in both the short term, and the longer term. And though we do not know exactly what the future holds, we know who holds the future. But even though we may not know, and it is God who has protected, strengthen and guided this church to this present day. And it is still God who will lead us on into the future, together as a church family.

In my time here, I have been learning about the history of our church and our community - I have also been learning about who God called us to be from the very beginning – about how we started with a humble church school that grew and grew – all of our programs and outreach into the community started from there! In time the worshipping community moved into the new sanctuary years later. The entire ministry of the church which our forebears established flowed from the relationships that they built as a result of getting to know and care about the community that surrounded the church. We stand in the shadow of those faithful sisters and brothers who lovingly cared for this community and helped established the heritage of caring for the world around us at Calvary Baptist Church. And I am doing my best to carry on in that same lineage of faithfulness by focusing the activity of this church upward and outward; and whether that is in new windows in the church office, the new doors in Clarke Hall as part of the overall church revitalisation, starting new Bible Studies or a martial arts small group, a community garden or continuing to make the church more accessible for everyone. Whatever more God is leading us to do and be, I continue to do my best to teach and preach the truth of God's love for us so that we will be ready for whatever comes next.

We stand at the cusp of another new year, and at the start of 2017 we are faced with a wealth of new opportunities and a wealth of



Find out what's been going on at Calvary in 2016 and a look ahead to 2017 at

Calvary's Annual Blessings Review

Sunday, January 29th

After the service

Lasagna Lunch provided

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Calvary lives to seek, know & worship God representing the redeeming love of Jesus

To nurture is "to fuel for the purpose of sustaining life" (Urban Dictionary). Nurturing is "the activity of caring for others and nourishing them in the life of faith" (Bible Gateway). The Christian Nurture ministry team was launched in early 2016, a Team that brought together the ministries of Christian Education and Pastoral Care. Our main purpose is to care for the members of our church community, from the very young through to the very old, "nourishing them in the life of faith." 2016 was both a challenging and rewarding year as a small group of us engaged in this important ministry.

We started the year with some good things in place: At the end of 2015, a Sunday School teacher, Carolyn Lessard, was hired to fill in the gap left with the departure of Dianne Roberts and Diane Houzer earlier in 2015. And the Christian Nurture Team was to be co-chaired by Shelley Faulkner (overseeing Christian Education) and Marlene Ronson (overseeing Pastoral Care). But God had other things in mind ...

Christian Education

Early in 2016, Carolyn Lessard gave notice that she would not continue to serve with us, due to personal reasons. For several months Victoria Drysdale, Sandra Farrant, Darlene Kelley, Carol Carney and others took turns sharing the responsibility of teaching our children and youth. Shelley Faulkner gradually took more responsibility in this area. By the Fall, Rita Deverell and Andrea Cambridge joined the team. With support and feedback from our new pastor, David McCleary, we divided the teaching ministry into three age groups. Andrea began developing a program for the nursery, Shelley taught the elementary children (grades 1-6) and Rita began working with the youth (grades 7 & 8). The number of children and youth present each Sunday varies from week to week, but it is especially encouraging to see a growing commitment and participation from our youth. They often collect our weekly offering. Some of the youth acted as Worship Leaders for a December 2016 service, either by writing or reading the liturgy. Our plan is to continue with this leadership role several times in 2017. The youth are also involved in greeting, and a couple of youth joined our Christmas choir.

We are deeply serious about and thankful for our programs for children and youth at Calvary. For the youth, Rita will be asking several members of the congregation to be mentors over the next months, be warned! For 2017, we are still in need of more teachers and helpers for our Sunday School program. We are particularly in need of someone to guide our nursery children as Andrea will be stepping down from her position at the end January. We thank her, and all the other teachers and helpers who have worked with our children and youth in 2016.

Pastoral Care

On February 19th, Marlene Ronson, our Pastoral Care team leader for many years, passed away suddenly in her sleep. We continue to remember Marlene and are thankful for her many years of faithful service at Calvary Baptist Church. The ministry of Pastoral Care carries on, building on her legacy of caring for others. We are particularly focused on caring for our Shut-ins, those who are no longer able to make it out to church due to declining health. At Easter, the memorial flowers were delivered to our Shut-ins along with Easter cards. And at Christmas our Shut-ins received Christmas cards signed by many members of our congregation. About once a month, Andrea Cambridge and Shelley Faulkner have been making personal visits to the Shut-ins who happen to be celebrating birthdays. Our visits are always appreciated, and it is a joy to spend time with these wonderful seniors! Other members of our congregation are also involved in caring for our seniors and Shut-ins. We are thankful to Eileen Kelley, Don Ronson, Sandra & Rob Farrant, Rex & Rita Deverell, Henry Condie, Cynthia Sneyd and others who are participating in this important ministry, formally and informally.

Conclusion

We enter 2017 with a renewed commitment to care for our children, youth and seniors, those young and old who need our support and encouragement. We pray that God will send us more children and youth, and more teachers and helpers. If anyone is interested in joining the Christian Nurture Team, in the areas of Christian Education or Pastoral Care, please speak to Shelley Faulkner (chair), Marguerite Campbell (Moderator) or Pastor David.

Shelley Faulkner (Chair)

*"Let's see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out, not avoiding worshipping together as some do but spurring each other on, especially as we see the big Day approaching."
(Heb 10:24-25 – The Message)*

Our Calvary Care Centre

We had a very busy year. We served about 7,500 clients, which was up significantly in 2016. One of the reasons was that the strict rule of clients having to visit the Centre in their area was lifted.

Our Director, Cathy Collins Williams and Assistant Director, Ann Scheuermann do a wonderful job and put in many hours. We are pleased they will be with us for this New Year. Our volunteer staffing levels are up to our required totals and the newer folks are fitting in well.

We were fortunate to receive wonderful support for food and funds from Kingston Road United Church; from students at Malvern Collegiate with 800 cans of food and funds; Shiloh; the people who joined us for Christmas dinner and of course from you, our congregation.

We look forward to the New Year as we plan to continue to serve our community. *Kathie Collins Williams, Director & Rick Moore, Team Leader*

Calvary's Teams

Worship Team – Responsible for the various aspects of the planning, preparation, presentation and evaluation of worship. *Victoria Drysdale, Carol Carney, Rex Deverell, Shelley Faulkner & 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. *Heather Mains & Frank Carney.*

Community Nurture – Ministry to individuals and families to ensure 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. *Shelley Faulkner, Rita Deverell & Andrea Cambridge.*

Outreach – In touch with neighbourhood agencies, and wider Baptist organization, this Team ensures we are informed and connected to participation in the Great Commission. Two sub-organizations within this Team are the Ganaraska Woods Conference Centre and Grace Pascoe Care Centre. *Paul Sneyd.*

Stewardship and Fundraising – Co-ordinates 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 our communication strategy including an up-to-date membership list, communicating news or coming events on our website, Facebook and other platforms. *Needs Chair & members.*

Mission Team – Made up of Chairs of Each Team

Moderator – *Marguerite Campbell* **Vice Moderator** – *Position Available*

Treasurer – *Heather Mains*

Trustees – *Evan Butchers, Sandra Farrant, Barbara Sneyd*

East End Refugee Committee

A purpose for the group has been updated as follows:

Purpose: A group of Faith Communities in the East End of Toronto have formally agreed to share with each other their outreach commitment to support refugees. This support includes:

- sponsoring persons designated as refugees by the Government of Canada to settle in Toronto
- providing companionship, advice and material aid to these refugees
- advertising the cause of refugees in neighbouring Faith Communities
- raising funds for the purpose of this initiative
- the undertaking of sponsorships which would be beyond the resources of any one Faith Community
- a continuing program of refugee sponsorship and the development of a valuable and sound experience base.

Our most recent family of four is now being assisted in bringing a sister of the father and another daughter to Canada to complete the family grouping. Our local MP is assisting in this task and we look forward to a successful family reunion.

Paul Sneyd, Outreach

Worship Team: A Review

You may have noticed that in our printed material Calvary's tag line is "The Main Thing." What does this mean? The "Main Things" Calvary offers our community is a place and space to worship. People can enjoy music, sing, socialize, learn, engage in group activities, eat and receive assistance in numerous places, but the one unique experience available only in a religious environment is communal worship.

Worship during 2016 was an adventure! Many thanks to Andrea Cambridge for shepherding us through the first half of the year as the pastoral search continued. We are unbelievably blessed that she and John decided to continue to worship with us and share their gifts as members. Summer brought us the excitement of calling David McCleary as our pastor. His fresh perspective is bringing a new spirit into our midst as we learn about each other and grow.

Daphne Hunt continued as our interim Office Admin, particularly helping to update our Church Directory. We were happy to welcome Carol Carney back from her childcare responsibilities in the Fall as she brings her ministry of the hundred unnoticed things required to prepare for Sunday mornings.

Throughout the changes in the office and pulpit, we relied on Sheelah Saunders to continue her high caliber of musical input that creates an atmosphere of energy and reverence in our services. It was with extreme reluctance that I accepted her resignation recently. She has listened to God's signal that she has completed her work at Calvary and is preparing for whatever new challenge God prepares for her. Our prayers will follow her. The Worship Team is exploring our new path for musical direction at Calvary and your prayers are requested as we look for guidance.

Throughout the year we had numerous special worship services. We joined with our fellow neighbourhood Baptist churches for a joint Good Friday Service. Easter was a ringing celebration (see Music Notes). On September 18th the Induction Service for our new pastor was a joyous affirmation of God's leading with special speaker Rev. Cam Watts and music by Tom Bell of St. Paul's Anglican Church. Then on our Anniversary Sunday we heard from Dr. Stanley Porter, Dean of McMaster Divinity College. Remembrance Day with Major Jim Hardwick brought special meaning to this significant Sunday. Advent was, as always, a special time that led us into our joyous Christmas Services, including the outstanding Candlelight Carol service. Christmas Eve and Day which were much better attended than we anticipated.

It takes many hands to coordinate each Sunday's service. Our Praise Teams and Choir are to be commended for the hours they put into prepare for their music. Our Sound Team of Sandy Drysdale, Kent Faulkner, and Dave Saunders ensure we can hear. A rotation of Worship Leaders read prayers and scripture, as well as the group that leads us in our Prayer of the People time. Thanks to our duo of Jack Vitto and Scott Elliott who set up, and the group of members who help pray over and serve Communion. Jack Vitto can rely on our youth when he taps their shoulder to take up the collection. Greeters are a friendly point of introduction for new people who attend our services. Many thanks to Margaret Ledger, who stepped down at the start of the summer, for her faithfulness in preparing the after-service refreshment. We are thrilled that Marita Vitto has stepped up to the coffee pot, (but she certainly can use help to allow her to take a few Sunday's off). Sandra Farrant, Tina Timmermans, Cynthia Sneyd and Don Ronson are the group who enhance the sanctuary with special seasonal decorations that complement our glorious sanctuary during special times. My appreciation goes to all these people (and I know I've missed many, so apologies in advance) who quietly provide the things that just seem to happen that allow us as a congregation to worship undistractedly.

Just as 2016 was a time of change, 2017 will provide our church family with continued opportunities to explore what God has in store for us. I encourage everyone to prayerful consider what gifts God has given them and how they might be used in the ministries here. There are many opportunities to participate in the Sunday worship – just look at the groups I've mentioned above. Taking an active role in worship isn't just a Biblical mandate, it bestows its own spiritual blessing. Speak to me about how you can become involved.

As Lamar Boschman said "Worship is first and foremost for His benefit, not ours, though it is marvelous to discover that in giving Him pleasure, we ourselves enter into what can become our richest and most wholesome experience in life."

*Victoria Drysdale (Team Leader) with David McCleary (Pastor);
Rex Deverell (Pastor Emeritus); Paul Sneyd & Carol Carney (Choir reps) & Shelley Faulkner*

Calvary Stewardship & Fundraising

There are four areas of emphasis for our Team. They are, Special Events, Regular Giving, Planned Giving and Rentals of our space.

Achievements in 2016

The Stewardship and Fundraising Team held two Music On Main events in 2016, on Friday evenings in May and October. These two events raised almost \$1,500 in total. In June, the 2nd Annual Treasure Find raised \$800, which was more than the previous year. The Annual Christmas Fair continues to be a successful fundraiser. Held in November, it was well attended and raised \$4,000. All of these events are great ways to attract people from the community at large so they can see that we are a warm, friendly and active congregation.

In November, Raj Thavaratnasingham, an Investment Advisor with Edward Jones, made a presentation on the subject of "Planned Giving." He provided information on three ways to help your church financially, while costing you little or nothing in the present.

1. How to make a bequest in your will, with Calvary as beneficiary,
2. Receiving a significant tax benefit by donating stock certificates. You avoid capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for a charitable donation for the full value of the shares, and
3. Gift of life insurance.

Looking ahead in 2017

There are already two Music On Main concerts planned for the spring of 2017. On Friday, March 24th, Thomas Bell, organist at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Toronto will be presenting a concert, and on Friday, May 12th, we will be honoured with the UMHB Cru (University of Mary Hardin Baylor Crusaders) men's chorus from Belton, Texas. They will also be taking the Sunday, Mother's Day service. Please mark these dates in your calendar and we will plan a third Music On Main for October.

At the Blessings Review luncheon on Sunday, January 29th, there will be a 10-minute presentation on "Regular Giving." We want to offer alternative ways of giving so that members can choose what is most convenient for them.

We will promote our beautiful facilities through advertising, social media, the church website, and other methods, to attract rental possibilities.

If you have suggestions for our Team or would like to work with us, please contact one of our members.

Gord Moore (Chair), Cynthia Sneyd, Carol Carney & Julie Patton

Two of our Canadian Baptist Ministries Field Staff

At Calvary we are fortunate to learn about what our countrywide group of Baptists are currently involved in around the world. A good example is the team of Ken and Wendy Derksen. The Derksens joined CBM as Field Staff in Rwanda in 2014, and will be working primarily on capacity building with CBM's partner the Association of Baptist Churches of Rwanda. As a Certified Management Accountant, Wendy is engaged in financial training and administrative management. Ken consults with the partner Association with particular focus on providing support for community development Projects and acting as a resource in facilities management. As an Architectural Engineering Technologist, Ken has worked in project management with various architectural and engineering firms. Together they've been active in many roles at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Saskatoon and support their community by working at the Bridge on 20th Street ministry and in youth and children's ministries. The Derksens have felt a call to local and global mission for many years. Their international focus was heightened following a short-term mission trip to Rwanda to visit CBM's Orphans and Vulnerable Children program.

Paul Sneyd, Outreach



"Music speaks what cannot be expressed, soothes the mind and gives it rest, heals the heart and makes it whole, flows from heaven to the soul". Anonymous

Oh, what a gift God gave us when He blessed us with the joy of music to enrich our lives and to praise Him! Music is a very meaningful way we express our love to our Saviour, and it is an integral part of our corporate worship experience at Calvary. Here are some of the ways that music has been an important part our church life over the past year:

Spring

I am sure you were touched by the ministry of the Easter Choir on Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday as we gave our praises to God. We also had a special Easter presentation from a group of adult "ringers" that Tom Crosby recruited, taught and led to bless us with a couple of beautiful hand bell pieces! I hope and expect that there will be more "ringing" going on in the future, with sufficient participants.

The choir enjoyed the year-end pot-luck at the Saunders home at the end of May to reminisce about our year of dedicated service.

Summer

I enjoyed attending the annual Summer Institute of Church Music conference in early July for a time of refreshment and sharing with other music directors from across Ontario. Keynote speaker, Evelyn Grieger blessed us with her choral skills and many insights, and it was well worth the trip to Whitby!

During the summer, with designated funds, we were able to do some needed repairs to the Casavant pipe organ, which included repairing some wind leaks on one manual (keyboard), securing some organ pipes and rack that were falling over, and fixing a wind leak on one of the pedals.

The organ is an expensive instrument that will need more repairs over the years to keep it in good working condition so consideration will need to be made regarding the next item of repair, based on the budget and future fund-raising efforts for this purpose.

Fall

This Fall our regular Choir and Praise Team members returned to their ongoing ministries.

For the four Sundays in Advent, as well as the Candlelight Christmas service, we were blessed with the largest Christmas Choir group we have had since its' inception! We were delighted to have two of our youth join the choir this year as we sang our special seasonal music!

Moving Forward

As I look back at this past year, I realize how quickly almost seven years have flown by since I arrived on the doorstep at Calvary Baptist Church, nervous and excited about beginning to serve as the Director of Music. I journal quite regularly and especially when I am seeking God's direction in important matters. Before I accepted the position that was offered to me by Calvary, I asked the Lord back then what purpose He had for me at this church. The answer I wrote down in my journal then was "To receive a blessing and to be a blessing to others". As I pondered and prayed about my decision, I asked to meet with the minister first so I could ask some specific questions about the work that was involved.

When we met all those years back after I asked my practical questions about the position, I asked the minister why I should come to Calvary to serve here and his exact words were "to receive a blessing and to be a blessing"! Needless to say, that was a real confirmation of God's direction for me to come serve at Calvary.

As I leave Calvary Baptist Church this month with the same sense of peace and clarity that I had when I accepted this position, I know that I have received immeasurable blessings from having ministered with you this past number of years, and for that I am forever grateful. I hope and pray that I have also been a blessing to you. As I move forward into a new chapter of my life, I leave a piece of my heart with you, but I know that God will be with you and He will guide and provide for you abundantly, as He has done in my life! God bless you, Calvary community!

Sheelah Saunders, Director of Music

When we think of the past year, our first memory is of the sudden passing of our friend and co-worker, Marlene Ronson. Marlene was a strong supporter and, along with Don, a tireless worker at Ganaraska Woods for many years. She is greatly missed.

The regular Calvary events of the year were enjoyed by all who attended. The "newcomers" weekends, held in January and April this year, will be combined, in 2017, with our "Family Day" celebration on February 20th and the Port Hope "FYFDTG" festival in April. Our other events; the Church picnic, Thanksgiving dinner, and New Year's celebration will remain as always.

The Commission faced some challenges this year as we realized in the early spring that funds had to be found to replace our pool liner. This was costly but it was accomplished in time for the opening of the summer day camp program in July. Also in July our tractor suffered severe front end damage when the water pump and fan housing broke. We are still in the process of assembling parts to restore it to operation. This fall we realized that the roofing on the older section of the lodge must be replaced. This will be a project to be completed as soon as possible next spring. These and many smaller projects are accomplished under the direction and with the work of Brian Sneyd and his co-volunteers, Terry, Glen, Larry, Kevin, and Scott. We appreciate the many hours they spend to maintain facilities.

Cynthia and Brenda continue to look after the provision of meals for our guests ably assisted by Don, Darlene, Marita, and Shawn. Several groups provide their own cooks, which gives our volunteers some relief.

We anticipate welcoming the Parish Nurses of Ontario to their first gathering at Ganaraska Woods next March. We welcome back the cubs from First Baptist, Peterborough, by far our longest running "customers," and the men of Calvary Baptist in Oshawa, one of the liveliest groups of the each year, this winter.

After meeting with the director of the Adventure Day Camp operated by Calvary Baptist Church, Oshawa, we have agreed to partner with them by providing Ganaraska Woods for their use during the month of July through 2019. We provide our facilities at a reduced cost, because we feel the excellent program of bible studies, nature studies and camping experiences they plan for young children fulfill the purposes for which Ganaraska Woods exists.

Your prayers and support are appreciated by the Commission.

Fred Sneyd, Chair

Financial Statement

	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Budget
RECEIPTS:			
Donations	500.00	20,000.00	500.00
Group Fees	40,000.00	28,182.50	35,000.00
Land Rental	400.00	400.00	400.00
Loan		2,016.09	
Total	40,900.00	50,598.59	35,900.00
EXPENDITURES:			
Bank Fees	100.00	59.40	65.00
Capital Expenditures	2,000.00	4,935.96	3,000.00
Cleaning/Kitchen	3,500.00	3,017.50	3,200.00
Groceries	7,000.00	4,613.81	5,500.00
Insurance	3,570.00	4,127.00	4,130.00
Maintenance	7,000.00	8,679.88	7,000.00
Pool	2,300.00	8,475.44	2,400.00
Property Tax	1,650.00	1,623.27	1,650.00
TV Satellite	1,100.00	1,073.48	1,100.00
Telephone	1,400.00	1,377.73	1,400.00
Utilities Hydro	9,000.00	10,767.02	10,000.00
Utilities Oil	7,500.00	5,788.79	7,000.00
Water Heater (Rental)	600.00	546.96	550.00
Total	46,720.00	55,086.24	46,995.00

January 1, 2016

Bank Balance
\$25,594.14

G.I.C.
\$10,458.40

January 1, 2017

Bank Balance
\$21,206.49

G.I.C.
\$10,458.40

Tribute Fund

During 2016 the Tribute Fund received donations to honour the memories of those who are no longer with us; to honour special events in a person's life; or to honour service and dedication to Calvary Baptist Church.

IN MEMORY OF

Dorothy Burton
Elizabeth Cleland
Peggy Knight
Grace Pascoe
Marlene Ronson
Paul Ronson
Kurt von Schilling

IN HONOUR OF

Evan Butchers 75th Birthday
Kay McCrone's 90th Birthday

Comings & Goings

This past year our church family contracted and expanded.

Deaths

Dorothy Burton
Peggy Knight
Marlene Ronson

Baptisms

Kimberley Powell
Tina Timmermans

Joined

Mabel
John & Andrea Cambridge
Dadi Hirut
David McCleary
Howard Moriah

Moved

Chanel Chai
Jennifer Hamblin
Leonard Jeudy
Jenny Ramlall

Communication Highlights

The most important part of our life together as a community happens between Sundays. We've been starting to make use of some of the current technologies for connecting and sharing. Examples include a centralized cloud-based email list (which complies with privacy laws) as well as increased use of Facebook and Instagram to reach our neighbours.

Email List

Many of you have been receiving emails each weekend with information about what to expect each Sunday. The purpose of these emails is to help us prepare prior to our coming together on Sundays by having a chance to read the scriptures that we will be focusing on together, and time to pray and prepare.

If you are not receiving these emails please check your junk mail, or subscribe using the following link: <http://calvary-baptist-church.ca/email>

You can choose which lists you would like to be included on:

- Special Events
- Spotlight Monthly Newsletter
- This Morning at Calvary: Sunday morning update
- Ganaraska Woods

Facebook

New this year: We reached out via Facebook to our neighbours by postal code (from Carlaw on the west, Brimley on the east and Danforth on the North) to advertise the Christmas Fair, and Candlelight Carol Service. Over 8000 of our neighbours saw these messages, and about 100 responded. About 20 expressed interest in hearing about future events.

Conclusion

As always, nothing can replace a face-to-face visit, and good conversation over coffee. Continue to share with each other the encouragements of where God is moving and acting in our neighbourhood and community, and pray without ceasing.

Kent Faulkner (on behalf of the Communications Team)

Christmas Community Dinner

Dinner at 3 p.m. on Christmas Day is a tradition of many years at Calvary, with members of our congregation contributing enthusiastically to ensure the event's success (including the Ronsons as food captains), Care Centre volunteers, members of other churches, a visit from Santa, and an ever-growing number of neighbours.

In 2016 we saw approximately 110 people of all ages, several cultures and languages; new wonderful food captain Marita Vitto; Paul Sneyd's carols, augmented by a back-up small orchestra; generous donations from our congregation and a Care Centre financial donor just for the dinner!; snow-person center pieces created by the children's Sunday School class and gifts packed by the Youth group plus adult volunteers. The Christmas Community Dinner felt like a great birthday party where all around came to celebrate.

Rita Shelton Deverell

Did You Know ...

- ⇒ The Church family offer their congratulations to Darlene Kelley who retired on November 30th after 39 years with the Ministry of Housing, Province of Ontario, retiring with the position of Financial Officer.
- ⇒ Love and prayers to Lorraine Griffiths as she recovers from a recent stroke – we were thrilled to see you in church again, Lorraine.
- ⇒ Our church family is delighted to know Baptist Women has appointed Andrea Cambridge to the volunteer staff role of Associate – Heritage Connections where she will work 10 hours a week to develop connections, or re-connections, between Baptist women active in their churches. Congratulations, Andrea.



January Birthdays

- 7 Evan Butchers
- 10 Paul Sneyd,
- 11 Bessie Drysdale
- 12 Scott Elliott,
Monica Justice
- 13 Alexis Petralis
- 18 Jamaal Edwards,
Dave Saunders
- 22 Olga Armstrong
- 24 John Harsell
- 25 Kay McCrone
- 27 David Collins-Williams

Affordable Housing East Highlights

2016 marked the 20th year of operation for Affordable Housing East Non-Profit Homes Inc. Our first tenants from the Grace Pascoe Care Centre moved into their new homes at 802 Eastern Avenue on January 30, 1996 and we have welcomed many families over the years to our town houses and apartments.

We are hoping to hear in March that our second fiscal year in a row has been shown a profit from the operations!. Two families have been able to secure jobs over the last two years and this in turn has enabled them to pay full market rent for their accommodation.

Our Property Managers – Community First Developments Inc. have made the past seven years a productive and fulfilling time for our tenants and we look forward to future success with this firm. In retrospect, 2016 has certainly been a happy year for Affordable Housing East!

Paul Sneyd, Outreach

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ways that God is still calling us to bring his love to the rest of the world and to each other! At the start of this journey together we turn the page on what will undoubtedly be another eventful year in the life of this church. GOD will continue to present us with opportunities, and eEach of them is calling us out of our old patterns of doing and being things so that we can continue to be the people that God has called us to be. Together we are about to embark on journey that will test our faith and call us be and do things in ways that we have never before done them. And that is okay, because we rest in the blessed assurance that we are still in God's Hands. And HE will do what HE will do in and through us. Brothers and sisters, the same God who comforted, guided us and directed our paths in the past but will lead us into a new and glorious future together!

Throughout these initial months I have appreciated and valued the help and support of the Mission Team. I could not have survived or managed to do any of the good things that I have done or am hoping to do without them!

David McCleary, Pastor

February Birthdays

- 2 Don Ronson
- 6 Denis Walmsley
- 8 Yvonne Walmsley
- 14 Sandy Drysdale
- 26 Michael Deverell

Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 29 – **Annual Blessings Review Huddle** after the service. Lasagna lunch provided.

Tuesday, February 7 – 7:30 p.m. **Mission Team Mtg**

Sunday, February 12 – **Worship Team Mtg** (after service)

Saturday, February 18 – **Winterfest at Ganaraska.**
Details to come.

Tuesday, February, 28 – *Possible???* **Shrove Tuesday** (Pancake Supper) Clarke Hall. 5:30 p.m.

March 5 – **CBOQ Sunday** (Beginning of Lent)

Friday, March 24 – **Music on Main** with Thomas Bell, organist at St. Paul's Anglican Church

Sunday, April 9 – **Palm Sunday**

Financial Highlights for the Year Ended December 31, 2016

Statement of Income & Expense

	2015 Actual	2016 Actual	2016 Budget	2017 Budget
INCOME				
Calvary Baptist Church	\$ 222,389	\$ 209,177	\$ 212,750	\$ 210,000
Grace Pascoe Care Centre	12,637	12,129	11,800	12,300
Ganaraska Woods	52,054	50,699	40,900	35,900
TOTAL INCOME	<u>287,080</u>	<u>272,005</u>	<u>265,450</u>	<u>258,200</u>
EXPENSE				
Calvary Baptist Church	203,960	198,519	214,250	216,510
Grace Pascoe Care Centre	8,956	10,266	8,800	10,600
Ganaraska Woods	49,015	55,086	46,670	46,245
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>261,931</u>	<u>263,871</u>	<u>269,720</u>	<u>273,355</u>
EXCESS INCOME/(EXPENSE)	<u>\$ 25,149</u>	<u>\$ 8,134</u>	<u>\$ (4,270)</u>	<u>\$ (15,155)</u>

Our financial picture for the year ended December 31 reflects mixed blessings. Overall, total revenue is down over the prior year. Envelope giving to the church is down, as are fees generated by Ganaraska Woods, while fundraising efforts have offset some, but not all, of the shortfall in giving. This is a multi-year trend that reflects the transitional state Calvary has been in for some time.

We were pleased to welcome Pastor David McCleary in June of this year. While he is currently engaged on a part-time basis, this interim step was taken in light of financial uncertainty. In order to fully commit to serving our community and continue to welcome new members, returning this position to a full-time appointment must be our highest priority. Accordingly, we need to take action that will lead to a balanced budget in the coming years to enable us to restore the pastor role to a full-time position.

The consolidated operating results for 2016 generated a small surplus, as certain expenses (including heating costs and salaries) were lower than the prior year and budget. However, the reduced expenditures reflect short-term savings, providing us with a modest buffer to continue as we are currently structured. Even with the implementation of many of the recommendations made in the report of the Transformation Team (January 2015), we expect to incur a deficit across the board in 2017.

The good news is that we have been blessed with an abundance of assets, including the Church and Ganaraska properties, which are fully paid for but which take time and money to maintain. Some of these assets are underutilized, while others are in full demand. We need to understand what assets we truly need in order to move forward with our vision for the next five years. This means we need to prioritize our activities, a process which may be difficult. The Mission Team will need your full support as it works to streamline and integrate our ministries. Our financial reserves will fund approximately two years of deficit operations while this important work is completed.

As congregation members, please continue to consider what time, talent and treasure you have to offer Calvary. I thank you for your prayers, for your ongoing support, and for your trust in God that we are on the right path.

Heather Mains, Treasurer



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