



# Spotlight

November 2015

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## God is at Work at Calvary

God is far from done working in this church and community. In fact, I truly believe that His greatest work through us lies ahead! Calvary has a great legacy; a legion of great men and women of faith have preceded us as God's Church in this place, and their spirits are cheering us on. We have a great name, we have a great facility, we have a great location, we have a great fellowship, and we have a great future as we **BE THE CHURCH**. We serve a great God as we listen to His gentle voice, and boldly obey.

We have terrific buildings in which to meet, but they are not the goal of our labour; only the tools of our labour. It is the people we win to God's kingdom that are the true treasures in Heaven. The fields are ripe to harvest all around us. Let us roll up our sleeves together and get busy bringing in the crop of souls that touch our lives.

As we focus on worshipping the Christ and lifting Him up for others to see, He promises that all people will be drawn to Him. We should saturate this community with an awareness that God is at work here.

As Jesus taught in His parable of the Sower (Luke 8:4-15), not every seed will produce fruit; some will land on hard ground, some on stony or weedy ground, but some will land on good soil. It's not our job to produce the harvest, just to plant the seeds.

Many of those souls that come to know Christ as a result of our witness will join God's work in this place. How exciting and rewarding it will be to see our facilities full to overflowing as, one by one, people are added to our fellowship.

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## Memorial Star Tree November 29<sup>th</sup>



The Christmas Season is fast approaching when we will again be putting up our Star Christmas Tree in the Sanctuary and decorating it with the stars honouring and remembering loved ones. November 15<sup>th</sup> is the last date to order a star. Please contact Mary Kozak at 416.698.4469 if you want a star for this year. Star and engraving \$10.

## Canadian Baptist Ministries Prayer Request



### CBM

embracing a broken world  
through word & deed

Rupen Das, CBM field staff based in The Netherlands, sends the following request:

"Churches across Europe are struggling to understand how they should respond to the refugee crisis confronting Europe. Pray for wisdom as churches and Baptist Unions figure out ways to be compassionate, while facing significant opposition within their countries to the perceived threats posed by outsiders.

Remember the Ukrainian Baptist churches as they seek to build their capacity to respond to the humanitarian crisis engulfing the country with 1.5 million internally displaced. Getting supplies into the occupied territories is now a serious challenge. Pray that God would open a way."

You're Invited to Our



## Christmas Fair

**Home Baking** ❄️ **Meat Pies** ❄️  
**Books** ❄️ **Toys** ❄️ **Preserves**  
❄️ **Candies** ❄️ **Lunch Room** ❄️  
**China** ❄️ **Crystal** ❄️ **Jewellery**  
❄️ **CD/DVDs** ❄️  
**Linens** ❄️ **Crafts**  
❄️ **Lucky Draw & more**

Something for  
Everyone

Calvary Baptist  
Church

**Saturday,  
November 21<sup>st</sup>**

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## OUR SIGN LANGUAGE

*During October:*

Love Beats Lectures. Every Time.

Be Thankful for What You Receive

Little Sins Add Up to Big Troubles

What Can You Give & Still Keep?  
Your Word!

## Christmas Community Dinner

It's not too soon to think Christmas dinner 2015. The Star Fresh Air fund has been launched and the stores are "decked out". Our community dinner will be held on Dec 25 at 300PM and we prepare for 100 guests. Kathy has already had requests from clients that they want to fill out forms for Star boxes I am encouraged that a few more volunteers to organize and get creative have come forward (through the care centre) Included in the afternoon is a visit from Santa and carol singing This is a wish list:

- Rita Deverell is again going to organize a gift package for all attendees Please donate toothpaste, socks, gloves, hand warmers, body wash, soap etc. She will need help in packaging these prior to the day. She let us know when
- It would be nice for a group to get together and make some decorations for the tables;
- Folks to come forward to help with prep on Dec 23, 24 to be ready for the day;
- Plenty of hosts and hostesses to welcome and make our guests feel at home (yes you get dinner too);
- Plenty of hot water to do dishes and cleanup on the day (yes we have run out and needed to come back another day to clean up.) That's dedication!
- Donations of turkeys and fixins to reduce expenses



Please prayerfully consider this part of our ministry together and get involved.  
*Marlene Ronson Head Elf*

## Did You Know ...

### News from Ganaraska

Congratulations to Rebecca Koehoe on receiving her registration as a Registered Practical Nurse. Rebecca has been part of the Ganaraska Retreat Centre team for many years helping with the various groups using our facilities.

### Thank You

Thank you to Sandra Farrant and Tina Timmermans for beautifully decorating our sanctuary for the Thanksgiving Season. We appreciate their talents and dedication.

### Happy Birthday

On Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> our church family enjoyed a lovely birthday cake provided by James Organ to honour the birthdays of James and Sandra Farrant. They celebrated their birthdays October 27<sup>th</sup>.

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**Be a Friend to Sinners** as I am, says Jesus;  
show them God's love.

**Be a Minimalist**, de-clutter your life of sins and  
junk that are dragging you down.

**Be Thankful in All Things**  
and look at the bright side!

**Be busy about the MAIN thing**  
... lift up the Christ of the cross.

**Be the Church!** Let others see Jesus in you!

I have been humbled by God and honoured  
by you to fill the pulpit for October, and I look  
forward to the Interim pastor, Andrea  
Cambridge, nurturing us in the faith for the  
months of November, December, and  
January.

With you in God's exhilarating work. What a  
privilege it is! *Tom Crosby*

## Riverdale Kiwanis: Now Available



See Henry or Rae Condie, Barbara or Paul  
Sneyd to order mixed nuts, fruit cake,  
shortbread and chocolate truffles.

*This ad directed to Tyndale Seminary students  
hasn't resulted in any applicants. Do you know  
someone who would be suitable?*

## Children's Ministry Teacher Needed

**Basic Function:** Work with the Sunday Morning  
Children's Ministry at Calvary Baptist Church

### Specific Responsibilities:

- Teach a class for 4 to 8 students each Sunday,  
ranging from 5 to 11 years old on Sunday  
mornings at ~11 – 11:45 am. Material can be  
provided as required.
- Communicate as needed with the Christian  
Education Team.

**Qualifications:** A follower of Christ who has  
experience with children.

**Salary:** \$15-20 an hour depending on experience.  
Estimated time two hours on Sunday morning and  
1 hour of preparation during the week.

## Reflecting Upon Fear & Faith

"Finding Faithful Living Together: An exploration of  
Islam in the midst of a climate of 'fear of the other'"  
was the topic and Imam Mohamed Jebara, chief  
Imam for the Ottawa area Sunni community shared  
his insights on Islam with The Gathering of Baptists on  
Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at First Baptist Church in  
Ottawa.

Jebara, delved into the history and language of the  
Bible and the Qu'ran. The demand of modern media  
and society is for catch phrases and words that signify  
simple concepts divesting them of the depth of what  
they really mean. Understanding the word "Islam," for  
example, as being simply submission actually  
encompasses much more. It seeks wholeness and  
completeness of the person.

He spoke about the diversity in Islam as being similar  
to Christianity and even broader. As such, the  
outlandish elements seem to get the most media  
attention. But, as was shared by others in the group,  
both extremes in Islam and Christianity are fed from  
the same source. Corporate interests have funded  
both sides and the media have lapped it up. The real  
work done by both Christianity and Islam is ignored  
and society's ideas about faith are malformed.

Jabera views Islam as more of a philosophy rather  
than a religion. In a sense, Christianity in its purest form  
is also a philosophy. Religion tends to find ways to  
exclude people as it is a structure with rules and  
expectations of belief. Western youth of today are  
astute and recognise this, they are at odds with what  
their society and government are unable to do in the  
struggle for freedom, to end poverty and protect the  
environment. In their inexperience, they see that the  
only effective means of turning the tide is to join an  
organisation like ISIS. They have bought into the  
attractiveness of heroes that seem to have better  
answers.

Jabara recalled the Sermon on the Mount and the  
two great commandments of Jesus where he says  
"love your enemies". Where traditionally we have  
thought of a person and an enemy as two things,  
there are actually three things: The two people and  
the animosity between them. Recalling the story of  
the disciples complaining that others not part of their  
group were healing in Jesus name, Jesus told them  
not to hinder them in their work. So, we are all striving  
for the good of humanity as we follow Jesus, listen to  
Muhammad and follow God together.

*Daphne L. Hunt, Admin*



## Music Notes

### Christmas Choir

As we head into November, Christmas is comin', and so is our Christmas choir! Christmas choir practices start in the church Resource Room on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 9 p.m. All subsequent practices will run weekly on Wednesdays at the same time until and including December 16<sup>th</sup>. We are looking forward to having more people join us as we prepare special music for the upcoming season.

The Christmas choir will sing on the four Sundays in Advent from November 29<sup>th</sup> to December 20<sup>th</sup>, as well as for the wonderful Candlelight service held on the evening of December 13<sup>th</sup>. If you are planning to participate in Christmas choir, please let Carol Carney or I know the dates you will be available so we will have adequate copies of music available for everyone. See you at the first practice!

### Praise Team

The next monthly praise team practice is on Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary, so please mark that on your calendars.

### Organ Music

We are delighted that Fred Sneyd has returned since mid-October to bless us with his lovely organ playing (preludes, postludes etc.), and will continue to do so this fall. As well, Fred will be playing all the music for the Remembrance Day service on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> when I will be at the annual Calvary ladies' retreat, at Ganaraska Woods. Thanks so much, Fred!

*Sheelah Saunders, Director of Music*

## Canadian Baptist Ministries Hopeful Gifts Catalogue

In a world broken by extreme poverty, health pandemics such as HIV and AIDS, civil conflict and other global issues, we are there to respond with God's love and compassion.

Together with church partners around the world, CBM has the community presence, commitment and local expertise to transform the lives of people most impacted by the pressing issues of our time.

Your purchase of gifts from CBM's Hopeful Gifts Catalogue will give marginalized children and families what they need for fuller and healthier lives. The best way to honour your loved ones is to give someone in our world the gift of life.

Catalogues are available in Calvary's foyer or on-line at [www.cbmin.org/cbm/giftcatalogue](http://www.cbmin.org/cbm/giftcatalogue)



CALVARY SPOTLIGHT

## November Birthdays

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| 1  | Shelton Deverell                 |
| 5  | Irene Armstrong                  |
| 13 | Cynthia Sneyd                    |
| 14 | Audrey Freeland                  |
| 15 | Peggy Knight<br>Shelley Faulkner |
| 19 | Domenico Vitto                   |
| 23 | Nancy Moore                      |
| 24 | Alexander Kelley                 |
| 25 | Marlene Ronson                   |

## Upcoming Events

Friday - Sunday, November 6, 7, 8 – **Ladies' Retreat** at Ganaraska. "This is our Story" with Leaders Wendy Cowley Dunits & Marlene Barnett. Learn, eat, share, eat, laugh, eat, cry and perhaps, eat! \$80 contact Cynthia Sneyd to RSVP

Sunday, November 8 – **Remembrance Day Service** at 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, November 17 – **Movie Night** at the Drysdale screen "The Drop Box" about a Korean pastor who takes in unwanted babies

Saturday, November 21 – **Christmas Fair** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sunday, November 29 – **Advent I Star Tree**

Tuesday, November 24 – 7:00 p.m. **Mission Team Mtg**

Sunday, December 13: **Candlelight Carol Service** 7:30 p.m.



## The Main Thing • Calvary Baptist Church

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