



Spotlight



The Changing Season

September/October

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Induction Service

for David McCleary

Sunday, September 18th

7:30 p.m.

Message from Rev

Cam Watts

Special Music by

Choirmaster of St

Paul's Anglican

Church, Thomas Bell

Refreshments

to Follow

"To every *thing there is* a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven" ... these famous words most will recognise from the folk song "Turn! Turn! Turn!" The folk song was originally written by Pete Seeger, but was made famous by the folk rock band "The Byrds" in the 1960s. But are the words first penned by the writer of the Old Testament book Ecclesiastes. It's a complicated, bittersweet mix of emotions. A mood of confusion about the state of the world and the changing times that they saw about them. And like the original writer, Seeger's words reflected the general observations about the state of the world and the melancholy tinged words of the song reflect the complicated mix of emotions people experience in the changing of seasons of life.

Changes are happening all around, kids are eyeing the upcoming school year with dread, parents with relief – the CNE always marking the unofficial end of summer and the days are getting shorter! Looking around us, we see a larger community that are experiencing a changing season as well – there is a change of neighbours and places in our Beach community as well, as the very landmarks around our long established church transform right before our eyes. It seems that we as a church are not the only ones experiencing changes and the complicated feelings associated with a change of season as the times turn and turn! But having gone through a number of major changes ourselves, my prayer is that we as a community become more sensitive to the plight of those around us experiencing similar things. Then we can perhaps minister to the needs of our friends, neighbours and relations as we live out the love of God and Jesus at this changing of seasons.

But I am guessing that many of us can relate to those feelings. We here at Calvary Baptist Church are in a new season of our church's life together ... The long search for a pastor is finally over. And slowly we are all starting to get to know each other and grow together as we face the current challenges of our lives presently as a church family, as we gear up and prepare for what is ahead, all the while praying and waiting with expectancy for what God is preparing for us and do and be. And this is all so that we can be good ministers to each other and to the Beach community. We all are in a new season of our lives together. It's my hope and prayer that we can learn, and grow together as a church family and rely in and trust the love of God at work in us, and each other. So that we can together be ready for this new season of growth, of ministry to friends and strangers alike, and figuring out together just the kind of church family that God is shaping us into, so that we can obediently and expectantly step into this new season trusting God to do more in us than we could have previously hope for or imagined!

Peace, David ©

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

Our Christmas Fair



Our Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday, November 26th this year. Our community shoppers will be looking for a variety of gift giving items such as china, glass and crystal gifts, vintage jewellery, toys, crafts and CDs/DVDs, etc.

AND our famous food area with baked goods, meat pies, jams, pickles, pies, cookies, muffins, candies and fudge on the "longest display of homemade goodies in the Beach area."

We need your time and talents to help ensure our Christmas Fair is once again our major fundraiser of the year. You can help by setting aside nice saleable items that you don't use anymore or by getting out your favorite recipes. Can you help at Friday's set up starting at 10 a.m. and on Saturday sale day 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.?

Talk to Cynthia Sneyd, Eileen Kelly or Rick Moore for your part to make this a successful fundraising event.

Rick Moore

Our Sign Language

Over the summer months we have had several comments about the messages we put on our sign. Here are some of the ones we used:

Church Picnic

"God make me the person my pet thinks I am"

"Pray only on days that end in "Y"

"The spirit of the Lord is working in this place"

And just after the massive rain storm –

"Whoever is praying for rain, please stop"

And after the rain did stop we added "Thank You."

Handbell Choir

Auditions for Handbell Choir will be held Thursday, September 15th at 7 p.m. at the first practice. If you are interested, please come! We need three more ringers to make up a choir.

Practice times will be Tuesday or Thursday evenings 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Dates for performances will be Sunday, October 30th and Sunday, December 4th. If you have any questions speak to Tom Crosby or give him a call 647.299.3837.

Anniversary Sunday

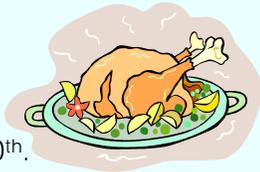
Calvary's Anniversary Celebration will take place in late October with a Pot Luck Luncheon. Once a special speaker is confirmed the date will be announced .

Request from the Care Centre

When grocery shopping please look for non-perishable foods on sale, such as: Pasta sauce, canned tuna, salmon, beans, rice, noodles, Mac & Cheese, Cookies, Crackers, Baby Food etc. We can never have enough food to share with our neighbours. Thanks.

Ganaraska Woods

Remember Thanksgiving Day and Dinner at Ganaraska Woods on Monday October 10th.



On June 18th, 2016, family and friends of Marlene Ronson plant a red maple tree in remembrance of Marlene's love for her Lord Jesus Christ. She was passionate about Ganaraska's outreach to all those, young and old, who come to this beautiful retreat centre to enjoy fellowship and reflection away from the busy world we live in.



Happy September! I hope you had a wonderful summer, and you were able to have a change of pace from your usual routines. I felt very refreshed when I attended the annual Summer Institute of Church Music conference in early July. It was a great time to connect with other music directors from all over and be inspired by keynote speaker, Evelyn Grieger (Minister of Music at First Baptist Church, Edmonton), and other excellent music clinicians. It was well worth the trip to Whitby!

Choir

Choir begins again on Wednesday, September 14th at 7:30 p.m. in the Resource room. Choir members, please bring your daytimers/schedules to the practice for the months of October and November, as I will need to know your availability for planning purposes. The first choir performance of the year will be on Sunday, September 25th. If you can sing in tune and are interested in being part of this music ministry, please speak to me as I would love to chat with you and hear your voice. In particular, we would be delighted to have some more fellows join the choir to help balance out our sound!

Praise Team

Monthly practices will start again on Wednesday, September 21st from 6:30 to 7:25 p.m. in the sanctuary, before the choir meets. Practices (in addition to Sunday mornings) will continue on the third Wednesday of the month where we will focus primarily on new music. If you enjoy contemporary Christian music and you are interested in joining the team, I'd love to speak with you. Team members need a nice singing voice, and a clear sense of rhythm.

Organ Repairs

As you know, our Casavant pipe organ is a beautiful instrument requiring regular maintenance, with occasional expensive repairs. Two repairs completed this spring were repairing the wind leaks on the Choir manual (one of the three keyboards), as well as securing some of the organ pipes and rack that were leaning and falling over! These repairs were paid from a church specials fund. As a result of the fund-raising evening on May 13th, \$600.00 was raised which meant a small repair on the Pedal Bourdon with some wind leaks was also able to be repaired, and this work was completed in early summer. Thanks for your contributions, folks! Instrument maintenance and repairs, although often seemingly invisible and at times costly, are necessary in order to keep the church musical instruments in good condition.

Handbell Choir

I was very happy that Tom Crosby agreed to lead another seasonal handbell choir this fall, with projected performances on Sunday October 30th and December 4th. In July, Tom and I spent some time sorting through an array of handbell music purchased and used by Fred Sneyd in his work with the Beach Bells children's choir. Thanks to Fred's efforts with that group, there's quite a selection to choose from for future hand bell performances!

If you're interested in auditioning for the fall handbell choir, please speak to Tom Crosby soon as practices will be starting shortly.

Sheelah Saunders, Director of Music

Induction Service for David McCleary as Pastor of Calvary

Sunday, September 18 @ 7:30 p.m.

The members of Calvary Baptist Church are pleased to officially welcome our new Pastor David McCleary.

The Induction celebration will include special music by the Choirmaster of St Paul's Anglican Church, Thomas Bell, and guest speaker, Rev. Cam Watts. Refreshments will follow.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, September 13th – 7:30 p.m. **Mission Team Mtg.**

Wednesday, September 14th – **Start up Choir Practice** 7.30 p.m.

Sunday, September 18th – **Induction Service** for Pastor David McCleary (see page 1), followed by refreshments.

Wednesday, September 21st – **Start up Praise Team Practice** 7.30 p.m.

Sunday, September 25th – **Recovenanting Service.**

Sunday, October 9th – **Thanksgiving Service.**

Monday, October 10th – **Thanksgiving Day & Supper** at Ganaraska Woods.

Tuesday, October 11th – 7:30 p.m. **Mission Team Mtg.**

Friday, October 14th – **Music on Main** at 7:30 p.m.

Outreach Happenings

1. On August 16th the 17th "Family" for the East End Refugee Committee arrived at Malton airport from Jakarta, Indonesia via Amsterdam, Holland. His name is Mustafa Hussain and he escaped from Sudan and speaks only Arabic. We have rented a room in a Scarborough apartment for him to stay. The apartment tenant is an Arabic speaking gentleman named Samuel who was a refugee to Canada in 2002 and is now in the heating/air conditioning repair business. When we explained to Mustafa, through Samuel translating, that his Permanent Resident paper meant that he could live in Canada for the rest of his life if he wants to and that he is no longer a refugee – he beamed from ear to ear!

2. On August 28th the Dufferin Street Baptist Church used their weekend booking at Ganaraska Woods to use the swimming pool to baptize a family of four from their congregation. This congregation has held baptisms at Ganaraska Woods on many August congregational retreats that they have held since 1986.

3. On August 24th the Grace Pascoe Care Centre volunteer workers were recognized by our congregation by leaving by bus to Ganaraska Woods for a day in the pool and the sun. About 25 people boarded the bus at the church at 9:30 a.m. and returned about 7:30 p.m. A bbq luncheon and dining room supper prepared by Don and Shawn Ronson highlighted the day.

4. On September 3rd Sara Gebrahewet, an Eritrean former refugee whom the East End Refugee Committee welcomed to Canada along with her mother and five brothers in 2010, was married at St. Michael Eritrean Orthodox Church in Toronto. She married Mebrhatom Yohannes of Calgary in a ceremony, which lasted for five hours. A number of our East End Refugee Committee were delighted to attend this event. *Paul Sneyd*

Stewardship & Fundraising Team

Mark your calendars for two important upcoming events.

Music On Main – Friday, October 14, 2016 in the church. The first Music On Main concert last May was a great success, so we have decided to make it a series. This concert will feature a variety of very talented performers. There will also be a surprise performance, the likes of which has never been seen in our sanctuary! You will not want to miss this! Tell your friends. Cost is only \$10.

Planned Giving Opportunities – At the regular Huddle after church on Anniversary Sunday, there will be a short presentation/seminar on Planned Giving. Learn how you can support Calvary in the future at minimal cost to you now. We will also answer your questions. *Gord Moore*

September Birthdays

2 Lorraine Griffiths
7 Tristan Drysdale
24 Frank Carney



October Birthdays

5 Doris Harsell 6 Diane Tisdall
9 Heather Mains
15 Shelly Faulkner, Anna McCleary
20 Doreen Oberlin 26 Asher McCleary
27 Sandra Farrant, James Organ
30 Barry Tisdall

Worship Team Update

It's been an exciting summer as our new pastor David gets comfortable in his role. It will be a learning experience for us all as we discover new ways to move forward together. On September 18th at 7:30 p.m. we will have the official Induction Service for David. Please plan to attend and support his new ministry here. Then the next Sunday, September 25th, we hold our annual Recovenanting Service, where we as a congregation pledge to support each other as a worshipping and ministering family of God at Calvary for the coming year. The Anniversary Service will follow in late October (once the speaker is confirmed) followed by a Pot Luck Luncheon and Huddle.

I ask for your prayers for Pastor David and the entire Worship Team as we work together to provide uplifting worship. If you have any suggestions or concerns, please contact me.

Victoria Drysdale (vdrysdale@sympatico.ca)

Love, Prayers & Sympathy

- ⇒ The love, prayers and sympathy go out to those who mourn the passing of former members, relatives of, and former members, of our church family.
- ⇒ Dorothy Burton, a long time member of our church family, passed away on May 6th. To her children, Nancy, Linda, Howard and John we extend our love, our prayers and our sympathy. Dorothy was a long time member of Calvary Baptist Church. Nancy attends Calvary.
- ⇒ Some of our older members will remember the Boyd family who played an important part in the life of Calvary a number of years ago. Stan Boyd Jr. passed away in Tavistock, Ontario July 17th. We send our love, prayers and sympathy to his wife, Audrey and children Karen, Laurie and Kathy.
- ⇒ Paul Ronson, brother of Don Ronson, passed away July 23rd. Our love, prayers and sympathy go out to his wife, Glenna, his son Stephen, his daughter-in-law Carol, his grandchildren Paul, Laurie and Stephanie, and his brother Don and his family.
- ⇒ Enid Rowe, mother of Janet Elliott of our church family, passed away August 15th in Stratford. To her husband, Doug, her daughters Julie, Peggy and Janet, son-in-law Scott and granddaughter Lily, we send forth our love, prayers and sympathy. Enid was a faithful and dedicated member of Ontario Street Baptist Church in Stratford.

Congratulations

- ⇒ Congratulations to Leslie Harsell, daughter of Doris and John Harsell, who graduated from Grade X11. The church family has watched Leslie grow up from a little girl to a high school graduate. Our best wishes, Leslie, in your future endeavours.

Wedding Bells

- ⇒ The first United Church established in Toronto, Berkley United, Berkley Street, was the setting of the wedding of Lisa Mangamo and Ryan Hoday Saturday afternoon, August 20th at 5 o'clock. Ryan is the son of Lorraine and Frank Hoday and grandson of Mary Kozak. Instead of a best man, Ryan's sister, Rachel, was groomsman. Our church family send Lisa and Ryan their loving wishes as they start their life together.

Update from Smooth Rock Falls:*Former Member Diane Houzer's Mission Trip*

First of all, thank you for your prayers. We had a great week with the children as well as the adults from Bethal church. VBS went smoothly and the kids seemed to enjoy it. The adults had fun too.

The ladies night was a blessing I think to all who attended. Two from our group gave testimonies that resonated with a few ladies there. I was able to spend quite a bit of time with one lady (CindyLou) who shared her story with me. We laughed, cried, and prayed together. So many hurting people.

One of the moments I will never forget is the pastor's youngest, Tavilya, who is 4, autistic and mostly non-verbal, give a prayer on our last day there. I had spent a morning with her while mom and our leader had coffee. She is also a runner so I had my hands full entertaining her. Anyhow, on Saturday evening as we were praying for the church and her family (during which time I was holding her and trying to keep her from wiggling away, she clasped her hands, closed her eyes and started to pray loudly (she had gotten down by then). We all stopped and listened to her. The only words I understood was Mamma, Dada, and Eli (her brother). I'm sure God understood more than I. Her prayer went on for about three minutes. What a blessing that was. Brought tears to my eyes.

Thank you to all you who helped make this possible.

Diane Houzer

Finance and Facilities Team Spotlight Report

Financial Results for the 8 months to August 31, 2016

Statement of Income and Expense

INCOME	Actual	Budget
General Offering	\$ 45,995	\$ 54,362
Leroux	71,600	71,600
Shiloh & other rentals	6,925	7,767
Fundraising and other	-	667
TOTAL INCOME	124,520	134,396
EXPENSE		
E - Facilities Team	48,242	57,474
F - Ministry Support and Admin	9,409	8,126
G - Worship Team	3,941	2,678
H - Christian Education Team	200	1,433
I - Pastoral Care Team	566	2,016
K - Finance & Stewardship Team	4,003	6,725
L - Salaries and Benefits	56,600	65,852
TOTAL EXPENSE	122,961	144,304
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 1,559	\$ (9,908)

Our financial picture to the end of August reflects mixed blessings. Our revenue is down, with income from the congregation of \$46k below budget and prior year by almost \$10k. This is due mainly to a decline in envelope giving. It has not been offset by other revenue sources and therefore represents a concerning trend for our long term sustainability.

We are fortunate that most expense categories are at or below budget. To date, facilities costs are lower than budget and prior year (\$48.2k vs. \$57.5k) due to lower natural gas costs (\$4.5k as a result of the warm winter. Maintenance expenditures are also below budget (\$8k vs. \$12k), although with an aging building it is always a challenge to predict repairs due to there are many competing priorities for funds to maintain our facility. We are mindful that ongoing repair expenses could arise later in the year, reducing the buffer. Salaries are also below budget due to a later than expected start date for our new pastor.

The result is that instead of an operating loss as budgeted, we have achieved a modest surplus position for the first eight months of the year.

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

Heather Mains



The Main Thing • Calvary Baptist Church

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