



Spotlight

Salt & Light

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven"

Matthew 5:16



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Annual Blessing Review Issue

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Ministry Priorities

All that happens at Calvary, can be divided into three categories that comprise our ministry as a church:

II) Care for the Congregation – Worship, Discipleship & Pastoral Care,

II) Care for the Wider Community – Outreach: GPCC, Ganaraska, Seniors & Ministry Partnerships

III) Ministry Foundations – Financial foundation/ sustainability and Facilities.

The theme for this year's Annual Blessings Review is Matthew 5:13-16, the portion of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount where He talks about us being the Salt and Light.

Being salt and light isn't about drawing out our own saltiness to make us more tasty, or mustering up all the light we can find inside us and trying to glow – our saltiness and our light come from God, and are for God, helping other to taste and see that the Lord is good through their interactions with us.

There are some tasty things that have been happening this year, bringing flavour to our shared life in Christ: sharing God's love with our neighbours who are utilizing the Food Bank; sharing one another's burdens as we call or stop by to check in on one another; sharing our Sunday morning services of praise and worship in-person, online, and on the phone. We have also tasted God's love as we've shared prayers together and surrendered all we face into His faithful and trustworthy hands.

The image of a city on a hill, reminds us that we're not alone in trying to share our "little lights" pointing to Jesus – the "Light of the World." I've loved seeing how working together as a church, and with other churches and organizations in our neighbourhood, we've been able to shine even more brightly. We may have been the ones to open up the space for the Food Bank, but we see donations teeming in from the broader community. We have a lovely gymnasium, but it's even more lovely to see it used by different groups – whether the weekly ladies badminton matches on Tuesday mornings, Logos' basketball tournament, the Daycamp we put on with Christ Church Toronto, or a distribution centre for Toronto Star boxes!

We may not know how God is going to use us as a church body, our facilities, or our different partnerships in 2023, but what is clear, is that as we share in life with each other and our neighbours, as we pray and step out in faith to pursue His will for us individually and corporately, as we look to represent and reflect the "Light of the World" with our "little light" wherever we go and whatever we do – together, we will shine a light too bright to miss, that points back to our ever-present God.

I love fresh starts on the calendar. Whether it's a new month, a new calendar year, a birthday, the school year – every time there's a change in season, it helps me to reset and refocus with God on how He wants me to grow, and what He wants me to focus on doing, or being. As we celebrate a fresh start in our church ministry year with the Annual Blessings

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

Jesus said we are **“the salt of the earth”** and **“the light of the world.”** The metaphors of salt and light specifically address the impact believers should have in this world. They should shine, preserve and add flavour.

As a salty preservative, 2022 started out with the continuation of our Covid-style worship which provided four options for joining worship (in person, on line, phone and Facebook) and virtual choir and music. Our Sunday services enabled our church family to connect, contribute and worship in an ongoing challenging time.

With the relaxing of restrictions and the Anniversary Service on September 18th with former Pastor John Dickinson we added additional flavour to our worship with live music, a praise team leading hymns and after-service treats.

Finally we strive to let people shine with contributions to various aspects of worship by numerous people. We are the body of Christ and all of us have gifts that God has given us to use.

The gifts of our talented preaching team of Ruth Bartlett, Andrea Cambridge, Rex Deverell and Shelley Faulkner, are rotated with the addition of Shawn Ronson, Patricia Elkerton, Howard Moriah, Neil Zagala from Logos, and during Advent, Frank Carney and myself. This not only includes giving the message, but providing liturgy.

The Prayers of the People group focus our corporate prayers thanks to Ruth Bartlett, Andrea Cambridge, Rex Deverell, myself, Shelley Faulkner, Barbara Sneyd, and Tina Timmermans. Extra thanks to Carol for organizing our prayers.

Minister of Music Han Na Kim continued to select, record and distribute music for most of the year. Our virtual choir of Ruth Bartlett, Andrea and John Cambridge, Carol Carney, Rex Deverell and Tina Timmermans (ably mixed by Kent Faulkner and when Kent's away Shelton Deverell) became the Praise Team of John, Carol and Tina leading singing in the sanctuary. From Anniversary Sunday onward Han Na has provided inspiring music live from the piano and organ. We've even added an additional praise song for more flavour.

Providing a friendly voice and leading responses, our Greeters set the opening tone of warmth and inclusion and Carol Carney, myself, Patricia Elkerton, Sharon Mole, and Shawn Ronson.

While we don't have a Sunday School, Darlene Kelley let her light shine by compiling Children's

packs to keep young ones attending entertained with books, colouring pages and markers. The Logos congregation has offered to allow any kids from Calvary to join their children's ministry programming as well.

Scripture reading and communion prayers are opportunities to let gifts shine, stretch comfort zones and not over-salt our services with only a few voices. It's a long list of contributors, but worthy of mention: Nancy Burton, Andrea Cambridge, John Cambridge, Frank Carney, Michael Deverell, Rex Deverell, Rita Deverell, Shelton Deverell, Sandy Drysdale, myself, Patricia Elkerton, Sandra Farrant, Kent Faulkner, Darlene Kelley, Heather Mains, Sharon Mole, Shawn Ronson, Barbara Sneyd, Cynthia Sneyd, Fred Sneyd, Paul Sneyd, Tina Timmermans, Barry Tisdall and Marlene West.

While many churches have struggled to keep their congregation worshipping corporately, Calvary has been blessed with exceptional IT skills that shine brightly. Led by Kent Faulkner, as mentioned previously, Calvary has illuminated worshipper's lives across the globe, enabling members and visitors to participate in services on whichever platform fits their Covid comfort level. Sunday plans are given to Admin Tanya Hardeo to populate the slides and "This Sunday" e-mail, I fine tune, John Cambridge and Shelley Faulkner proof, Kent adds music as required and uploads them to our meeting site, then Saturday a run-through is done and Sunday Kent sets up the sound, monitors, cameras, and launches the service, Shawn Ronson starts the videos and Sandy Drysdale advances the slides.

Advent and Christmas was a very "salty" time. After two Christmases of minimal decorating, Carol Carney, Sharon Mole and Tina Timmermans ensured the light and brightness of the Star Tree and other decorations preserved our traditions and added flavour. The Candlelight Carol Service brought great joy with live music, singing, readings and treats (thanks Tina, Darlene, Patricia & Carol).

We currently have about 20 in person, and another dozen on line or phone. Each person is welcome to participate at their own comfort level, as people attend in whatever way, distance, or wear masks. While our numbers are small, our faith is mighty, more than able to continue to be salt and light as we provide worship for our community looking for what only a faith community can provide.

Worship Team: Victoria Drysdale Chair, Ruth Bartlett, Andrea Cambridge, Rex Deverell, Kent Faulkner, Darlene Kelley, Han Na Kim & Paul Sneyd

Pastoral Care



Light and darkness are things we experience daily as day turns to night, and we are acutely aware of this cycle in the short, cold, dark days of January. As I sit writing this report, it is another dull and overcast day in Toronto. We usually get an average of 3 hours of sunshine per day in Toronto in January,

but this January has been exceptionally dark – in the first two weeks of January we only received a total of 3 hours of sunshine!

Light and darkness are not just a function of the sun and the moon, they are also experienced at an emotional and spiritual level. St. Augustine described his experience of God using the metaphor of the sun: "I couldn't look at the sun directly, but I could look at where the light fell." Where did we see the light fall in 2022 through the ministry of Pastoral Care? Where did light shine in the darkness?

Pastoral Care is not done by one person, or even by one team. Pastoral Care is each member of our church community doing large and small acts of kindness, shows care to one another. I am thankful for the following people and the ways that their thoughts, words, and deeds brought light to our community:

Our pastors (Ruth Bartlett, Rex Deverell, and Andrea Cambridge) and our lay leaders (myself, Shawn Ronson, Patricia Elkerton, Victoria Drysdale, and Frank Carney), brought light as the Word of God was spoken every Sunday morning. *continued on page 6*

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Review Service and Huddle, it's a beautiful moment for each of us to reflect on how God has used us this past year, and ask Him how He wants to use us in the days, weeks, months, or even years to come. I had plans and ideas for the start of this year, but coming back from Christmas break, I recognized that maybe my timing and ideas didn't quite line up with God's. It's ok to reassess and recognize when we need to step back from what we thought we wanted to do, and step into the rest, task, project, or growth that we feel God calling us to in the new season.

So Calvary, where and how is God calling you to be salt this year? How is God asking you to flavour your church family and neighbourhood with God's love in new ways, or join in what God's already up to? Where and how is God calling you to be light this year? To filter out the things you think you "should do" or "could do," and shine brightly in the ways you feel God is calling you to be, serve, and do for this season?

In 2023, and with each fresh start, may we take the time we need to help discern the good deeds that God is calling us to do, and may we seek to glorify Him in all we think, say, and do, shining God's light and passing the salt to all those around us.

Love and Blessings, Pastor Ruth

Hearing Stories of Other Churches

Throughout 2022, myself (Ministry Strategy Committee - MSC), Heather Mains (Mission Team - MT), and Gord Moore (Building Committee - BC) have taken the time to visit other churches to see how they come to decisions regarding how they change their buildings to suit their ministry needs. We visited Toronto United Mennonite Church, which has one building with joint ownership between three groups. We and other members of the BC, MT and MSC went to visit the renovated space of the Church of St. Aidan and then debriefed what we all noticed.

Most recently, in Mid-January, the three teams had a virtual interview with Elaine Poproski, pastor of Walmer Road Baptist Church, where they had to find new solutions fast since, "a very large piece of plaster caved in off the ceiling in the middle of the sanctuary." As she spoke, it was comforting for us to hear shared struggles that both churches face, challenging to hear some of the ways we need to trust God more with our efforts, and she also asked us some helpful questions to ponder about the different factors we are trying to address as we go through this renewal and revisioning process.

There is a lot more for our teams to unpack together, but as we do, and as we learn from other churches and organizations, we would appreciate your prayers that God would help us continue to develop and implement His plans for our ministry and building here at 72 Main Street. *Pastor Ruth*

Calvary Birthdays

February

- 2 Don Ronson
- 14 Sandy Drysdale
- 18 Omer Tolentino
- 26 Michael Deverell & Aileen Tolentino
- 27 Audrey Parris

March

- 4 Janet Elliott
- 7 Marita Vitto
- 8 Tina Timmermans
- 11 Barbara Sneyd
- 17 Ruth Bartlett & Fred Sneyd
- 19 Barbara Gibbings
- 27 Lily Elliott



Tribute Fund

During 2022 the Tribute Fund received a donation to honour Audrey Freeland.

Upcoming Events

February 5 – Annual Blessings Review.

February Preachers:

- 12 Shelley Faulkner
- 19 Rev. Ruth Bartlett
- 26 Rev. Rex Deverell

March Preachers:

- 5 Rev. Ruth Bartlett
- 12 Rev. Andrea Cambridge
- 19 Shelley Faulkner
- 26 Rev. Rex Deverell

Tuesday Small Group Connections - Virtual

Provision Time @ 7:30 p.m.

February 7 and March 7 & 28.

Prayer Time @10 a.m. February 14 & 28 and March 21.

Tuesday January 31 @ 7:30 p.m. Meet Your Beaches—East York MPP Mary-Margaret McMahon. To share views on local issues. St. Aidan's (2423 Queen East at Silverbirch)

55+ Board Games & Cards Afternoons:

First Saturday monthly – 1:30 to 4 p.m.

GPCC & Little Pantry: Non-perishable food donations are welcomed: Contact the Care Centre team at gpcc@calvary-baptist-church.ca.

Grace Pascoe Care Centre CALVARY SPOTLIGHT

We know God answers prayer! From what was a worry about resources and leadership a year ago has blossomed into a vital service that not only serves the community but has brought the community together.

Isaiah 58: 11 "The Lord will guide you always."

Calvary's Food Bank reopened in May 2022 following a two-year hiatus due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

The Food Bank had a very busy end of year. We continue to serve on average 210 individuals each week, with our highest being closer to 240. Daily Bread Food Bank predicts that 2023 will see an even larger demand for food, with their ability to meet the need diminishing. Calvary is providing an essential service to the community, without which many would go hungry. Many neighbours who come to GPCC for food say it is a warm and welcoming space, and this is because of the hard work Calvary has done to update Harris Hall, as well as the friendly faces of the volunteers.

Calvary volunteers Tina Timmermans and Shawn Ronson were instrumental in working with Community Centre 55 to prepare the space and recruit volunteers Adrienne Scott and Debbie Visconti to take on the Outreach and Food Bank Director positions. Most of our volunteers have been with us since we opened at the end of May, and are incredibly committed to the food bank. We have a crew on Wednesday who unload the food delivery, and another crew who come after work on Thursday evenings to serve our neighbours. Without them, we would not be able to serve this community each week – their commitment to the community is heartwarming. Please come meet the gang one day!

Thanks to some of our extra-keen volunteers, we were able to give small Christmas gifts to all of the people who came through our doors the week before Christmas, including new books for the many children we serve. All of these gifts were donated by generous volunteers and their networks.

Calvary has opened its home and heart to shine a light on this essential service to our community. This has led to tremendous support from the Upper Beach community, with a number of food drives being directed to us. In addition to food donations, many volunteers and Beach community members provided financial support, which helps us buy groceries to supplement our Daily Bread delivery. We are running out of room to store all the donations we have, so we are hopeful to find more room in the church soon!

2023 will be a very busy one at the Food Bank, and we appreciate all the support from this wonderful community!

*Adrienne Scott, GPCC Outreach Director,
Tina Timmermans, GPCC Stewardship Group*

Ganaraska Woods Retreat Centre 2022

The year 2022 at Ganaraska Woods Retreat Centre was more of the same because of the pandemic. No groups and trying to keep the space running with as minimal expense as possible. Thanks be to God as He has seen us through.

We operated without any user groups because of COVID restrictions. God enabled us to maintain the grounds and buildings throughout the year. Brian Sneyd and Kevin Littlewood were the hands and feet to maintain the property and buildings. Thanks to them for all their efforts.

On June 18th a small number of folks from Calvary attended a limited get together for a socially distanced picnic. Warmth, sun, and fun was had by 12 or so folks.

Hallelujah – we were able to end the year 2022, (not since 2019) with our first in-person, down at 'The Woods' New Year's Eve Watch Night service, led by Shelley Faulkner. There was also an online streaming option available. It was a little earlier in the evening and still a wonderful time, with a yummy potluck dinner that was had by all those in attendance. Eleven folks were there and 6 stayed overnight. Better news is our first user group of 24 youth and leaders from East Toronto Chinese Baptist Church used the space from January 6 to 8 of 2023. We are taking users again. In 2023 we will be operating as a self-serve facility. Church groups and families of faith can rent the space and use the kitchen to prepare meals as needed on their schedule.

God has also put together a wonderful, knowledgeable, and supportive group of people on the Commission that has helped me greatly during a third year as chair. A sincere thanks to Sharon Mole, Scott Elliot, Jack Vitto, Barbara and Paul Sneyd, Shelley and Kent Faulkner, Fred Sneyd and Brian Sneyd. I thank God for each one of them.

Ganaraska Woods is currently slowly emerging from a two-year hibernation, is reopening, and will always continue to "Build the Kingdom of God" and serve as a Christian Retreat Centre and camp. In 2023 your family is welcome to visit.

We appreciate the continued prayers and support of the people of Calvary.

Chair, Shawn Ronson



LeRoux & Logos Our Partners in Christ

For over two decades, Calvary has shared our space with LeRoux Froebel Bilingual School. Until 2019, this was primarily a business arrangement that enabled Calvary to pay our bills with fees earned through the arrangement. In 2019, Neil and April Zagala became the new owners of Leroux. Shortly thereafter, Pastors Andrea and Ruth began to hold weekly prayer sessions with Pastor Neil. These weekly prayer sessions led us to Logos Global Mission Church, who began using Clarke Hall (the auditorium-like space in our older building) for worship and discipleship. We are blessed that our space is being occupied with those who share our Christian beliefs and desire for shared ministry.

Toronto Star Santa Fund: THANK YOU

First and foremost I would like to thank the Toronto Star for their Santa Claus Fund initiative. The Toronto Star Santa Claus Fund, established in 1906, is a registered charity that provides 50,000 gift boxes containing warm clothing (sweater, hat and mitts), an age related toy, an age related book, cookies or candies and finally, dental hygiene items. These are distributed at Christmas time to underprivileged children throughout Toronto, Brampton, Mississauga, Ajax and Pickering. Every cent that is donated goes to the children, the Star picks up all administrative costs.

There are many depots and ours at Calvary received 940 boxes. The term "many hands make light work" is so appropriate here. I would like to give a big THANK YOU to all those that volunteered to make Christmas time a little more joyous for these children. The volunteers helped unload the truck, organize the boxes into routes and deliver them – and we did it in a week! I guarantee that this was such a heart-warming experience for all those involved and totally opened up their eyes to the joy that a little thing in their lives is such a big thing in these children's lives. Again a big THANK YOU and hope to see you next year.

Darlene Kelley

Ministry Foundations

Finance, Facilities & Moderator

The Calvary facility is overseen by volunteer Frank Carney, who, together with our Custodian Jim Yolevski, ensures that our building is a clean, safe and warm place to welcome Calvary worshippers and members of the wider beach community. The duties entail maintaining the grounds, including shovelling snow, spreading salt, and garden maintenance in the warmer months. This team also oversees upkeep of the facility, including oversight of the heating system, and keeping the building clean.

Our Administrator Tanya Hardeo is the face of Calvary during the week, acting as receptionist, assisting the pastor and the Worship Team in preparing for the service each week, and working with volunteer Shawn Ronson on rentals of space to community users. Tanya also takes care of the accounting, working with the Treasurer (Heather Mains), who oversees banking and investment, and ensures compliance with legislation, including preparing and filing tax returns. Volunteers Frank Carney and Darlene Kelley act as Teller (preparing the weekly bank deposit) and Financial Secretary (preparing the tax receipts) respectively.

The Moderator calls and conducts leadership and congregational meetings as needed. Presently, this role is vacant, filled on an interim basis by Heather Mains. Duties include acting as an interface with church trustees and the volunteer leadership, including chairing monthly meetings. The role also entails overseeing annual employee reviews and working on corporate arrangements with partners. The Vice Moderator, Shelley Faulkner, issues notices of meetings, ensures that records of meetings are accurate and complete, including keeping track of action items and, in conjunction with the administrator, the church calendar. Past Treasurer Sandy Drysdale reviews the year-end results and acts as a sounding board on key corporate and financial matters. Our trustees Sandra Farrant, Barbara Sneyd and Jack Vitto hold the legal title to our property and attend to legal matters pertaining to the church.

Heather Mains, Acting Moderator

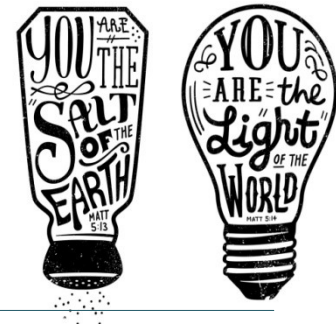
Mission Team

Calvary has been a welcoming presence in the beach community, sharing worship, discipleship and community care, and shining a light on God's love for 128 years.

Over the decades God has called us to serve our community in different ways, and we have always adapted to changes in the environment and our circumstances. In recent years, Calvary has been able to continue to minister by welcoming other congregations to share space and ministry with us. Throughout our history, Calvary's volunteers have been a pillar of strength in worship, ministering to our community, and caring for one another.

As you read these reports, you will see how many different roles each dedicated volunteer plays in day-to-day operations of Calvary, enabling us to share God's light and love.

*Heather Mains,
Acting Moderator*



Communications at Calvary

TECH



Text Faulkner

Last year I had expectations that we would see some new and creative expressions of community life as it became safe to meet face to face again. I was not disappointed. A new phrase has become common, as part of clarification and it is now common to state that a gathering is "in-person" or "on-line" or both. The result is we are all present. New creative expressions of being present have developed during worship time, meeting times, prayer, and study, we've remained connected with each other despite distance, darkness of night, and health. However, there was a certain amount of excitement this summer when Victoria and Sandy hosted an in-person meeting – that included Sandy's flavourful cooking.

As part of just being ourselves, worshiping together as best we can in creative ways that work for us, being authentic, we've been teaching and sharing a story even if we did not know it. Over the past two years there have been hundreds of people we may never meet from other cities, even countries,

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A large part of caring for others is seeking to help those who are isolated, and so, I am thankful for technology, and for the skilled volunteers who have found creative ways for us to stay connected week to week. Thank you to Kent Faulkner, Shawn Ronson, Tanya Hardeo, Sandy and Victoria Drysdale, and others, who have shone light in the darkness through the use of various technologies.

The light fell as various members of the congregation (Ruth Bartlett, Andrea Cambridge, Tina Timmermans, Wendy Woods, Barbara Sneyd, Cynthia Sneyd, Marlene West, Don Ronson, Ruth Bartlett, Nancy Burton, Barry Tisdall and others), took time to visit, phone, and send cards and letters to others. These acts of hospitality are an essential part of Pastoral Care. Thank you all! If you're looking for someone to connect with for pastoral care, or just to talk with, feel free to contact the church office and we'll be sure and connect you with someone."

Prayer ministry is another important part of Pastoral Care, and I am thankful to Shawn Ronson for leading Provision Time and Morning Prayer time, and preparing the weekly Prayer Closet (contact Shawn if you are interested in receiving his weekly email focused on prayer). We are blessed to have prayer warriors in our midst like Marlene West, and we are thankful for people like Barbara Gibbings who always reminds us to "pray for everyone." We are also thankful for all who regularly lead the Prayers of the People each Sunday mornings. All of these acts of prayer are part of caring for one another, bringing light to the darkness of our world and our lives.

The light fell as we reached out into the community through our Grace Pascoe Care Centre and as Christmas dinners were prepared and distributed. Many thanks to all the volunteers who participate in these acts of kindness.

We have even cared for each other during meetings! There are several groups who met regularly through 2022 to plan various activities for the church – the Mission Team, the Worship Team, the Ganaraska Commission, the Ministry Strategy Committee. And these meetings have become another tangible way to connect and care for one another. We thank God for these times to build connections and bring light.

The First Saturday of the month "55+ Board Games & Cards" afternoons have been a fun way to connect and bring light to dark winter days. Come out for the competition, treats and camaraderie.

As you read this report, take some time to reflect on where you "saw the light fall" at Calvary in 2022. Which acts of care and kindness are you particularly thankful for?

We have lived in the shadow of COVID for almost three years now, and one thing that COVID has done is raise awareness of how much we need one another. It is easy to become isolated and lonely. As we look to 2023, consider how you can continue to participate in the caring and sharing ministry of Pastoral Care at Calvary Baptist Church (formally and informally). If you have a need, please do not hesitate to reach out and ask for help. If you have a gift to share, please do not hesitate to get involved. Each small act (a visit, a phone call, other acts of hospitality, a prayer lifted up, a word of encouragement, a meal delivered, shovelling a neighbour's driveway or cutting their grass) goes a long way to shine light into the darkness.

Let me close with this reminder from 1 John chapter 4 verses 7-12, that we are called to love one another as God loves us:

7-10 "My beloved friends, let us continue to love each other since love comes from God. Everyone who loves is born of God and experiences a relationship with God. The person who refuses to love doesn't know the first thing about God, because God is love – so you can't know him if you don't love. This is how God showed his love for us: God sent his only Son into the world so we might live through him. This is the kind of love we are talking about – not that we once upon a time loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to clear away our sins and the damage they've done to our relationship with God."

11-12 "My dear, dear friends, if God loved us like this, we certainly ought to love each other. No one has seen God, ever. But if we love one another, God dwells deeply within us, and his love becomes complete in us – perfect love!" Shelley Faulkner, Chair of Pastoral Care Ministry

Calvary receives financial support from fees for sharing our space as well as offerings from the congregation. This income supports ministry, salaries and our building costs. In 2022, our expenses exceeded income by approximately \$50,000. Absent new sources of income in 2023, our expenses will continue to exceed income by almost \$90,000. While this is not sustainable, in the short term we will draw down on cash resources and may need to borrow funds from CBOQ as approved by the congregation in 2021. Ongoing efforts to develop a "hub and spoke" model of partnership as envisioned by the Ministry Strategy Committee will be an important factor in adapting our real estate footprint (and accordingly our cost structure) to our needs.

The financial statements for 2022 and budget for 2023 have been reviewed by the leadership and trustees, and will be presented for acceptance and approval at the Annual Blessings Review on February 5, 2023.

I feel blessed to be working with our dedicated employees and such gifted volunteers, and am grateful for the ongoing financial support from the congregation. *Heather Mains, Treasurer*

Full financial statements will be provided in advance of the February 5, 2023 Huddle

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who have listened to what we have had to say and share with each other. They've heard scripture read by many different voices, teaching and preaching by Ruth, Rex, Shelley, Andrea, Patricia, Shawn, and Frank. Our "neighbours" are listening, and as hungry for connection, meaning and nourishment as we are.

There is evidence that God has used this humble little group of people at Calvary, who are at times, just trying to make it through the week, to make a difference in the in-person neighbourhood and our on-line neighbourhood. Be encouraged, nourished, and know that a little bit of salt goes a long way.

If you were unable to connect with us on a particular week, send me an email and I will send you a link. Video is also available www.facebook.com/CalvaryBaptistToronto/live_videos/

We continue to be thankful for Victoria, Sandy, Shawn, John and Tanya who each week have an important role in pulling together, and proofreading our congregational emails, Visual content for Sunday morning, prayer and meditation devotions, and using their gifts to help us communicate well.

Kent Faulkner, Communications Chair

Conclusion – What Now?

Our faith community provides a place of sanctuary and respite for our members and our neighbours in a turbulent world. As the congregation continues to adapt, we anticipate moving towards opportunities to work with partners or even combine forces so that we may continue our tradition of worship and service in the community. We ask congregation members to join us in prayer for the right partners as we discern together the future of Calvary.



Gifts & Tithes

We thank everyone for donations to Calvary's ministry through mail, Canada Helps, and the offering plates located at both entrances of the sanctuary.



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