



Spotlight

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Easter Flowers



Contact Cynthia Sneyd to contribute funds for decorating the sanctuary for Easter, or assist with flowers delivered to shut ins on this special Sunday.
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Spring Cleaning

... You aren't interested in offerings burned before you on the altar. It is a broken spirit you want – remorse and penitence. A broken and a contrite heart, O God, you will not ignore.
(Psalm 51: 16, 17)



Easter and Springtime are just around the corner ... For sure we know that Easter is coming at least – it is a little bit harder to believe Spring is coming after the freezing cold temperatures we've been experiencing this last week. And the thing that both of these times have in common is that both times are a time for serious hope. Spring is our hope that Summer is coming and that the cold and winter will finally end! At Easter our hope is that the Risen Christ, who died and was raised from the dead in order to forgive our sins forever, is alive and active in the world and that Jesus Christ will come again.

I don't know about you, but one of the things that I love the most about Spring is ... cleaning! It seems such a natural part of the season itself. There is nothing that signals the natural end of our time of hibernation and the beginnings of a new season of life than clearing out all the accumulated junk that we gathered around ourselves during the course of the long Winter. Spring is the time we throw open the windows and doors, and air out the rooms of our lives that we had been holed up in while we weathered the Winter! A time when we rediscover those long forgotten treasures and start to see more clearly what definitely needs to go.

In the lead up to Easter, we have the same opportunity in the Lenten season, traditionally a time we give something up leading up to Easter. This Lent and this Easter, let us offer our broken and contrite hearts to our heavenly Father, who will not turn away from them or from us. He will lovingly take us back to Himself, if our hearts that are truly open to Him. In spending our time in prayer and reflection on the word of God, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, together we can begin to understand what it is that we need to hold on to and what it is that we need to let go of, in order to be the people that God is calling us to be.

God has plans for us as individuals, as members of this church family and as people uniquely placed in the Beach community to love God and love our neighbours, if only we will open hearts up to the spring-cleaning that He is doing in us. Let us in this next season of our lives together, as the called people of God, follow in the obedient footsteps of Jesus as we lovingly try to be the hope-filled Easter people that God, in Christ Jesus is showing us how to us be this Easter and on into the future.

David McCleary, Pastor



November Women's Retreat at Ganaraska Woods

Meat Pies

Calvary has a reputation for making scrumptious meat pies. Are you able to join the "Meat Pie Team" for one Saturday morning this spring? The happy group works from around 10 to noon and gets to taste test the finished product for lunch. Not only is it a great fundraiser for the church that our own family and the community look forward to, but it's a cheery time of socializing with a friendly crew. Let Cynthia Sneyd know if you're available (cynthiasneyd@gmail.com).



Invitation to Serve Communion

Imagine being in the upper room the night of the Last Supper. Imagine Christ serving you bread and wine with a simple request: "Do this in memory of me." Is He calling you to be His hands and feet to serve as He served? Do you hear Jesus whisper: "Do this in memory of me"? You have the opportunity to honour our Risen Lord by volunteering to serve communion. Contact Victoria by phone or e-mail at vdrysdale@sympatico.ca.

Worship Team Music Director Update

The Worship Team has been very active in the last few months refining the job description for our new Music Director and circulating the advertisement. We are blessed with the talents of Fred Sneyd and Shelley Faulkner who will fill in when they are available. Gerald Martindale has been contracted to provide interim work in March when Fred Sneyd is away. Late March and April Fred will return to prepare the choir for Easter and provide special music.

We hoped there would be significant interest in this position, but the Search Committee (Paul Sneyd, John Cambridge, Lee-Anne Leadingham, Cynthia Sneyd and David McCleary) has yet to receive any candidates worth interviewing. In addition to praying that the person God has planned for our church will come forward, please spread the word that we are looking for a Director of Music.

Plans for the joyous Easter Season are in the works.

Victoria Drysdale, Worship Team Leader

Canadian Baptists of Ontario & Quebec March 5, 2017!

Once a year, we ask our churches to take a few moments during their Sunday morning services to share this with their congregations: Your church is part of an amazing family of churches, transformed by Christ, revealing God's kingdom. Together we are sharing our common faith, caring for our leaders, growing and expanding our church family and building up the next generation of Canadian Baptists. We are helping our churches to connect with each other and work together for the glory of God and his kingdom. We hope you enjoyed the prepared Call to Worship, Prayers and Benediction as well as the Power Point presentation and Video. Please consider supporting the great work financially through the special envelopes.



Who's at Ganaraska Woods Retreat Centre

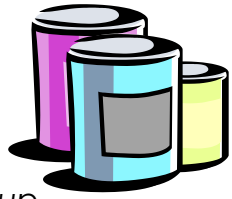
- March 17-20 – Senior High Youth Retreat
(Victory Baptist, Newmarket)
- March 31-April 2 – Youth Retreat
(Life Partners for Jesus Ministries, Toronto)

June 17– Annual Church Picnic (Calvary Baptist)

- July 14, 15– Staff Training Retreat
(Calvary Baptist, Oshawa)
- July 17-Aug 4 – Adventure Day Camp
(Calvary Baptist, Oshawa)
- Sept 2-4– Youth Fellowship Retreat
(Zion Alliance, Toronto)

October 19– Thanksgiving Festivities (Calvary Baptist)

Bring Your Care Centre Donations to Church Sundays



As you are shopping and see some of these items at reduced prices, it's a good opportunity to pick-up a few extras for the Care Centre.

- Canned Vegetables/Fruit ♦ Soup
Pasta Sauce ♦ Pasta ♦ Kraft Dinner
♦ Hand Soap ♦ Toothpaste ♦
Shampoo ♦ Tooth Brushes

Drop your donation into the basket at the front of the sanctuary.

Did You Know ...

100th Birthday

- ⇒ The love, prayers and thoughts of the Calvary family are with Kennie Crockford who will celebrate her 100th birthday on March 4th. Kennie, until she moved to Picton to be near her son Jay and daughter-in-law, Cathie, was a faithful member of our church family. Recently she sustained a fall and is in a nursing home. Kennie, we think of you often with love and prayers.

From Canada to France

- ⇒ On February 3rd Andrew Petralis, grandson of Tina Timmermans, boarded a plane to France where he will partake in a Student Exchange Program lasting nine weeks. He's paired with a host family who live in Rennes. Titoun, their son, and Andrew "Face-timed" many times and were friends even before they met. Andrew will visit Vimy Ridge and tour Paris, but mainly it is about the school experience in French. In the fall, Andrew and family will play host to Titoun, and the boys will start at Malvern Collegiate together. The church family prays for his safety and personal growth while he is away. God is always with you, no matter where you go.

Love, Thoughts & Prayers

- ⇒ Love and prayers to Yvonne Walmsley, who recently underwent an operation at Toronto East General Hospital. Now recuperating at home, we look forward to seeing Yvonne back at Calvary with us again.
- ⇒ Victoria Drysdale is having her second knee replacement at the end of March. Hopefully it will go as well as the first knee and she will be back worshipping with us for Easter.

Engagement

- ⇒ Congratulations to Alexander Kelley and Katrina MacKew on their engagement. Alexander is the son of Darlene and Garry Kelley, grandson of Eileen Kelley, of our church family. The love and prayers of our church family are with them as they start on this special part of their lives.

Wedding

- ⇒ Congratulations to Tristan Drysdale and Danielle Muise on their upcoming wedding on March 25th. Tristan, son of Sandy and Victoria Drysdale, is marrying his high school sweetheart after a courtship of 11 years! Former Pastor Al Roberts will be officiating.

A Family Day Gift

- ⇒ Congratulations to Carly and Jay Roberts on the birth of a baby girl, Olivia, on Family Day February 20th. The church family watched Jay grow up when his father, Alan Roberts, was our pastor. Our love and prayers are with you, Carly and Jay, as you welcome Olivia to your family.

Stewardship & Fundraising Team

At the Annual Blessings Review Meeting at the end of January, the Stewardship and Fundraising Team made a presentation which included the following points;

- availability to carry out regular giving on a weekly or monthly basis using your VISA or Mastercard. This helps those who cannot attend church on a regular basis, or who take extended vacations, to continue giving on a regular basis. It also helps those who like to use their credit card to accumulate points. Details on how to implement this will follow very soon. There is a cost to us when using this method, however, we want to provide to our donors the most convenient way of giving.
- availability to automatically have regular withdrawals from your bank account on a weekly or monthly basis. See Eileen Kelley if you wish to implement this method.
- a request to consider increasing your annual giving by 10% or more, if possible. We realize that some are on fixed incomes, and for various reasons, not everyone can do this. However, if this can be achieved, it can make the difference between the church running a deficit this year or being able to balance the budget. We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Special Events

The next Music On Main is on **Friday, March 24th at 7:30 p.m.** in the church featuring Thomas Bell, Organist and Director of Music at St. Pauls Church, Bloor St. Toronto. Thomas has taught at schools in Oxford and London, England where he also directed several choral ensembles. Since moving to Canada, he has lead music programmes of several churches and community choirs. He also enjoys composing music and has been published by Boosey and Hawkes, Alliance, Hinshaw, and others. Also featured will be Shelley Faulkner and Merilee Brand, 2 pianos, 4 hands.

On **Friday, May 12th at 7:30 p.m.** in the church, we will have the pleasure of hosting The UMHB Cru men's chorus (University of Mary Hardin Baylor Crusaders) from Belton, Texas.

Please circle these dates on your calendar. Tickets for each event are only \$10.

If you are on social media, please post the next event on your site to spread the word to your friends.

Gord Moore, Chair

Many thanks to our Shrove Pancake Dinner kitchen crew – Cynthia Sneyd, Don & Shawn Ronson, Carol & Frank Carney and Jack Vitto. People from the church, school and community attended.



March Birthdays

3	Rashan Edwards
4	Kennie Crockford Janet Elliott
7	Marita Vitto
8	Tina Timmermans
11	Barbara Sneyd
17	Fred Sneyd
19	Barbara Gibbings
27	Lily Elliott

April Birthdays

4	Andrew Petralis
8	Roy Craven, Ian Drysdale Wendy Wood
10	Gord Moore
12	Rae Condie
13	Jessie Attan
16	Kathie Collins-Williams Margaret Ledger
21	Shawn Ronson
29	Grace McQueen

If your birthday is missing, please let the office know.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 19 – **Worship Team Mtg** after the service Resource Rm

Friday, March 24 – **Music on Main** Featuring: Thomas Bell, Director of Music & Organist at St. Paul's Bloor St. & Shelley Faulkner/Merrilee Brand 2 pianos, 4 hands. \$10 at the door.

Sunday, April 9 – **Palm Sunday**
Tuesday, April 11 – Mission Team Mtg – 7:30 p.m. Resource Room

Friday, April 14 – **Good Friday Service** 10:30 a.m. location TBC

Sunday, April 16 – **Easter Sunday**

The Main Thing • Calvary Baptist Church

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