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130th Anniversary Sunday – October 1st

Our guest preacher will be Rev. Bert Radford. A McMaster graduate, Pastor Radford served in two churches before becoming a teacher and principal. He returned to ministry in Burlington Baptist in 2000 prior to retirement. He is a Governor of the Canadian Council of Churches. His daughter Carol Radford Grant and family were members of Calvary when they lived in the neighbourhood.

Spotlight

A New Season



"Happy School Year's Eve!" That was the theme of a get-together some years ago when my friend invited a few mutual friends to ring in the "New Year" as we all prepared for the fall season. Some of us were studying, some working, and some discerning next steps. The four of us have since become an incredible support to one another in all areas of life.

Over the summer, we've had some great get-togethers as a church family, with new and old friends. We look forward to resuming our 55+ games afternoons, prayer and provision (bible study) times, an eight-week evening study on "The Chosen," our upcoming preaching series on Hebrews, our **130th Anniversary(!)**, and Darlene is **already** coming up with ideas for the next women's retreat we hold (hopefully in the spring)!

Scripture tells us that God is with us in every season. In Psalm 139, King David writes: "You go before me and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to understand!" We can't possibly know all the ways that God has been present with us individually and as a church family throughout our lives, but as we look to a new season, we go forth together, supporting one another, with the assurance of His presence. My prayer is that we will find incredible support in one another here at Calvary as we go with God into this next season.

Love & Blessings, Pastor Ruth

Welcoming Newcomers to Worship

We have been graced with many new people investigating Calvary as their church home in the last year. A friendly lot, we all try to introduce ourselves and help our newcomers integrate into our church family. But can we do more?

Over the next season, we'll be asking our new members to let us know what keeps them coming back to worship, what is confusing, and what we could do to enhance their worship experience. If willing, we'd like to include a photo and name, so we can greet each other personally. *(It really is time to update our photo board in the foyer if anyone is feeling the lead.)* Before Covid, we had greeters at the door, anyone willing to take a turn at the Main Street door to be our friendly face?

Pastor Al used to ask new people "Why has God brought you here?" Our pews have untapped gifts that can add to our worship. In this new church year, let's make getting to know our new member and having them know us a priority.

**If you're a newcomer and want to participate in our services,
find anyone on the Team to chat with.**

*Victoria Drysdale Chair, Ruth Bartlett, Andrea Cambridge,
Rex Deverell, Kent Faulkner, Darlene Kelley & Han Na Kim*



Our sanctuary decorated for August Kids Camp "Road Rally" where 72 kids & 65 leaders (setup, camp, and teardown) learned about sin, repentance, atonement, sanctification & witness.

Calvary Renewal Loans Investment Certificate Opportunity

At the April 23, 2023 huddle, the congregation of Calvary agreed to raise funds to support its ongoing operations. We have since learned that the buildings at 72 Main Street are in need of immediate repairs expected to cost as much as \$50,000. In order to continue to support worship and to provide the programs in our community such as seniors and the Grace Pascoe Care Centre food bank, it is important that we maintain the building and infrastructure that we have.

The Treasurer, supported by the leadership, is proposing to offer investment certificates for three-year terms at a rate of 4%. The interest rate compares favourably to CBOQ certificate rates.

If you are interested in finding out more about this opportunity to invest, please contact Heather Mains, Treasurer, at 647-225-8732 or complete the subscription form below. Loan Certificates will be available from June 2023 onward in denominations of \$1,000 or more, and will be due in September, 2026.

Subscription Form – Investment Certificate in Calvary Baptist Church

I am interested in placing \$_____ in an Investment Certificate in Calvary Baptist Church.

Name _____

Telephone Number _____

E-Mail _____

Please return in confidence to: Heather Mains, Treasurer c/o Calvary Baptist Church Office, 72 Main Street, Toronto.

Choir Practices

In-person rehearsals have recommenced for our choir on Sundays. It's a great time for newcomers to join.

The choir will provide an anthem on **October 1st** for the Anniversary Service; **December 3rd**; **December 10th** (Candlelight Morning & Evening); **December 17th** or **December 24th** a.m.

*Minister of Music
Han Na Kim DMA*



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Calvary Birthdays/Anniversaries

September

- 2 Michael Strazzeri
- 12 Frank & Carol Carney
- 24 Frank Carney



October

- 2 Paul & Barbara Sneyd
- 9 Heather Mains
- 15 Andrea Cambridge & Shelley Faulkner
- 23 Jack & Marita Vitto
- 27 Sandra Farrant
- 30 Barry Tisdall
- Rob & Sandra Farrant



If you're new and we've missed your special day, let Victoria or Ruth know so we can celebrate with you!

Upcoming Events

September Preachers:

- 3 Rev. Rex Deverell/**Communion**
- 10 Rev. Ruth Bartlett
- 17 Rev. Andrea Cambridge
- 24 Rev. Rex Deverell

October Preachers:

- 1 **Anniversary Sunday/Communion**
Rev. Bert Radford
- 8 **Thanksgiving** - Rev. Ruth Bartlett
- 15 Rev. Ruth Bartlett
- 22 Shelley Faulkner
- 29 Rev. Andrea Cambridge

Thursdays: 6-9 p.m. Food Bank

Tuesdays – Mid-Week Small Group Connections

Morning Prayer @ 10 a.m. every other week starting Sept. 12th (holiday weeks excluded)

Provision Time @ 7:30 p.m. every other week starting Sept. 19th (holiday weeks excluded)

55+ Board Games & Cards Afternoons:

Saturday, September 9th (due to Labour Day Weekend) then in first Saturday monthly — 1:30 to 4 p.m.

Sunday, October 1: Anniversary Sunday.

Rev. Bert Radford preaching. Special decorations and refreshments.

Care Centre News

Once again, it gives me great pleasure to report on the progress of our Food Bank. Firstly, I want to salute all of the dedicated volunteers who faithfully and cheerfully give of their time, energy and talents each week. The Wednesday crew receives the skids of inventory from the trucks from both Daily Bread and Second Harvest, carrying them downstairs, sorting and storing in preparation for Thursday opening. Tables for various stations are set up.

Thursday's volunteers arrive early to set up various tables according to food groups and separate eggs and other items into serving sizes. Our clients are very pleased that they are able to choose their preferences so no food is wasted and individual needs are met. As I welcome our neighbours who wait outside before opening time, I continue to receive feedback that "You are the best food bank around and all the volunteers are so nice."

Let me not fail to mention the management, leadership and scheduling, the collective skills and dedication of those who make our Care Centre the pride of our community and Calvary.

The Daily Bread Agency reports that last year July, 239,653 people were served across the city. This year in July, there was an increase of 56%!! There is no denying the need for food security. So, how can you help?

Donations of non-perishable goods can be brought in Wednesday or brought to the basket in the Sanctuary on Sunday. Some of the items most needed are proteins, canned vegetables, diapers, incontinence products and pet food. Please bring in your egg cartons, divided in two for repackaging eggs. Pick up a few items when you do your weekly shopping. Financial support is also appreciated as there is often the need to purchase extra items.

The Care Centre is a wonderful opportunity to show the love of Jesus to our neighbours. Relationships are naturally forming as folks wait for the door to open and as people leave we often hear "Thanks, God Bless you." So, I pass their appreciation on to you.

Your sister in Christ, Tina Timmermans



The gang enjoying cards at a 55+ afternoon. Fall session starts September 9th, then the first Saturday monthly.

Interim Moderator Report



Are you ready to welcome fall? We at Calvary had an eventful first half of the year, with major events occurring both corporately and in the lives of many of our congregation members. I am deeply grateful to members of our congregation, who have held up fellow worshippers facing health and other personal challenges. It seems that the summer months, which give us time to rest and renew our faith, have flown by as we embark on a new season of worship. Even through these quiet months, as we continue to pray for people in those parts of the world experiencing wildfires, war, famine, floods and other disasters, we are reminded of our good fortune and the importance of the refuge that Calvary offers to the members of our community.

I look forward to celebrating our 130th Anniversary of worship and serving the Beach community at our upcoming Anniversary celebration to be held on October 1st.
Heather Mains, Treasurer



Small, but happy group that visited the Model Railroad Club in August for the Summer Church outing.

Welcome Newcomers!

Calvary is grateful for the opportunity to welcome new members of the community to our worship services. We invite new worshippers to explore the different church ministries and to prayerfully consider getting involved. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Ruth [rbartlett@calvary-baptist-church.ca] or the church office [calvaryonmain@calvary-baptist-church.ca 416-691-4721].

Don't forget to fill out the welcome cards located at the entryway tables to help us connect with you better.

How to Share Prayer Requests

There are many ways to have your prayer concerns included in our Sunday "Prayers of the People." In person, write your item in the folder on the table at the front of the sanctuary, or speak to the person identified by the greeter. Remotely, you can email prayers@calvary-baptist-church.ca before 9:30 a.m. Sunday, or type your request in the on-line chat window of the meeting app.



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