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Leviticus 11:22 Leviticus 11:22

Whether at a picnic, on the beach or playing outdoors, it seems like we're Fill in the blanks with the little creatures mentioned in each verse. Circle them in the puzzle below. Bugs and other little creatures are mentioned in the Bible. Exodus 16:20 1 Sam. 24:14 Isaiah 59:5 saiah 50:9 always joined by uninvited guests – bugs! Deuteronomy 7:20

Psalms 78:45 Proverbs 6:6

Judges 14:8 Matt. 23:24

Acts 12:23

Answer: ant, flies, gnat, bees, worms, locust, grasshopper, hornet, maggots, flea, moths, spider, katydid, cricket

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From the Pastor –

Hello Calvary Family! Happy Summer to you all! Many of us have anticipated the summer's arrival for a variety of reasons. But one of the main reasons people love summer is because it means vacation season has come in full swing. Some take short day trips and others take longer times away. No matter what type of vacation that occurs, have you ever noticed how carefree we all—well most of us are during that time? When we get a chance to travel

whether alone or with friends and loved ones, for an enjoyable often well-deserved break, we become almost unrecognizable. The stress is gone. The worry has faded. It's as if we have no concerns to consider and we enjoy every minute. So, why are things so different when we return from our own private paradise? Could it be that we have forgotten to enjoy life as the Lord has given it to us? Yes, that's part of it. I think the bigger picture is that we have forgotten to enjoy life for what it is—very good! That's what God called us, His creation, as He surveyed the life He created (Genesis 1:31).

Jesus, told us in St. John 14:1-3 not to be troubled because He has prepared a place for us to dwell with Him forever. This place will have everything we need: a trustworthy Savior, shelter, comfort, assurance, truth, direction, life, answered prayer and the list goes continues (St. John 14:14-27). Jesus describes this place as a mansion that's "all-inclusive." But this is not just some villa, timeshare or vacation/summer home. This is a place where we can feel secure and always carefree because we know Jesus has prepared it and invited us in. Enjoy your summer vacation but bring us back a souvenir of that peace you felt while away. Think how much more prepared for life we would be if we believed that all our challenges are but a mere fraction of the fulfillment we find in Jesus. God bless you!

Pastor Jabulani McCalister Senior Pastor



CELEBRATIONS

Sunday, May 22, 2016 we had our annual Congregation Meeting where Ministry Leaders presented their Annual Reports. Also, the new Servant Leader Team members: Rose Delgado and Wendy Fox, Gabby Kpawoe (New Moderator) were welcomed as we celebrated returning leaders. The Servant Leader Team is the governing body of our church who works closely with the Pastor to make sure we have top quality ministry to offer. In addition we thank God for the following leaders who have retired from their posts after many years of faith service: Sarah Kamara, (Christian Education Director), Bassey Inyang, (Ministry of Caring Chair of Homebound visitation and Communion), Virginia Bradley, (ABCORI Representative), and Connie Carter, (Staff Relations Chair). God has always provided us with a great team to lead us. We look forward to working with all of our leaders and are confident that the Lord will provide the new people to fill the current vacancies.

Congratulations to all of our graduates from Kindergarten to Graduate School. We thank God for your accomplishments. Picture here is Pastor McCalister and some of the graduates with their families during Academic Recognition Sunday, June 12, 2016. What a wonderful day it was to celebrate all of these God loving scholars!



CHILDREN, YOUTH and YOUNG ADULT CORNER

During the summer on alternating Sundays the Christian Education department will be hosting Sunday School review to make sure the children and youth continue to be engaged in the Word and church.

Youth Ministry meetings have an adjusted schedule for the summer meeting on Saturdays and for special outings. The regular fellowship time will resume this Fall.



KITCHEN RENOVATION PROJECT

As of this printing, we have been blessed to receive \$7,579 so far for the renovations to the kitchen off the dining room downstairs. The majority of donations have come from Calvary Baptist Church members. We have sent out grant requests to foundations and two have declined. We are still hopeful to hear from three more. We pray that the congregation and all the sister-users of the kitchen contribute to this fund as we all use our kitchen. We have started renovations and the floor is complete. We had wanted to have the project completed before the SPNM children's summer program and vacation Bible school. Please open your hearts to help us fund this very important project. Please make checks payable to Calvary Baptist and write kitchen renovation in the memo section. You may also donate on line through Pay Pal on our web-site.

Thank you so much for your help in ministering to the children of South Providence.

Building Use Committee

ON-GOING PRAYER NEEDS:

South Providence Neighborhood Ministries

Bereaved Families-Ketter, Dahn, Burr

Homebound

Transportation Ministry
(Many of our members and potential members desire rides to church)

Community Outreach

Children, Youth and Young Adults

Married Couples Ministry

Men's Ministry

Women's Ministry

Singles Ministry

Overall Ministry of Calvary Baptist Church

Pastor and First Family

Calvary Leaders

Conflict Resolution

More committed and qualified teachers for Bible Study/Sunday School/Bible Institute 100% Tithing Church

SOCIAL MINISTRY

The Social Ministry thanks everyone who contributes in all ways to our Fellowship Time after the worship service. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Our wish list includes:

Helpers to make coffee, serve and clean up; cookies; muffins; fruit; cheese; raw vegetables; coffee creamer; tea bags; coffee stirrers; napkins; paper towels; sugar packets; artificial sweeteners; clear soda like Sprite or ginger ale; hot or cold drink cups; dish towels; sponges; all-purpose cleaner. Thanks for whatever help you may provide!

CALVARY FINANCIAL PICTURE, MAY 2016 UPDATED JUNE 30, 2016

For our fiscal/calendar year 2016, we are projecting a deficit of \$30,000. This budget was voted on and approved by the congregation in January, 2016. This deficit is being funded by a systematic draw down of our invested funds at the rate of \$2,500 per month, or \$30,000 annually.

Currently, our remaining invested funds total approximately \$125,000. In addition, we still have a mortgage balance of about \$48,000 which we owe to the American Baptist Extension Corporation. If our invested funds were to be drawn down below \$100,000 the Finance Ministry is in agreement that we would need to pay back our remaining mortgage debt to ABEC.

Therefore, realizing that our invested funds of \$125,000 would be reduced by our mortgage obligation of \$48,000, we are left with usable funds of only \$77,000.

If we continue to draw \$2,500 monthly from our funds, those funds would be exhausted in 30 months, or just 2 ½ years.

Therefore, after a series of meetings in which every line item in the budget was scrutinized to try to reduce the \$30,000 deficit, the Finance Ministry is realizing that our current congregation is not financially able to support a full time pastor, which with salary, housing allowance, expense reimbursement, health insurance and retirement benefits is currently costing approximately \$78,000 per year. The Finance Ministry is proposing that Calvary move to a part time pastoral model at a cost of approximately \$39,000 per year. The details of the financial package and job description for the position are still being worked out and will be presented to our pastor sometime within the next few weeks.

While not an ideal situation, the part time pastoral model is becoming the norm in many churches as congregations struggle to meet increasing costs. The Calvary congregation of 2016 is not the same as the congregation of the 1970s and 1980s. The number of contributing members is lower, and the demographics are very different. Many of us remember a time when we employed a full time pastor *and* a part time associate pastor. There was a time when we could afford a paid Christian Education Director.

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CALVARY FINANCIAL PICTURE ~

We have had to adapt to declines in our income over the years, this is just another step in this progression. Adapting to this model will allow Calvary to remain financially viable for the foreseeable future.

In addition, SPNM has not paid rent or fuel chares for three months, and are, therefore, approximately \$10,000 in arrears. There are ongoing meetings with the SPNM and Calvary finance committees. If this situation continues on through the end of the year, our deficit for 2016 will be \$40,000. Obviously, this situation is not sustainable for the long haul.

We intend to honor our commitment to pay Pastor Jabulani his full time pay and benefits through the end of 2016.

The part time pastoral model is proposed to begin January 1, 2017 subject to a vote of the congregation sometime in the fall of this year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Gaulin, Finance Ministry Co-Chair



REMEMBER YOUR HOME CHURCH

The Lord's ministry through our church continues while we vacation in the summer. Please remember to continue your financial support of your church home Calvary by sending in your Tithes and Offerings. Another option is to set-up automatic bill pay and Pay Pal. Contact the office for details.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

If you were not present for the Annual Congregational meeting, please make sure you secure a copy of the Annual Report. It contains very important proposals that will affect the future our ministry. Please pass on the word.

Calvary and Iglesia Bautista Hispana El Calvario (IBHEC) VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Monday, July 18th – Friday, July 22nd 6-9 p.m. nightly

Discover how to surf through life with God and the others! The adventure includes energizing music, interactive Bible fun, super science, cool crafts, delicious snacks, great games and more! Can't wait to see you all.

Descubre como navegar la vida con Dios y los demas! La aventura incluye musica energica, divertida interaccion Biblica, super ciencia, chevere manualidades, deliciosos refrigerios, juegos divertidos y mucho mas! Nos vemos pronto!

HEALTH INFO

"New Year's Resolution"

I am pretty sure that most of us have made healthy new years resolution goals, either making healthier choices regarding meals, increasing exercise routines, or drinking more water or simply losing weight or getting fit. My goal every January is to be better physically emotionally and spiritually than the previous year. That basically covers everything for me. It is halfway through the year and it I might be right to guess not all of us have reached even 25% of our intended goal. So if your new year resolution is getting fit and you have gotten lost in the shuffle, then here are a few suggestions:

- 1. Rewrite your goals: Your original goal of losing 50 lbs sounds too enormous to tackle, so start by working out 2-3 times per week
- 2. Find out what exercises you enjoy the most, because if you really hate Zumba and you go because of some odd reason, you will not enjoy it hence not putting in 100% of an effort
- 3. Talk to a Professional: It is highly possible that at this mid way throughout the year, and you are still in limbo about your goals, so then a specialist is required. Please do NOT be ashamed about asking for help, after all that is what a professional is there for, show you how to tweak things around so you can get settled on a path to meeting your goal. Please feel free to contact me, Jerry Amoako for any suggestions or ideas @401-280-6322, or amoakoj79@gmail.com.

Dear Calvary,

This message is about giving glory to Jesus Christ our Savior the Holy One. All we have and all that we are belong to Him. If you give one dollar (your measure), remember this measure will be given in return. If you give twenty dollars (your measure) it will be returned. Please pray that your eyes, ears, mind, and heart will be opened and you will desire to give more in the offering plate each week.

If you choose not to support the work of the Lord through Calvary Baptist Church as was discussed at the recent business meeting, our Senior Pastor Jabulani McCalister will be reduced to serving the church on a part-time basis -- should he chose to accept this situation.

Luke 6:38 reads "Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure--pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return."

Prosperity really has nothing to do with how much you have, monetarily speaking. It has to do with how much you have produced and retained that has brought joy, comfort, meaning, and value to others, as well as yourself!

<u>Luke 6:38</u> is one of the seven laws of true prosperity – The Law of Generosity. Giving and service to others trigger the creation of abundance and surplus for others as well as ourselves.

God bless you as you walk in His ways and bring glory to Him! Let's give more each week for those who know they are not giving anything near 10%. For those who give 10% as commanded by the Bible, be consistent. If you are traveling or on vacation do this – mail your offering to: Calvary Baptist Church, 747 Broad Street, Providence, RI 02907 c/o Finance Ministry. You may also set-up automatic bill pay or pay electronically via Pay Pal on our web-site.

God's work must flourish and spread and not be denied because of our lack of response to His teaching. I pray that the next generation of Calvary will grow and strengthen many more in their faith to Jesus Christ and the suffering he endured for all of us. Thanks Be to God!

Amen,

Carol Hall-Walker Stewardship Ministry Chair



REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND

HOMEBOUND LIST

Our Homebound Members love to hear from you! Why not give them a call or send a card?

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