

“The Calvary Corner”
November 11, 2020

THE RAMBLINGS OF PASTOR REPPA

Greetings to All the Folks of Calvary Baptist and Friends,

Praise the Lord the elections are almost over, the weather has been nice, we have enough rain BUT the virus lingers. In all of this Christ the Lord still reigns and will forever.

It being November – where did 2020 go? Or is it a case that we just want it to hurry and get over (like the elections). We are entering the holiday season and there is much to be thankful for. I want to make a THANKSGIVING LIST – not just of my blessings and thoughts but the things, people, situations and events that Calvary is thankful for. To do this, I need your help; would you each make your list and send it to me revreppa@verizon.net or to Martha in the office. Let’s see just how many praise items we can name.

Then I would like to hear about your traditions – yes those of Thanksgiving – but as we are about to enter the Advent season – I would like to learn about your traditions around the holidays. My family has the traditions of making ‘monkey bread’, writing a family Christmas letter and attending Christmas Eve Services to name a few.

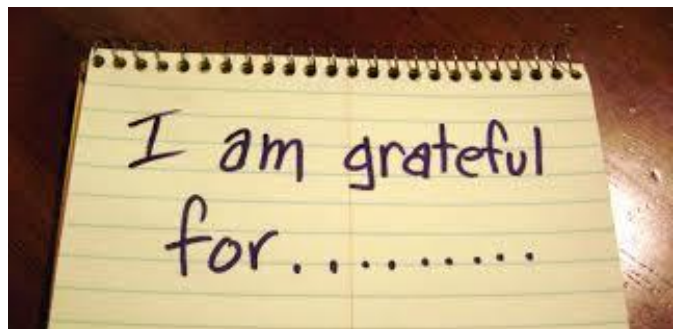
Are there traditions that you did for worship during Advent that have not been done for a while and you miss them? Is there a way we can mingle the different ways the Holy Spirit lifts us up during this blessed season? Ideas for doing the Advent wreath or having a Christmon tree. We are a multicultural church – do we do multicultural worship?

I would REALLY love to hear from you. Even if it is only one sentence. This staying apart and wearing masks, keeping ones distance and not hugs is starting to get old BUT it is NECESSARY. We can bring something good out of it by sharing our ideas, loves and ways the Lord touches us as we celebrate Thanks – giving and the season of Advent.

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday, hearing from you by phone or in person or reading your notes and texts.

Love, Joy, Peace and Grace,

Pastor Reppa



The OPENING TEAM HAS GIVEN THE GO AHEAD ~

We will be WORSHIPPING IN THE SANCTUARY NOVEMBER 15TH!!

Worship is at 10 am. If you can, please join your sisters and brothers.

- 1. Masks must be worn,**
- 2, social distancing is observed,**
- 3. your temperature will be taken and**
- 4. your presence recorded**

PLEASE let your family, neighbors and friends know this is happening JUST in case they do not have email or I do not have their address.

You can still watch the service on FaceBook at <https://www.facebook.com/revreppa/live> while it is live or any time after it is finished.

Rev. Reppa will be offering the message entitled *“Your Work ~ God’s Glory”* with the Scripture being Matthew 5: 13 ~ 16.

Prayer Requests ~ To help keep each other safe a Pastoral Prayer is lifted up each Sunday morning with the needs of ALL rather than specific requests being shared by individuals during the worship service. Prayer request papers are available at the door upon entering the Sanctuary along with the Order of Worship papers. Please place prayer requests in the appropriate basket when leaving worship.

Prayers for Rick Robison and family on the passing of Rick’s brother David.

For those who have lost loved ones, especially during the holiday seasons.

Continued prayers for our SLT, Pastoral Search Committee and Stewardship Ministry.

Special Thank you to Erica Traub and Sue Colantonio for representing Calvary Baptist at the Ordination Council of Linda Moore on November 8th, 2020. We are blessed to have so many people willing to help where needed. THANK YOU ERICA and SUE.

Also, a special thanks to Kevin Gould and Clarence Sonkarlay for all the work, cleaning and organizing they have done in the last few weeks. Thank you fellas, keep up the great work.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS DURING NOVEMBER ~ Darthula “Quita” Hansford (02); Virginia Bradley (03); Raquel Garcia (03); Joan Schoonmaker (03); Lawrence Askie (09); Bassey Inyang (11); Rev. Dr. Daniel Cottrell (12); Rev. Dr. Paul Schoonmaker, (15); Martha Robison (15); Seun Akinnusotu (21); Timi Akinnusotu (26); Elizabeth Lawson (29); Moziah Mathews (29); Napoleon Askie (30)

Do you or someone you know have an upcoming birthday and/or anniversary? Please let us know. Thanks!



Emergency Food Pantry Ministry Needs Your Help

Calvary – God is blessing us once again with a food delivery for Calvary to help those in greatest need.

On Thursday, November 19 at 9am we need all the help. There will be 300 boxes of food we must load these boxes onto a U-Haul. This food boxes are being delivered to the University of Rhode Island (URI).

We will return to Calvary and sort the refrigerated items and bring them to Urban Greens. Urban Greens is the local company in Providence who has been providing bags of food for our food distribution days. Urban Greens has generously offered to keep the items refrigerated until Saturday, November 21 food distribution day.

The dry items will remain in Calvary's food pantry. **Please volunteers are greatly needed** for November 19 to pick up the food from URI and again on Saturday, November 21 to distribute the food at Calvary!

Please call Rachel Bloe, EFPM Lead at: 401-230-6299 or Carol Hall-Walker at 401-263-5313.

We must know ahead of time who can help. We will meet at Calvary on Thursday, November 19 at 9:00 AM in the church parking lot. Please be on time so we can get to URI on time and get the food boxes. Thank you in advance for your faithfulness to this important ministry. God Bless.

PS – ***The Emergency Food Pantry Ministry*** also needs food donations, money to buy gift cards for the Christmas food distribution, and always **your prayers**. Please help in any way you can. Thank you!



The Servant Leader Team and Pastors continue to meet every other Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. If you have any news or concerns please share that with one of the Pastors or with Moderator Wendy Fox at wfoxpt@gmail.com SLT members ~ Moderator, Wendy Fox; Clerk, Carol Hall-Walker; Treasurer, Betty Cady; Rick & Martha Robison; Gabby Kpawoe; Rachel Bloe, Erica Traub and Archibald Yaidoo.
Transitional Team members ~ Wendy Fox, Betty Cady, Gabby Kpawoe and Erica Traub.

Calvary's Annual Meeting will be planned for **May of 2021**. All the Officers and Committee members are asked to please remain in their positions until the corona virus crisis is over. Thank you.

CHURCH OFFICE ~ Our Administrative Assistant, Martha Buxton will be working remotely from her home on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday until further notice. She will be in the church office on Wednesdays from 9:15 am – 1:15 pm.

SERVANT LEADER TEAM SHEPHERD GROUPS

The SLT has established a **Shepherd Group**. The purpose of this group is to contact members and friends of the church monthly to help improve communication for all. The SLT members will share any specific needs such as spiritual, health, financial, transportation, meals, etc. with the pastors. Each SLT member or **Shepherd**, will try to stay in contact with you at church, by phone, mail, text, card, or a note. Please feel free to contact your Shepherd, the pastors, or other SLT members.

Even with this program each church member is encouraged to always contact the pastors directly if a need arises. We look forward to serving as your Shepherds.

Shepherd Groups Contacts ~

A, B, C & H ~ Rick Robison (419-8070), Martha Robison (952-5559)
D, E, F ~ Carol Hall-Walker (263-5313) **G** ~ Erica Traub (454-9715)
I, J, K, L ~ Gabby Kpawoe (663-5933) **M, N** ~ Archibald Yaidoo (585-1869)
R, S ~ Wendy Fox (263-2312) **T, U, V, W** ~ Rachel Bloe (230-6299)
O, P, Q, X, Y, Z ~ Betty Cady (527-6278)

Our Home Bound members would love to hear from you ~ especially at this time of year!
In these difficult times of isolation it is even more important to reach out to those who are homebound.

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Stewardship Campaign 2020

Faithful Generosity

Our Text: **Matthew 22:37** “Love the Lord your God with all your heart with all your soul, and with all your mind”. **Mark 12:31** “Love your neighbor as yourself”. No other commandments are greater than these.

Core Truth: **Matthew 14: 13-21** Jesus feeding the five thousand with “nothing here but five loaves and two fish” (v. 17). Often thinking we don’t have enough we fail to see and take seriously what we already have. It is from what we have, not what we don’t have, that we find what we need...and then some!

Our Purpose: To lead Christians to discover and commit to the underlying reasons for giving and sharing.

Personal Testimony preparation:

1. Read the Bible passage carefully that you are responsible to give a testimony about.
2. Beware of the context or settings of each of the key Scripture passages.

Outline:

November 15 –(2 Matthew 25: 34-36) “Then the King will say to those on his right, Come, you who are blessed by my Father, take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in. I needed clothes and you clothed me. I was sick and you looked after me. I was in prison and you came to visit me.”

Message: God will separate his obedient followers from pretenders and unbelievers. The real evidence of our belief is the way we act. To treat all persons we encounter as if they are Jesus is no easy task. What we do for others demonstrates what we really think about Jesus’ words to us – feed the hungry, give the homeless a place to stay, look after the sick. How well do your actions separate you from pretenders and unbelievers?

Scripture reading and testimony by: **Gabby Kpawoe**

Be open to teachings about giving. Reflect on some of the Bible’s great truths about giving noted in the following verses: (2 Cor.8:7); (2 Cor. 8:9); (Luke 10:29-37); (2 Cor. 9:6-15); (Phil. 4:18);(1 Cor. 6:20); and (2 Cor. 8:8 24).

Stewardship Petition will be inserted in the church bulletin during the stewardship campaign weeks.

3. Read the lesson material carefully and cover the material in-light of the needs of your family, friends, church members, your city/town, state, nation or the world.
4. Prepare a copy of each of the points that you want to make and be in prayer prior to your testimony. Please put your testimony in writing so it can be shared in the Calvary Corner. Return it to Carol Hall-Walker so she can be sure it is submitted to Martha Buxton for publication.
5. Pray that God will use your message to help Calvary Christians see the importance of giving and find new joy in giving and following Jesus.
6. Carol will work with the Interim Pastors, Moderator and Church Administrative Assistant to get a Commitment Letter prepared and mailed to the congregation.

Questions: Contact Carol Hall-Walker 401-263-5313 or carollee1659@gmail.com

Looking for Stewardship Ministry Members: If you are interested in working in this ministry, please contact Carol.

In His Service,

Carol Hall-Walker
Stewardship Ministry Lead





Last week's Trivia Question:

Which of the following was previously the name of a U.S. state capital?
Choices: a) Pig's Eye b) Horse's Tooth c) Sheep's Head d) Rabbit's Tail

Answer: Before its current name was established, the city of **St. Paul, Minnesota** was named **Pig's Eye** after the nickname of Pierre Parrant. Pierre "Pig's Eye" Parrant was the first inhabitant to live within the borders of what would eventually become the city of St. Paul. He opened the "Pig's Eye" tavern which became wildly popular in the community. As a result, the growing community around Pierre's bar adopted the name "Pig's Eye". In 1841, the settlement was renamed to Saint Paul by a French priest, in honor of Paul the Apostle. Minnesota was admitted to the union in 1858 with Saint Paul as its state capital.

This week's Trivia Question: **Which of the following items was once banned by the U.S federal government?**

Choices: a) Bananas b) Cotton Candy c) Brussels sprouts d) Sliced bread

Think you know the correct answer? Email or call it in!

~ Have a blessed rest of your week!

