

Women’s Ministry – Sandra Molloy

The theme for Women’s Ministry this year was ‘Building Our Foundation on the Word.’ Reflecting this, this fall we attended ‘Priscilla Shirer Live’, gathering with other women to pray for one another, worship together, and be taught by God’s Word. This winter, we studied ‘Seamless: Understanding the Bible as One Complete Story.’ We gained a deeper understanding of God’s promises. It was a very rich time of learning and praying for one another. One attendee wrote: ‘My heart was touched, my knowledge deepened and my desire to know Jesus strengthened.’ Praise God for His faithfulness to the women of Calvary.



Women’s Ministry (Seamless Bible Study)



Missions Committee – Cathy Reid

Our supported missionaries and organizations teach, preach, counsel, visit, plant churches, broadcast, host Bible studies, house refugees and run marriage encounter seminars. Last November, the entire congregation participated in a special service and potluck luncheon to acknowledge the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. Everyone wore dark colours and we simulated an environment of those forced to meet and worship in secret. We were all mindful of the “security” watching our every move.

We are actively exploring exciting partnerships for the future that focus on youth, Indigenous communities and educational opportunities for international pastors. Stay tuned for further announcements.



Persecuted Church Sunday (Swat Team)



Persecuted Church Sunday (blocked windows)

Ushers – Hugh Ross



“This year has seen an increase in the number of visitors to Calvary and our ushers have risen to the task of bringing a warm welcome and helping hand to those new to the church. Our ushers have been faithful and consistent in their service. We have also seen a rise in the attendance of our wonderful residents of Nisbet Lodge, and with it has come a reminder to be sensitive to their unique needs and challenges.

Praise God for the Calvary volunteers who have dedicated themselves to helping these people in many ways including by assisting with transportation to and from the lodge!

Worship – Jonny Smith



This year we have been particularly blessed with many worshipful services and special events at Calvary. Some highlights include the U of T Gospel choir concert; the Wiebe’s concert with in Touch ministries; caroling with the children at Nisbet Lodge and McClintock Manor; the Christmas Eve service with Hiram Joseph; the Holy Week services on Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday; and the anniversary services in May which involved many special guest worship leaders, a congregational choir led by Lynda Wray and we loved hearing the children’s choir sing under the leadership of Amy Ribble!

We continue to strive for a balanced variety in the form of our worship while ensuring that the content is always Christ-centered and theologically sound.

Sunday Evening



Ushering in 2018 with our New Year’s service allowed many to hear testimonies from two of our church members of who they are in light of Christ. A number of people have joined us on Sunday evenings because we are “one of the few churches that has an evening service”, and almost every week there is someone new to meet (many of whom found us online).

As we corporately live out our faith in Christ may we continue to point people to our Father in heaven –may HE be praised!

Young At Heart – Pam Shellington



We enjoyed many interesting and enlightening speakers covering a wide variety of subjects. One in particular stands out. In October of last year one of our committee members was at Union Station, where an elderly gentleman was giving out poppies. She spoke to him and invited him to speak at our November Remembrance Day meeting. We believe this was the Lord’s leading. He accepted our invitation. He delighted us as he told us of his wartime experiences and answered questions.

The singing was joyful, the quizzes and riddles were challenging, and the lunches were always enjoyed. We look forward to another successful year under God’s direction and provision.

Young Professionals



This year, the Young Professionals small group finished our study of A. W. Tozer’s The Pursuit of God, worked through a variety of devotional book studies, and did a manuscript Bible study of the book of Ephesians. This study centred on the theme of unity in Christ and our collective responsibility as the body of Christ.

Recently, we have been watching and discussing a video series by Francis Schaffer titled “How Should We Then Live?” This series considers the influence of the Christian world-view throughout history and emphasizes the importance of congruity between what a Christian believes and how one lives.

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Pastor’s Report – Pastor Daniel Winter

**Zechariah 4:6:** Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD Almighty.



As our church turns 90 years old, we pause to both reflect upon and celebrate God’s faithfulness to us. We remember faithful church members and leaders that God has empowered over all of the decades of ministry. We know that it is His Spirit that has resulted in multitudes of people coming to faith in Christ, serving Him both here in Toronto, and all over the world! What a rich history of God’s work right here at Pape and Danforth.

We look not only to the past, but to the present to see God at work. Our Sunday School, Awana, and youth group are all flourishing as the next generation learns the Gospel message and are being disciplined to grow more like Christ! We started the year with a prayer that many more would find Christ and be baptized here. God is answering that prayer. Several have already been baptized – from junior high students, former Muslims and even a young grandmother who is telling all of her friends about Jesus! God’s people have been digging deep into His Word, as we’ve journeyed through the Minor Prophets. Our ESL Sunday Class is exploding and expanding their ministry as students from other countries continue to join us – eager to study God’s Word.

God’s Spirit is at work at Calvary Church. We’ve seen this evidenced in several other ways that you’ll read about in this exciting report. Highlights include our new Sunday School program, another very successful year at Awana, our junior high youth ministry which is growing, and an almost completed first phase of a renovation project that God has been funding through His faithful and generous servants. Please do not take this work of God’s Spirit for granted. Use this report to pray for our ministries – both God’s protection and blessing upon them for our coming ministry year.



Dear church family - Carlo Magno

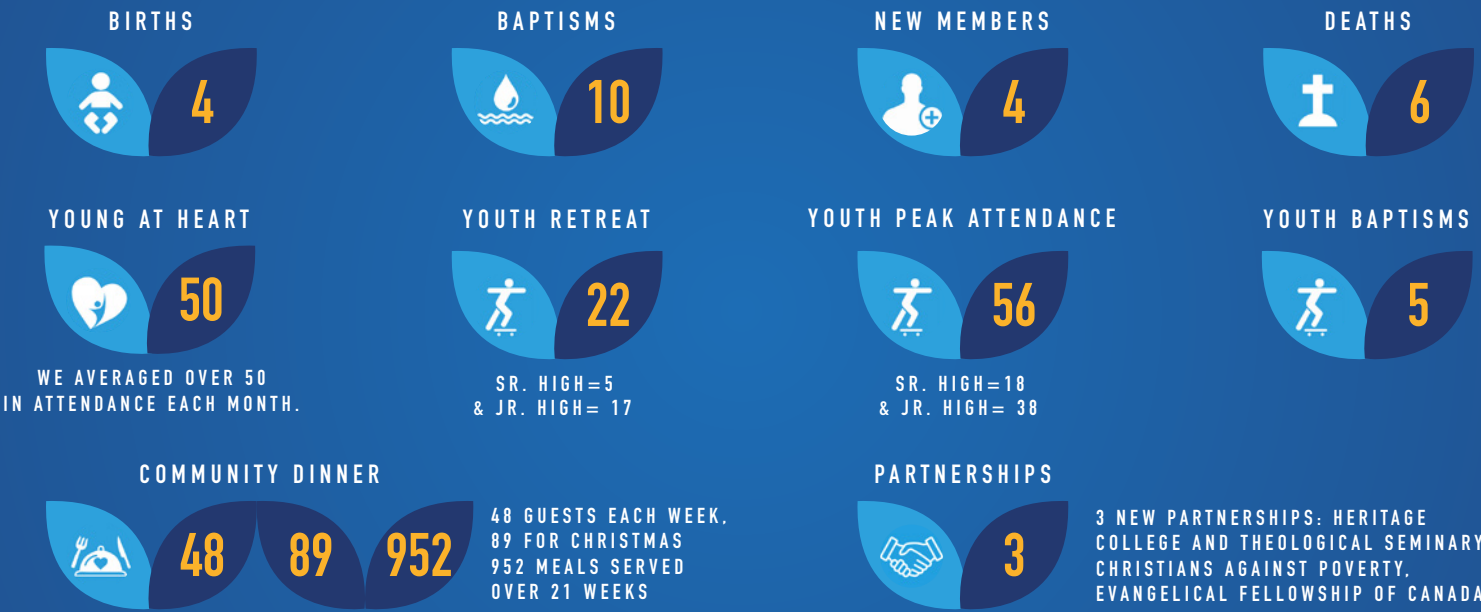
Proverbs 3-5 :6 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledtge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

It is so hard to believe that a year has past since I last wrote this letter. It reminds me of Psalm 90:4: “A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night”.

It has been a tremendous honour and blessing to serve as the board of elders’ chairperson. Our meetings always begin with prayer and thanksgiving because the Lord continues to pour his grace and blessings on Calvary Church. We are so thankful to our congregation for their faithfulness and devotion in giving their time and serving in the various ministries at Calvary Church.

We were so blessed to be a part of Calvary’s 90th Anniversary celebration this year. It truly is a testimony to God’s amazing goodness and the gifted people He has placed at Calvary Church. We continue to be blessed with new families and friends attending our church. We are also thankful for the progress in the renovations, made possible through the generous donations and support from the congregation.

On behalf of the elders, I say, “Thank You”. Please continue to pray for this new year, that we continue to lean on God’s wisdom in all the decisions we make for our church.



Property and Redevelopment

There were several projects which were completed this year. These are a part of the on-going plan to keep the Church’s building structure up to date.

- Completed Projects 2017
- Upgrade for your furnace room (Phase#1)
  - Removed old pipe and replace air flow vents
  - Fix leaky roof and replace roof above church offices
  - Building assessment of all mechanical systems
  - Building structure audit
  - Replace auditorium soundboard
  - Replace lighting in hallways
  - Painted hallway and Sunday school rooms
- Future Projects
- Basement renovation (Phase#2)
  - Replace parking lot asphalt
  - Renovation of Sunday school rooms
  - Replace the roof above the church offices
  - Replace the current fire panel
  - Renovate gym kitchen
  - Paint gym floor
  - Renovation of all bathrooms

Children’s Ministry Report - Wendy Winter

This year, our Children’s Sunday School (Kingdom Bound Kids) changed our curriculum to ‘The Gospel Project’ – a 3–year chronological study through the Bible. Every Sunday our children explored the Bible to see how it all points to Jesus. We also transitioned to open sessions for corporate worship and small groups for relational learning. It has been thrilling to see the spiritual growth in our children and our volunteer team expand. Last summer we had a full Day camp of children from the community and church. “Maker Fun Factory” emphasized God’s incredible creation – especially humans, created in His image. This summer, our church is dividing the two weeks into children (kindergarten–grade 5) and junior high (grades 6–8).

Youth - Pastor Medler

Our teens have been serving the church, growing in their walk with Christ and participating in weekly gatherings. The Junior High group has continued to grow with many new people hearing the Gospel for the first time. With the graduation of the majority of Senior High students last year, God has allowed for a new, smaller group to shape the future of the ministry. We wrestle with difficult subjects and passages of scripture. This summer, we are starting our very first youth day camp for grades 5–8. The youth have developed strong relationships with one another and with their Lord. All glory be to God!

Community Dinner - Lucille Sankar

God has continued to bless the Calvary Community Dinner over the 2017–2018 program. Over 952 dinners were provided to less fortunate individuals in the Pape and Danforth community.

This year, guests were responsive to devotions by Pastor Daniel, Pastor Shawn, Gary Cockburn, and Bill Shellington. Volunteers served and fellowshiped with guests, and we have had numerous guests request prayers for various things.

Guests were overjoyed when prayers were answered. Praise God. The Community Dinner gave hope and made a difference in their lives.



Small Groups

It has been a privilege to be a part of ministries that have so many people share with one another and support one another – whether it is in a Sunday evening service, through being part of a REALTime Bible study, or through one of the many small groups that meet. In fact, my wife and I, sensing a need to be a part of a small group and living in Toronto West, have decided that we will get involved leading a small group this year. I look forward to how God will continue to mold and shape the ministries here at Calvary in the next year.

Settlement Committee Report

This year, our Settlement Committee helped reunite Akhlaq, his wife and his son in Toronto after being apart for 12 years. Thanks to God and the generous support of our Calvary Church family and other friends, we helped them set up and completely furnish an apartment and paid for their airfare and moving expenses. What a joy it was to see Akhaq's wife and son come to faith in the Lord Jesus and to be baptized. We are also grateful to those who have helped them learn English and study Scriptures so that they can continue to grow in faith. We are now working towards sponsoring a persecuted Christian family from the Middle East!



Visitation

In Matthew 5:14–16, we are to let our light “shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” Visiting someone in hospital or at home, providing a card, a phone call or meal when times are tough and just being available to be used by God are some of the exciting ways I see the Body of Christ living as light in this world! This happens intentionally through the visitation team and naturally in relationship with many of our small groups. It is beautiful to hear from so many people, “I’m well taken care of.” What a testimony of God’s love being lived out!