



Sunrise Service at Saint John Paul II Park
April 16, 2017



"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"
Praise Tree -- Spring, 2017



Mighty Fortress VBS
July 24-28, 2017



Yard Sale -- September 9, 2017
Supporting Missions, Reaching Neighbors



Pastor Mike's Anniversary Celebration
September, 2017



Caroling at the Ashmont T Station
December, 2017

2017 "Year in Review" And Ministry Reports

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Year in Review – 2017

Much as the early believers “devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers,” (Acts 2:42 ESV) so the Calvary family came together in the same way in 2017.

Teaching and Fellowship

Pastor Mike’s preaching is both inspirational and instructive. In January Pastor Mike continued his sermon series on Romans. This collection was entitled “Romans: A Faithfulness for All” and was taken from chapters 9 through 11. After Easter he completed his look at Romans with a collection entitled Romans: The Place for ALL” based on chapters 12 through 16. During Lent he preached on Zephaniah in a series he called “Come Back to the Lord.” Throughout the summer, we explored the Trinity with a series of topical messages. Beginning in September he preached on II Timothy with a series entitled “Fight to the Finish.”

Most intriguing was the Advent/Christmas sermon series entitled “A Christmas Film Festival” in which he used popular Christmas-themed movies as the jumping off point for an Advent or Christmas message. The films included *Miracle on 34th Street* (Isaiah 9:1-7), *A Christmas Story* (Luke 1:26-38), *Jingle All the Way* (Matthew 1:18-25), *It’s a Wonderful Life* (Luke 2:1-20), and *Elf* (Luke 2:25-35). All of Pastor Mike’s sermons are available on the WEB at calvaryboston.org.

A number of instrumentalists enhanced our worship experience throughout the year: Tony An, Tomas Kaco, Kate Lee, and John Lee.

On February 26 our guest speaker was Kevin J. Keating, from Gordon Conwell Seminary. The Rev. Brad Townley preached on September 17. On October 8 our guest preacher was Funwayo Mafuleka from Gordon Conwell Seminary.

In January Pastor Mike challenged us to read the Bible through in a year (or two). How successful were you? Did you find God’s story exciting? Challenging? Thought-provoking?

Pastor Mike led a men’s Bible study throughout the year. In January the study was *Men of Integrity: Passionate Pursuit* and in September the study was *2 Timothy: Faithful to the End*. Jeanine Ferrini led two bible studies for women on Thursday mornings. In the spring the study was entitled *All Things New* by Kelly Minter, based on II Corinthians, and in the fall the study was *The Quest: An Excursion toward Intimacy with God* by Beth Moore.

On Maundy Thursday evening we met to experience the spirit of the Last Supper. On Good Friday we worshiped together at the hour of Jesus’s death. Many people donated tulips, lilies, hyacinths, or daffodils to grace our sanctuary for Easter Sunday. A hearty group met at Pope