



# AT CALVARY

A newsletter for the friends of Calvary Community Church

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*Calvary Community Church is here to give glory to God, to grow in Christ-likeness, and to go with grace beyond our walls as guided by the Spirit.*

## 21 Days of Prayer

Can prayer be dangerous? Is prayer supposed to be dangerous? Any encounter with a holy God can be dangerous – not in a life-threatening way, but in a way that can be life-altering and soul-shaping. All too often we pray safe prayers: God, bless me; God, help me; God, protect me; God, heal me; God, provide for me. During 21 Days of Prayer, **January 7<sup>th</sup> thru 27<sup>th</sup>**, explore the dangerous prayers that have been prayed by God’s people for thousands of years. We trust God will meet you in a dangerous and life-transforming manner. We pray that you will not be the same and that your family, neighborhood, workplace and church will be impacted because you personally have met with God.



## Attend the Annual Meeting

Join us on **Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>** for an afternoon of vital ministry. It all begins **at noon** with a church luncheon – delicious food and delightful conversation. Then remain for our annual business meeting **at 12:45PM**. It is a wonderful time of planning, praising and praying as we hear from our financial officers, pastor and ministry leaders. All are welcome to participate in the discussions – including the 2018 budget and the election of church officers.



## From the Desk of the Pastor:

As part of our celebration of Christmas, we gather on Christmas Eve and sing the traditional Christmas carols. Two of the carols we sang were marking major anniversaries precisely on this past Christmas Eve: “O Little Town of Bethlehem” was first sung 150 years ago in Philadelphia, and “Silent Night” was first sung in Austria 200 years ago. Both were written and scored in a matter of hours and were expected to be played only once. Despite the writers’ intentions, a confluence of events worked in such

a way that enabled these carols to become part of the culture. A simple song written for a Sunday school service and a carol played because the organ was broken have both become beloved strains for the Advent season.



This has made me wonder, especially as one year concludes and another commences, whether the same sort of thing happens in the ordinary lives we live. Do our lives

have an impact because of the big plans which we pursue and because of the efforts into which we invest significant energies? We might say that most of our greatest works are caused by our major efforts. However, there are also times when, like the carols previously mentioned, our secondary or tangential efforts have an unforeseen and unpredicted positive impact. Our influence upon those around us is shaped by big and small acts of obedience.

As we enter a new year and put up a new calendar, perhaps we could contemplate what we are

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# This Month's Ministers

	<u>Platform Assistance</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	
6-Jan-19	To Be Determined	To Be Determined	Emery Stephens
13-Jan-19	Jeanine Ferrini	David Ferrini	Emery Stephens
20-Jan-19	David Ferrini	Desmond Campbell	Emery Stephens
27-Jan-19	To Be Determined	To Be Determined	Emery Stephens

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doing, in big and small ways, to impact the world. Certainly, we should exert our greatest efforts in accomplishing our greatest tasks, such as activities that advance our vocations, our families, and our health. But we should also remember that some of our 'throw-away' interactions may be more significant, in the long run, than our primary efforts. There is no way of evaluating the impact of simple and 'thoughtless' acts: smiling as we pass a stranger on the sidewalk, sitting to play a card game with your child, tipping the haggard wait-staff a bit more than their service deserved or writing a poem that few will ever read.

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. Ephesians 4:29

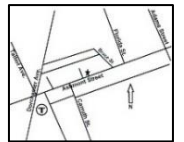
My middle son asked me yesterday what my New Year's resolution was going to be. After some contemplation, I am resolving to speak edifying words in everyday conversations. The above-quoted words of Paul to the church are going to be my guide and my guard: wholesome talk – conversations that are healthy and good by nature; helpful talk – language that benefits the hearer; edifying talk – words that build up and not tear down; needful talk – saying what is necessary, with grace and truth; beneficial talk – engagement that improves the life of the listener. This is not something I can do alone with my own willpower and well-wishing. This is a God-sized resolution that will require reliance upon the leading of the Holy Spirit.

What will be your God-sized resolution? I pray that each one of us has a blessed and significant new year...through both the big and small decisions that God equips us to make.

Blessings for 2019,  
Pastor Mike

## Area Prayer Walk

Join us on **Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, at 10AM** for our area prayer walk (weather permitting: we will walk as long as there is an absence of precipitation). We would be blessed by your accompanying us throughout the neighborhood, praying for the streets, people and businesses we come across. It is also an excellent opportunity to exercise your body and your spirit.



## Gathering for Prayer and Bible Study

*"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people (Eph. 6:18)."*

Join Pastor Mike and others in the church family every **Wednesday night from 7 to 7:45PM** as we pray for the needs of the church and her neighbors **and from 7:45 to 8:30PM** as we take a "second look" at Sunday's message and its impact on our lives. *If you have a need you would like lifted by God's people, fill out a prayer card and place it in the box in the church foyer any Sunday morning, call the church offices at (617) 825-7832 or e-mail the pastor at calbapt@msn.com.*



## Monthly Coffee Hour

Please plan on remaining after the worship service on **Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**, to share in this month's coffee hour. We would be blessed to share with you a bit of pleasant conversation and some light refreshments.



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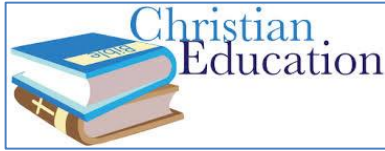
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## Grow Through Christian Education

Everyone is encouraged to be at church on **Sunday at 9:30AM**, for our Christian Education program. This year's theme -- **BOOT CAMP** -- will remind us of the 'armor of God'. All are welcome to our weekly age-specific classes:



- Children: Heart-Shaper classes meets in the "Red Carpet Room" on the church's lower level.
- Teens: Bible-in-Life lessons meet in the Conference Room.
- Adults: The Gospel Project for Adults meets in the Parlor.

## Men's Discipling Group

**Disciple's Path: The Journey** provides an intentional two-year mission toward maturity in Christ. It's a purposeful process covering four volumes, 13 sessions each. The Journey was created to nurture believers into disciples who make disciples. All the men of the church are invited to be part of this study every other **Tuesday night from 7 to 8:30 PM**. This month we will meet on **January 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>**.



## Consider Joining the Church

All those who have submitted their lives to Christ are encouraged to be baptized and become a member of the church. If you are interested in pursuing either of these options, please speak to Pastor Mike about making the next commitment.



## Contribution Envelopes

As a church, we practice fiscal responsibility; our financials are audited each year. If anyone wants their own contribution envelopes for 2019, please call or email the church offices.

Offering Envelopes



## New Year, New District Executive Minister

We are thrilled to announce that we are welcoming Tim Ponzani as our new District Executive Minister for Converge Northeast. Tim was affirmed by unanimous vote at October's Annual Meeting. We celebrate together

and look forward with expectation.

Pray for Tim and his wife Sharon in this season of transition. Tim will begin in the role with Converge in early January 2019.

It has been undeniably encouraging to see the health of our movement in this time. Let us rejoice in the faithfulness of God, the hard work of those who have come before us, and the great horizon of opportunity to advance the Great Commission in the days ahead. The harvest fields are truly white!

Keep fighting the good fight of faith and thank you for your critical Kingdom partnership in this region and beyond. We are better together.



## This Month's Worship Schedule

**Current Sermon Series:**  
**Acts 12-18: The Church Unleashed**

**January 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Communion Sunday**  
"Peter in Prison"  
(Acts 12:1-24)

**January 13<sup>th</sup>**

"Set Apart and Sent Out"  
(Acts 12:25-13:12)

**January 20<sup>th</sup>**

"Paul's 1<sup>st</sup> Sermon"  
(Acts 13:13-52)

**January 27<sup>th</sup>**

"Your Message Matters"  
(Acts 14:1-20)

# Missionary/Ministry for the Month of January

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# **What Is Going on At Calvary?**

## **Sundays**

**Christian Education @ 9:30am**

**Fellowship Time @10:30am**

**Worship @ 11:00am**

**Monthly Coffee Hour @ 12:20pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday)**

## **Every Other Tuesday**

**Men's Bible Study @ 7:00pm**

## **Wednesdays**

**Prayer Meeting @ 7:00pm**

## **Thursdays**

**Women's Bible Study @ 10:00am**

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