



# 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.**

You are cordially Invited to attend the

**Shabby Chic & Antique Sale**

At  
Calvary Community Church  
286 Ashmont Street,  
Dorchester, Ma. 02124  
June 23, 2018  
9:00am – 6:00pm

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## Plunge in to VBS 2018!

At Splash Canyon VBS, our children learn God keeps His promises on life's wild ride! They'll look into the Bible, God's Holy Word, and explore five Bible accounts where our faithful God keeps His promises to be with us and gives us life and hope through Jesus, our Savior.



Registration is open for ages 4-12 who will attend VBS from July 23rd to 27th, from 9 to noon.

Come along with us as we sing fun songs, do crazy crafts, eat yummy snacks, play awesome games, and more. Plus, learn that all God's promises are Yes in Jesus! Can't wait to see you there! To register, sign up online at [calvary-boston.org](http://calvary-boston.org), give the form in the foyer to an usher, call (617) 825-7832, or email [calbapt@msn.com](mailto:calbapt@msn.com).

## From the Desk of the Pastor:

As we explored the book of Acts on Sunday mornings, I realized that there is a bit of me that would have been comfortable in the Sanhedrin when they accused Stephen of disrespecting the temple. While we do not have a temple, we do have a church building that has been our center of ministry for 82 years. It is a building that was built by generations of saints with their tithes and offerings. It is a building that has hosted prayer and praise in times of war and times of peace, times of joy and sorrow, and times of unity and division. I am rightly

protective of this sacred space on the crest of the hill.

This protective nature was raised recently when, in the span of three days, there were two meeting where



groups used the building without prior permission and two times where dogs (and their owners) were frolicking in our parking lot. I was indignant that they didn't ask me if it was okay to use the church property. I was angry that

they did not respect Calvary enough to check with us if there was something else going on. I felt they were taking advantage of us, and of those who had come before us. But those feelings are largely misplaced.

*This is what the LORD says: "Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. Where is the house you will build for me? Where will my resting place be? Has not my hand made all these things, and so they came into being?" declares the LORD. Isaiah 66:1-2*

The funny thing is that the building does not belong to me, or to  
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# This Month's Ministers

	<u>Platform Assistance</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	
6-May-18	To Be Determined	David Ferrini	Emery Stephens
13-May-18	Jonathan Ferrini	To Be Determined	Emery Stephens
20-May-18	To Be Determined	Desmond Campbell	Emery Stephens
27-May-18	Desmond Campbell	David Ferrini	Emery Stephens

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us. Tithes and offerings were not given to pay off a mortgage but were given to God. The church was not built so that we would have a building but so that God would be glorified by those who entered and remembered by those who simply passed by. As Isaiah stated 2,500 years ago, it was God's hand that made it all. While it is convenient to have a physical address and good stewardship to maintain the building, it is not the ministry. It is not The Church.

Make no mistake: we are blessed by God that we have a building. But, like any of God's blessings, the building is meant to be shared and not sheltered. While I may be inconvenienced by the other congregation's leadership meeting or by a church-plant's need for a space for pre-marital counseling or a neighbor's appreciation of some open space, God is glorified and His kingdom expands. We are building the church – the body and bride of Christ – by allowing God's people to use this building. Instead of being aggravated, I am appreciative – for the insight and vision of members past, for the provision of God in the present and for the opportunities of the Church in the future.

As I see it, there is nothing greater than having an active facility, reminding the congregants and the community that God is powerfully at work.

May God bless you this week,  
Michael



## Area Prayer Walk

Each month, we meet to walk and pray over our neighborhood and neighbors. Our prayer walk will be held **Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, at 10am** (weather permitting). We'd love your company as we interact with the community and exercise body and soul.



## 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, May 20<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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# Missionary/Ministry for the Month of May

## Calvary's Summer Outreach Events

Part of our mission as a church is to “go with grace beyond our walls as guided by the Spirit”. This summer, the church is planning the following events and covet your prayers for:

### Dorchester Day Parade

Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1-3pm

Pray for:

- Good weather for the parade
- Distribution of 100 VBS or church invitations
- 5 community children's attendance at VBS



### Shabby Chic & Antique Sale

Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9am-6pm

Pray for:

- Rainless weather for outside booths
- Good attendance of vendors and community
- 10 unique contacts from the neighborhood
- Sufficient assistance and participation from the church

### Splash Canyon VBS

July 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, 9am-Noon

Pray for:

- Good weather throughout the week
- 25 children participating
- Children growing in faith in the Lord
- Joy among the volunteers





## Take Time for Christian Education

Join us for Christian Education for all ages **every Sunday morning at 9:30pm**. This year's CE theme is 'G.O.D. Squad: NOT MY JOB'. The Bible mentions or describes a number of trades and occupations, and we can learn from the variety of tasks God's people are engaged in completing. We will be exploring these jobs at monthly gatherings to think about why God would call us by a particular name and any ramifications from a name. All are welcome to our age-specific classes:

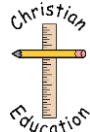
**Children:** Bible-in-Life lessons are sound, easy-to-teach and are designed to impact every student that is entrusted to your care – from the littlest ones to the most mature! The Elementary class meets in the "Red Carpet Room" on the church's lower level.

**Teens:** Encounter: a Bible-based, culturally relevant, and personally challenging teen Sunday school curriculum for middle and high school. ENCOUNTER™ brings teens the message of the Bible and relates spiritual truths to the world around them. The teens meet in the Conference Room.

## Men's Bible Study

There's a disciple-maker inside every Christian. Disciples Path: The Journey is a 4 volume (13 sessions each) intentional plan for discipleship that provides a purposeful process for maturing in Christ. Both new and seasoned disciples will encounter key ideas and practices to help them grow in Christ and as disciple-makers. Disciples Path: The Journey has four critical qualities:

- The disciple's path is progressive. The sessions build on each other as the disciple moves toward transformation week after week.
- The disciple's path is relational. The leaders and the students study and apply the content together each week so that every disciple can be guided by someone more seasoned in the faith.
- The disciple's path is disciplined. Each session includes engaging assignments for between meetings to help disciples practice the disciplines that help them grow in Christlikeness.
- The disciple's path is replicable. The full plan prepares disciples for multiplication with the goal that



after finishing this journey, each disciple will then use the series to disciple someone else.

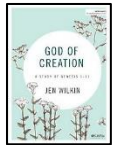
This study will meet **every other Tuesday from 7 to 8:30PM** and will be held on **May 8<sup>th</sup>** ("Jesus Calls His Disciples") and **22<sup>th</sup>** ("Jesus Teaches His Disciples").

## Women's Bible Study

It all began with the Word. The opening chapters of Genesis teach us fundamental truths about God. We watch Him bring light after darkness, order after chaos, and rest after toil – all through the power of His Word. This is the basis for Jen Wilkin's new study "God of Creation".

Over 10 sessions of verse-by-verse study, dive into Genesis 1-11 by following three critical stages of understanding: comprehension, interpretation, and application. Revisit familiar stories and historical figures, challenge your basic knowledge, and discover deeper meanings in the text. As God reveals Himself through Scripture, we can only begin to understand ourselves when we first glimpse the character, attributes, and promises of our Creator.

The Women's Bible Study meets **every Thursday morning from 10 to noon**.



## This Month's Worship Schedule

### Current Sermon Series: *Healthy Habits*

**May 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Communion Sunday**  
"Worship"  
(1 Cor. 14:26-40)

**May 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Mother's Day**  
"Sharing the Word"  
(2 Timothy 1:3-7)

**May 20<sup>th</sup>**  
"Managing our Lives"  
(Matthew 25:14-30)

**May 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**Communion Sunday**  
"Sacrifice"  
(Matthew 6:16-18)



# MAY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 7:00 Prayer Meeting	3 10:00 Women's Bible Study	4	5 Cinco de Mayo
6 Communion Sunday 9:30 Christian Ed. 10:30 Coffee Time 11:00 Worship	7 10:00 Area Prayer Walk	8 7:00 Men's Bible Study	9 7:00 Prayer Meeting	10 10:00 Women's Bible Study	11	12
13 Mother's Day	14	15	16 Winston Pierre's B-day	17	18	19
20 Pentecost	21	22	23 7:00 Prayer Meeting	24	25 Men Gokowan's B-day	26
27 Communion Sunday 9:30 Christian Ed. 10:30 Coffee Time 11:00 Worship 12:15 Coffee Hour	28 Memorial Day <i>(church offices closed)</i>	29	30 7:00 Prayer Meeting	31		

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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)

## Tuesdays

Men's Bible Study @ 7:00pm

## Wednesdays

Prayer Meeting @ 7:00pm

## Thursdays

Women's Bible Study @ 10:00am

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