



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.

Worship with Us This Summer

All are welcome to Calvary's worship service each **Sunday this summer at 11AM**. We will join together for praise (with a blend of contemporary songs and traditional hymns), prayer (congregational and personal) and proclamation (a relevant and rich sermon from God's word – listen to a recent message online at www.calvary-boston.org). Whether you were there last week or it has been a while, we would love to see you on Sunday!



Vacation Bible School



From the Desk of the Pastor:

My family has been taking advantage of a national movie chain's newly -introduced promotional offer: AMC Theatres \$5 Ticket Tuesdays. As the title implies, AMC is enabling their loyalty club members to get movie tickets on Tuesdays for five dollars (this means a 50-62% savings off the regular price). I appreciate the discount, considering how expensive a trip to the multiplex can be, as well as the air-conditioning during the dog days of summer and the opportunity to eat my weight in popcorn. It has also given my wife

and I the chance to spend a bit of time with the boys watching family-friendly films we wouldn't typically be interested in viewing at full price.

The plot of the most recent movie we saw ("Teen Titans Go! To the



Movies") made me think about what we value in our society. Do we seek individual accolades and esteem, or do we seek community and comradery? In the movie, Robin

wants to star in his own superhero movie, but in order to make that happen, he must abandon his team. You will have to see the movie to find out what the Boy Wonder chooses to do. It made me think, though, about the choses we make when it comes to self-promotion. Would I forsake my friends and family to follow my dreams?

Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Romans 12:15-16

As I write this, I still have
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This Month's Ministers

	<u>Platform Assistance</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	
5-Aug-18	To Be Determined	David Ferrini	Emery Stephens
12-Aug-18	David Ferrini	Desmond Campbell	Emery Stephens
19-Aug-18	Desmond Campbell	To Be Determined	Emery Stephens
26-Aug-18	Be Determined	David Ferrini	Emery Stephens

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Vacation Bible School on my mind. Because of my love for VBS and the forward role I take in the program, it might be tempting for me to take all the credit and pat myself on the back for the relative success our week of Bible stories and fun achieved. My worldly nature tells me, "I did a great job; they couldn't have done it without me." But the Spirit within me rebuts, "You fool: we did a great job and God would have worked through our efforts whether I was there or not." It is not all about me. It is about us and what God can do through us.

We, as a church wish to thank Marla Dixon, David Ferrini, Jeanine Ferrini, Jonathan Ferrini, Toan Luong, Thu Luong, Kimberly Nguyen, Thao Nguyen, Marie Pereto-Hedin, Karen Pulido and Kendal-Arielle Vedrine-Ngole: you are the unsung heroes that were willing to allow God to use your gifts and strengths for His glory in ministering to the twenty-four wonderful children we saw at VBS. Thank you for giving your time to prepare lessons, crafts, snacks and games. Thank you for giving up your evenings for planning, decorating and restoring the building. Thank you for your prayers and patience as we served the Lord with gladness.

It is times like Vacation Bible School week that I am reminded again that God works through us when we work together. I get more credit than I deserve ... Lord, help me never become conceited by the kind words of your kind people. Help us to always choose community over celebrity.

Have a blessed remainder of your summer,
Pastor Mike

Area Prayer Walk

Each month, we meet to walk and pray over our neighborhood and neighbors. Our prayer walk will be held **Monday, August 6th, 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, August 12th**, 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 August

The Ministries of Emmanuel Gospel Center

I hope your summer is going well! I am excited about a lot of the new things we are doing here, and how we see God working through leaders to address some of the most complex issues in our city. At EGC, we look below the surface of these problems. Our research drives our ministry, and our desire is to learn about the issues in our communities, and amplify the voices of those that are being affected. I appreciate your prayers as we get behind what God is doing through Christian leaders in our city.

Sincerely,



Jeff Bass
Executive Director

Pray for Boston

- 1) Churches and missions organizations are sending and receiving missions teams throughout the summer. Pray that these teams are able to continue to strengthen and grow in their relationships with their partner churches and organizations, and be a blessing to the community they are serving in.
- 2) This summer has seen some especially hot weather. Please pray for those in our city that are experiencing homelessness and others with occupations forcing them to endure the heat. Pray too for our youth, as youth violence sometimes increases with hot weather. Pray that they would have access to cooler environments, and plenty of water!

Pray for EGC

EGC's staff have been working hard the past few months, organizing fundraisers, hosting events and even launching a new ministry! Pray for our staff as they find time during the summer months to take a step back and spend time resting and being with their families.

Pray for EGC's Programs

We are focusing the EGC prayer bulletin to feature four ministries per month. Help us love the city of Boston by reading below to find out how you can pray for some of our ministries and the leaders we serve. For information about ALL of our ministries, visit www.egc.org.

STARLIGHT MINISTRIES – Please pray for Starlight ministries as they go deeper their with church partners. Starlight's desire is to train churches to build relationships with people affected by homelessness, and equip them with the resources needed to transition to stable living situations. Pray as Starlight spends more time in the community, walking alongside the Christian leaders that they serve, and building mutually life changing relationships.

APPLIED RESEARCH AND CONSULTING – The Applied Research & Consulting team is thankful to God for providing such an amazing cohort of five summer interns. Each intern stands ready to try things they've never done before and to contribute to ARC's work in meaningful ways. Please pray that Chelsie, Evangeline, James, Courtney and Laurel will finish well, that they will recognize growth in their personal and professional development and see the value they brought to our summer projects.

ROUTE ONE MINISTRIES – Bonnie Gatchell, Route One Director, wants to give praise for Miranda Kwon, who is interning from Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary. Route One is also asking for prayers and praise for Monica Slayton as she learns her new role as Route One's Worcester Site Coordinator. Please also pray for Route One's continued growth and their ability to build connections in Worcester. We are grateful for the generosity from one of our major donors toward our matching gift challenge and we need continued prayer for an increase in funding to allow an essential increase of staffing hours.

INTERCULTURAL MINISTRIES – In recent years, Intercultural Ministries has been doing research to help assist immigrant churches with addressing ministry across the generational spectrum. Currently, IM's intern Kika Ghobrial is working to pull that research together to make it accessible for leaders who are facing these challenges. Please pray for Kika as he does this work and seeks to apply it in his own context in the Arabic Church.

***Thank you for praying with us for our staff,
the Gospel Center, and our city!***

Come to “Summer Christian Education”

All are welcome to our multi-generational Christian Ed. Class every **Sunday at 9:30am** throughout the summer months. We meet downstairs in Axberg Hall to go through “The Travel Guide to the 23rd Psalm”. We hope you will join us for this time as we remind ourselves of the great truths of this familiar passage.



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.

Plan Now For Fall

We are beginning to schedule our fall ministries and would be blessed by your participation:

- **Men’s Discipling Group – Tuesdays, September 11-February 19:** All men are invited to continue on the “Disciples Path” every other Tuesday night. In our meetings, we will discuss our relationship with Jesus, the church and one another.
- **Women’s Neighborhood Bible Study – Thursdays, September-November:** All women are invited to a weekly Bible study every Thursday morning. In the past, the group has been blessed by the teachings (via video) of Beth Moore, Priscilla Shrier, Lisa Harper and Jen Wilkin.



‘Summer’ Cleaning

If you can assist the church in some “tidying” of the building and grounds, please contact the church office. We would like to gather a work crew to wash windows and clean up the lawn.



Converge Annual Meeting

Scott Ridout was elected to a second term as Converge president during the biennial meeting at the Converge Reach Conference. Ridout has served as president since November 2014.



Delegates also voted to approve changing the Converge presidential term from 4 years to 6 years. Other Converge and Bethel University business decisions

at the meeting:

- Officially adopted “Converge” as the name of our movement.
- Approved a resolution on church planting, reaffirming our commitment as a movement to continue to plant new churches in order to advance the gospel.
- Elected Mullery Jean-Pierre the 2020 vice moderator. Ralph Gustafson, this year’s vice moderator, will serve as the 2020 moderator.
- Confirmed Converge board members.
- Confirmed Bethel personnel, board of trustees and trustee ratifications.

In addition, Dr. Michael Henderson, Converge’s vice president of National Ministries, honored Dr. Robin Holland, director of diversity, and George C. Paul, chaplain endorser, who are concluding their ministries with Converge.

This Month’s Worship Schedule

Current Sermon Series: The Lord’s Letter to the Churches

August 5th

Communion Sunday

“The Increasing Church”
(Revelation 2:18-29)

August 12th

“The Dead Church”
(Revelation 3:1-6)

August 19th

“The Faultless Church”
(Revelation 3:7-13)

August 26th

“The Tepid Church”
(Revelation 3:14-22)

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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 (2nd Sunday)

Tuesdays (Resuming in Fall, 2018)

Men's Bible Study @ 7:00pm

Wednesdays

Prayer Meeting @ 7:00pm

Thursdays (Resuming in Fall, 2018)

Women's Bible Study @ 10:00am

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