



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.

Offering Hope

In the United States, millions of women are vulnerable and in need of support as a result of poverty, abuse, trafficking, or disaster. As they start the process of rebuilding their lives towards a brighter future, many go to safe houses or shelters with nothing but the clothes they are wearing. **Through**



November 18th, Calvary is partnering with World Vision to fund, assemble and distribute 50 Women's Hope Kits, and helping distressed women in

their recovery process by providing encouragement and practical comfort. Consider contributing (each kits costs \$18) and/or assisting in assembly at the Assembly Event at Noon on **November 17th**.

Ashmont-Adams Neighborhood Yard Sale

Saturday, October 6th, was a wonderful day. We took part in the Ashmont-Adams Neighborhood Association yard sale (along with 15 other household in the area). Through your generosity and service, we raised \$350 to support our global missionary partners.



From the Desk of the Pastor:

On Sunday night, October 28th, at 11:17PM, I witnessed the Boston Red Sox win the World Series. As regards professional sports in this region, these have been high times indeed: Boston has hosted parades for eleven championships in a bit less than 17 years (five Super Bowls, four World Series, a Stanley Cup and an NBA title). This time around it was not really a shock that the local team won it all, as they did have the best regular season record (108-54) and the regular season's

batting champion (Mookie Betts, whose batting average of .346). Still, four games needed to be won against the LA Dodgers for the Red Sox to reach their objective, which they accomplished on Sunday night. And the people of greater Boston rejoiced.



For a few moments, a few precious days the men, woman and children of our community will bask in

the glory of hosting a superior baseball team in our city: our words to one another will be more cordial, our gestures will be more kind. For the next week (and, God willing, a lot longer) we will be obsessed with the good feelings produced of Pearce's homeruns and Price's 9-pitch innings instead of dwelling on the depressing mood that comes from the otherwise ubiquitous news of divisive politics and deadly violence. Bostonians will be smiling a little more broadly, at least until the duck boats return to their garages

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This Month's Ministers

	<u>Platform Assistance</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	
4-Nov-18	<i>To Be Determined</i>	<i>To Be Determined</i>	Emery Stephens
11-Nov-18	Jeanine Ferrini	David Ferrini	Emery Stephens
18-Nov-18	David Ferrini	Desmond Campbell	Emery Stephens
25-Nov-18	Desmond Campbell	<i>To Be Determined</i>	Emery Stephens

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Wednesday afternoon.

But be sure to fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you. 1 Samuel 12:24

I wish that we could bottle all this goodwill and happiness so that it would be available for the days when the dark clouds roll in. But we cannot. Still, God knows what we need, and He gives us a series of holidays, of holy days. We have better than a vicariously celebrated trophy. We have the next eight weeks. We have Thanksgiving and Advent and Christmas. We have times with family and tables full of food. We have the air of carols and the actions of gratitude. We have afternoons of football, days of baking and nights of shopping. We have the opportunity to share some good news in spite of all the bad – God has blessed us with an abundance of blessings, with one of the greatest blessing being His presence on earth.

If you are a Red Sox fan, savor the win and celebrate your heroes. If you feel, after a few days, that this experience is unable to sustain your happiness, you are welcome to join in the continual celebration we have at Calvary. Come and celebrate the abundance of God's people as we assemble Hope Kits for women in need. Come and express your appreciation for all God's goodness at our Pie and Prayer Night. Come and worship the Lord of grace and glory any Sunday morning. You may witness something more substantive than a bunch of men winning a boys' game. You may see something truly worth celebration.

Have a God blessed month,
Pastor Mike

Special Pie and Prayer Night

Come out for prayer and pie on **Wednesday, November 21st, at 7pm**. At the Annual Thanksgiving Eve Prayer Service we'll spend time together offering gratitude for God's many blessings throughout the year and then enjoy a slice (or two) of pie.



Area Prayer Walk

Join us on **Monday, November 5th, 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.



Monthly Coffee Hour

Please plan on remaining after the worship service on **Sunday, November 11th**, 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.



Gathering for Prayer and Bible Study

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers

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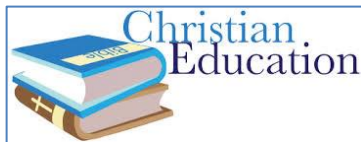
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Prayer and Bible Study-- continued from page 2 and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people (Eph. 6:18)." Join Pastor Mike and others in the church family every **Wednesday night from 7 to 7:45PM** 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.*



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.

Women's Neighborhood Bible Study

The women's Bible study will meet **Thursday, November 1st and 8th, at 10am**. Joy is the constant companion of the woman who trusts in the Lord. But how is it possible to hold onto such joy in times of sorrow? In this 7-session study by Lisa Harper, discover the redemptive side to Job's story of suffering. Learn to use pain to strengthen your faith, point others to the gospel, and remember God's providence will never take you to a place where His grace will not sustain you. Childcare for preschoolers will be provided.



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 November 6th and 20th.

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.

This Month's Worship Schedule

Current Sermon Series Acts 8-11: The Church Scattered

November 4th

Communion Sunday

"Acceptance without Prejudice"
(Acts 10:34-11:18)

November 11th

"Seizing Your Antioch Moment"
(Acts 11:19-30)

November 18th

Thanksgiving Sunday

"Table of Contentment"
(Philippians 4:10-20)

November 25th

Message by Marie Pereto
(Scripture TBD)

Missionary/Ministry for the Month of November

World Vision

World Vision is an international partnership of Christians whose mission is to follow our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in working with the poor and oppressed to promote human transformation, seek justice, and bear witness to the good news of the Kingdom of God.

We pursue this mission through integrated, holistic commitment to:

- **Transformational development** that is community-based and sustainable, focused especially on the needs of children.
- **Emergency relief** that assists people afflicted by conflict or disaster.
- **Promotion of justice** that seeks to change unjust structures affecting the poor among whom we work.
- **Partnerships with churches** to contribute to spiritual and social transformation.
- **Public awareness** that leads to informed understanding, giving, involvement, and prayer.
- **Witness to Jesus Christ** by life, deed, word, and sign that encourages people to respond to the Gospel.

We are called to serve the people in greatest need around the world, to relieve their suffering and to promote the transformation of their condition of life.

We stand in solidarity in a common search for justice. We seek to understand the situation of the poor and work alongside them toward fullness of life. We share our discovery of eternal hope in Jesus Christ.

We seek to facilitate an engagement between the poor and the affluent that opens both to transformation. We respect the poor as active participants, not passive recipients, in this relationship. They are people from whom others may learn and receive, as well as give. The need for transformation is common to all. Together we share a quest for justice, peace, reconciliation, and healing in a broken world.

We regard all people as created and loved by God. We give priority to people before money, structure, systems, and other institutional machinery.

We act in ways that respect the dignity, uniqueness, and intrinsic worth of every person — the poor, the donors, our staff and their families, boards, and volunteers. We celebrate the richness of diversity in human personality, culture, and contribution.

We practice a participative, open, enabling style in working relationships. We encourage the professional, personal, and spiritual development of our staff.

The resources at our disposal are not our own. They are a

sacred trust from God through donors on behalf of the poor. We are faithful to the purpose for which those resources are given and manage them in a manner that brings maximum benefit to the poor.

We speak and act honestly. We are open and factual in our dealings with donor constituencies, project communities, governments, the public at large, and each other. We endeavor to convey a public image conforming to reality. We strive for consistency between what we say and what we do.

We demand of ourselves high standards of professional competence and accept the need to be accountable through appropriate structures for achieving these standards. We share our experience and knowledge with others where it can assist them.

We are stewards of God's creation. We care for the earth and act in ways that will restore and protect the environment. We ensure that our development activities are ecologically sound.

We are members of an international World Vision partnership that transcends legal, structural, and cultural boundaries. We accept the obligations of joint participation, shared goals, and mutual accountability that true partnership requires. We affirm our interdependence and our willingness to yield autonomy as necessary for the common good. We commit ourselves to know, understand, and love each other.

We are partners with the poor and with donors in a shared ministry. We affirm and promote unity in the Body of Christ. We pursue relationship with all churches and desire mutual participation in ministry. We seek to contribute to the holistic mission of the church.

We maintain a cooperative stance and a spirit of openness towards other humanitarian organizations. We are willing to receive and consider honest opinions from others about our work.

We are responsive to life-threatening emergencies where our involvement is needed and appropriate. We are willing to take intelligent risks and act quickly. We do this from a foundation of experience and sensitivity to what the situation requires. We also recognize that even in the midst of crisis, the destitute have a contribution to make from their experience.

We are responsive in a different sense where deep-seated and often complex economic and social deprivation calls for sustainable, long-term development. We maintain the commitments necessary for this to occur.

We are responsive to new and unusual opportunities. We encourage innovation, creativity, and flexibility. We maintain an attitude of learning, reflection, and discovery in order to grow in understanding and skill.

NOVEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10:00 Women's Bible Study	2	3
4 Daylight Saving Communion Sunday 9:30 Christian Ed. 10:30 Coffee Time 11:00 Worship	5 10:00 Area Prayer Walk	6 Election Day 7:00 Men's Discippling Group	7 7:00 Prayer Meeting	8 10:00 Women's Bible Study	9	10
11 Veterans Day 9:30 Christian Ed. 10:30 Coffee Time 11:00 Worship 12:15 Coffee Hour	12 Veterans Day Observed (Church Offices Closed)	13	14 7:00 Prayer Meeting	15	16	17 12:00 Women's Hope Kit Assembly
18 9:30 Christian Ed. 10:30 Coffee Time 11:00 Worship	19	20 7:00 Men's Discippling Group	21 7:00 Pie and Prayer Night	22 Thanksgiving (Church Offices Closed)	23	24
25 9:30 Christian Ed. 10:30 Coffee Time 11:00 Worship	26	27	28 7:00 Prayer Meeting	29 Gail Johnson's B-day	30	

October 2018

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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)

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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