



# AT CALVARY

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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.**

## Volunteer for Dorchester Day

On **Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 1pm**, our community will celebrate with its annual parade down Dorchester Ave. We hope your plans include a few moments celebrating with neighbors. We are looking for volunteers to distribute water and promotional items to our neighbors. If you are available and interested in serving in this ministry, please contact the church office.



## Plunge into VBS 2018!

At Splash Canyon VBS, our children learn God keeps His promises on life's wild ride! They'll explore five Bible accounts where our faithful God keeps His promises to be with us and gives us life and hope through Jesus. Registration is open for ages 4-12 and will be **July 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>, from 9 to noon**. Come along with us as we sing fun songs, do crazy crafts, eat yummy snacks, play awesome games, and more. 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:

Earlier this week, I watched the Boston Celtics lose to the Cleveland Cavaliers in game seven of the NBA Eastern Conference Championship Series. It was a terrible loss for the home team, as expectations were high since the pre-season acquisition of two bona fide all-stars (Kyrie Irving and Gordon Heyward). Then, when the season began expectations dropped as, during the first 10 minutes of the first game, Heyward suffered a season-ending injury. But the Celtics kept winning and, as Fall turned to Winter which turned to Spring, expectations

increased. On March 24, Kyrie had season-ending surgery and the Celtics limped (figuratively) into the playoffs, and their fans hoped they could win at least one series. But the young team



beat the Milwaukee Bucks in seven games and beat the Philadelphia 76ers in five games. They even took a two-games to none lead in the conference finals against LeBron James and the Cavs. Alas, their

magic wore off and they were eliminated from a series they never should have been playing in.

Expectations are a funny thing. They are excessively subjective: they are based on what we value and ignores what we do not. Expectations are illusive: they continue to shift as new information emerges. Expectations are rarely met: because they are subject to our interpretations and modified by our understanding of new data, things never end as expected. Unfortunately, expectations are also universal: everyone has them, whether they are realistic or not,

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# This Month's Ministers

	<u>Platform Assistance</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	
3-Jun-18	Jeanine Ferrini	<i>To Be Determined</i>	Emery Stephens
10-Jun-18	Sunday School	Sunday School	Sunday School
17-Jun-18	David Ferrini	Desmond Campbell	Emery Stephens
24-Jun-18	Marie Pereto-Hedin	David Ferrini	Emery Stephens

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about nearly everything.

Then Job replied to the LORD: "I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted. You asked, 'Who is this that obscures my plans without knowledge?' Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know." Job 42:1-3 (NIV)

As Job would tell you, if you were 2,500 years old, we engage in a dangerous practice when we place expectations on God. We get ourselves into trouble when we begin to think we know how God is going to act or perform. It begins when we, like Job, question God and ask, "Why?" 'Why' is the buzzword of expectations – why did you do that, why didn't you do something else, why is this happening – as if we knew the best possible outcome and (ultimately) God didn't do it our way. 'Why' is what we ask when our reality does not match our expectations.

The hard truth is that we live in the world of reality and not in the world of expectations, but this truth is not all bad news. Reality is not what we may have expected, but it is not necessarily without blessing. Yes, the Celtics lost in the playoffs, but their young players got much more experience than anyone would have imagined and they will be better prepared for next year. Yes, retirement is not as you expected, but downsizing enabled you to get rid of many things you never used. Yes, it rained your entire vacation, but you had conversations that were long overdue while the kids bounced from bed to bed in the hotel. Thank God that He doesn't meet our expectations...He surpasses them as only He knows how!

May God bless you this month,  
Michael

## Area Prayer Walk

Each month, we meet to walk and pray over our neighborhood and neighbors. Our prayer walk will be held **Monday, June 4<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.*



## Celebrating Christian Education

Please plan on remaining after the Youth Sunday Service on **Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>**, as the Christian Ed. Program will be hosting an 'old-fashioned ice cream social'. We would be blessed to share with you a bit of pleasant conversation and some light refreshments as we celebrate another great year of discipleship.



### Contact Information:

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# Missionary/Ministry for the Month of June

## Converge Northeast and Lakeside Camp

Dear Calvary,

Converge Northeast has been invigorated by the excellent leadership of Brent & Lori Allen. We have new church plants and partners. The Board of Trustees is diverse and engaged. Our community of pastors is remarkably strong. The shared vision of impacting the northeast with the Gospel of Jesus Christ is clear and unwavering. We will truly miss the Allens, but are excited to embrace what lies ahead.

As your Interim District Executive Minister I am eager to hear your story, understand your context, and serve as a bridge builder. I am most often described as a connector and I'm honored to do that with Converge Northeast. With all my heart I believe the local church is God's plan A to transform this region and the world.

My Converge roots extend to childhood as a part of Bethany Bible Chapel in Winchendon, MA. My wife Bethany and our two children, Josiah (14) and Mercy (12), have been a part of Chapel of the Cross in Westborough, MA for the past 9 years. I launched and lead a growing series of regional ministry team training days.

Dave Abbott is overseeing the administrative functions at our office in Cheshire, CT at Elim Park. (Please continue to use that address for mail correspondence). The search team for the open position of District Executive Minister is being finalized by the Board and that process will open very soon.

### ***Here is what I ask of you:***

1. **Don't Be Shy:** Let's connect! I would love to chat on the phone or share coffee or a meal. My cell is 508.400.6335.
2. **Save the Dates:** Our Annual Meeting will be Saturday, October 13. Also, I am traveling to REACH, the Converge national conference in Indiana this June and would love to have you join me!
3. **Stay Engaged:** We need your voice, your stories of lives transformed, your suggestions of new churches to connect with, and your church's financial support.

Let's build on the momentum God has given us. The harvest fields are white and we are truly better together.

In Christ,



Andy Needham  
Interim District Executive Minister

### 2018 SUMMER CAMP

#### **Junior (Grades 2-6) 1 or 2 Weeks**

Junior 1: June 24 – 30  
Junior 2: July 1 – 7

#### **Breakaway (Grades 7-8) 1 or 2 Weeks**

Breakaway 1: July 8 – 14  
Breakaway 2: July 15 – 21

#### **Venture (Grades 9-11) 1 or 2 Weeks**

Venture 1: July 8 – 14  
Venture 2: July 15 – 21

## Grow Through Our Christian Education

Join us for Christian Education for all ages on **Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30am**. 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.

**Adults:** Journey through the storyline of Scripture. The Gospel Project® for Adults takes men and women on a chronological, Christ-centered journey through the storyline of Scripture. The adults meet in the Parlor.

On **June 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am** we will transition to our summer CE schedule, with one big class for all ages, meeting in Axberg Hall. All are welcome to attend these sessions of biblical study (exploring the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm) for age specific exercises which are intended to engage the whole church.



## 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 **June 5<sup>th</sup>** (“Jesus Equips His Disciples”) and **19<sup>th</sup>** (“Jesus Sends His Disciples”).

## Spring Cleaning

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



## This Month's Worship Schedule

### Current Sermon Series: *Healthy Habits*

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
“Giving”  
(Mark 12:41-44)

**June 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**Children's/Youth Sunday**  
“Sunday School”  
(James 1:19-25)

**June 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**Father's Day**  
“Vocation”  
(Colossians 3:22-25)

**June 24<sup>th</sup>**  
“Evangelism”  
(John 1:35-42)

# JUNE 2018

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	<b>Dorchester Day</b> 9:30 Christian Ed. 10:30 Coffee Time 11:00 Worship 1:30 Dot Day Parade	4	5	6	7	8	9
		10:00 Area Prayer Walk	7:00 Men's Bible Study	7:00 Prayer Meeting			
10	<b>Children/Youth Sunday</b> 9:30 Christian Ed. 10:30 Coffee Time 11:00 Worship 12:15 Ice Cream Social	11	12	13	14	15	16
		7:00 VBS Planning Meeting		7:00 Prayer Meeting	Flag Day		
17	<b>Father's Day</b> 9:30 Christian Ed. 10:30 Coffee Time 11:00 Worship	18	19	20	21	22	23
			7:00 Men's Bible Study	7:00 Prayer Meeting	June Solstice		9:00 Shabby Chic & Antique Sale
24	9:30 Christian Ed. 10:30 Coffee Time 11:00 Worship	25	26	27	28	29	30
		7:00 VBS Planning Meeting		7:00 Prayer Meeting			

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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 (Resuming in Fall, 2018)**

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

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