



*As members of a community
that seeks to glorify God,
we commit to sharing the life-
changing message of Christ
with our neighbours
and each other.*

December 13, 2009

Apprenticing With Jesus by.....

Bowing down, Reaching up, Reaching out and Reaching in.

VISITOR INFORMATION

During AM Worship

Prayer Partners are available after the service in the Prayer Room. Should you desire to pray for a need or joy in your own life or of someone you know, please feel free to join in a time of prayer and meditation.

Nursery for infants and toddlers on the lower level.

Donation Envelopes are available in the foyer for non-members who wish to receive a tax receipt.

Please refrain from using scented products. Some members of our congregation have severe allergic reactions to these products.

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Prayer Notes

COVENANT CHILDREN. Some Of Calvin's Covenant Children will, with their parents, stand to affirm that as a covenant family, they are followers of Jesus Christ. And thus, they will be welcomed at the Lord's Table. We rejoice with them at this significant step in their Christian faith formation. May the Spirit continue to bless and encourage them in the years ahead.

INDONESIA. Hans & Henni Helleman have left for Indonesia, where they will serve with Christian Reformed World Relief Committee to bring hope and help in Christ's name in the wake of the recent natural disasters that have devastated that nation.

SADNESS AT A TIME OF FESTIVITY - Remember those for whom this festive season is a time when past losses and present struggles are magnified in intensity. Pray also for a way to share peace and encouragement with someone who otherwise might be very alone at Christmas.

MISSIONARIES: This week let us remember in prayer Sheila Dykstra in West Africa.

Calvin Ministries

COFFEE BREAK is now finished its first session but will begin again on Wednesday, January 6. There will be two new studies: *Hebrews & From Mary to Lydia* (a study on New Testament women). Women of all ages are invited to come join us. For more information, please contact Joycegina at 613-225-5846.

SEAFARERS The youth group, and several parents were privileged to take 80 parcels to the Seafarer Centre last Sunday. We were thankful for safe travels and the opportunity to learn more about the Seafarer centre. Staff of the Seafarer Centre thank you for your gifts.

INTERGENERATIONAL CHURCH SCHOOL was held this past morning. We will hold our last meeting of Session #2 next week. If you have child(ren) in grades 6 - 12 please come out next week with them as a parent(s) or Grandparent(s) starting at 8:45 am for a light breakfast.

Calvin Ministries cont'd

PERU ORIENTATION: Session #3 takes place this Wednesday in the Youth Room. We start at 7:00 pm. Please don't forget your student journals.

CIA/ETM will be having our Christmas Party this Tuesday from 7 - 9 pm. Please wear something GREEN and/or RED, bring a wrapped elephant gift along, as well as the snacks/drinks you were asked to bring via email. See you Tuesday.

STUDY LEAVE: Consistory has approved an extended 3 month study leave for Pastor Ken starting in Jan. 2010. During this time, he will be on leave from his usual duties at Calvin. Consistory asks the congregation join in prayer that this study period will be a time for both personal and professional renewal, and reflection for Pastor Ken. We have been blessed that we have found others to preach at Calvin during these three months. If you have pastoral concerns for yourself or others, please contact either the pastoral elders or Pastor Ron.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: By December 7, 2009, \$402,231.00 was collected. In order to meet our 2009 budget, we need to collect an additional \$47,768 by December 31st. Thank you for your continued support to Calvin's ministries. The Finance Committee.

General Announcements

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BURSARY PROGRAM

Your generous support towards this program in 2009 has made Christian schools more affordable for some of our families. Sharing costs encourages these families and reminds all that we are part of God's covenant family. The committee hopes to offer 5-6 scholarships in 2010 and raise sufficient funds by the May 1, 2010. For a tax 2009 receipt, please write a cheque to CEAF, before December 31, noting that funds are to be credited to the CALVIN CRC Bursary Fund. Leave your donation in the Church Office mail slot, mail it directly to CEAF or give it to Evert, John, Annetta or Martin.

FRUIT BASKETS: This December give someone a welcome and (mostly) healthy gift and support Redeemer Christian High School as well. Call Wilma Mudde at 613-728-0154 for more information.

December 13, 2009
The Third Sunday Of Advent



10AM WORSHIP SERVICE

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Song: "Make Way" SANC 98
Words Of Welcome
Song: "O Come, O Come, Immanuel" PH 328:1,2,5,6
Prayer
Songs: "Lift Up Your Hearts Unto The Lord" PH 309:1,2,5
"I Will Sing Of The Mercies Of The Lord" PH 169
"Bless His Holy Name" PH 627
Call to Worship (from Psalm 126)
Song: "Prepare The Way Of The Lord" SANC 105
Covenantal Statement Of Faith
Song: "Prepare The Way Of The Lord" SANC 105
Advent 3 Celebration
Song: "Joy to the World" PH 337:1,3,4
(children ages 3-gr.5 go to church school)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prayer
Bible Reading: Isaiah 60:1-7, p.690 (OT)
John 3:1-21, p.93 (NT)
Message: "Jesus Came - To The World"



RESPONDING TO THE GOSPEL

Song: "Hark, The Glad Sound" PH 335:1,2,3
Prayer
Song: "Hark, The Glad Sound" PH 335:4
Offering: Calvin CRC & Back To God Ministries International

LEAVING INTO ADVENT LIVING

Song: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" PH 329:1,3,4
An Advent Prayer
Parting Blessing
Song: "Soon And Very Soon" SANC 106
Passing of the Peace

Evening - Growing Together Groups

Tonight we will meet in our *Growing Together home groups* around the city instead of an evening worship service. This will be the last meeting for 2009. The next session will be held on January 3, 2010.

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General Announcements cont'd

OTTAWA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL The new OCS facility is taking shape - the walls are up, the roof is on, the floor has been poured. What was once a dream is now becoming a reality! As we move into the next phase of our construction process - the interior of the building - our need for volunteers is increasing. If you are interested in helping us build please contact Trisha Dykstra at 613-722-5836 or info@ocschool.org to sign up for a Saturday shift. Please continue to visit the OCS website www.ocschool.org for updates and pictures of the new facility.

ABUSE VICTIMS Each year the CRC prepares reports on important issues of our times. The report by the Abuse Victims Task Force is now ready for study and reflection. This report will be on the agenda for the Synod of 2010 and is at: www.crcna.org/pages/synodical.cfm. Feel free to discuss this report with an elder if you feel further discussion is warranted.

The **OTTAWA CARLETON MALE CHOIR**, with Director Margaret Van Dyk, presents their 12th annual **Christmas Concert: Follow That Star**, 7:30, Friday, Dec 18, in the **Christ Church Cathedral (Sparks at Bronson)**. Special Guests are the **CROSS TOWN YOUTH CHORUS**, Director: Kurt Ala-Kantti. Tickets are \$15.00 and available from Choir Members & at the door. Net Proceeds to the Canadian Council Of The Blind. For information call 613-722-6687 or see www.ocm-choir.cityslide.com

Today's offering

will be for the Back to God Ministries (formerly the Back to God Hour). The BGM is our denomination's electronic media ministry. It proclaims God's word by radio, TV and the Internet in nine languages. This is a Ministry Share offering. BGM has renamed it's English ministry as Reframe Media, see www.reframe-media.com for more information.

Next Sunday's offering

will be for our Tuition Assistance Fund. With your generous and ongoing support we are able to financially assist lower income families who want to send their children to Ottawa Christian School or Redeemer Christian High School.

Please make cheques payable to "Calvin CRC"

Serving Today

Preacher: Ken Gehrels	Greeters: (*=arrive at 9 am) *A & W Mulder A & D Bootsma	Prayer Partners: H & B Vandermeer
Officiating Elder: Ed Norman	Extendicare: L & T de Vries P Teeninga C & J Lingrell	Nursery: Rosalynn Bertie Nellie Bos Margaret Stenfert Kevin Gehrels Echo MacLeod
Worship Team: AM: Wendy Berkelaar John Kralt	Ushers: Frances Stahan Gerry Baelde Linda de Boer	Coffee Hosts: M & W Mudde L & K Vandergrift
Sound: AM: Christopher Hosmar		
Video: AM: Michael Bos		

Serving on 12-20-2009

Preacher: Ken Gehrels	Greeters: (*=arrive at 9 am) *G & M Westra	Prayer Partners: Joyce Bosman Yvonne Westra
Officiating Elder: Dorothy Kralt	Extendicare: Wined Klein M & W Mudde L & C Van Arragon	Nursery: Eric Verwijs Janny Hoogeveen Annette Brinkman Wilma Datema Andy Bootsma
Worship Team: AM: Chandra Pasma & Rachel Dierolf PM: Worship Team A	Ushers: Colin Van Dyk Gerry Baelde Harrison Kinney	Coffee Hosts: P & Y Lychak L & K Vandergrift
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Video: AM: Rosalynn Berti PM: Mega Datema		

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Tues.	9:15 am	Playgroup
Tues.	10:00 am	Quilting
Tues.	7:00 pm	Friendship Group
Tues.	7:00 pm	CIA & ETM Christmas Party
Wed.	7:00 pm	Peru Orientation Session #3
Wed.	7:30 pm	Soaking Prayer
Thurs.	6:30 am	Prayers for Calvin
Fri.	7:30 pm	Volleyball/OCS

For more information on these activities, please ask one of our ushers or call the church office at 613-225-2889.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please direct any announcements to: bulletineditor@calvincrc.ca
Bulletin Deadline: 9 PM Wednesday