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The Monthly Newsletter of Calvary Gospel Church

2016
Expect!



Ladies Cookie & Ornament Exchange

Recipe items: Ladies - check, fun - check, food - check, games - check, ornaments - check.

This is what was needed for those attending the Ladies Cookie & Ornament Exchange held on Saturday, December 5, at Sis. Debra Updike's home. Thirteen ladies were able to come. Everyone brought an appetizer and cookies to share and exchange. The food was delicious.

After eating, we played two games that Sis. Debra had created. They were very fun. The third part of the evening was the exchanging of an ornament. Before opening the gift, you had to decide if you wanted to keep what you had or exchange with someone else. The ornaments were all very nice.

It truly was an evening of a lot of eating and laughter. Hopefully you who were not able to come this year will be able to be a part next year. You missed a very fun evening with some very fun ladies.

--Carolyn Thorpe

Pictured at right:

Front row—Debra Updike, Pam Carpenter, Janelle Jordan, Janet George.

Back—Carolyn Thorpe, Juanita Hittesdorf, Pam Moreno, Shivette Griffin, Karla Krajewski, Linda Brown, Sarah Schlobohm, Audrey Hawk, and a guest.

Christian Intervention Program

December C.I.P. Graduates



The CIP graduation ceremony on December 6 included one graduate who **couldn't attend but wanted to comment on her experience.** LaChanda Neal testified by video about the impact that CIP and Calvary Gospel Church has had on her. In attendance and pictured above were Jeffrey McDuffie, Rothbe Clemons, and Oriana Amakobe.



Ladies Cookie & Ornament Exchange

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Luther George

What school do you attend, and what grade are you in? Marshall Elementary, 2nd grade.

What is your favorite subject/thing to learn about at school? How to work out (gym class). Sometimes we play games.

Tell us something about each of your family members:

Mom: Helps me out on my homework

Dad: Cuddles me. Takes me with him to work. I get money for working with him. I help with plans and with moving signs.

Roman: Sometimes he picks up something I left out, and he takes it to his bedroom and keeps it.

Amara: Gives me fake money.

Dog: His name is Jinx. We also have two lizards and two cats. One lizard is named Viper and the other is Shreek, because sometimes when I put him in **his cage, he goes, "shreeek!"**

The cats are Zoey and Max.

Who are your best friends in church? Jace, Aiden, and Kenlee. Jace is one of my best friends because we like superheroes and we played with them when we were little.



In the CGC News, there was a picture of you as the pie eating champ, but I identified you as "Luke" instead of as "Luther." I'm sorry, but I'm wondering how that made you feel. It made me laugh. It was like Luke Skywalker! (**Editor's note:** When I apologized to Luther about misidentifying him, he said, "It happens.")

What is your favorite thing to do? Shopping!

Where are your favorite places to shop? Target, dollar store, the mall.

What else would you like people to know about you? What I like to do at Disney. I like to ride on the Buzz Light ride and shoot aliens. Also the Pirate Caribbean, Magic Mickey's Hat, and Swiss Family Robinson treehouse. I also like Build-a-Bear. (*His latest creation is named Darth.*)



Clockwise from top left:

Luther George—2015 Family Funfest Champion Pie Eater!

Luther as a baby with brother, Roman.

Luther has always loved his superheroes.

The Georges' dog, Jinx.

The George family in New York recently.

—Ellen Haupt



Rolling Prairie, Sun Prairie

At Rolling Prairie in Sun Prairie on December 13, Kevin Brown told the Christmas story to the adults and children that had gathered as they do each week. Some heard it for the first time. Linda Brown said, **“Love this community! Love these kids. Thank you everyone for making it a great night for these kids!!” There were 23 in attendance** (8 adults, 15 kids). --Ellen Haupt



These boys, who attend the Rolling Prairie Bible Study, were happy with their new hats and had a great time at the Christmas party.



African Intern'l Ministries and HIS Ambassadors

African Ministries joined HIS Ambassadors on Sunday, December 13. Joined by our Napalese brothers and sisters, they had a multinational Christmas celebration full of the Holy Ghost. Christmas carols and praise songs were led by Lianna O'Neal, Annucia Martins, Adriana, Vanessa, and Jose on the Conga drum. The sermon was **“It Has to Be About Jesus.”**

A white elephant gift exchange and a delicious dinner closed out the day.

--Ellen Haupt/Claude Abga

Apostolic Worship Center, Poynette

Apostolic Worship Center, Poynette, has been holding weekly prayer meetings on Tuesday evenings at their location in the Poynette Professional Building at 415 North Main Street. About eight people have been faithfully attending, and their prayers are beginning to bear fruit. A service on Saturday evenings will be added beginning January 23. Bro. Dave Haupt is EXPECTING to see God



move and many souls saved in 2016. He feels the Poynette-Arlington area is ripe for harvest with an abundant crop!

-Ellen Haupt

HIS Ambassadors Gains Independent Status

HIS Ambassadors, pastored by Rev. George O'Neal and meeting on the west side of Madison, is now a church in itself, no longer a daughter work of Calvary Gospel Church.

This means they have their own non-profit status, and offerings to them will be processed by them **rather than go through CGC's** financial system.

It is exciting to have another United Pentecostal Church in Madison!

—Ellen Haupt

Sis. Darlene Grant, our Bishop's wife, was spotted last Sunday doing a big pile of dirty dishes in the office complex kitchen area! Sis. Grant has been a servant-leader at CGC for close to half a century, but she really should not have to take care of other people's dirty dishes!

The kitchen in the office complex is a part of God's house. Please clean up after yourselves so it is always presentable. There should never be dishes left in the sink or on the counter next to the sink. Each person who uses a cup, glass, bowl, or piece of silverware should wash it thoroughly after using it, dry it, and put it away.

Likewise, the main kitchen must be left as it was at the

end of the daycare's use on Friday night. Things here have to be clean and everything put away where it goes so that the daycare's cook (Jeanine Calhoun) can get breakfast for the children first thing on Monday morning. Also, keep in mind the kitchen is subject to state inspection without notice at any time.

Those who fail to clean up after themselves will lose the privilege of using these areas.

--Ellen Haupt



Babies! Babies!
 Babies!



On Friday, December 11, 2015, a beautiful girl was born into the Regnart home. **Eleanor Grace Ruby Reg-**

Congratulations to Jason and Allison Brost on the birth **of their third son...**

Happy siblings are Alesiya, Elliott, and Jared. Grandparents are Connie and Perry Hix.

--Carolyn Thorpe



nart weighed in at 9# 2 oz and was almost 22" long. We are sure that big brother Greyson is happy to have a playmate. Congratulations, Brian and Sarah.

—Carolyn Thorpe

Associate Pastor Richard and Peggy Thomas along with Bill and Carolyn Thorpe became great-grandparents on December 10, 2015. **Madisyn Mae Thorpe** weighed 5# 14 oz and was 18" long. She is the granddaughter of Joe and Michelle Thorpe and daughter of Richard and Leandra Thorpe. Congratulations.



--Carolyn Thorpe



Mya RaeAnn Crayton was born to Melissa and Sheldon Crayton on December 22.

Peggy Moran is **Mya's grandmother** and Bette Weekley is her great-grandmother.

The Craytons live in Madison.
 —Ellen Haupt

ATTENTION SECRET SISTERS!



....deadline to sign up for the Secret Pal Banquet is January 6. See Sis.Thomas at the kiosk after service or email her at pthomas@calvarygospelchurch.org.

Thanks!

hyphen

Those in attendance at the Hyphen Christmas Party definitely had a great time, also raising over \$180 for Tupelo Children's Mansion to help their Christmas be a little better!

Special congratulations to Felicia Pendleton, Michael Tesch, Jr., and Eric Barnard for winning the Food Fight Restaurants gift cards! They definitely needed it up... just in different ways!



Christmas Party come to the dork side



Christmas Party



*CMI and
Hyphen
Caroling at
St. Mary's
Hospital*



Top :
Kneeling - Julie Buchholz with Levi and Thaddeus.
Next row - Jace Maki, Megan Pooch with Neil, Roman George, Sarah George, Luther George, and
Monica Knaup.
Back row - Brandon Matt, Michael Tesch, Jeffrey Caldwell, Darienne Matt, Rebecca Thompson,
Elisha Thompson, Vana Maki with her arm around Jaida, Tim Knaup, and Andrew Brown.

At left: Meredith Hittesdorf gets a ride on Uncle Andrew's shoulders.



With the hat Bishop Grant got for Christmas, he and Pastor Thomas look more alike than ever.

Alesiya wanted to show Pastor Roy her book after church, and he sat down in the lobby with her. He is the best!



“But if you believe your life exists to bring Him glory, then when things get hard, you can persevere in the power of the Holy Spirit, **knowing you can trust His goodness, and submit to His sovereignty.**”
http://www.boundless.org/faith/2015/the-secret-to-reaching-your-full-potential?utm_source=nl_boundless&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=332705&refcd=332705&crmlink=top-stories-3-title

Sunday School Drama

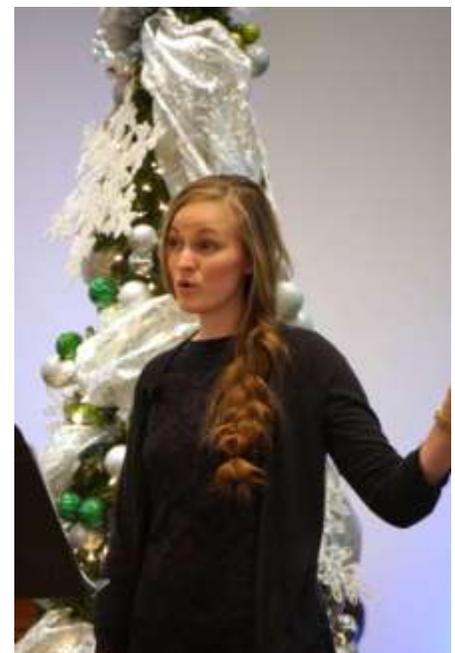


Christmas in the Caribbean is celebrated a little differently than it is here. The children presented a drama about a new missionary kid in a Caribbean country. As part of a joyous song, beach balls were tossed into the audience, who kept them zinging around the sanctuary as the kids sang.

Above: the nativity scene; Top right: the young ones sing a song; Below: Luther George makes a splendid King Herod; Bottom: beach balls flying.



Below: Lindsey Leonardson presenting her spoken word poem titled *"The Christmas Spirit"* during the evening service. Lindsey wrote this poem about the real Spirit of Christmas.



Thank You

From Vicki Leonardson

Words cannot express how appreciative I am to all of the hard working folks that made this year's Christmas presentation a success.

First of all, I would like to say THANK YOU to Rick, Nicole, and the Children's Ministry for the fantastic a.m. presentation. The children did a fabulous job!

And to the Music Ministry: WOW! I loved how you all worked so hard to put together an amazing and anointed Sunday p.m. service. Coming in on Saturday morning, and coming back for a 3:15 practice on Sunday afternoon was a huge sacrifice for each of you. Your voices and instrumentation blessed everyone more than you can possibly know.

And to Sound and Overhead: Chris Zimmerman, Robin Frank, Kevin Brown, Jessica Atkins, Debbie Millen, and Melissa Leedle, Thanks to each of you for putting in extra time and effort to make a seamless presentation happen!

Lindsey Leonardson, your Spoken Word was well written and powerfully presented!

Jacob Zimmerman! Great job with the spotlight!

Nick and Deborah Josef: Great pastor and wife scene!

James Hawk: You were a very convincing Guardian Angel! Thanks for rounding up the white tux and shoes!

Tim Powell!!!! Wow! You are incredibly talented! You found a front door for our living room scene, built a door frame, and designed and built the gorgeous angel wings!

Scott Leonardson: great acting job, both as the biker guy and the husband! Thanks for covering for me when I forgot my lines. And a great big thank you to Dave Schroud for the use of his motorcycle gear!

We also had a guest soloist and acoustic guitar player, Rodney Ashcraft. Awesome music and singing, Rodney!

And thanks to our favorite guest organist, James Brown, for blessing us with your incredible gift!

Last but not least, thank you Brittney Powell and all who helped set up the platform scene for the drama!

Scott and I love and appreciate you all more than you will ever know.

Evening Worship and Drama



▲ James Hawk makes a very imposing guardian angel!

◀ Scott & Vicki Leonardson starred in the drama.



HAPPY NEW YEAR



New Years Eve is a time of fellowship. Gathering in various homes, we ring in the new year together. This NYE fellowship at **the Osburns' looks like fun, but some of us** rang in the new year more like Jeff and Luke Merkes (bottom, middle).

Church Calendar



JANUARY

- 4— 7pm Ladies' Daughter's of Zion Prayer
- 8— 7pm Pastor's All Church Bible Study
- 16— Secret Sisters Banquet
- 30— 8am Ladies Ministry - Ladies Day Out!

- 19— 6pm Youth Link Rally
- 20— 10am Apples of Gold
- 7pm Hyphen Bible Study
- 27— 10am Apples of Gold
- 10am CHILI BOWL

FEBRUARY

- 1— 7pm Ladies' Daughter's of Zion Prayer
- 3— 7pm Pastor's All Church Bible Study
- 12— 7pm All Church Prayer
- 13— 10am Apples of Gold

Looking Ahead to March

- 2— 7pm Wed Bible Study
- 7:30pm Developing the Leader within you
- 3— 6:30pm Annual Business Meeting
- 4-5— WI District Hyphen Conference

“Discover the Difference”

Calvary Gospel Church

Sunday: 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Wednesday: 7 p.m.

African International Ministry

Sunday: 2 p.m. - Friday: 6:30 p.m.

Voces Unidas

Servicios en Espanol

Domingos: 1:00 p.m.

Martes: 7:30 p.m.

Signing for the Deaf available
Nursery provided for all services.

Purpose Statement

Calvary Gospel Church exists to

“REACH UP” in Worship

“REACH IN” in Discipleship

“REACH OUT” in Evangelism

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On a recent evening before he preached, Bro. Michell Pena presented flowers to Renee Strand in recognition of her dedication and sacrifice to the Deaf Ministry at Calvary Gospel Church. Renee is a licensed ASL interpreter and has worked tirelessly since her teen years to establish a welcoming atmosphere at CGC for Deaf folks. All of our English services are signed.



Michell Pena and his fiancée, Aimee Thompson, now lead the Deaf Ministry. The picture at the left is the altar call.

—Ellen Haupt

All Church Fast

What a great time to start anew and establish the direction of the coming months! Beginning the New Year with a period of extended prayer and fasting is the most perfect way to start, and Pastor Roy Grant is asking that we unite as one to fast and pray from January 10 through 30. Yes, a 21-day fast. It will be worth it. If we will each align ourselves with Jesus, we can **EXPECT a great 2016. Souls will be saved! The bound will be loosed! We will see miracles! How do I know this? Because God's word promises it.**

Pastor Roy has asked each person to choose an option for fasting from the list below. A form is available for you to mark your commitment. We will place these on the altar at the evening service on January 3. An excellent message on fasting can be found here: http://www.calvarygospelchurch.org/cms/resources/listen-online/?sermon_id=784

FAST 1: Daniel Fast

The Daniel Fast is based on the fasting experiences of the Old Testament Prophet. It's a partial fast where some foods are eaten while others are restricted. For more information, visit www.daniel-fast.com

FAST 2: Family Fast

Commit to fasting 1 meal a day for 21 days as a family. Parents may do more.

FAST 3: Working Man's Fast

For those working a more physical job. Fast every other day for 21 days

FAST 4: Personal Challenge

If you have never gone 3 days, I challenge you to go 3 days

If you have gone 3 days before, I challenge you to go 5 days

If you have gone 5 days, I challenge you to go 7 days

If you have gone 7 days, I challenge you to go 10 days

If you have gone 10 days, I challenge you to go 14 days

If you have gone 14 days, I challenge you to go 21 days

PASTOR'S REQUEST:

As with any fast, our focus is prayer. During these 21 days, I would like to challenge you to refrain from excessive media usage such as social media, Facebook, Snapchat, Twitter, Pinterest, video games, and entertainment.

I encourage you to keep a journal as a family as you pray together.

