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The Monthly Newsletter of Calvary Gospel Church

Happy New Year!

**January
2017**

Hold up my goings in thy paths,
that my footsteps slip not.

Psal m 17:5

**CHURCH-WIDE
PRAYER &
FASTING**

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**Erin
Ashcraft**

Erin Ashcraft has earned her Bachelor of Psychology/Crisis Counseling from Liberty University. Erin had three boys when she started her studies and now has four. In addition, she works a full-time job delivering the mail on a rural route. Good work, Erin.

Erin did her internship in the Christian Intervention Program (CIP) here at Calvary Gospel Church. She will continue to volunteer in the CIP. She plans to continue on to earn a Master's in human services and obtain her AODA certification.



Sarah Schlobohm

Congratulations to Sarah Schlobohm, who received a Medical Assistant diploma from Madison College. This was a noted accomplishment for this single mom of three! Congratulations, Sarah!

The Kevin and Linda Brown family hosted a graduation party for her after the ceremony. She is currently seeking a position in her field.



**Ashley
Olson**

Ashley Olson has received a Bachelor of Fine Arts with an understudy of Fashion Design from Art Institute of Illinois in Chicago. The graduation ceremony is June 15 in Chicago.

Ashley is focusing now on starting her own business sewing custom garments and designing children's wear, especially modest clothing for girls. She most recently modified a wedding dress for Brittany Powell. Congratulations, Ashley. You worked hard, and you did it!

—Ellen Haupt

Welcome to the Family of God

Due to the inclement weather in December, several church services were canceled. Therefore, the only picture we have for this month is **Quintin Shepherd**, and we are thrilled to report he was baptized and received the Holy Ghost.



GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Peggy Moran

Peggy Moran is a quiet lady who has learned to know her God intimately through the trials of life. She is known as a prayer warrior and heads up the prayer chain here at Calvary Gospel Church (CGC). She willingly shares the many answers to prayer she has received, and she gives all the glory to God.

Peggy and her husband, Donn, started coming to CGC in June of **1980 at the invitation of Donn's** old friend, Sonny Hahn. They both repented and were baptized **in Jesus' name following their first** service, and both received the Holy Ghost the following week. They were married a month later, **and Peggy's mother, Bette Weekley, began attending CGC. Peggy's** brother, Roger, is also in the **church due to Donn and Peggy's** witness.

Donn and Peggy live in Windsor and have three grown children: Melissa Crayton (husband Sheldon), who is the mother of Mya; Matthew, who is the father of **Mattilyn; and Megan. Peggy's two** grandchildren are her joy (see their recent picture with this article).

In 2007, Donn suffered a heart attack and massive stroke, and three years ago, he had another stroke. It has been a hard time for the family and the end of their greenhouse business, but Peggy is



Left: Peggy with her mom, Bette Weekley, on a trip to Israel.

Above: Peggy's granddaughters, Mya and Mattie.

very thankful for her mother, her children, and the church family at CGC for giving her all the support she needed.

Peggy has also battled cancer – with prayer and obedience! When the doctors said she needed chemotherapy, she asked if she would lose her hair; the doctor said she would. Because the Bible says a woman should be covered with her long hair when she prays, Peggy declined the treatment and took it to God. God completely healed her cancer!

Peggy spends much of her time caring for Donn, but she also works part time providing personal care for a client. She relies heavily on her relationship with Jesus to give her strength each day. She **said she “can't live without prayer” and it is “life's breath.”**

In addition to heading up the prayer chain, she works in the Christian Intervention Program (CIP) and is part of a group of

ladies that teaches Bible studies to women in the Dane County Jail each Monday. She also taught Sunday school for 16 years.

Peggy always sits on the front row, left of the center aisle. Stop and meet her. You will find a kind and compassionate friend.

--Ellen Haupt





Abigail Thompson & Jordan Powell



Spencer Hix and Natasha Swanson

On December 10, 2016, Jordan Powell proposed to Abigail (Abby) Thompson in front of the Buckingham Fountain in Chicago. Knowing **Abby's love for France and all things French** (she has been an AIMer to France twice), Jordan chose a spot that would be reminiscent of France (Buckingham Fountain was designed after the Latona Fountain at the Palace of Versailles). He proposed in French with a ring that he designed and had custom made by Middleton Jewelers.

Abby will be moving to Madison shortly before the wedding, and they will be getting married at Calvary Gospel Church on October 7, 2017. They are excited for their future together and all of the adventures it will hold!

—Peggy Thomas



Natasha and Spencer met in the fall of 2015 at a Hyphen rally in Delavan. Natasha was attending the Sun Prairie church and started visiting CGC on Sunday nights. The two of them hit it off while going out in groups after service and attending the church softball games. Spencer quickly realized he may have found someone that can handle his random, crazy self.

Natasha started attending CGC fulltime and was hired as the lead Infant Teacher at Kids Depot child-care. She has a passion for kids and music.

After five months of dating, Spencer asked Natasha at a local park in Madison to marry him. They will be married on June 3, 2017, at Calvary Gospel Church.

—Peggy Thomas



The Kevin and Linda Brown home was the location of the Ladies Night Out event on December 10. Though it was cold outside, it was very warm and cozy inside. It was a chance to visit, have fun, eat yummy things, and pamper ourselves. The next Ladies Ministry event is Ladies Day Out on February 18.

—Ellen Haupt

Ladies Night Out



Clockwise, from top left:
Julie Buchholz, Jaida Maki, and (unknown) enjoy a foot soak.

Delores Neira, Jo Lustgraaf, Autumn Lustgraaf, Sophia Cardarella, Brittany Topp, and Sarah Schlobohm.

Pampering themselves with a foot soak.

Delores Neira enjoys a treat.

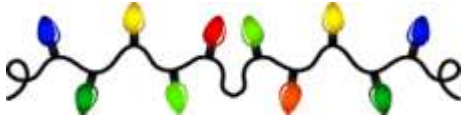
LaVana (Vana) Maki



If you are interested or know of anyone who may be interested in English as a Second Language class, please contact Hannah LeDuc for more information.



Hyphen Christmas Party



Kim Stace hosted this year's Hyphen Christmas party on December 3. The theme was "Why is this in my closet?" Guests were encouraged to wear items they owned that were either no longer fashionable or something they regretted purchasing. There was a build-your-own-nacho bar, and everyone had a great time.

Hyphen is a ministry to connect those aged 18 to 35. For more information on this exciting ministry, see Brittney Powell.

--Renee Strand

Secret Sisters Banquet



The Secret Sister Ministry has been an active part of the Ladies Ministry at Calvary Gospel Church for over 35 years. Approximately 40 ladies are currently involved in Secret Sisters.

On Saturday, January 28, we will have our annual banquet where the ladies reveal their identity. We then draw new names for the following year. Your commitment is to pray for your Secret Sister and contact her at least once a month with either a small gift or card. In addition, you should respond to any gifts with a thank you card.

This year, the banquet will be catered and held in the church fellowship hall. **You don't have to be a Secret Sister to attend the banquet** – all ladies are welcome! The cost is \$20.

If you have been faithfully attending CGC for a minimum of one year, you qualify to become a Secret Sister. If you are interested in becoming a Secret Sister or just want to attend the banquet, please contact Peggy Thomas no later than January 25.

Ellen Haupt has been the Secret Sister Coordinator this year and allowed me to enjoy a year of being an active Secret Sister. I will be resuming the roll of coordinator for next year. Thank you, Ellen, for helping out this year!

--Peggy Thomas



Recent C.I.P Graduates

The most recent graduates of CGC's Christian Intervention Program included Erin Ashcraft, Patricia Lara, and Joe O'Malley.

Erin completed the program in order to teach in this ministry. She has recently completed a Bachelor of Psychology/Crisis Counseling and did her internship in this program.

—Ellen Haupt

All-Church 21-Day prayer & fasting

The new year for most of us is a time to start fresh or reignite old goals. There is no better way to chart a new course than by aligning our will with God's will for our lives through fasting and prayer. Pastor Grant is calling the church to a 21-day fast. The scriptures record many instances where people fasted and each recorded fast was followed by a season of growth and blessing.

He's laid out a few options for the church fast, recognizing that each of us have different daily demands, some more physical than others, as well as various health situations:

Daniels Fast for the full 21 days – based on the fasting experiences of the Old Testament Prophet (a good site to reference is daniel-fast.com)

3+ day Complete Fast – abstaining from all foods – Challenge yourself to do a little more than you did previously (i.e. if you typically do a 3-day fast, then try 4 or 5 days)

**With both fasts, it is imperative that you are drinking fortified water with electrolytes.

Pastor Grant is also asking that we abstain from all media, both social and entertainment.

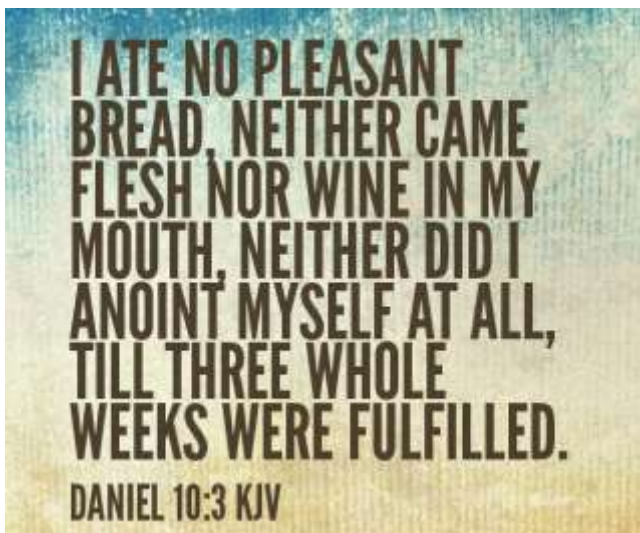
Regardless of how you participate, this church-wide fast is designed to **seek God's face, drawing us closer** to Him and one another. During these 21 days, Pastor Grant is also asking that we abstain from all me-

dia, both social and entertainment. As we eliminate distractions from our lives, we are challenged to replace that time with prayer and reading the Word.

After the evening service on **Sunday, January 1st**, The Great Awakening Coffee Shop will be selling pizza. In addition, all the cookies saved (frozen) from the Christmas service that was cancelled due to inclement weather will be available for all to enjoy. **The fast will then officially begin at midnight and will conclude at midnight on Sunday, January 22.**

As you enter into this fasting experience, open your heart and allow God to direct your path. We are excited about what God is going to do in each of us and the church body as a whole.

--Julie Puckett





Thank You, CGC, for Bringing Christmas Love to ALL the Children!

Every year for the past three years, CGC has supported the **Tupelo Children's Mansion (TCM)** with gifts for the Christmas season.

According to TCM's website, "(TCM) is a residential group home serving families and children in crisis situations. Founded in 1953 in Tupelo, Mississippi, the Mansion has provided temporary or long-term care to hundreds of children needing a safe and loving environment. It is recognized as one of the oldest and most trusted institutions of its kind."

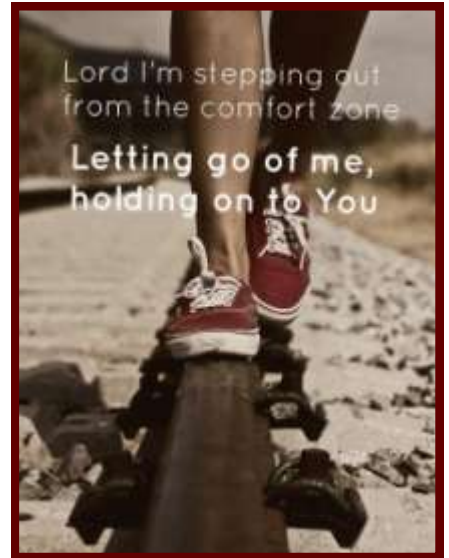
The collection of Christmas gifts for these children is headed up by Sis. Ernestine Mollet and Sis. Allison Brost.

This year, CGC members purchased gifts for all the 35+ names, and every child received a gift. We are the only church that takes on every child at Christmas time, and the folks at TCM appreciate that very much.

The Brost family delivered the gifts to the Mansion.

--Renee Strand

May God richly bless you in this new year and hold you close through each trial.



Wednesday Night Children's Classes

Ummm...so craziness sometimes unfolds in the 4th-6th grade class on Wednesdays. Making melted snowmen to face painting with the toppings. Gotta love em!



-Nicole Solberg



YEAR IN REVIEW

2016



UPDATE FROM COSTA RICA

By Elisha Thompson



Happy New Year! The end of the year was exciting here in Costa Rica. I spent about two weeks in the small town of Victoria helping construct a home for the pastor of the Pentecostal church there. In late November, this pastor lost the roof of his home during Hurricane Otto; little did he know this would turn out to be a blessing in disguise! Even before the storm, this family of five had been living without electricity or plumbing in a two-room shack with plastic walls and dirt floors. They smiled widely when we arrived with groceries for them and they cried tears of joy as we helped them construct a cement home. We worked hard shoveling, measuring, and mixing cement by hand.

Beyond the work constructing the house, I loved every second of my time with this precious family. I learned how to cook all sorts of traditional foods over an open fire, washed clothes in a bucket, caught chickens for dinner, made gallons of fresh orange juice, and

played with their young children. We also celebrated Christmas Eve with an all-night service complete with a giant pig roast.

The highlight of the month was certainly my time in Victoria, but the rest of the month was busy as well. I joined the music team at my local church in Pavas and have continued helping with the youth group and Sunday School. My fellow AIMer, Rachel, and I have also received a few invitations to visit other

churches. We have enjoyed figuring out the bus system and traveling to other cities to preach! It has been an exciting month and we are all excited to see what 2017 brings!



The Victoria Pastor's current home and outdoor kitchen



Putting up the wall for the new home



The new home for the pastor in Victoria



Rachel and I with the Pastor's kids in Victoria



Me preaching in the town of Cartago



The youth group's end-of-the-year-party

“Discover the Difference”

Calvary Gospel Church

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

Wednesday: 7 p.m.

African International Ministry

Sunday: 1 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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Christmas party at Rolling Prairie outreach in Sun Prairie.



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