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The Monthly Newsletter of Calvary Gospel Church



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Business Meeting

At the annual church business meeting, held Thursday evening, March 2, it was evident that God's blessing is upon our church. The financial report showed all ministries are in good financial condition.

Financial Report:

Total income was just a little lower than 2015's, which was a record high. Expenses in 2016 exceeded income by a little, but we accomplished several high cost improvements in 2016, such as remodeling the kitchen, replacing much needed windows along the west and north side of the building, sealing and striping the south parking lot, and purchasing a Bobcat (not the four legged type☺) so we can clear snow from the parking lots ourselves rather than have it contracted out.

World Missions expenses exceeded income by \$120,207. Pastor explained that when a person pledges monthly support for a missionary, that pledge is for the entire term of that missionary in that country, and the church commits to sending that amount each month throughout that term. Sometimes a person cannot complete their pledge, but the church continues to send the pledge, from our general fund if necessary. Your extra donations to Missions help to cover that difference.

Church Board of Elders.

The Board members have term limits, and Jeff Rossing and Carolyn Thorpe have served their terms. By unanimous vote, Rev. Phil Demos and Ward Meyer were affirmed to replace them. The other members of the Board are Pastor Roy Grant (Chair), Kevin Brown, Ben Thompson, Pastor Richard Thomas, Jeff Merkes, Jessica Rivest, Pastor John Seidl, Jim Rivest, and Bishop John Grant (honorary).

Pastoral Structure

In the past, each ministry has been under the supervision of one of the pastors. In recent

years, our pastoral staff has been reduced, so some restructuring is occurring.

Senior Pastor Roy Grant has appointed Rev. John Seidl as the Executive Pastor, a new position. Pastor Seidl also is designated as Family Pastor and will supervise the following: Deaf Ministry, Young Marrieds, **Men's and Ladies' Ministries, Life & Leadership, and Life Support** (includes grief support).

Pastor Richard Thomas (who is part-time now) is the Outreach Pastor and will supervise Outreach, Christian Intervention Program (CIP), Prison Ministry, Home Bible Studies, Visitor Follow-up, Transportation, and CARE.

Rev. Phil Demos is over Student Ministries, including Hyphen, Campus Ministry (CMI). Children's Ministry, Bible Quizzing, Youth, and Nursery.

Rev. Shane Maki has been added to the pastoral staff and will be in charge of First Impressions Ministry, including Building Maintenance/Janitorial, Facilities/Décor, Music, Sound, Ushers/Greeters, Media, Altar Workers, Baptismal, and The Great Awakening Coffee Café.

Thank You for Your Faithfulness

Thank you, everyone, for your continual support not only in finances, but also in your dedication to outreach and prayer especially for our Senior Pastor and his wife. May God bless you all.

Carolyn Thorpe/Ellen Haupt

AFRICAN INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES
AFRICAN BANQUET
*A Fundraiser and Outreach hosted in the Fellowship Hall
to expose CGC to the African Culture*
African dishes will be served and presentations made
Cost is **\$20 per couple or \$15 per individual**
Please RSVP with the AIM team or sign up on the bulletin board
*This will be a great moment that will
not easily be forgotten!*
March 18, 2017
12pm-3pm
A Ministry of Calvary Gospel Church
5301 Commercial Ave Madison, WI 53740

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT PARK STREET OUTREACH

Sisters Lovin’ Sisters hosted a special celebration of Black History Month on February 25 at their outreach located at 1421 South Park Street in Madison. God was there mightily and one person was delivered from anxiety and depression.

Two special speakers, Lenora Rodin and Everlene Harris shared with over 60 people in attendance. Sis. Rodin spoke about what Black History meant to her and why we celebrate this month. Sis. Harris gave her testimony about growing up Black and what the Lord has done for her.

Husband and wife Theresa and Terrance Austin performed a mime about encouraging yourself when nobody else seems to care. It was a moving performance.

The celebration also included praise and worship, music by **Sisters Lovin’ Sisters**, testimonies, and – of course – food. For the children, there were activities, story reading about friendship, and goody bags to take home.

Sisters Lovin’ Sisters ministers in a variety of way to the community in and around the South Park Street area, and they can always

use help. Currently, they **really need a volunteer bus /van driver for the following times: Thursdays 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays noon to 4 p.m.** Your donation of food, clothing, shoes, hats, gloves, and mittens for all ages help them meet the needs of the Park Street area community. If you would like to know more about this outreach, see Sis. Darlene Burrell. Phone (608) 628-8431.



Darlene Burrell



Clockwise from left:

Darlene Burrell and Lenora Rodin.

Anita Barber, Darlene Burrell, Everlene Harris, and Betty Burrell.

Children work on activities.



Ladies Day Out was a very successful Saturday of crafting, sewing, hobbies, and socializing for our CGC ladies. We even had some visitors from Janesville!

The Great Awakening provided food, Kyra was here giving massages, Erlene Martinez gave facials, cooking demonstrations took place in the kitchen, Kim Stace oversaw fleece blanket tying, JoAnn Lustgraaf supervised the vinyl painting activity, Veronica Freidel facilitated water coloring, Nicole Solberg taught spring wreath making, Susie Jimenez's crochet lessons were very popular, Allison Brost gave beginning piano lessons, and Bonnie Uselmann taught several preteen girls beginning sewing. There were also table areas to put puzzles together, make greeting cards, color in adult coloring books, and create a mason jar candle. Brittney Waters was styling hair!

Overall, about 60 ladies and girls attended and had a great time. There were even sitting areas where several moms seemed to enjoy relaxing and chatting!

If you didn't make it out of your February hibernation for this event, maybe we will see you next year.

--Debbie Millen

'Ladies Day Out'



Clockwise from above:

Elise Butterfield and Bonnie Uselmann fit Shya's garment while Avah Renvick sews.

Rachel Novak and Vickie Oliver paint.

Ladies from the Janesville church show off the wreaths they created.

Lauren and Linda Neesam create their masterpieces.

Kim Stace making blankets.

Britt Waters fixing hair.

Nancy Gomez, Janet George, Juanita Hiltesdorf, and Jessica Atkins complete a puzzle.



Refreshed at Wisconsin District Mid-Winter Camp

Every year, the Revival Commission of the UPCI hosts three Mid-Winter Camp revivals throughout the state. The revival closest to Madison was in Oak Creek (Milwaukee) at Parkway Apostolic Church, February 2-3.

Originally, Rev. Lee Stoneking and Rev. Art Wilson were slated to be the main speakers. However, Rev. Stoneking became ill and could not make it. Our very own Pastor Roy Grant was invited to speak in his place during the day session on Friday. Pastor Roy preached an incredible message on stepping out of our comfort zone into the unknown. He did an amazing job and preached his heart to the Wisconsin District.

He was followed by Wisconsin District Superintendent John Putnam and **Rev. Wilson.** God's spirit moved in a powerful way at all of the services. Rev. Wilson



shared what God has been doing at the United Nations, and what he had to say was incredible! We are truly living in the last days!

If you are interested in listening to some or all of the messages **preached at this year's Mid-Winter Camp South**, contact the church office.

--Renee Strand

Children's Ministry Teacher Appreciation Dinner



Rick and Nicole Solberg

On February 4, our Sunday School leaders, Rick and Nicole Solberg, held a Children's Ministry teacher appreciation dinner at the Watertower Chop House in Sun Prairie.

In the theme of children, there were Legos on every table, and **many "creations" were made during the evening.** Girl Scout cookies were handed out to all the teachers. It was a fun evening of food and fellowship.

God bless Rick and Nicole for their heart for our Sunday School, and thank you to all who labor for the salvation of our children!

--Lori Merkes



TOP Picture:

Rachel Novak, Rebekka and Ryan Hittesdorf, Sam Rivest, Rob Osburn, James Novak, Jeanette Thunder.

BOTTOM Picture:

Brad Topp, Larry Solberg (hidden), Brian Regnard, Michelle and Brad Klock, Juanita Hittesdorf, Julie Powell, Rick Solberg, Dan Powell, Kevin and Linda Brown, Sarah Schlobohm, Sally Solberg, and Debby Repka.



Jr. Bible Quizzing Off and Running



Another quizzing season has begun and so has the fun! This year's material is from the book of Acts.

In the Senior division, Caleb Zimmerman, joining with the Oak Creek team, was able to take fourth place in January and February. **Caleb** also made it on the **All Tournament Team** as one of the top scorers both months.

The Intermediate team consisted of Seth Merkes, Cassie Zimmerman, David Updike, and Isaac Dremsa. They also took fourth place in January and third place in February. **Seth and Cassie** were on the **All Tournament Team** for both months.

Callie Zimmerman and Ayooluwa Ogundeji made up the Junior team and placed third out of 11 teams in January. In February, they quizzed tough and were at the top of the winners bracket only to lose to the Eau Claire team they had beat earlier that morning. Because it was their first loss, they had to play this team for the third time! Both teams were feeling quite awake by this time and were neck and neck up to the end, and Madison Juniors ended up taking **first place!** Both Callie and Ayo were on the **All Tournament Team** in January and February.

Our Beginner team in January consisted of **Cammie Zimmerman**



ABOVE: Olivia Wall, Callie Zimmerman, Bella Wall, Ayooluwa Ogundeji, Luke Merkes, Cammie Zimmerman.

LEFT: Caleb Zimmerman, Seth Merkes, Cassie Zimmerman, and Isaac Dremsa.



"Quizzing Angels" Carolyn and Bill Thorpe, Peggy Moran, and Stephanie Zimmerman feed the quizzers at the January quiz in Madison.

and **Luke Merkes**. They took **first place** out of 13 total teams and went undefeated! **Cammie** was the **highest scorer of the tournament** and **Luke** made it on the **All Tournament Team**.

In February the Beginner team consisted of Cammie, Luke, and Olivia and Bella Wall. They lost their very first quiz of the day to Racine, had a long wait for round two, then fought all the way back up to finishing second place.

Cammie and Luke made it on the **All Tournament Team**.

A quizzing parent shared on Facebook that one of their quizzers was praying for another quizzer to receive the Holy Ghost. Even though she was shy, she was quoting Acts 2:1-2 over and over out loud to him as he was praying. **Knowledge in God's Word** gave her holy boldness and the words to pray. Thank God for Bible quizzing!

-Lori Merkes

gravity



Twenty energetic preteens gathered on Friday, February 24, for some Gravity fun! The evening started with a Bible Study on “Not One Thing in the Bible is a Wasted Addition.” The kids were challenged to learn the books of the Bible - from Genesis to Esther – by next month’s Gravity as well as read the BREAD program through the rest of the year. Afterwards, the Gravity gang went out for a night of pizza and bowling. A few visitors joined the group, some of which were from the Rolling Prairie community. Thank you to Rick and Nicole Soleburg for creating engaging events that challenge and excite our young people. A true testament of their experiences is that they’re inviting others to join them!

--Julie Puckett



Bible study starts the evening.



Grant Solberg and Brayden Bellino



Keenan Shepherd, Lonnie, Jace Maki, Kenlee Rivest, Darias Alires, Gavin Shepherd, and Brayden Bellino with Rick Solberg. (Grant Solberg is the little guy.)



Saia Duarte, Angelina Mathura, Alex Stone, Caroline Vilorio, Lashya Washington, Markayla Moore-Young, and Isabella Puckett with Michelle Klock.



Jaida Maki, Sofia Nakielski, and Madison Solberg with Jessica Rivest.



We were privileged to provide Christmas presents in December for each of the children at the Tupelo Children's Mansion, a UPCI-sponsored children's home in Tupelo, Mississippi. Each of the children has sent a thank-you note for their Christmas presents. Each note expresses heartfelt thanks for all the gifts and many include a note about what is happening in their life right now. If you would like to see yours, please email Ellen Haupt at erh2@centurytel.net with the name of the child to whom you sent gifts, and she will send you your thank-you letter(s).

LIGHTHOUSE RANCH FOR BOYS

Here is what has been happening at the Ranch over the last several weeks:

- 1) Our livestock is doing well. The Black Angus cattle herd is growing and our staff and boys spend a part of each weekday managing the herd. The cows, heifers and bull are regularly wormed, checked daily and fed well to see they remain healthy. We plan to put another cow in the Ranch freezer in a few weeks. Also our horses are prospering and we have breeding plans for our spotted saddle horse, Honey.
- 2) New boys continue to come and others go as they finish their one - two year term at the Ranch.
- 3) Recently our senior resident Todd finished the Ranch program and graduated from our high school with a college-preparatory HS diploma. We congratulate him and wish him the best!

Thanks for your faithful support and prayers. Surely, the Lord is using you to be a blessing to this much-needed ministry. Without the Ranch, many boys would not have a chance to find the Lord and have their lives turned around.



ACCENT ON MISSIONS

Letters from our missionaries can be read in full on the bulletin board near the entrance to the fellowship hall.



On Sunday, February 26, we were blessed to have the Robert Moses family with us in both the morning and evening services. "Home base" for Robert and Sheri Moses and their son is Moscow. If you missed his presentation, you may listen to it on Calvary Gospel Church's website, Calvarygospelchurch.org.

—Ellen Haupt

Submit your recipes by **MARCH 15**



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Recipes can be e-mailed to cgccook-book@gmail.com

SUMMER OF 2017

A CGC COOKBOOK

SUBMIT RECIPES TO CGCCOOKBOOK@GMAIL.COM NOW THROUGH FEB 28, 2017 MARCH 15

SEE REBEKKA HITTESDORF / DEBBIE MILLEN FOR INFO

UPDATE FROM COSTA RICA

By Elisha Thompson



Greetings from sunshiny Costa Rica! From the friendly people to the delicious food to the lack of snow, I can truly say that Costa Rica has stolen a big piece of my heart.

Over the month of February, I have continued to be involved in my local church in Pavas but have also spent some extra time with a church in the town of Desamparados. I was invited to come speak to their church at the beginning of the month and have since spent quite a bit of time with their youth group. They have a good amount of young people but currently do not have a youth leader. I am praying and believing that someone would receive a burden to lead this precious group!

During the month, I was able to be a part of the bi-annual Bible Institute day classes. Students from across the country gathered together to spend a week studying the Word of God. I was also able to help out at a few other events, such as the National Prayer and Fasting Seminar and the Regional Leadership Seminar. These events were powerful and lives were changed during each one.

The majority of my time is spent serving food, cleaning bathrooms,



working on the computer, printing Bible school books, and struggling with Spanish, but somehow I always remember moments at the altar more than anything else. Great things are happening across this country and I love that I get to be a small part of it. Thank you all for your support and prayers!



Clockwise: Preaching in Pavas; With the youth group in Desamparados; Bible School teachers and students; Altar call during the National Prayer and Fasting Seminar

Miracles are happening in Antigua! A man showed up at church because the one he intended to go to was closed. He found his intended bride there! Sis. Victoria prayed with a cashier at the grocery store who was having much pain in her back. God healed her! A lady from the paint shop came and was healed of pain all over her body that the doctors had not been able to help with. She and her daughter are in Bible study. Her son-in-law came and was baptized and received the Holy Ghost. A woman who has been seeking the Holy Ghost in a number of other churches was filled while in church with the Smiths! Read the rest of their news on the bulletin board near the entrance to the fellowship hall.

—Ellen Haupt

“We love and appreciate you all! We are so thankful for each and every prayer you have prayed and sacrificial offering given to the work here.”

Leonard, Kathy, Benjamin, Victoria, & Isaiah Smith
AIM Missionaries to Antigua, West Indies



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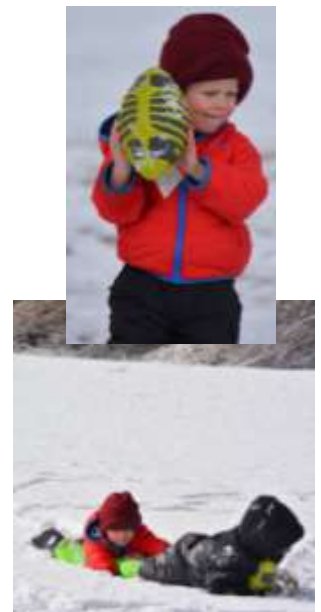
A little snow, a little football, a few dogs, 50 some people, and a whole lot of delicious chili.



Kendall Strong, Aaron Elizondo, Joshua Mannes with Neil Pooch, Collin Czerniakowski, Jacob Graper, Jace Maki (peeking out), Jamin Powell, Michael Tesch Jr., Nick Mathura, Julissa Heinz, Jay Henry, Matthew Moran, (?), Rebekah Thompson, and Janelle Cox.



Thank you to the Knaup family for hosting this event each year.



“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 Español

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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Deaf Ministry Chili Cook-off

For the second year in a row, Deaf Ministry held its annual chili cook-off competition. This year, in addition to the people's choice award, there was a judging panel that awarded three additional categories: spiciest chili, best family chili, and most unique chili. 2017's spiciest chili award went to Julie Powell. Peggy Thomas won the best family chili, and Sis. Burrell won the most unique chili. The people's choice award along with the trophy went to Vicky Oliver! Thank you, ladies, for cooking your delicious chili for us! This fundraiser raises money for our Deaf saints, signers, and interpreters to attend National Deaf Conference for one week in July. This year's conference will be held in Delaware, and there is a great deal of expense. Thank you everyone who supported Deaf Ministry!

--Renee Strand



Julie Powell, Vickie Oliver, and Peggy Thomas with Deaf Ministry leader Michell Pena.

YOUTH Tubing

While Wisconsin weather can keep us guessing I think we can all agree that this year's winter has been an unusual one.

The first scheduled tubing event for the youth was cancelled due to inclement weather but, thankfully, the second attempt went off without a hitch! Looks like the group had a great time, and in true CGC fashion...it included a little Culvers as well!

