

Sunday Morning Worship

December 6, 2015

Pianist.....*Colleen Brussee*
Welcome & Announcements
Advent Wreath.....*Rick & Mary Brittain*
Worship in Song.....*Praise Team*
Ministry in Music.....*Estella Emery*
Thanksgiving in Prayer.....*Geoff Brussee*
Tithes & Offerings of Thanksgiving
Children's Message
Communion Hymn: #330 – Are You Washed In the Blood?
The Lord's Table
Scripture: Genesis 50:20
Message: "My Choices"
Closing Hymn: #596 – I Surrender All
Benediction

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On Sundays between 9:15 and 9:50 a.m. there is **coffee** in the Puntis Fellowship Hall for those who would like to spend time with one another before the church service.

For those with young children, there is a **Nursery** available downstairs.

**Parents** please go downstairs to pick up your children as soon as the church service is over.

Please **remember** to bring non-perishable items to put in the **Food Box** to share with those in need.

Thank you to all who helped to decorate the church for the Advent season!

## **Our Church Week**

- Tue** **Prayer and Bible Study** starts at 7 p.m. Come and join others in the body of Christ as Pastor Benjamin leads us in a study of the book of Proverbs, and together we come before our Father in prayer.
- Wed** Our **Growing Together** program for families runs from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. This will be our final evening this year. Please keep the families in prayer during this Christmas season.
- Thur** We are responsible for the chapel service at **Muskoka Shores** (Leisureworld). The service starts at 10:30 a.m. If you are available, come and join Pastor Benjamin in ministry.
- Seniors of Calvary Baptist** will be meeting at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall to share a potluck meal and enjoy singing Christmas carols.
- Calvary Baptist Youth Group** meets at 7 p.m. tonight in the Church Fellowship Hall. This group is for youth from 12–17 years old. For more information contact Cindy Bailey or Matthew Nicholson.
- Fri** **Ladies of Calvary Baptist**, please join us from 1:15 – 2:15 p.m. for "**Tea Talks**". We meet downstairs for a short devotional, prayer, and fellowship over a cup of tea. Child care is not provided, but we welcome the little ones, too.

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## Advent Reading

Luke 21:25-36

The return of the Lord will be signalled by difficult times. They seem to be opposing events: the distress of the world against the return of the Lord. One evokes fear, the other hope. But what if distress strengthened our hope? Could certainty breed confidence?

Our natural reaction to trouble is to despair. We like to focus on problems, to worry about them. But in this Scripture, God tells us that we're made for more. He seems to say, "Trouble should make you hopeful!". This is confusing. We do everything in our power to avoid difficulties or lessen their effects on us. We ask God to remove trouble. How often do we pray, "Lord, please take away this pain/problem." But what if, instead of asking to be spared from difficulty, we asked God to make us stronger through it? What if it was more about our faith and less about our comfort?

Consider how our perspective of trouble could be changed! Where we would once have worried over foreshadowed distress, we would feel the awe of God's power. Rather than fear, we would feel confidence in our God's promises and warnings. Instead of lazily praying to have it easy, we would "watch at all times, praying [to] have strength." (vs 36 RSV). We would be put in our place, and we would see God in His.

God promises that His coming will be accompanied by trouble; there's no "praying away" the turmoil that will come. But remember that, in the face of this trouble, and all trouble, he gives us permission to be confident: "look up and raise your hands, because your redemption is drawing near." (v. 28, RSV). We can take comfort in knowing that though "heaven and earth will pass away...my words will not pass away."

### Mandy Blanchard

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Nova Scotia

**Sunday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>** - Tithes & Offerings - \$3,148.00

- Attendance - 106

**Sunday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>** - Greeters – Dan Sales & Vi Brunton

# Calvary Baptist Church Gravenhurst, Ontario



To all who want a faith to live by;  
To all who are seeking the meaning in life;  
To all who search after sheltering love;  
To all who mourn and need comfort;  
To all who are friendless and want friendship;  
To all who sin and need a Saviour;  
To whoever will come –  
WELCOME  
in the name of Jesus Christ!



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