

# WELCOME!

Welcome to Calvary Gravenhurst! At Calvary, our vision is **To See Lives Transformed by Christ**, and not just our lives, but the lives of every person on earth. To see this vision completed, we've developed a simple three step mission: to **Go Deep in Christ; Live Out Authentic Faith; and Make Disciples**. We pray that the service today will encourage you in your walk with the Lord!

## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

Welcome & Announcements.....*Alyssa LaRocque*

Worship in Song & Communion

Message: "Answers to the Most Asked Question" .....*Dr Don Batten*

Closing

## SERVICE INFORMATION

Starting this week, Children's Ministries are available downstairs for **Nursery – Gr. 5** at the 9 a.m. service, until we reach capacity for individual classes. At 11 a.m. all ages worship together in the sanctuary. There are scribble cards in the chair pockets for children (or adults) to use during the service. The Nursery will be available during the 11 a.m. service, with a live feed of the service, for parents who would like to be in there with their own children. There is also a live feed of the service available in the entryway, if you need to step out of the service for any reason.

## COMMUNION

We will be celebrating communion at both services this morning. Anyone who has received Christ as Lord and Saviour is invited to participate. The bread and grape juice will be served to you in your seat. When you receive these elements, please take a moment to reflect on the body and blood of Christ, which they represent, and then we will all partake together.

## WELCOME CREATION MINISTRIES

Today we are pleased to welcome Dr. Don Batten and Kevin Wain from Creation Ministries. Don is an experienced research scientist and an international speaker for CMI–Australia, as well as being a writer and co-editor of the world–renowned *Creation magazine* and *Journal of Creation*. He has co-authored some of the most popular creation books of all time including *The Creation Answers Book* and *15 Reasons to Take Genesis as History*.

## SERMON NOTES

## THIS WEEK AT CALVARY September 4<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Thurs Prayer Meeting - 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.** All are welcome to join us in a time of prayer for our congregation, our community, and our world.

**Sun Worship Services** begin at **9 a.m.** and **11 a.m.** with Children's Ministries available during the 9 a.m. service for Nursery – Grade 5.

**Special Meeting – 7:00 p.m.** (see below)

## SPECIAL MEETING - SEPTEMBER 10

We are excited to invite everyone (both members and non-members) to a special meeting next **Sunday, September 10th** at 7pm where we will lay out the vision, next steps, and things to pray about as it relates to our building and our desire for a larger and more functional space. We also want to present to you a very exciting opportunity that we believe God has brought before us. Finally, we are also excited to have the opportunity to vote in a number of new members.

The following have requested membership and been interviewed by the elders: **Rachel Bowman, Rob & Ashley Moody, Joseph & Michelle Simonetta, Isaac & Haley Speicher, and Janis White**. Please keep these brothers and sisters in your prayers as they make this deeper commitment to be involved in the ministry at Calvary.

## BAPTISMAL SERVICE


We are planning another baptismal service on **Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>** at the Church Street Parkette, following the 11 a.m. service. All who would like to witness the baptisms are encouraged to walk/drive over after the service!

And if you are interested in being baptized, please speak with Pastor Mark or one of our elders!

## CALVARY WORK MORNING

Calvary is calling on its men to lend their skills as we clean up Calvary's exterior on **Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>** from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Rain date: September 23<sup>rd</sup>). All materials will be purchased by the church, and will be on site for the work day. If you are able to help, please let Jeanette know: [office@calvarygravenhurst.com](mailto:office@calvarygravenhurst.com) or 705-687-2886 ext 1.

Pizza will be provided for the volunteers!



**TEACHING  
YOUR CHILDREN  
TO PRAY**

On **Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**, Pastor Mark will be leading a one-hour “**Teaching Your Children to Pray**” seminar from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Teaching our children to pray is something that as parents we all know is important, and yet if we are honest, it can be really hard to do regularly and do it well. In this seminar we are going to answer these 3 simple questions.

- 1) Why Should I Teach My Children to Pray?
- 2) How Should I Teach My Children to Pray?
- 3) What Does Teaching My Children to Pray Do In Their Spiritual Life?

Then at the end there will be plenty of time for Q&A so we can dive into the specifics and nuances that each individual family is facing. So bring your questions, and we look forward to seeing you there! To register go to:

[www.calvarygravenhurst.com/teaching-your-children-to-pray](http://www.calvarygravenhurst.com/teaching-your-children-to-pray)

Childcare will be provided for children aged 18 months to Grade 5. Babies are welcome to join their parents in the seminar. If you need childcare, please enter your children’s names and ages/grades when you register. Childcare spaces are limited, so if you will need childcare, please register early!

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## FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you would like to know more about our church ministries, you can find information on our website, or by calling or emailing the church office (see Contact Information above). On the website you can also access a variety of resources, including current and previous sermons in audio or video format, resources for children, the bible reading plan, and links to sign up for online giving and RightNow Media.

We also send out weekly **e-newsletter** that to all our regular attendees, if we have your email address. The newsletter contains information about upcoming programs and events with links for registration, as well as links to the sermon and worship resources. If you don’t already receive this newsletter, but would like to, please email the church office (see above).

## PRAYER

We send out a weekly Prayer Update by email on Saturday mornings. It includes prayer requests for our congregation, our community, and our world. If you would like to receive this update, please email the church office. There is also a paper copy of the update available on the back table on Sunday mornings. If you have any prayer requests that you would like to have added to this update, please call or email the church office.



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