

# FROM THE LAPTOP

January 6, 2019

Welcome to church! If you are a guest today, please stop by the *Welcome Centre*, which is located in the fellowship foyer. We have an informational booklet and gift we would like you to have. Please do come again!

## What's happening today at Calvary?

This is missions Sunday. Our budget for 2018 was \$36,000.00. We are grateful for the generous financial giving from the congregation. \$36,004.00 was received. Thank you and bless you for giving. Now it's a New Year, and we get to begin all over again as we continue to support missions at home and abroad. If you would like to give to missions, designate *missions* on an offering envelope. Envelopes are located in the pew seat backs or at the debit machine in the fellowship foyer.

It's exciting to see what God is doing in the Spanish Church that meet each Saturday evening at 6:00 pm in the lower auditorium. Pastor Pedro Tolosa will be dedicating a child to the Lord from the Spanish congregation.

January is all about new starts. It's exciting to be able to turn the full page of 2018 over and gaze upon the empty page of 2019. What do you want to fill it with? I pray the message this morning will challenge you to begin this year with new eyesight.

At 12:00 noon, African Church takes place in the Upper Room.

What better way to begin this New Year than to begin it with a time of praise and prayer. You are invited to assemble in the sanctuary tonight and tomorrow night from 7pm – 8 pm. There will be interactive prayer stations made available. We are anticipating God doing great things in your life as you begin it with a fresh desire for God.

## Welcome News

Calvary Temple is pleased to announce that Leslie Onyshko has accepted the Office Administrator position and will begin tomorrow, and Hannah Murphy has accepted the Custodial position and began on January 2. We are grateful for the leading of God in filling these two positions.

## Tithes, Offerings and a Testimony

As we begin a New Year, I would like to share the following information which I believe will be very helpful to those who would like to know how Calvary Temple financially operates ministry.

The Bible teaches the principle and blessings of tithing and generous financially giving. Luke 6:38 says "Give, and it shall be given to you..." As believers give, God blesses. This is one of the promises of God.

Calvary Temple believes that according to the Bible, the *tithe* belongs to the Lord. *Tithe* means tenth. When believers bring this portion of their income to the Lord, it honors God and declares His Lordship in their lives.

Is it always easy to tithe? Let me be honest with you; no, of course it's not. You can be sure that flesh and self will fight against it.

Let me share a little personal testimony insert here. I haven't always found tithing to be easy; I have always found tithing to be a choice. I choose to be obedient. I have also learned that obedience comes before blessing. As I have chosen to honor God with the tithe, God has always taken care of our needs as a family. My wife and I have proved this over and over again in our lives. God has blessed and we are thankful. We will continue to be obedient and trust God to take care of us. We serve a big God. He indeed is able.

The *tithe* designation on the Calvary Temple offering envelope goes to the general fund of Calvary Temple to care for the expenses of this local church. These expenses include staff salaries, operating and upkeep of the church facility, and for local church ministry expenses. Those who call Calvary Temple their church home are asked to care for these local church expenses by tithing.

There are also other designations on Calvary Temple offering envelopes. These include *missions*, and *other designated offerings*. As monies are generously given over and above the *tithe* to different designations, they further support the work of the Lord.

We thank you for your financial support to the work of the Lord locally and beyond during 2018. Calvary Temple has definitely witnessed the miraculous hand of God in meeting all of the needs. May we be faithful to His word and prove him once again in 2019. It is impossible to out give the Lord. He always will have a bigger shovel.

I would like to add here that as we ask the congregation to tithe, Calvary Temple also tithes. 10% of what is received in the general fund of every ministry is given to the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada District Office in Winnipeg. These monies enable ministry to over 85 churches and the needs that arise; to pastors, church planting, missions, and on it goes. We value supporting the District Office in this way. It is a joy to give.

God is great and we are truly blessed in ways that cannot be measured. We welcome 2019 with onward, upward and forward motion.

May this New Year find you healthy and full of fervor for the Lord?

Pastor Gary

(Lead Pastor)