

FROM THE LAPTOP

January 13, 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 Communion Sunday. I Peter 1:18, 19 reminds all believers that we have been *redeemed from the empty way of life by the precious blood of Christ*. We will pause and reflect upon this and give thanks. If you have accepted Christ as Lord and Savior, please participate in this time of remembrance with the church family.

2019 is the year of movement. Later I will speak on the subject of *deception*. Wow! That's a loaded word. Have you ever been deceived? How did that make you feel? How did that make you want to respond? I trust God to speak to your heart through His word.

At 12:00 noon, African Church takes place in the Upper Room, and at 12:30 pm Chinese Church takes place in the lower auditorium.

Welcome News

Calvary Temple is pleased to announce that Leslie Onyshko has accepted the Office Administrator position and began last Monday, 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.

Advance Conference

Are you involved in ministry leadership in Calvary Temple? Advance is a total church leadership conference offering keynote sessions and specialized ministry track worships. This will take place on Friday and Saturday, February 8, 9 at New Beginnings Church in Winnipeg. For more information on the conference and costs see the *Information Centre* located in foyer (north side), or one of the pastors.

Tithes, Offerings and a Testimony

As we have begun 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)