

FROM THE LAPTOP

February 18, 2018

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

Today at Calvary

I grew up hearing people say that they accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Is there a difference between accepting Jesus Christ as our Savior and accepting Him as our Lord? Hmm. I do believe there is a difference. As our Savior, we acknowledge Jesus has saved us from our sins. As our Lord, we acknowledge He owns all we have, and therefore, surrender everything to Him. This raises another question in my mind: Is it possible to accept Jesus as our Savior but not as our Lord? Hmm. It is worth thinking about. Believers gladly receive salvation; it's free. But I believe it is a choice to freely give our all back to God. Today, I conclude a Believers Life Management Series I began on January 28 entitled, Choices, Choices, Choices. I do trust God has been speaking to your life. Life is all about choices and together we are growing up in God. Amen!

At 12:00 noon, African Church service takes place in the Upper Room. And tonight at 7:00 pm, ladies Bible study takes place in the lower auditorium. It's going to be a great day. Be sure to enjoy it. It's a choice!

Missions

Tammy Junghans ministers at the University of Manitoba. Through the missions budget, Calvary Temple supports this ministry financially on a monthly basis. Last week I received an exciting update on what God is doing. The report is on the fellowship foyer bulletin board. Please take a moment to read it. It is a good read. missions brochures are in the literature rack in the fellowship foyer. We invite you to also make these brochures your prayer guides. These ministries and missionaries need your prayers and support to do the exceptional for God and His kingdom. Thank you for giving generously to missions so far in 2018. Bless you!

Tithes, Offerings and a God of Miracles

For the past four Sundays I have been speaking a series of messages on stewardship, and incorporating financial giving into these messages. Along with this teaching, I feel it might be helpful to give the following explanation for clarification purposes.

According to the teachings found in the Bible, Calvary Temple believes 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. 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 caring for the church facility and local church ministry expenses. Annual financial reports give more detail which is available upon request at the church office. The responsibility to care for these local church expenses rests with those who call Calvary Temple their church home.

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

I trust this helps to clarify. We thank you for continued financial support to the work of the Lord locally and beyond.

I would like to add here that Calvary Temple also tithes. 10% of what is received in the general fund is given to the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada District Office in Winnipeg. These monies enable further ministry to over 85 churches and the needs that arise, pastors, church planting and on it goes. We value supporting the District Office in this way. Even though 2017 was a particularly challenging financial year for Calvary Temple, the commitment to *tithe* remained and was practiced. Now here is the incredible part to this testimony. Calvary Temple literally ended 2017 in financial miracle territory. More will be said regarding this at the Annual Business Meeting. God is a God of miracles. We rejoice and are amazed at what He did. I believe the miracle is connected to faithfulness during difficult and challenging times. This will be proved not only in the life of a church, but also in individual lives. God is good. We truly are blessed beyond measure. Amen!

YouthQuake

This weekend Pastor Nikki has taken a youth group of 38 to YouthQuake at Briercrest in Caronport, Saskatchewan. They gather with approximately 1800 other youth. These conferences can be life changing events in the lives of youth. Let us continue to pray for the youth ministry of Calvary Temple. May it continue to be alive, well and thrive.

Calvary Temple Board Nominations

Board nominations will close on Monday, March 5 at 4:30 pm. If you are a member of Calvary Temple (that is, you have applied and taken out membership) you are invited to submit a board nomination form located in the fellowship foyer. Please be sure to carefully read over the nomination form before you make your nomination from the membership list on the reverse side of the nomination form. Forms must be signed and nominations are to be made **without the knowledge of the person(s) nominated**.

Continued New Year's Blessings!

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