

FROM THE LAPTOP

November 18, 2018

Welcome to a church that excites and energizes people to *Start Over here*. If you are a guest, please stop by the *Welcome Centre* in the fellowship foyer and receive an informational booklet and a gift from Calvary Temple. Do come again!

Today at Calvary

I have entitled my message, *Selfies and Selfish*. What is that all about? Stay tuned! The service will end with sharing in communion together.

At 12:00 noon, African Church takes place in the Upper Room; at 2:30 pm the Singing Christmas Tree children's choir practice, followed by the adult choir practicing at 3:30 pm. This takes place in the main sanctuary.

Singing Christmas Tree – December 6-9 – “See you can help!”

Have you seen yourself in the mirror yet? The mirror is located in the foyer by the exit doors. I am sure if you will look, you will see yourself. We want you to see that the person in the mirror can help make this year's Singing Christmas Tree a huge success for the glory of God. There are many ways you can get involved. Check out the following:

This Friday - beginning at 8:30 am volunteers are needed to help prepare the church and transport the SCT steel structure and materials and begin construction.

This Saturday - the work continues. Lots of volunteers will be needed throughout the day. We will begin at 8:30 am with breakfast, and then get down to work. Please come whenever you are able and stay as long as you are able. Lunch will be provided.

If you are new to Calvary Temple, why not join the work crew? Working together with a great purpose is a wonderful way to get to know each other.

Sponsorship – Business owners can become a SCT sponsor. There are many expenses each year, but we have never charged admission to any of the presentations, only a free-will offering is received. By becoming a sponsor, this helps with the additional costs of putting on this ministry. If you would like to become a SCT sponsor, please call Kathryn Anne (204-728-8500) at the church office. All businesses giving \$100.00 or more will be recognized in the SCT bulletin. The deadline is Friday, November 30. Thanks to all who sponsored last year. What a blessing you have been!

Advertising and Social Media - In the foyer on the table there are posters and handbills available for you to distribute. Please remember to get permission before you put up posters. Also, we ask that you find Calvary Temple on Facebook; like the SCT poster and then share it. This will really help get the word out.

Volunteers – Please see the sign-up sheets on the volunteer table in the foyer. For each presentation we need 6 ushers, 4 parking lot attendants, 2 greeters, 1 first responder, and 4 who will help with janitorial duties following each presentation. If you have any questions regarding the area you would like to be involved in, the leaders' name and phone number is on each volunteer list.

Prayer - The purpose of the SCT is to present the greatest Christmas gift of all to Brandon and surrounding communities. This gift is Jesus Christ and His offer of salvation to all. This is why we do it. We also realize the power and effectiveness of prayer. Would you set a block of time aside each day to pray for the mission of the SCT? Pray for many to respond to the gospel message. Pray for the health and ministry of all in the choir and drama. Pray for all of our great volunteers during the presentations. Then thank God for what he is about to do with ordinary people like you and I. Note: by Wednesday, December 5, SCT bulletins will be available at the church. They can be picked up and used as a prayer guide. Thank you for believing in the purpose and praying for life-changing presentations!

Looking ahead - The Big Take Down

What goes up must come down! On Monday, December 10, beginning at 8:30 am we will begin to take down the Singing Christmas Tree. We can use help all day. Please come when you are able. Work will continue into the evening hours if need be. Thank you for making a difference. See you can help!

Church Membership

Although membership is not required in order to be a part of the church family here in Calvary, it is available should adherents desire. If you have been attending Calvary Temple for at least 3 months and consider this to be your church home, you may apply for church membership. Application forms along with the *Local Church Constitution and Statement of Fundamental and Essential Truths* are in the church foyer literature rack. Once these are read, the application form must be signed and passed into one of the pastors or placed in the offering plate. We will then contact you and set up a time to meet with you regarding membership.

Reserved Seating

For the convenience of parents / guardians and families with young children, we are pleased to provide reserved seating. As you enter the main floor sanctuary, they are marked and are the back two rows in the center and north side seating sections.

Reserved Parking

For the convenience of seniors, visitors, and families with small children, reserved parking is located on the south side of the parking lot.

Every blessing on you this week, Pastor Gary Jennings (Lead Pastor)