

FROM THE LAPTOP

December 3, 2017

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

Advent means *coming* or *arrival*. Advent season is the four Sundays preceding Christmas Day. It is a time of expectancy, waiting and preparation as we draw nearer to the arrival of Jesus on Christmas Day. Today is the first Sunday of Advent. May this season not only be special, but life-changing.

Today is the last Missions Sunday for 2017. Missions brochures which detail the ministries and missionaries we have committed to support are in the literature rack in the fellowship foyer. Our goal for 2017 is \$ 50,400.00. To date we have received \$ 34,146. If you would like to give, designate *Missions* on an offering envelope. Thank you for faithfully giving to missions over this past year.

Following the service this morning there will be a meeting for all those who have signed up to usher for the Singing Christmas Tree presentations. The meeting will take place in the main sanctuary. If you have not signed up and are interested, please also plan to attend.

At 12:00 noon, African Church service takes place in the Upper Room. At 2:30 pm the Singing Christmas Tree children's choir practices, and at 3:30 pm, the adults practice.

Last Sunday

Trevor Dick and band presented a *Glory and Peace* Christmas Concert. What a privilege it was to host this great event to kick off the Christmas season. The talent was amazing, and the ministry to people was so incredibly powerful. All the praise and glory goes to Christ for what took place. A love-offering was received for *Flying Bow Ministries*. Thank you for being so generous. \$ 2,141.00 was received. People also responded to the ministry of the Gideon's after the service. It is such a joy to give to the work of the Lord.

RAP – Your Daily Triple

Anyone can RAP - *Read* a passage of scripture, ask yourself how to *Apply* it, and then *Pray*. The scripture reading guide for this week and next are located in the newsletter.

Reserved Parking

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

Additional parking is available on the green space adjacent to the paved lot. It can be accessed off 35th street.

The Singing Christmas Tree - This Thursday to Sunday

Final preparations are underway. Practice takes place this afternoon and into the evening. On Tuesday evening there will be a TV taping and then the public presentations begin Thursday evening and run until Sunday. It is going to be a busy, but incredible week.

Sponsorship

Thank you to business sponsors this year. All businesses giving \$100.00 or more will be recognized in our SCT bulletin. What a blessing you are to this ministry!

Advertising

Thanks to all who have helped advertise. In the literature rack there are still some posters and handbills available to distribute. Please remember to get permission before putting up posters.

Volunteers Still Needed

The Singing Christmas Tree outreach ministry needs you! The volunteer slots are almost filled, but we still need a few more people to help. Please see the sign-up sheets on the table in the fellowship foyer. Thank you to all who have signed up so far. May God bless you for making this ministry happen!

Prayer for Each Presentation

Prayer is powerful. Pray for the presence of the Holy Spirit. Pray for all those involved. The SCT bulletin will have everyone's name listed. This could be your prayer list. At the end of every presentation, people will be invited to make a decision to follow Jesus. This is a vital part of each presentation. We are praying for Christ to transform lives.

The Big Take Down

What goes up must come down! On Monday, December 11, 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. We expect the work to continue into the evening hours. Thank you for making a difference.

Christmas Blessings!

Gary Jennings (Lead Pastor)