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IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS!

By: Denise Foster

Psalms 105, 106 and 107 exhort us to "Give thanks to the Lord." Why? "for he is good" (Psalms 106 and 107:1); "To show forth his loving kindness in the morning and his faithfulness every night" (Psalm 92:2). Who should be thankful? "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so" (Psalm 107:2). The redeemed – that's us- have the most reason to say that God is good. Our Father woke us up this morning! We go to sleep with a roof over our heads, we sleep upon beds, we eat three or more meals each day, we turn on our pipes and clean water gushes out, if it is too warm, we turn on our fans or air conditioners. We have the choice of what to wear, what to eat, we have feet to put shoes on, have general good health...this list could go on, but you get the point. We take all these basics for granted, but they are blessings from God. They are necessities for us, but luxuries for others. Give thanks!

Dr. Charles Stanley has written that one of the benefits of giving thanks is that when we take stock of all God's daily provisions for us, we are less distracted by our problems. Another benefit is it relieves our anxieties, and our burdens are lifted when we remind ourselves of all He has done for us. It is when we are overwhelmed by our problems that we should offer up our thanks to Him. Also, it grows our faith. When we start thanking Him for everything, then we can see how faithful He has been, and we can trust Him to continue to provide for us tomorrow.

We are commanded to give thanks (1 Thessalonians 5:18). In all circumstance, which means the good the bad and the ugly, in prosperity and adversity. For this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Thanksgiving glorifies God, because we acknowledge Him as the source of all that we have and all that He has blessed us with. He is only ever good to His children. When others see us giving thanks to Him, they will be inspired to do the same. "Make known His deeds among the people" (Psalm 105:1) so that others may join us in praising Him as well.

Consider the ten lepers who were healed by Jesus in Luke 17:11-17. Only one returned to Jesus, throwing himself at Jesus' feet and thanking him for his healing. Jesus asked, "where are the other nine? Has no one returned to praise God except for this [Samaritan]?" (Luke 17:17-18). David Jeremiah commented that "...the most religious people are not always the ones who sees life's graces or think to say thanks" (The Jeremiah Study Bible, p. 1416). Let that not be said of us. We see in this encounter that ingratitude is more common than thanksgiving. It could be that the nine lepers were grateful, but they did not take the time to express that gratitude. But let us be a part of that 10% who acknowledge God's goodness and mercy.

And what is THE most important benefit that we should give thanks for daily? That God has given us eternal life through His son Jesus! Let us give thanks that God looked down upon me, and you, and loved us while we were yet sinners (Romans 5:8). Let us be thankful that He sacrificed His only son to be a sin offering for us (Romans 8:3), He died so that we will not have to perish (John 3:16). Let us be thankful that He is merciful and does not treat us as our sins deserve (Luke 15:18-20; 1 Timothy 1:12-13). Let us be thankful that He forgives us of our sins and does not hold them against us (Psalm 130:3). Let us be thankful that His grace is extended to us without limit (Romans 5:20b; 1 Timothy 1:14).

"Bless the Lord oh my soul and forget not all his benefits; who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; who satisfieth thy mouth with good things..." (Psalm 103:2-5). In Psalm 103, David showed us how to count our many blessings.

Being thankful is easy to say, but hard to do. We are more inclined to complain than to express gratitude. But we have to practice being thankful, so that it becomes an attitude we choose to display. When we open our eyes tomorrow morning, let us say, thank you Lord for opening my eyes this morning. I know that someone somewhere did not have the blessing of another day, but you have

given me another day to grow closer to you Lord. When we get rain instead of sunshine, let us say, thank you Lord for this rain. We need it to fill our dams. I know that there are droughts in many parts of the world, and you have blessed us with this rain. When we wake up with pain, let us say thank you Lord, I am in pain, but I rejoice that you are my Savior. Many of us have challenges with our health, and we are praying for healing. And by God's will, He will provide that healing. But while we wait let us be thankful knowing our Lord is sovereign. The more we express our thanks to our Heavenly Father, the more we will see the blessings, and the more our faith will grow. Therefore, let us give thanks to our Lord God with a grateful heart. Amen.

Calvary Church New Members

By: Ronnie Roddy Jr.

On Wednesday June 15, 2022 Calvary Church inaugurated five new members (including myself) into the Church, Ronnie Roddy Jr., Wally Capasso, Rita Barnett, Eugene Lloyd and Leah Nicoliah. It was such an honor and privilege to finally become a member of Calvary Church. It has been 7 years now that I have attending Calvary Church which I always called my home church. I've learned so much through so many people, in many different ways from the adult Sunday classes, to the young adult Sunday school, attending to youth night, Camp Orchard Hill, Bible study on Wednesday night, enjoying many meals with my Church family and many more sweet celebration events.

I always enjoy assisting the church in any way I can, from doing something with music to doing the offering at the church. Therefore, becoming a member of the church is such a huge achievement as I look forward to the future of the church, and the growth of the church for the next generation and generations to come. I thank God for my new home and family.



Graduates, Onward!

By: Fitzgerald Alcindor, MD, FACEP, FASAM, FAAUCM

On Sunday June 12th, 2022 Calvary Church was graced with six new graduates. This time has become a tradition of harvested blessings. Sarabeth DiCostanzo obtained her Masters degree in Social Work from Cairn University and already has a full-time position. Victoria Manuel graduated from Stony Brook University with a dual degree BS-Masters in English and at this time working as a substitute teacher in Great Neck High School. Steven Elcock graduated Baldwin High School and armed with a full scholarship from Nyack College will be studying Information Technology. Zavier Foster graduated from Baldwin High School and will be in the Pre-Med program at Princeton University. Dennis Thomas graduated from Baldwin High School and will be attending Manhattanville College to study Law. Derek Watts graduated from Baldwin High School and will be attending Farmingdale State College and major in Mechanical Engineering.

Congratulations and Blessings to the community! Such a blessing pours a prayer out of our lips. Like the gentle tickle of a drizzle. Warmest thanks and gratitude to the parents and "Village." Each accomplishment however work-laden, is but a trophy from heaven. That humbles us all, for we are not worthy. Graduates, may your steps be sturdy, and may your mind be a sponge for wisdom. May your resolve be well-paced, yet do not overwhelm yourselves in your course loads. You will be tackled and hit hard.

At times you will fall and roll. You might sprain an ankle, twist an arm or butt your head.



But know this, you shall rise! Daily, lift your arms in prayer and look up in adoration, while your heart whispers thanks each second. You will not be alone. Whether you linger in the backyards of Long Island, settle in Syracuse, Buffalo, Rochester, or go to the end of the West coast.

For when you see yourselves moving forward, get up after a fall, wrestle academic wind gusts or the heaviness of homesickness is softened, know that it is the hidden grace of God that is holding you up, as "you are seeing further while standing on the shoulders of prior giants" (Albert Einstein).

From Calvary Church family (including myself) many blessings "graduates" as you continue the journey God has started in you which He will complete for His glory and your rewards through His Son Jesus Christ.

God's Math

By: John Sandberg

On January 14th, 2022 our family lost our patriarch Louis Charles Sandberg. He passed into eternity as he had hoped, in his own bed, in his own home, surrounded by his family. He was 95 years old and larger than life. He taught me how to think. He modeled how to live. He never stopped learning and never stopped teaching. He extended grace to me on more than a few occasions. He provided wise counsel to me at critical junctures in my life.

I have been going through his books and have found several notes he wrote to himself that made me smile. One note read "When I had to ask myself why I was reading this book, I stopped reading it." He attached the note to the book and taped the book shut to dissuade others from wasting their time reading it. Then, as is typical of those who lived through the Great Depression and WWII, he did not throw the book away but put it back on the shelf. I miss my Dad.

My daughter Gretchen was due to give birth on June 12th, 2022. She asked the doctor not to divulge the child's sex until the birth. I have two grandsons so human nature such as it has caused us to wish the third grandchild be a girl. We had a hunch this child was a girl. Gretchen was carrying high...and the morning sickness was another tip off. On June 15th, 2022, a new life entered the world, Simon Louis Cyril Johnson, 7 pounds, 5 ounces, hungry, loud and a boy! He carries my Dad's name!

I am an insurance underwriter. I am the guy you never meet who decides what your premium is. Insurance is a social device by which the premiums of the many pay for the losses of the few. What is the correct premium? That is a question I wrestle with daily. The answer is not a simple one. Insurance is an aleatory contract. In other words, there is no assumption of equivalency. If you buy a car for \$25,000, there is an assumption the car is worth \$25,000. However, you may buy an insurance policy for \$25,000 that provides \$25,000,000 of insurance. If there is a loss, you receive \$25,000,000. If there is no loss, you do not get your \$25,000 back. To make the calculation more difficult, you have 20 years to report the loss.

The Christian Astrophysicist Dr. Jason Lyle wrote a book on fractals. God created math and math is beautiful. A fractal is beautiful complexity that has beautiful complexity hidden within it and is itself hidden within beautiful complexity. This is a picture of God painting with a fine tip brush and broad brush strokes across history simultaneously.

I searched the scriptures for God's math and found beautiful complexity. In the Gospel of Mark, chapter 6, Jesus told his disciples to feed the crowd. They responded the food required would cost 8 months' wages. This is the math of man. Jesus asked, "How many loaves do you have?" They took inventory and reported back "5 loaves and two fish." Jesus then gave instructions to have the people sit down in groups of 50s and 100s. Such a pattern reminds us of the "Jethro principle" found in Exodus 18:21 where the Israelites were organized into groups of thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. Jesus then looked to heaven, gave thanks, broke the loaves and 5,000 men (plus women and children) were fed. All were satisfied, and 12 baskets of scraps were picked up afterward. I appreciate this last detail because I also hate to waste food. Jews rightfully considered bread a gift from God and were required to pick up the scraps.

God's math:

Know what you have.
Start there.
Give it all to God.
God blesses it. It is more than enough.
Do not waste what he has blessed.

Back to my Dad, Louis Charles and my grandson, Simon Louis Cyril... I miss my Dad. I miss our conversations. At the same time, I wonder who my grandson will become? I look forward to the conversations yet to be had.

God's math is beautiful!

NEW BEGINNINGS FOR CALVARY CHURCH

On Wednesday June 15th, 2022 Calvary Church congregation passed a New Constitution and affirmed two new elders, Charles Hetzel and David Manuel. Today the following prayers is lift up into the ears of our Heavenly Father-

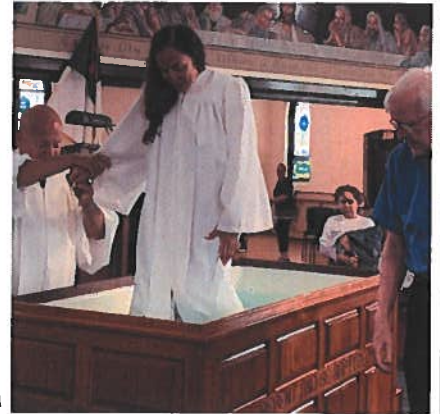
May the Holy Spirit continue to quicken our hearts at Calvary Church to the cry of a lost and groping world, and to the answering light that comes to us from God's Word. May our beloved Church, give God the praise for its achievements, and new beginnings, now dedicate her life afresh to unfinished task of spreading the Gospel to the ends of the earth, until our labors are over, and we enter that rest that remaineth for the people of God. In Jesus Name Amen.



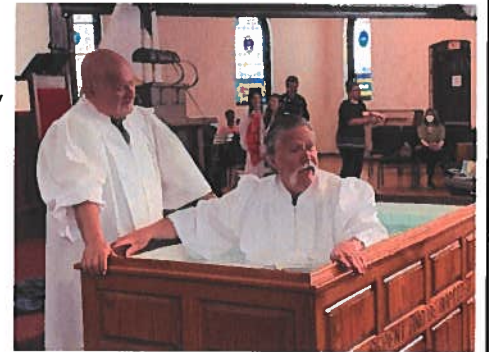
THOUGHTS AND REFLECTIONS ON MY RECENT BAPTISM AT CALVARY CHURCH

By: John Cantwell

On Sunday June 5th, 2022, by the merciful hand of God's grace, a total of five brothers and sisters in Christ (including myself) stood before the congregation of Calvary Church with Pastor Charles Lucchesi, declared our faith and only hope in Jesus Christ; and were baptized. Having been born and raised in the Roman Catholic tradition, 61 years ago I was baptized as an infant with my parents. I thank God for giving me parents and grandparents who raised me in the knowledge of God and directed me towards His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Because "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). "Then Jesus declared, I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty" (John 6:35). "All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). But "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day" (John 6:44). For Jesus said, "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4). For "It is written in the prophets: 'They will all be taught by God'; Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from Him comes to me. No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God, only He has seen the Father. Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of Life" (John 6:45-48). "So, then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17).



I have shared the above verses of God's word because they were shared with me through many different means by people faithfully proclaiming His holy word, which is the power unto salvation. We are drawn by the Father unto faith in His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. God uses circumstances in our hopeless lives to draw us, and through his holy providence, places us under the hearing of His holy word. For faith does come by hearing; and hearing by the word of God. About 30 years ago, God the Father began to draw me to himself in this way. Upon hearing the gospel and believing, I was convicted of my sin in a new way. Though I had been spiritually dead, God made me alive in His Son, Jesus Christ, by indwelling me with his Holy Spirit. God performs a miracle in us and quickens our dead spirit by his power: "I pray that you may know, his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength He exerted when He raised Christ from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms" (Ephesians 1:18-20). This is the miracle of God being "Born Again."

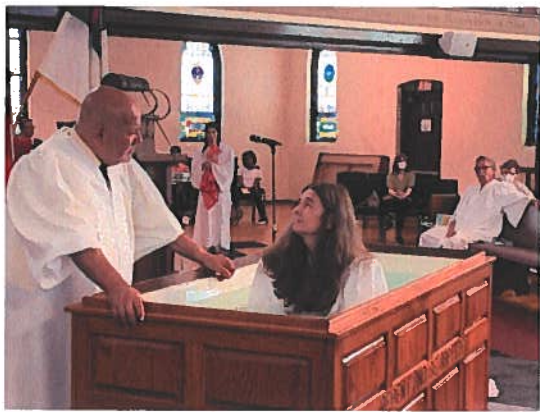


So, in baptism, we undergo an outward sign of an inward miracle God has performed, giving us new life at the time of conversion. When Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist to fulfill all righteousness, He identified with the Father and His righteousness. This was confirmed by God when He sent the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove to ascend upon Jesus, with an audible voice coming from heaven saying: "This is my Son, whom I love, with Him I am well pleased." So, just as Jesus identified with the righteousness of His Father God, so must we identify with the righteousness of Christ. So, by faith we go down into the water,

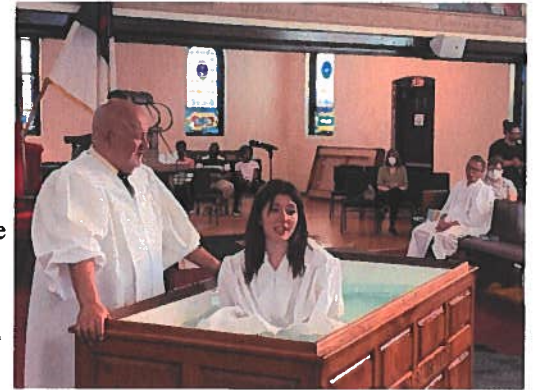


identifying with the death and burial of Jesus Christ. Upon being raised up out of the water, we identify with Christ's resurrection unto new life here and now, along with being indwelt by the Holy Spirit. We will also identify with Christ, who is the first fruit of the bodily resurrection, at the sound of the last trump, when the dead in Christ Jesus will be raised from the graves unto eternal life with Christ!! In identifying with Christ's death, we become dead to sin and our old sinful way of life, no longer in bondage to Satan and slaves of sin. Though we continue to fall into sin at times, because we are still in this mortal body of sin, the believer has an ongoing desire to do the will of God and obey His commandments and Holy Word. This is due to the ongoing and forever presence of the Holy Spirit and His work within us, convicting of our sin; and prompting us to do His will and repent when we do sin. Although I experienced this miracle performed by God through the working of the Holy Trinity many years ago, God

began convicting me that this outward and public sign of water baptism was something I should do in obedience. As usual, God used His Holy word by many ways to send this message to me: "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah. When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other



apostles, ‘Brothers what shall we do?’ Peter replied, ‘Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children, and all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.’ (Acts 2: 36-39), v41 “Those who accepted his message were baptized.” There are so many other verses, but I will share these two more: “He (Jesus) commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that He is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about Him, that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins



through His name. While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The circumcised believers (Jews) who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on even the Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. Then Peter said, ‘Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have. So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ’ (Acts 10: 42-48). “On the Sabbath, we went outside the gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul’s message. When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us into her home” (Acts 16:13-15). Praise God, salvation is of and by the Lord!! Amen

SECTION A: WHO SAID IT?

All Of the following quotes can be attributed to one person listed below. See if you can identify “Who said it?”

Balaam, Elijah, Esther, Jesus, Joseph, God, Mary, Moses, Paul, Pilate, Ruth, Satan

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| 1. “Then I will go to the king, through it is against the law, if I perish I perish” | 12. “I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do” |
| 2. “Show me Thy glory” | 13. “Let me die the death of the upright, and let my end be like theirs!” |
| 3. “How can I do this great wickedness...against God” | 14. “be sure your sin will find you out” |
| 4. “Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD...” | 15. “I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man’s heart is evil from his youth” |
| 5. “Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God” | 16. “I am slow of speech and tongue” |
| 6. “If the LORD is God, follow Him; but if Baal is god, follow him.” | 17. “...my soul glories the Lord” |
| 7. “I have had enough, LORD... Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors” | 18. “Does Job fear God for nothing” |
| 8. “I am seeking my brothers” | 19. “The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak” |
| 9. “What is truth?” | 20. “...you meant it to me for evil, but God meant it for good” |
| 10. “Judas are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss” | |
| 11. “What is your name?” | |

SECTION B

How many famous prisoners of the Bible can you name?

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| 1. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

TURNING 80

This is for me you see
 Now at my age I can be
 Anyone I want to be
 I can still be the little boy in me
 I've grown old, so I'm told
 Except for a little mold
 And some fleshy fold,
 I don't feel like I have grown old
 Now that I am close to eighty
 And have gotten more weighty
 And in life, I have turned another page
 I had better start acting my age
 As Mickey Mantle once said
 'Cause he thought he'd soon be dead
 "If I knew that I would live this long
 I wouldn't have gotten drunk that long
 And instead treated life as a happy song"
 I never want to be that wrong
 And just go on with life as a "sing along"
 Now that I am approaching eighty-
 I want to thank my lady
 For all that she is and all that she has
 done-
 God bless you honey in Christ.

Service

Help me Lord to find Your church
 So that I can serve
 Help me learn to calm every jangling nerve
 Help me Lord to come to you in a humble way
 Help me Lord to digest all that you and Your
 word has to say
 Help me Lord to serve and not be served by
 anyone
 Help me Lord to walk in Your steps with a
 grateful heart for what You have done
 Help me Lord to be thankful for that place in
 heaven for me that You have won
 Help me Lord to realize it has all been done
 And by the power of the Holy Spirit
 I am allowed to serve my Father in heaven
 through His Heavenly Son.

Christ's Return

If He appear before your death come due
 You believers know what you have to do
 Focus on Him as He comes through the cloud
 As the angels shout
 This is what it is all about
 For those of you who do not know Him as yet
 Today get down on your knees
 And begin to pray
 Pray the Lord gives you the faith

To: Ms. Mary Jo Dapice

I could have written a card for you
 But of course that wouldn't be the right thing to
 do
 For, you always expected something more
 That's for sure
 In the mean while
 Writing to you a love poem is my style
 For you see
 It is the only true way I can express what you
 mean to me
 You sort of have a hunch
 As to why I chose you out of the bunch
 It took me less than a week
 To realize that you were the one I would seek
 Now in this next line
 You do realize that our meeting was not acci-
 dental but something divine
 For you see,
 All the others didn't mean half as much to me
 But our union (not only though marriage) will
 last eternally
 Thanks for being part of the largest part
 Of my heart
 Except for Christ
 I love you more than 47 years.

ALL THIS AWAITS YOU

May I Share a Partial List Of What Awaits You At God's Table

- You are beyond condemnation (Romans 8:1)
- You are delivered from the law (Romans 7:6)
- You are near God (Ephesians 2:13)
- You are delivered from the power of evil (Colossians 1:13)
- You are conveyed into His Kingdom (Colossians 1:13)
- You are justified by faith (Romans 5:1)
- You are made perfect (Hebrews 10:14)
- You have been adopted (Romans 8:15)
- You have access to God at any moment (Ephesians 2:18)
- You are built up as a spiritual house for holy priesthood (1 Peter 2:5)
- You will never be abandoned (Hebrews 13:5)
- You have an imperishable inheritance (1 Peter 1:4-5)

-Max Lucado (*In the Grip of Grace* -The Newsletter- July 1997)

Answers

SECTION A.

1. Esther (Esther 4:16)
2. Moses (Exodus 33:18)
3. Joseph (Genesis 39:9)
4. Moses (Exodus 14:13)
5. Ruth (1:16)
6. Elijah (1 Kings 18:21)
7. Elijah (1 Kings 19:4)
8. Joseph (Genesis 37:16)
9. Pilate (John 18:38)
10. Jesus (Luke 22:48)
11. Jesus (Mark 5:9)
12. Paul (Romans 7:15)
13. Balaam (Numbers 23:10)
14. Moses (Numbers 32:23)
15. God (Genesis 8:21)
16. Moses (Exodus 4:10)
17. Mary (Luke 1:46)
18. Satan (Job 1:9)
19. Jesus (Matthew 26:41)

20. Joseph (Genesis 50:20)

SECTION B

1. Joseph (Genesis 39:20)
2. Samson (Judges 16:20-21)
3. Jeremiah (Jeremiah 37:14-15)
4. Daniel (Daniel 6:16)
5. John the Baptist (Matthew 14:3; Mark 1:14)
6. Jesus (Matthew 26:50; Mark 14:46)
7. Peter (Acts 12:3-4)
8. Paul (Acts 16:22-23; 21:30-33)
9. Silas (Acts 16:22-23)
10. Barabbas (Luke 23:18)

ANNIVERSARY

July

12th Kirk & Noelle Nehring

22nd Ralph & Zoraida Rose

27th Bill & Carol Chalavoutis

August

15th Roy & Sharon Knoernschild

23rd Michael & Laura Nicolich



History Made In The Month Of June 2022

On Friday June 24, 2022 the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade. The sovereign God, Father of our Lord Jesus heard the cries of the innocent, the prayers of many and answered after 50 years. Thank God for mercy. Thank God for mercy.

Special Dates in the Month of July

Independence Day Monday, 4th

BIRTHDAYS

JULY

- 2nd Kim Knoernschild
- 6th Linda Boughton
- 6th Tony (LT) DiCostanzo
- 7th Anthony Ramos
- 9th Suzanne Toussaint
- 11th Sarabeth DiCostanzo
- 12th Joanna Brewster
- 13th Helene Wilson
- 14th Adam Carman
- 20th Tyler Knoernschild
- 21st Levi Nembhard
- 22nd Dana Elcock
- 23rd Faith Dowling
- 24th Lillian Tralongo

AUGUST

- 1st Denis Sandoval (Sr.)
- 7th Michael Nicolich Sr.
- 8th Jana Carman
- 8th Janet Wider
- 9th Alex Richards
- 15th Emma Jo Wong
- 17th Tony DiCostanzo
- 20th Ralph Rose III
- 25th Kaelyn Waldvogel
- 27th Adam Hilburger
- 28th Charles Barnes
- 28th Michele Roman
- 31st Charles Lucchesi

What Happened on July 4, 1776?

One of the most important documents Thomas Jefferson worded was the Declaration of Independence --- the Virginia Declaration of Rights. The Virginia Declaration of Rights document also became the main source for the Bill of Rights.

The Declaration of Independence continued to be revised through July 3, 1776 into the late afternoon of July 4, 1776 when it was officially approved. Out of the 13 colonies, nine voted to approve the Declaration. However, two in Pennsylvania and South Carolina voted against it, while Delaware voted undecided, and New York declined to vote.

The Declaration of Independence was signed by 56 of America's Founding Fathers congressional representative. As of today, the original copy of the Declaration is retained in the National Archives in Washington, D.C. This important and precious document is stored under the most modern archival conditions to preserve it.

The Declaration of Independence that stand for freedom reads: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Happy July 4th

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CHURCH UPDATES

The Sunday worship service is at 10:00 a.m. The message will be recorded and posted on the church's website - www.cpcbaldwin.com (click on YouTube), and also on "YouTube" at www.youtube.com (search for Calvary Church, Baldwin).

Adult Sunday School - Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. Will be watching a Video "The Chosen"—followed by discussion time.

Children's Church - On Sundays the children are dismissed before the sermon and meet in the fellowship room. On the first Sunday of every month, when Holy Communion is scheduled, Children's Church will not be in session.

Bible Study/ Prayer Meeting - Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. held at the church. Prayer time followed by Bible Study- Studying the Book of Ephesians.

Ladies Bible Study - 1st and 3rd Thursday every month @7:30 p.m. at Patti Senita's home. Studying the Book of Acts.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Neighborhood Night: Saturday September 17

Seniors' Luncheon: is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 4th** @12:00 noon. Please be sure to call the church (516-223-4070) in September to let us know you are attending.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Calvary Church Summer Schedule – Summer schedule begins Sunday July 3rd – Sunday September 4th. The worship service begins @ 10:00 a.m.

Tithes/Offerings/Donations – Your offering can be drop off in the church mailbox, or give on-line via PayPal through the church website.

TEDS Sunday – The first Sunday of each month Calvary Church remembers the Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (our denomination's seminary) and its work in training pastors and missionaries. A special offering plate is available at the entrance to the church.

PUBLICATIONS

The June—August of *Our Daily Bread*, July issues of *Daily Walk* and *Today's Christian Living* are available at the church.

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History of Calvary Protestant Church May 1874 – May 1974 (100 Years)

From The Desk of Dorothy M. Carman - May 1974



REV. H. R. HULSART, First Minister

When Baldwin was better known as “Baldwinsville” and when people “...took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the House of God in company,” (Psalm 55:14) breathing pure air; and “ecology” was a word unknown and unused in their conversation; in the year 1874, our church had its beginning. The Bay was unpolluted; most of the members earned their living by fishing, digging clams and oysters (Deut. 33:19). **Rev. H.R. Hulsart**, the first pastor, received a salary of \$67.60 per year, plus an un-estimated amount of fish, oysters and claims. Missionary contributions came to \$3.00 for the year. **Rev. Leroy F. Moon** (1934-1977) the sixteen pastor and **Rev. Edward E. Thomas** (1977-1980) the seventeen (see photo below). [**Rev. Frederick Boughton** eighteen pastor (1980-1987) and **Pastor Charles Lucchesi** 22nd pastor (2006-present)].

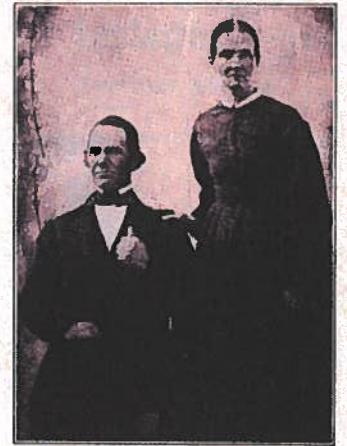
While there was a paucity of the “good coin of the realm” there was an abundance of better things, deposited in the vaults of heaven. The people gave unstintingly of their time and energy in building a church. **Thomas Carman** was the organizer and superintendent of the first Sunday School, May 24, 1874. **Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Carman** were also among the first members of

our new born church. Members of the church 50 years or **more Frank & Florence Corcoran, Theodore & Sadie Combs, Stanley and Lettie Morrison.**

As in Bible times the Church began in a house, the home of Hulet Johnson, located in the vicinity of what is now Milburn Avenue and Church Street. The meetings were held outdoors in summer, in Asa Pettit’s grove. An organ or a piano was too expensive for the struggling and inpecunious congregation to consider purchasing, so they sang with gusto without such accompaniments.

The first Board of Trustees for the Methodist Protestant Church was elected March 11, 1875, and the incorporation papers were filed in the clerk’s office April 13, 1875. The Church so increased in strength that during the pastorate of the Re. Samuel Tamblyn (1890-1898) a large building was needed. The records reveal that 164 were enrolled in the Sunday School. The original church was too small and room was needed for expansion; consequently, a new church was built. Things went well for about a quarter of a century.

On a clear windy night in December 1923, the sky was red and lowering. A speed of flames spread through the newly painted and carpeted church and destroyed it by fire. The church was completely destroyed, but with faith and courage, the people began immediately to build a new church. Meetings were held at Steele School during the process of building. Under the pastorate of Rev. Thomas H. Slater (1920-1925) a beautiful new structure was completed, October 1926 (Psalm 66:12). The land on which the church and parsonage are located was purchased from William Soper, April 23, 1875. In the year 1938, Gus Soper gave the adjacent land in memory of his wife, Alida Soper. Another gift by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moon, was the land connecting the church grounds with Homan Place. This title was acquired May 1959. Later in a transaction dated March 13, 1967, the church purchased additional ground (50x123 ft) facing Homan Place. Sunday School rooms (Fellowship rooms) and the gym were completed in 1954, with new unit for multiple uses in 1966.



MR. AND MRS. THOMAS CARMAN, First Members
Mr. Carman was the first Sunday School Supt.

The Church rejoice that the Gospel of the Grace of God has been consistently preached from the pulpit and in the Sunday School stood on the promise of God “My Word shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please” (Isaiah 55:11). Our ecclesiastical affiliations have been varied and interesting. Our roots as a church have been deeply embedded in the Methodist Protestant Church. In the year 1938 the denomination joined with the United Methodist Church. We felt that this union might bring us into a hierarchy where the original freedom would be imperiled. All property holdings would have to be surrendered and controlled by new denomination. By unanimous vote the congregation chose to become independent. Continuing in this way until 1961, when application for membership was presented and we were received into fellowship of the Evangelical Free Church of America, where all affiliated churches are autonomous, yet united in world-wide vision and service for the Lord.



REV. LEROY F. MOON and REV. EDWARD E. THOMAS

CALVERY PROTESTANT CHURCH HISTORY- ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE YEARS
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The Baldwin Methodist Protestant Church grew out of the need for a church in Baldwin Harbor so that the members would not have a long walk to Merrick Road while worshipping in the Methodist Church.

The Church was incorporated on May 24, 1874 in Queens County, NY. Why? There was no Nassau County in those days. Hand written incorporation papers are still on file in the church office.

Not much history has been written about the first building which was dedicated on January 30, 1876. The second building was destroyed by fire in 1923 and there are those alive who could tell about the heroic efforts to save the church. Question? Who knows when the second church was built. Records indicate it was probably in the late 1800's. The present building was completed in 1924 on property purchased from William Soper in 1875. Mr. Soper donated the rest of the current property in 1938 in memory of his wife, Alida.

Look at the first church building. What do you think is that annex to the left rear of the building. Could it be a horse barn? I have been told that the second building, the one in the middle, had a convenient "rain proof" cover over the driveway for horse drawn carriages to stop and let out the churchgoers (a type of Portico). See it on the left side of the building. The current building shows trees in the picture on the Church Street side. Who remembers the big trees that used to grace the curb?

The first pastor, in 1875, Rev. H. R. Hulsart served for \$67.60 a year for its 34 members. The value of the building was put at \$2,000.00.

In 1938, the Methodist Protestant denomination was dissolved as a result of court action taken by the United Methodist Church. Our church leaders voted not to be a part of the Methodist Church and Calvary Protestant became independent. In 1961, Calvary was accepted into the fellowship of the Evangelical Free Church of America.

• The names of those who have gone into His service as Pastors or Missionary's include Vincent Joy, Ronald Tamblin, Eleanor Jackson Brandkamp, Whitson "Tot" Seaman, Stanley Morrison, Edmund and Natalie Dinant, Gordon and Alva Ross, Barbara Zimmerman, Linda Carman, Thomas Black, Brian Maret, Calvin Moon, John Carman, Robert DeValve and Thomas and Peg Corcoran.

We have all had our list of favorite people who entered the doors at Calvary. Who remembers the likes of Percy Crawford (President and founder of Kings College and The Yong People Church of the Air), Jack Wyrzten (founder of Word Of Life outreach), Ralph Montanus (the blind radio evangelist), Dr. Helser (medical missionary to Zaire and later President of SIM), Louise Lynip, Missionary to the Philippines, Raymond Edman (President of Wheaton College) - the list could go on and on. Add your names to the above.

Remembrances are many:

***** Jesse Wortmann, a dearly beloved deaf and blind man - but he knew everyone as he shook your hand.

***** A record attendance in Sunday School of 420 - that was before the gym addition was built.

***** Evangelistic meetings, Missionary Conferences - where the lives of many were changed.

***** To all the "old faithful" - can you remember which pew was their territory?

***** All our friends. It is said that "each day brings many blessings, but none as sweet as friendship."

One hundred and twenty-five years of history is a long time. We thank the Lord for what He has done -past, present and what He will do in the future. What a glorious day we have ahead of us in The Lord as we meet loved ones who have gone on before.

