

# Calvary Protestant Evangelical Free Church

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## CALVARY CHRONICLE

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### "Tempted And Tried"

Temptation is part of the human experience in a fallen and sinful world. Many times we skirt the temptation without giving it much thought, but then there are the times when we are tempted and we do not realize it until it's too late. I've never stopped to make a log of temptations, but I suspect that we are tempted numerous times every day of our existence. Sometimes the temptations are subtle, sometimes bold. There are periods of our lives when temptations appear stronger, and others when they are easily overcome. Nonetheless, we endure temptations of various sorts. If we were to rely on our own strength to face temptation without falling into sin, we would certainly fail! That is what Martin Luther wrote in that great hymn, "*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*" - "*If we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing.*" So the question arises, "how can we face temptation, without falling?" The answer is that we must confide in Christ. Luther went on to say, "*were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.*"

Friends, the only one who consistently, and perfectly overcame temptation was the Lord Jesus Christ. The Scriptures attest to this, "**For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin**" (Hebrews 4:15). Jesus at the very beginning of his public ministry was tempted. We read of this temptation in Matthew 4. What were the temptations?

1. The first temptation we read about targeted Jesus' physical condition. He was hungry (Matthew 4:2). After all he had not eaten for 40 days. It was a long period of time to go without food. The Devil came to him in the wilderness, and sought to tempt him by appealing to his authority. If you are who you say you are, if you are the Son of God, then do something about it, turn these stones into bread. Notice Jesus' response. He responded with the Word of God, "**Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.**"

Matthew Henry rightly identifies this temptation as "a temptation to despair of His Father's goodness." He was being tempted to take matters into his own hand and to despair of the provisions of His Father in heaven. Have you ever been tempted in such a way? I suspect it occurs far too frequently. We are tempted to the sin of ingratitude for the Father's provisions. It is far too easy to look at our own situation in comparison with others and complain about our own situation. Jesus countered with the Word of God indicating that God had sufficiently supplied His needs in His most excellent Word.

2. He was tempted to presume upon God's power. Notice the tempter's desire once again to strike at the identity of Christ. If you are who you say you are, then throw yourself down. Don't miss the fact that Satan uses the Scriptures to his advantage. He assures Jesus, that if he will just jump that God will give His angels charge over him. He knows God's Word and seeks by it to presume upon the power of God by his misapplication of it. This promise of protection is not for those who presume upon God, but rather for those who are found in the way of duty. That is why Jesus, answering again with Scripture, says, "**You shall not put the Lord your God to a test.**"

3. The Third temptation was to that of the promise of kingdoms in exchange for the most horrible idolatry. He was being tempted with the kingdoms of the world. And how could he have them, the Devil said by bowing down and worshipping him. Again Jesus was successful by meeting the temptation with the Word of God.

What is the nature of the temptation you face. Do not these temptations of Christ resonate with all believers? We are tempted by our physical hunger, our distrust of God's protection, and by our desires or lusts of the flesh for the things of this world. And how are we tempted, but to distrust God, to distort His Word, and to determine to worship the idols of this world.

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What is striking here is not only Jesus' quick and clear response, but that His success here in the wilderness marked the path that He would take in conquering sin and death and the grave. The temptations would not stop throughout his life, indeed they would only become more intense as He would be tempted to seek his own will in not dying for poor sinners. But Jesus' obedience to the Father marked in his overcoming temptation set him on the proper path of obedience even in the face of death. And why did He do it? It was not simply so that we could have comfort in our hour of temptation, but so that He could overcome the tempter Himself, that He could win the victory over sin and death and hell for those who look to Him in Faith.

If we in our strength confide, we are sure to fail. But when we look to Christ and counter the temptation with His Word, we will be sure to know of what Peter speaks when he says, "**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials...**" (1 Peter 1:3-6). How do we overcome temptation - by the Word; how do we live by the Word - by faith in the Son of God who overcame the Temptations; and who as the pure spotless lamb died that we might live. He has delivered us from the evil one, and by his sacrifice we can be certain of an everlasting hope.

*Yield not to temptation,  
For yielding is sin;  
Each victory will help you,  
Some others to win,  
Fight, still pressing onward,  
Dark passions subdue;  
To him that o'ercometh,  
God giveth a crown;  
Through faith we will conquer,  
Though often cast down;  
He who is our savior,  
Our strength will renew;*

*Refrain:  
Look ever to Jesus,  
He will carry you through.  
Ask the savior to help you,  
Comfort, strengthen and keep you;  
He is willing to aid you,  
He will carry you through.*

Horatius R. Palmer

In the Love of Christ,  
Pastor Charlie

## **Seniors Luncheon**

**We invite our seniors to the next luncheon scheduled for Tuesday, April 2nd, starting at 12:00 noon. On the menu is Virginia ham, mac and cheese, vegetable medley, and a sweet dessert.**

**Pastor Lucchesi will be giving a brief spiritual message. Arrangements are being made for a guest speaker or entertainment.**

**Please let us know you are attending by either signing the sign-up sheet at the church, or call the church office and leave a message (516-223-4070).**

**Come to the luncheon a few minutes early as the St. Francis Hospital Outreach Bus will be parked outside the church. They will be giving free health screenings from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. See flyer included in this newsletter for details.**

## **Change Your Clocks**

Daylight Saving Time officially begins **Sunday, March 10th**, at 2:00 a.m.

Don't forget to move your clocks forward one hour before going to bed Saturday evening, or first thing Sunday morning. We wouldn't want you to miss Sunday School or church.



# Spring Fling

*(Resurrection Celebration)*

**Saturday, March 30th**  
**10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**

**Obstacle Course**

**Games / Races**

**Crafts**

**Face Painting**



**"Sandy Candy"**

**Refreshments**

**Easter Video**

**Prizes**

**for children age 3-11**

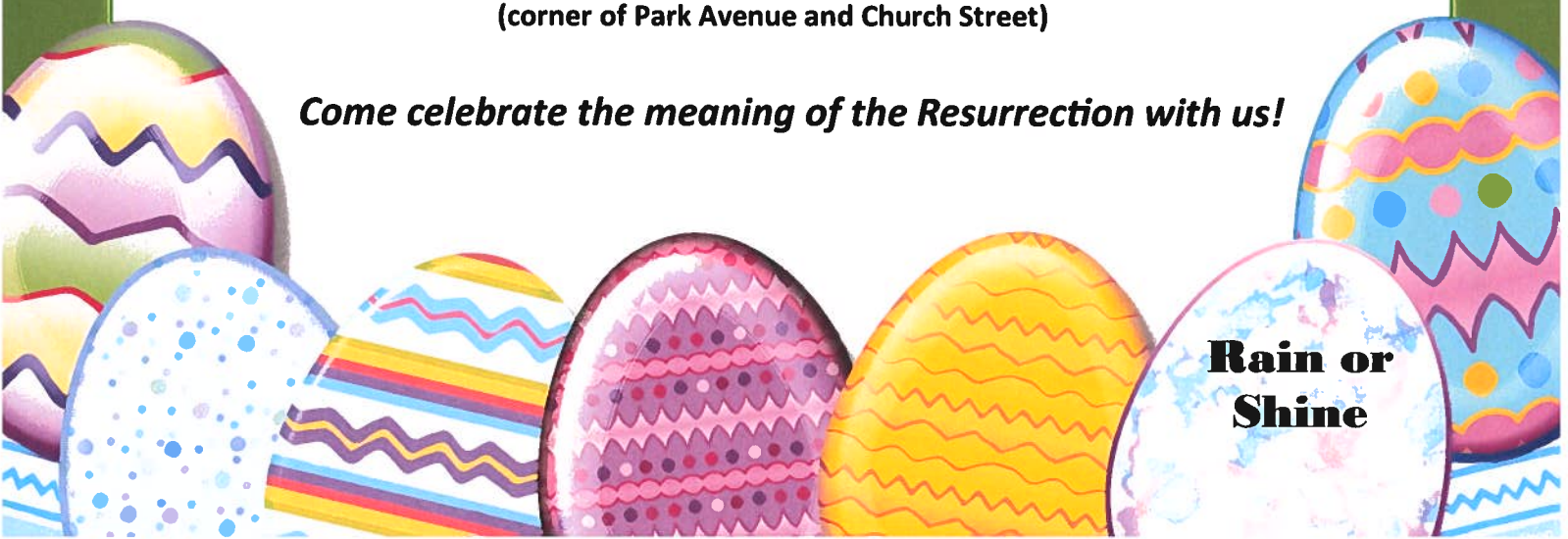
*(children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult)*

**at Calvary Church**  
**2801 Park Avenue, Baldwin**  
*(corner of Park Avenue and Church Street)*



*Come celebrate the meaning of the Resurrection with us!*

**Rain or  
Shine**







**St. Francis Hospital,  
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## **St. Francis Hospital Outreach Bus** **Free Health Screenings**

Includes a brief cardiac history, blood pressure and a simple blood test for cholesterol and diabetes for adults 18 and older. We also provide patient education and referrals. No appointment is required.

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**2801 Park Avenue**  
**Baldwin, NY 11510**  
**April 2, 2019**  
**10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**  
**(last screenings at 1:45 p.m.)**

# February Activities

## Recap from February Seniors Luncheon:

The Seniors had a nice luncheon this past February. The food was delicious, and the guest speakers from the Town of Hempstead Senior Enrichment Department were very informative.

Lisa Murphy, Senior Enrichment Department Commissioner, and another representative named Lisa, attended the meeting. They spoke on how important it is for seniors to socialize. It is good for their wellness and health, and gives them a better quality of life.

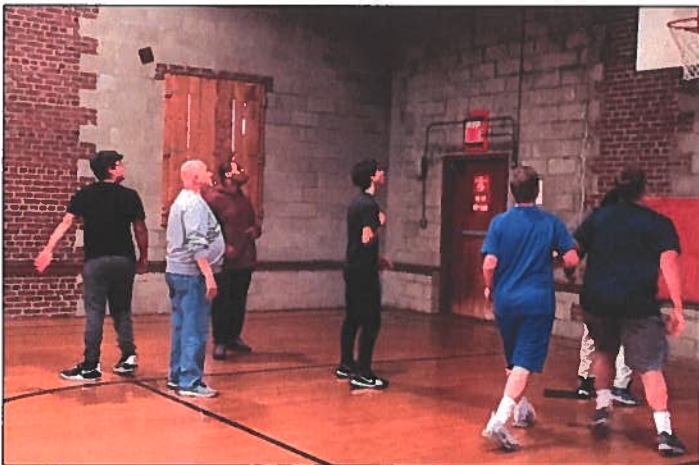
Both Lisa's talked about the different services and programs available to Seniors. The Town of Hempstead has 15 Senior Centers. There is no charge to join and register at a center. Baldwin has a Seniors Center located at 1810 Grand Avenue (across the street from the high school entrance). At each center there are scheduled activities held Monday through Friday along with other activities. Most programs are free of charge, and refreshments are available for purchase. Keep in mind that once you have registered, transportation back and forth to the center is available.

There are special events for seniors held as well. On Tuesday, June 25th, there is a Senior Health and Wellness Fair at Lido Beach Town Park, AND Summer Beach Concerts and activities held June 26th through August 30th. Transportation to these events are available from the Senior Center you are registered with. Occasionally there is a Movie Matinee Day at Levittown Town Hall where seniors can enjoy watching a film that had recently been released.

Information on the Baldwin Senior Center and the special events were handed out at the luncheon. Copies are available in the church office if you would like more info.

## Teens Get-Together:

School was closed for winter break during the week of February 18th. Numerous teens got together on Tuesday to play basketball in the gym. They had a good game of 4-on-4. One team consisted of Pastor Charlie, Ronnie Roddy, Connor Watts, and Trevor Watts; the other team was Derek Watts, Matthew Lucchesi, Dylan Rose, and Liam Graff.





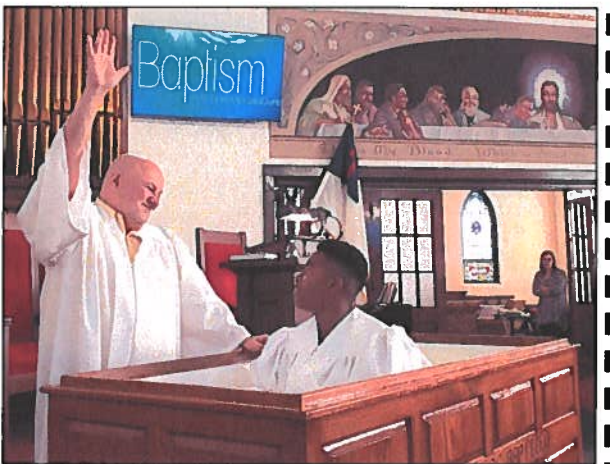
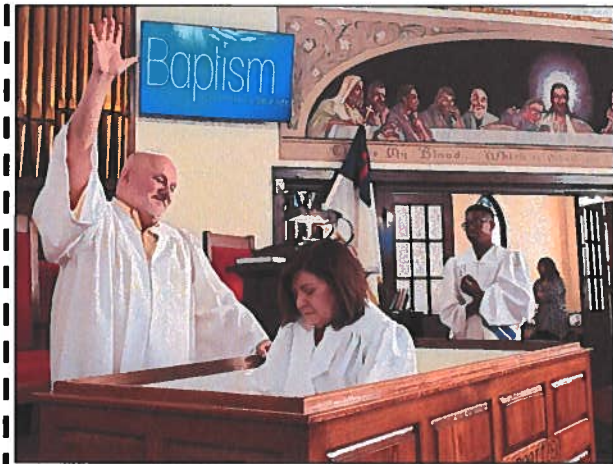
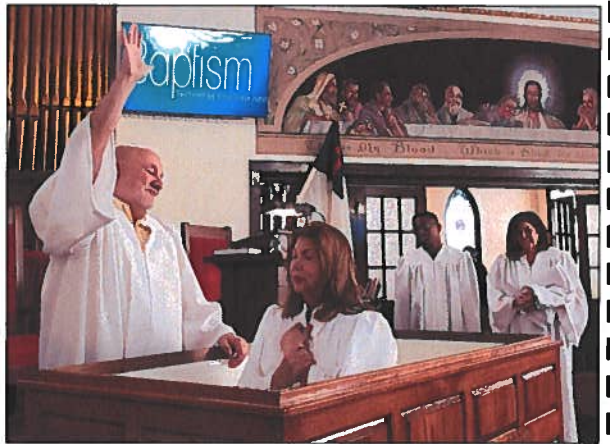
# Baptismal Service

In the New Testament you will find passages about the coming of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:38 says: "And Peter said to them, '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.'" A few verses later it states that there were 3,000 souls who heard the word and were baptized.

During the worship service on February 3rd, Calvary had three people from the church family who were baptized: Martha Mietenkorte, Kathy Guerin, and Zavier Foster (pictured left to right).

The spirit was felt throughout the sanctuary during the service. Pastor Charlie gave a blessing as each one was immersed, and then a round of applause was heard from the congregation after each one arose from the water. Before Kathy's turn, she gave a heart-felt testimony as to why she felt compelled to be baptized.

After the service everyone enjoyed some refreshments and fellowship, and congratulated Martha, Kathy, and Zavier. You could hear many people say how moved they were by the experience and how it brought tears of joy to their eyes. What a blessed day it was!



*You're taking this step of faith  
In obedience to the Lord  
To be baptized in His precious name  
And heed the Master's call*

*To rise up with faith in God  
And go where He may lead  
To share God's love to everyone  
And touch them in their need*

*May God pour out His blessings  
Upon your life today  
So you may walk in His abundance  
As you commit to Him your way*

*Keep on trusting in the Lord  
No matter what you face  
And keep your eyes on Jesus Christ  
And live in His sweet grace*

# **M Praying For Our Missionaries**

**I** Calvary Protestant Church supports missionaries and mission organizations on a regular basis. Special donations are made to specific missions projects and missionaries as needed.

**S** It is our desire that an increased percentage of our members become personally involved with the work of missions through prayer, giving, writing to our missionaries, and going on short-term missions trips.

**O** Let us pray for our missionaries: **Peg Corcoran**, Trans World Radio; **John and Nancy DeValve**, SIM; **Chris Studley**, Northern Frontier; **Brian and Jenny Maret**, SIM; **Gary and Karen Shogren**, World Venture; **Mike and Caryn DiGena**, EFCA Europe; **Jim Payne**, Camp Orchard Hill; **Shandra Barahona**, Saint Paul's House; **Paul and Cheryl DeMena**, In His Image International.

## **How to Pray for Missionaries**

[www.efca.org](http://www.efca.org)

### **The missionary's own relationship to God – 2 Peter 3:18**

- Pray that he/she will be abiding in Christ and feeding on God's Word
- Pray for a deep prayer life
- Pray for him/her to be filled with the Holy Spirit; that they will not be depending on their own efforts
- Pray for victory over Satan

### **The missionary's physical and emotional life – 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17**

- Pray for good health – they live and work in difficult climates, diseases are prevalent
- Pray for safety – travel is often hazardous, whether by air, car, or foot
- Pray for deliverance from depression, discouragement, depression, loneliness
- Pray for the missionary's financial, physical, spiritual, and emotional needs to be met

### **The missionary's family – Ephesians 5:21**

- Pray for a strong marriage
- Pray for children – their educational needs, their safety, health, that they would grow to love the Lord
- Pray for wisdom in parenting
- Pray for the missionary's family at home, especially needs of elderly parents or children in college or living on their own

### **The missionary's ability to communicate – 2 Timothy 4:2**

- Pray for ability to learn the language and understand the culture; pray they will adapt to the culture
- Pray for effectiveness in communicating the gospel
- Pray for time and discipline to communicate with supporters and others at home

### **The missionary's ministry – 2 Thessalonians 3:1-3**

- Pray for open doors, boldness, empowerment by the Holy Spirit
- Pray for discernment and understanding in decisions that are made
- Pray for effective use of time
- Pray for God to show the missionary where the harvest is ripe

### **The missionary's interpersonal relationships – John 17:21**

- Pray for the missionary's relationship with fellow missionaries; pray for unity, grace, and understanding
- Pray for the missionary's relationship with national workers

### **Communication**

- Pray against Satan sowing the spirit of discord

### **The missionary's country of service – Colossians 4:2-5; Psalm 2:8**

- Pray for political stability and peace
- Pray for its government and leaders
- Pray for freedom to evangelize; pray for a favorable climate for the gospel
- Pray that there will not be difficulty in granting visas, work permits

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## BIRTHDAYS

### MARCH

4th Susan Deedy  
7th Natalie Heneghan  
14th Danny Forbes Breen  
15th Christina Mandato  
16th Patti Senita  
18th Lucas Nehring  
18th Laura Nicolich  
18th Emilyn Porter  
19th Evelyn Sangster-Barnes  
21st Lois Smith  
22nd Karen Senita  
23rd Elijah Toussaint  
23rd Brant Waldvogel  
24th Bill Chalavoutis  
24th Michael Nicolich (son)  
25th Larry Kulla  
29th Tom Corcoran  
30th Carmine Dapice  
30th Bonnie Rose

### APRIL

3rd Abbie Wong  
5th Samantha Seymour  
7th Debbie Porter  
13th Howard Brockway  
14th Leah Nicolich  
15th Barbara Johnson  
16th Barbara Grant  
17th Ree Kelting  
19th Ken Hults  
20th Rose Nembhard  
21st Mary Jo Dapice  
22nd Maryann Brockway  
24th Carter Miller  
24th Rosemary Rotolo  
27th Karen Linhart

**Happy  
Birthday!**

## ANNIVERSARIES

### MARCH

17th Joe & Thalia Waldvogel  
27th Cecil & Debbie Porter  
30th Paul & Rose Nembhard

### APRIL

12th Greg & Sue (Deedy) Mahoney  
26th Charles & Evelyn Barnes

### Help from on high

If you are impatient, sit down quietly and read about Job.  
If you are just a little strong-minded, go and see Moses.  
If you are getting weak-kneed, take a good look at Elijah.  
If there is no song in your heart, listen to David.  
If you lack courage, read Daniel.  
If you are getting sordid, spend a while with Isaiah.  
If you feel mean, let the beloved disciple John tell you  
about real love.  
If your faith is below par, read Paul.  
If you have other needs, read your Bible more and attend  
church faithfully.