

### **From Pastor Greg's Heart ~ Mothers Shine during COVID**

The last fourteen months have not been easy on mothers. They have had to wear many hats as supportive wives, loving protective mothers, homeschooling teachers, comforting counsellors, and some working moms. They depended on the LORD Jesus to give them the spiritual power, peace, and strength to keep their families safe and secure. By no means has it been easy as COVID restrictions keep changing and redefining what the home environment looks like.

We thank mothers for their selfless love, as they have gone the extra mile to keep their families productive in these times. You are the essential, front-line workers that are often overlooked in this fight against COVID. You are the safety nets with godly fathers that keep your families from falling into depression and despondency.

Mothers, thank you for being our beacons of hope and shining brightly during these COVID times. We see how your nurturing ways co-labour with God's love to cover over a multitude of fears and worries. Your faith in the LORD helps us to see God battling on your behalf in answer to your many prayers. It is obvious that *"The prayer of a righteous [mother] is powerful and effective (James 5:16)."*

For the mothers that have felt the weight of these times more personally, mentally, and emotionally we want you to be assured that we are praying for you to persevere and endure. Please reach out to other godly moms who want to help carry you through these times. Please give Mel Coker ([melaniejcoker@gmail.com](mailto:melaniejcoker@gmail.com)) or Marion (613-285-4862) a call and they would love to pray with you and connect you with resources that will help you through your own intrapersonal battles.

Finally, mothers be encouraged that your efforts do not go unnoticed by God. God's reward is waiting for every godly mother that has persevered in faith to make disciples of Jesus in her own family.

A little boy forgot his lines in a Sunday school presentation. His mother was in the front row to prompt him. She gestured and formed the words silently with her lips, but it did not help. Her son's memory was blank. Finally, she leaned forward and whispered the cue, "I am the light of the world." The child beamed and with great feeling and a loud clear voice said, "My mother is the light of the world." (Bits and Pieces, August, 1989.)

Mothers, thank you for being a light for Jesus in a world that needs you to shine.

## **Bits and Bites:**

- 1) Our church's worship services** are available online through livestreaming on Sundays at 10 a.m. by going to <https://www.facebook.com/CalvaryBibleChurchSF/> If a pop-up window should appear asking you to login to Facebook, look for the phrase at the bottom – **Not Now** - and click it to be able to visit the site without a Facebook account. Stay tuned for current COVID restrictions to be lifted around May 20<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully, we will be back to live sanctuary services on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- 2) Remembering Pastor Randy Jost.** Pastor Randy went to be with the LORD on April 26 after a battle with cancer. He served at the Metropolitan Bible Church (The Met) for 31 years. Please visit this website for a tribute and the recorded funeral service. <https://www.metbiblechurch.ca/tribute-to-pastor-randy>
- 3) Please continue to ask the LORD** how you can give to the ministries of our church as you examine the financial report below. If you have any questions, please contact Kendall Loewen ([klo3w3n@gmail.com](mailto:klo3w3n@gmail.com)).
- 4) Some of you are familiar with or have heard of our Connections Team** - it is organized by Phil and Bev Hogan and our goal with this team is to stay connected with church family members who are shut in, or now live in assisted living, etc. and can no longer attend our Sunday mornings any more on a regular basis (this is all pre-covid).  
  
With the way things are now we are reaching out only via Phone Calls as visits can no longer be done in person at this time.  
  
Our Connections Team is asking - would you consider joining? We have a list of those who are in need of connection and we are hoping to add a few more of you to our team. What would it mean if you said yes? A phone call to a member about once a week! That's all! We would match you with someone and get you all set up with the proper information. Please contact Phil and Bev at [pbhogan83@gmail.com](mailto:pbhogan83@gmail.com)
- 5) Smiths Falls Resident Courtney Preece** needs a home. You may have heard of the young mother in a wheelchair that needs a home in Smiths by the end of May. You can follow her story at this website <https://ottawa.ctvnews.ca/community-raises-thousands-for-smiths-falls-ont-mother-in-need-of-accessible-housing-1.5406299>. You can also support her at her Go Fund Me page <https://gofund.me/70a2a7ff>
- 6) India Needs our Help** in their fight against COVID. Please consider giving through Tearfund which is affiliated with AGC. <https://tearfund.ca/covidcrisisindia/>

## Calvary Bible Church 2021 Budget & Spending Summary

Last update: Apr 22,

	2021 Budget	YTD Spending	% of budget	Q1 Spending
Administration	\$110,895.00	\$23,143.26	21%	\$23,143.26
Building	\$30,960.00	\$7,468.51	24%	\$7,468.51
Childrens	\$20,423.00	\$1,743.72	9%	\$1,743.72
Missions	\$26,050.00	\$5,350.00	21%	\$5,350.00
Worship	\$7,855.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
Discipleship	\$10,225.00	\$1,110.78	11%	\$1,110.78
Cares & Body Life	\$7,250.00	\$100.00	1%	\$100.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$213,658.00</b>	<b>\$38,916.27</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>\$38,916.27</b>

## 2020 Income Summary

	2021 Budget	YTD Income	Q1 income
Current Offering		\$27,598.07	\$27,598.07
Current Other		\$4,373.89	\$4,373.89
Building Offering		\$0.00	\$0.00
Childrens Offering		\$0.00	\$0.00
Missions Offering		\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$213,658.00</b>	<b>\$41,971.96</b>	<b>\$41,971.96</b>

## 2021 End of quarter Book Balance

	Dec 31/20	Mar 31/21
Current Account	\$74,272.26	\$73,903.67
Building	\$13,367.70	\$13,367.70
Childrens	\$16,300.25	\$14,556.53
Missions	\$629.27	\$5,797.27
GIC	\$54,077.80	\$54,077.80
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$158,647.28</b>	<b>\$161,702.97</b>

Note: Please see Kendall Loewen if you have any question or would like more detailed info

**7) Camp this Summer!** The Province of Ontario and the Ontario Camping Association have been working hard to ensure a safe plan to allow campers to come back to camp this summer. Please checkout these camp website links for more information. Also, our church has a Camp Fund to assist each camper. We have a camp fund form with more information. Ask our Secretary Anne for this form for your family.

<https://www.galileebiblecamp.ca/>

<https://www.cherith.ca/>

<https://iawah.com/>

<https://www.joycamp.ca/>

<https://www.csranchbigclearlake.ca/>

**Camp Cherith needs your help...** Positions we are looking for (8-week full time and shorter volunteer positions): Cooks, Cabin leaders, Skill instructors, Maintenance workers, Lifeguards, Health care (Standard First Aid or higher - we can certify). Contact Lisa Donald at 613-322-6250.

### **Prayer Corner**

- 1) Pray for Dianna Robertson who is recovering from a hip surgery that needed a follow-up surgery because of complications. Pray that God will bless her with a full recovery and future mobility without pain.
- 2) Pray for Evelyn Jost and family as they mourn the loss of Randy. Thank the LORD for the way Pastor Randy was an encouragement to our church body over the years.
- 3) Praise God for answered prayer in Donna McCoubrey's life. Last year she was bitten by a tick and was diagnosed with Lyme's disease. After much prayer and medical help Donna has been healed from Lyme's disease.
- 4) Pray for the many children that are playing on our church's property. I have been able to have a few chats with them about Jesus and give out a couple Bibles. It seems God is drawing children to our church through His own Daily Vacation Bible School.
- 5) Emmett Morrison – Praise God for a good report from the doctors that Emmett's heart is doing well. This is Roger and Colleen's grandson.
- 6) Thank the LORD for Francine Hill. Please keep her in your prayers as she fights cancer.
- 7) Beth Laming is still waiting for her shoulder surgery. Pray also for her heart.
- 8) Pray for COVID cases to decrease in our county, province, and nation so that we can enjoy the warmer weather with less restrictions.
- 9) Pray for the passing of Bill C-233. This is a private member's bill that would ban sex selective abortion. It was introduced by MP Cathay Wagantall. Visit the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada website for information on how to send a note to your MP - <https://www.evangelicalfellowship.ca/C-233>
- 10) Please pray for a friend Jodi Howe who is looking for an apartment. It has been difficult to find affordable housing at this time.