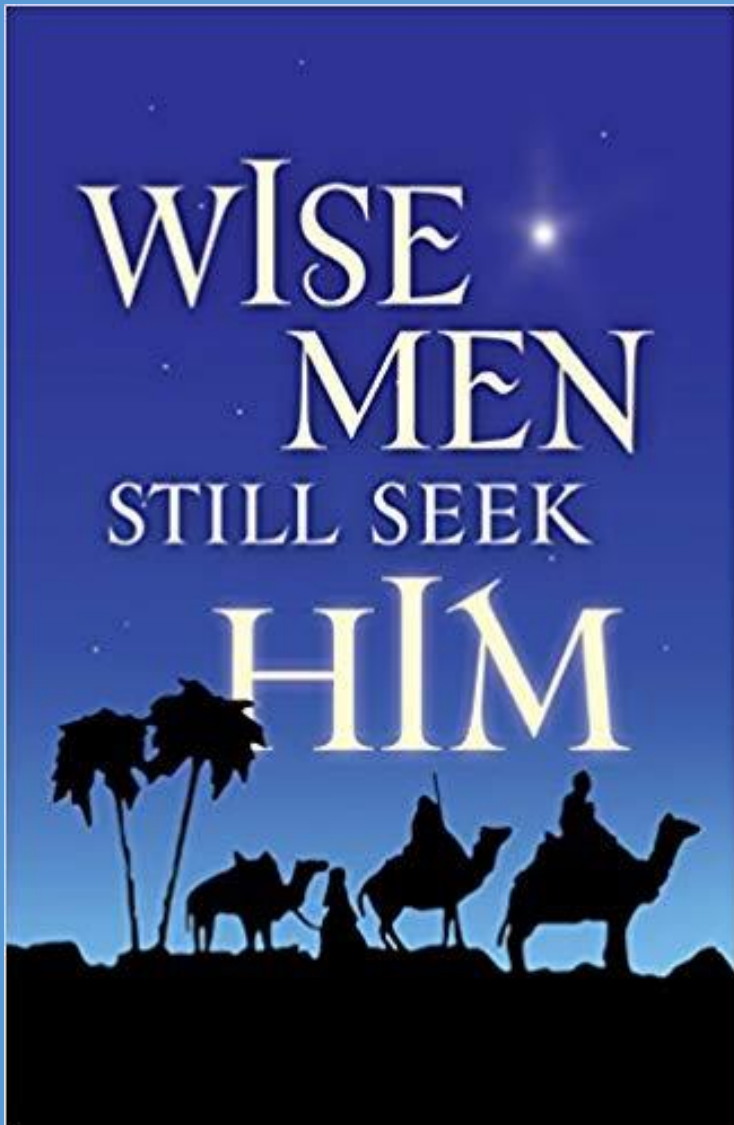


News from Calvary



January 2019

Calvary's Mission

As God's Children, our mission is to

Know His Word,

Share His Word

and

Live His Word.

Calvary's Vision

To be a Christ-centered church, alive with worship and meaningful ministries, where the youngest to the oldest are serving and being served, growing and helping others to grow, and connecting with each other and our surrounding communities.



Connect.



Grow.



Serve.

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Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished His work that He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work that He had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all His work that He had done in creation.

—Genesis 2:1-3

I must admit, being a pastor here in the New Jersey District has been a blessing for me. For myself, I have found that there is a great support system amongst the pastors. From the president to the brother in the ministry there is a real sense of caring for one another.

One of my brothers in the ministry, who I also consider a bit of a mentor, makes a point of asking me every so often if I have taken or at least scheduled my vacation. And I have found myself doing something similar to every new pastor that I meet. When I first meet them, at some point in the conversation, I ask them if they have chosen what day they're taking as their Sabbath day. And the reason that my mentor asks me about vacation time and I in turn ask about Sabbath days is because many pastors are not that good at resting. And yet, taking a Sabbath rest is a commandment.

But why would God feel the need to create a commandment that somehow fits in along with those other nine that He wrote in stone? And how does it even compare with the likes of *have no other gods* and *not murdering*? Well, at its core, God created you and He knows what you need to be able to live your life and to be able to live it to the fullest. In fact, in Saint Mark's account of the Gospel, some Pharisees see Jesus' disciples out in a grain field picking heads of grain to eat. And they scold Jesus for allowing His disciples to do this because they equate it with work. Jesus then turns to them and reminds them of what David and his companions had done long ago on a Sabbath that could be equated with work on a Sabbath day (David was, and still is for many people, looked at as someone to be held in high regard).



In honor of Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, we will be collecting donations for the First Choice Women's Resource Center, a pro-life ministry providing free pregnancy testing and ultrasounds to women in Montclair, Morristown, Jersey City, Newark, and Plainfield.

Baby bottles will be available in the narthex to take home and fill with your loose change throughout the month of January. On January 27th, Amy Huber will be coming to our worship service to collect the bottles and address the congregation.

We thank you for your prayerful participation as we approach the 46th anniversary of the Roe vs Wade Supreme Court decision to legalize abortion. Since the 1973 landmark decision, there have been over 61 million abortions in the U.S. alone. By supporting this pro-life ministry, you'll help keep them in the position to provide loving support to pregnant women during their crucial time of need.



Baby Bottle Boomerang

It's time for Calvary's



Our Annual Ladies Tea will be on Sunday, January 27th from 2:00-4:00. It promises to be an uplifting time. Lori Hynson: speaker, singer, Bible teacher, and author, will be sharing about the SuperGal Syndrome this year. Come join us for a few laughs and some scrumptious desserts to help brighten up the dreary winter.

Invitations will be sent to women outside of Calvary from last year's mailing list. To save cost, invitations to our Calvary ladies will be made through the newsletter and worship bulletin announcements. This is an opportunity to invite friends, coworkers, family, or neighbors to come to Calvary and enjoy some fellowship with us.

Space in Kavasch Hall is limited, so please call Debbie Houlihan at 201-247-6338 as soon as possible to reserve seats for you and your guests. Calvary men are invited to come make the event extra special by serving at the Tea. Please let Debbie know if you're willing to participate.

For more information about Lori Hynson, click [here](#).



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From the District President, Rev. Dr. Tony Steinbronn:

As I visit New Jersey District congregations, and reflect upon the ministry priorities of Jesus for His people, there are four ministry focuses that seem paramount in our life together in the year 2019.

ministry focus #1: biblical literacy

A frequent message and exhortation of Jesus for His people was to encourage them to know, and to build their lives upon, the sacred Scriptures. “If you continue in My word, you are truly My disciples...” For “everyone then who hears these words of Mine and acts on them will be like a wise man...” Or this admonition from the desert wanderings of ancient Israel, remembered and used by Jesus when He was tempted by the devil, “that one does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.”

In order to address this ministry priority of Jesus for His disciples, two workshops have been scheduled and made available for New Jersey District congregations in 2019:

the parables of Jesus...one-third of Jesus’ teaching was given to His disciples through the parables

- February 2 - Good Shepherd LC, Point Pleasant NJ
- February 23 - Prince of Peace LC, Hamburg NJ

If anyone is interested in attending one of these workshops, please speak to Pastor and we will go as a group.

For more information on other workshops being planned, please visit www.njdistrict.org.

Caroling with Calvary!



Our time of caroling to Calvary members on Dec. 23rd was a joyous and uplifting experience for all! A group of eight carolers spent the afternoon visiting with Edith Conte, Millie Reich, Howard Jespersen, Doris Deede, George and Marit Lofmark, and Ingeborg Haenchen. Singing a wide array of carols, we often found our members joining us in song! It was a time for us all to take a moment, at a very busy time of the year, and remember the reason we celebrate Christmas. Our members are always so appreciative of our visit, and we can see how their spirits are lifted.

We plan to continue this tradition again next Dec. and invite you to come along! You will be blessed, as we were that day.

-Anne Daly

Those Who Serve Us:

✝ Altar Guild: Anne Daly, Jaya Lakra

✝ Greeters:

Jan. 6	10:00 AM	Nancy Keltner, Brian Keltner
Jan. 13	10:00 AM	Abbaccus Dokie, Tracy Dokie
Jan. 20	10:00 AM	Karen Gordon El
Jan. 27	10:00 AM	Chris and Lauren Molinari



Those Who Serve Us:

† Flower Visitors:

- Jan. 6 Liz Kuder
- Jan. 13 Anne Daly
- Jan. 20 Joyce Sapara-Grant
- Jan. 27 Jaya Lakra

† Ushers:

- Jan. 6 10:00 AM Gbenga Adesokan, John Ricca
- Jan. 13 10:00 AM Ajit Lakra, John Wickham
- Jan. 20 10:00 AM Chris Molinari, Stephen Molinari
- Jan. 27 10:00 AM Brian Keltner, Gordon Wickham



Many Hands Make **LIGHT Work**



Jan. 13	Robin Haenchen
Jan. 16	Lauren Willenborg
Jan. 22	Pastor Adam Kuder
Jan. 22	Marit Lofmark
Jan. 23	Lauren Molinari
Jan. 24	John Scott Wickham