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Calvary Baptist Church opened its doors to the residents and visitors of New York City in 1847 as an independent Baptist church. Initially worship services were held at the Coliseum, located at 450 Broadway under the name of Hope Chapel Baptist Church. In 1852, the church leadership started work on a new worship facility on 23rd Street. The church family relocated to the new 23rd Street sanctuary in 1854 at which time the church adopted the name Calvary Baptist Church.

Over the next decade, development and commerce along the 23rd Street corridor encouraged the Calvary congregation move toward the purchase of new property on 57th Street near Sixth Avenue, where the congregation remains today. The new sanctuary opened on December 23, 1883. Over time, the need arose to update the facilities and the vision of a church-hotel complex in the heart of Manhattan became a steel-and-concrete reality in 1931.

Throughout our nearly 170 year history, Calvary’s succession of senior pastors have shown a spiritual leadership, progressive vision, and evangelistic zeal that have made Calvary known throughout the world as the voice of evangelism in New York City. Our ministry team remains devoted to the words that grace the entryway to our sanctuary. We preach Christ crucified, risen, and coming again; and our vision is to engage New York City and impact the World with the Message of Jesus Christ.

**1847**
Hope Chapel Baptist Church opens in the Coliseum at 450 Broadway

**1852**
Construction begins on a new worship site on 23rd Street, the new sanctuary opens in 1854 as Calvary Baptist Church.

**1883**
Calvary’s congregation moves into the completed sanctuary on 57th Street.

**1931**
Renovations and additions to the worship center lead to the reopening of the Calvary sanctuary and office facility, currently still in use.

**2010**
The congregation’s leadership began an extensive study of the facility and ministry needs, which continues as an effort to plan effectively for future generations.
Dear Calvary Family,

It continues to be my highest privilege and greatest responsibility to be the senior pastor of this strategic, diverse, and international church. Sandy and I thank you for the love, friendship, and support that so many of you give us day by day. It is a joy to serve Jesus Christ with you in New York City “for such a time as this.”

As we begin a new year of ministry, let me share some important highlights, issues and objectives:

• My number one priority is to preach and teach the Word of God, so I continue to be encouraged by the good response of our congregation and radio audience to the recent sermon series: The New You, The Imitation Game, Things That Matter, First Things, and This Is Not A Drill!

• We thank God for Pastor Griffith’s ministry with us for these past 30 years. As he continues to recover from major heart surgery, Pastor G has chosen to retire from his ministry at CBC. He has requested and received a severance package for his services which reflects our appreciation for him. He and Elizabeth continue in our thoughts and prayers as they begin this new chapter in their life together. In consultation with Pastor G, we will schedule a day to honor him in the not too distant future, depending on his health and strength. In the meantime, may God continue to pour out his grace and love on Pastor G and his family.

• We thank God for our brother Ryan Moore, Eren, and Michaela as they continue their new adventure of church planting in New Jersey. Pastor Ryan served so faithfully as our Youth Director for many years and we appreciate his and Eren’s beautiful ministry. Please pray for them.

• We thank God for the CBC music ministry and for all who have served faithfully this year. Please continue to pray for God’s blessing on our corporate worship and for His leading in our search for a Director of Music and Worship Arts.

• Dr. Orlando Crespo did a wonderful job as keynote speaker for our mission’s conference with the theme “Missions on Our Doorstep”. We thank God for his faithful ministry.

• Billy Nelson and I had the privilege of leading a great group of people to Israel and Rome in a wonderful time of discipleship and worship. This group consisted of CBC members, radio listeners, and NYSB students. Many were baptized and the fellowship was amazing.
Continue to pray for the “Peace of Jerusalem.” The next trip to Israel is scheduled for April 2018 with an extension to Greece. We would love to have you join us for the trip of a lifetime!

• Now that CBC has experienced more of God’s blessing on our vision, mission, and core values, 2017 is the year we have the privilege and the responsibility to decide as a congregation how best to utilize and develop our most valuable material resource – our church/hotel complex. This is an exciting and strategic opportunity! May God’s will be done as we continue to engage New York City and impact the world with the message of Jesus Christ.

• My hope for the future, if the Lord tarries, is that we continue to develop godly leaders and small groups, increase our ministry to senior adults, the arts community, the business and professional community, and increase our church planting efforts locally and internationally, and our web and social media ministry.

• CBC must continue to grow in our commitment to lovingly exercise church discipline and hold one another accountable before the Lord, according to Matthew 18. We also need to take our membership privileges and responsibility seriously. We need leaders and a congregation at CBC who are attending faithfully, growing spiritually, serving, praying and giving financially to support the work of God’s kingdom.

• Finally, we must insist that every business, information and annual meeting at CBC focus on faithfully doing God’s work, building God’s kingdom and enjoying the sweet fellowship of God’s people – “for the joy of the Lord is our strength.” Members must treat one another with love and respect even and especially when discussing areas of disagreement! We must intentionally seek to glorify God by actively cultivating a spirit of love, camaraderie, unity, hope, encouragement, and good will.

Let me close with a special word of thanks again to Marco Sablone and the Board of Elders, JC Clenance and the Board of Deacons, Isabel Contreras and the Council of Missions, Dr. Michael Luciano and the Pastoral and Administrative Staff. I consider them all friends and am so grateful for their gifts and service to the Lord. May God bring many people to Jesus this year through our ministry and may He revive us again by His Spirit!
Your Brother in Christ,

David Epstein
Senior Pastor

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Eph. 3:20-21
Our Mission, Values, and Disciple Making Process

Engaging the City and Impacting the World with the Message of Jesus Christ

Core Values:

1. **Orthodoxy** - Calvary Baptist Church is committed to biblical truth, the gospel Jesus preached, and “the faith once and for all delivered to the saints”. John 3:1-17; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; Jude 3-4

2. **Reconciliation** - Calvary Baptist Church practices reconciliation with God and with one another which is the heart of the gospel message - former enemies became friends through mercy, repentance and forgiveness; hostility is replaced by active good will and peace. Luke 15:11-32; Luke 23:32-43; 2 Cor. 5:17-21; Eph 2:11-18

3. **Diversity** - Calvary Baptist Church cultivates and celebrates our congregation’s ethnic, racial, social-economic, generational, and cultural diversity within our unity in Jesus Christ. Mt. 28:18-20; Acts 2:5-11, 40-47; Gal. 3:26-29; Rev. 5:9-10

4. **Life** - Calvary Baptist Church believes that life is a gift from God our Creator and that every human being is made in the image of God and has intrinsic value and dignity; we also believe that God offers every person new life through the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ. Gen. 1:26-28; Deut. 30:11-20; Acts 17:22-34; 1 Jn. 2:1-2

5. **Love/Compassion/Justice** - Calvary Baptist Church is committed to sharing God’s love with everyone and is resolved to stand up for what is just and right in the sight of God, according to His Word. Micah 6:8; Mt. 25:31-46; 2 Timothy 3:16-17

6. **Faith** - Calvary Baptist Church desires to trust God enough to obey His will, even when He calls us out of our comfort zone and tells us to take risks for Him. Mt. 17:20; Heb. 11:6, 8-10, 13-16; Js. 2: 14-26
7. **Transformation** - Calvary Baptist Church is committed to discipleship and spiritual formation, where every believer grows and matures and becomes a tender hearted and tough minded disciple of Jesus Christ, “speaking the truth in love”. Mt. 10:16; Luke. 6:40; Rom. 8:28-30; 12:1-2; 2 Cor. 3:16-18; Eph. 4:11-16

8. **Proclamation** (Word of Truth) - Calvary Baptist Church is committed to the faithful, loving, and uncompromising preaching and teaching of Jesus Christ and His Word, the Bible. Ps. 19:7-14; Jn. 6:60-69, 14: 1-6; 2 Tim. 3:16- 4:5; 2 Peter 1:19-21

9. **Witness** (Evangelism and Missions) - Calvary Baptist Church is committed to sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ boldly and effectively in both local evangelism and international missions. Mt. 28:18-20; Rom. 10:13-15

10. **Leadership** - Calvary Baptist Church is committed to practicing biblical, servant leadership, and to recruiting and training servant leaders in our congregation and the larger Christian community. Mt. 20:28; Jn. 13:1-17; 1 Peter 5:1-4
Preaching and Teaching

What's the Plan? 2.21.16 - 4.17.16 Epstein

Jesus Is The True Light At Night 5.1.16 - 5.29.16 Quinlan

The Imitation Game 9.4.16 Epstein

A Child is Born 12.4.16 Quinlan, Epstein, Luciano

The Belly of the Beast 4.2.17 Epstein

Easter 3.25.16 Epstein and Luciano

After Easter 5.15.16 Luciano

Things that Matter 9.18.16 - 10.30.16

First Things 2.19.17 Javed, Epstein, Luciano

This is Not a Drill 3.5.17 Epstein

Following God by Numbers 3.06.16 Quinlan

The New You 5.22.16 Epstein and Quinlan

Portraits of Faith 11.6.16 Quinlan, Epstein, Luciano

Pastor Epstein's radio broadcast, “Tell It From Calvary,” airs every Sunday morning at 8 a.m. on WMCA 570 AM

Sunday Sermons and Radio Podcasts are available online at www.cbcnyc.org
Worship and the Arts

“Seven whole days, not one in seven will I praise Thee; e’en eternity’s too short to extol Thee!”
- George Herbert

MUSIC & WORSHIP ARTS EVENTS

Candlelight Christmas Concert
Spirituals Concert

GUEST ARTISTS

Babbie Mason, mezzo-soprano
Calvary Brass
Anderson University Chorale, Anderson, IN
California Baptist University LIGHT Ensemble, Riverside, CA
NJHSA Genesis, NJ

GRATEFUL THANKS TO:

Calvary Choir
Calvary Handbell Choir, directed by Casandra Caminiti
Calvary Youth Handbell Choir, directed by Casandra Caminiti
Calvary Gospel Praise Chorale, directed by Sharon Shah
Calvary Worship Team
Accompanists: Karen Occhiogrosso, Todd Williams
Miq Munoz and the CBC Tech Team

Casandra Caminiti
Worship Arts Liaison

Thank you Jhasoa, Jamal, and Casandra for your leadership this past year!
Children’s Ministry
Preparing Today’s Child for Tomorrow’s World during 2017!

Our Calvary Kids programming is Orange and Orange is simple. It’s a strategy. It starts with two individual influences in a child’s life: Home and Church. Alone, these two work hard to ensure that every child has a better future. But when they’re combined, the home and church will have a greater impact and that is... Orange.

“Fortified”
Calvary Kids Sunday Ministry

Just Arrived (a.k.a. “The Nursery”) – where our littlest ones receive tender loving care, are introduced to Bible stories, and are connected to their parents via a “pocket-pager” (Wonsome Samuels – Coordinator)(24 enrolled)

252 Basics - While our Calvary Kids are in Grades 1 – 4, they are learning the following Francisca Perez – (coordinator)(64 enrolled)

• I need to make the wise choice so I will trust and follow Jesus while spending time getting to know God and doing what He says.

• I can trust God no matter what because He is my Creator, Father, Guide, and Savior.

• I should treat others the way I want to be treated so I will show God’s love to those around me and respect whoever God puts over me.

First Look – By the time our Calvary Kids are 5 years old, we want them to know these three basic truths – God Made Me (Psalm 139:13-14); God Loves Me (Romans 8:38-39); Jesus Wants to be My Friend Forever (John 3:16)
Sylvia Dillard – (coordinator) (29 enrolled)

XP3 Middle School - As our Calvary Kids journey through 5th, 6th, and 7th grades, on their way to Amplified, we want them to embrace the following three things.
(Nadine Stewart – coordinator) (18 enrolled)

• I will love God because He will never stop loving me (“wonder”).

• I will follow Jesus because He knows me better than I know myself (“discovery”).

• I will live out God’s story so others can know who Jesus is (“passion”).

Did you know that Calvary Kids for Parents Facebook Page was launched in November so that parents can easily keep up with what’s happening every Sunday with their Calvary Kids?
• **Good News Club®**
  This ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship provides materials and training for our leaders who teach (grades 1-7) at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. Each session includes songs, scripture memorization, and a Bible lesson (Marjorie Dixon – Coordinator).

• **The Hallelujah Chorus and Calvary Kids Ringers**
  are under the direction of Cherelle Hale. Both groups were a part of our annual children's Christmas program which featured an original Christmas play written by Cherelle Hale – The Joy Story! The First Look Singers under the direction of Shirley Velardo and Claude Duviella were an inspiration to everyone and helped us all get into the Christmas spirit when they sang “Gospel Bells” and “God Sent Us Jesus”.

• **Family Worship Experiences:**
  In May, we all met together and celebrated the theme – “Monday Is Coming”. In August it was a family fun day with a real carnival atmosphere in Fellowship Hall. In November, the puppet team from St. Paul’s House was with us! Many of our families were blessed with tickets to the Korean Children’s choir at Carnegie!

• **Camp Comanche**
  is in Pennsylvania, but is owned and operated under the “wings” of St. Paul’s House in Manhattan. We sent 12 campers for a week of camp. The feelings were unanimous – we can’t wait to go back again next year! Pastor Mike V. and Shirley took a trip out there and had the opportunity to conduct morning chapel for the campers.

• **Summer “Son” Shine**
  returned for the second summer with the theme “Walk This Way”. Everyone enjoyed the visit from “Mr. Occh” and his basketball as well as Mr. Josiah from Child Evangelism Fellowship.

• **Easter**
  Our theme was “Jesus Gives Life and Hope”. There were 58 children who attended this special rally!

• **Fortified Players**
  under the direction of Sharon Shah continue to be a blessing and a fun way to start each month by introducing that month’s “Life APP” – recent apps have included contentment, faith, forgiveness, love, courage, and honor.

• **First Sunday**
  of each month you can join in Prayer for Calvary Kids – Room #500 from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. Arise…pour out your heart …for the lives of your children! (Lams. 2:19). Please pray for new Calvary people who would be willing to become involved in our Fortified ministries; please pray that our Fortified families would be able to get here on time each Sunday so that all Calvary Kids will sit under the Bible lesson teaching each week. Please pray for the physical, emotional, educational, and spiritual safety of our Calvary Kids.

Serving Him together,

Rev. Michael D. Velardo
Director Education Ministries

**WHAT IS BEING SAID ABOUT CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES OR BY THOSE INVOLVED?**

“My church family has made leaders of my daughters. They share what they learn in church with their peers! We love our church!”

(small group leader)

“The following conversation took place between a dad and his 252 Basics son: You are the best Dad! You are the best son! No, Dad – that would be Mary’s Son, but you have the #2 best son!”

“I like going to Calvary because they teach me real things like a grownup!”

(252 Basics)

“God has blessed us with a new and very “special” boy in the nursery. After desperately searching for months for a church that would accept her and her special needs son, the mother came to Calvary and immediately both the mother and son were embraced with the love of Christ being demonstrated through our nursery workers. Winsome Samuels wrote to her workers – we want to be like Christ and say “permit this little one to come unto me”. Thank you for being Christ’s arms, feet, lap, and voice to these the youngest of His children!”
Youth Ministry

Topics

September-December (Courageous Faith)
January (First Things Series)
February-March (Portraits of Faith: Samson, and Elijah).

Youth Room

The CBC youth had been sharing a room with other ministries for years using room 501. They needed their own place where they could feel at home. Therefore, in the fall of 2016, room 415 was converted into a Youth center.

Youth Retreat

The topic of the 2016 youth retreat was Courageous Faith. We spent time in prayer, team building, worship, and learning the word of God.

There were:
16 students
5 staff members
2 guest recreation

Outreach

The youth participated in our engage the city winter outreach where they sang worship songs and handed out hot drinks along with Christian literature.

The youth also participated in our annual outreach to the homeless during “Don’t Walk By.”

Thanks to our volunteer staff:
Cathy and Billy, Frederick, Cuthelyn, Sharon, George, and Diana.

We also said farewell to a longstanding member of our staff, Tracy.

Interim Youth Director, Alfonse Javed
The theme for this year’s retreat was - Big Picture: Perspectives from the Life of Joseph. Pastor Andy Sabaka from Grace Fellowship Church taught us from Genesis 37-50 how to trust and follow God through the stages of life by faith, no matter where we currently find ourselves in the journey. We had a great weekend together hiking, zip-lining, and sharing laughs, but most importantly, growing closer to the Lord and each other through Worship, Prayer, and Fellowship.

Our Sunday Morning and Wednesday evening gatherings are a key way in which we connect as a group around scripture, prayer and fellowship. This past year we covered some of the following texts and topics: The Passion Week, The Upper Room Discourse, Profiles in Faith, Serve, The Journey of Discipleship, Be Intentional, and Spiritual Gifts.

The Young Adults at Calvary are engaging and impacting the city with the message of Jesus Christ. Many from our group are involved in the Music, Children’s, and Outreach Ministries of CBC. It’s exciting to see the next generation discover their gifts and use them to encourage the body and serve our city and world.
Adult Education/NYSB

“All Scripture is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training…that the man of God may be equipped…” (3:16, 17)(Rose)

Did you know...

- We changed our focus from Teaching God's Word to Train God's People to Teaching God's Word – Equipping God's People. The new focus is based on Ephesians 4:11 & 12
- That NYSB is affiliated with Lancaster Bible College and at their May ’16 graduation, 2 more of our students received Bachelor’s Degrees utilizing many of their NYSB credits
- That after many years of faithful ministry and because of CBC budget challenges, NYSB students, faculty, and staff had to say goodbye to our Assistant Registrar, Diane Sanbula,
- That NYSB currently has 26 faculty members who faithfully teach courses on Monday and Thursday evenings as well as Saturday mornings
- That the 24 courses found in the Preliminary, Intermediate, and Advanced certificate programs are the “heart and soul” of NYSB
- That Calvary Baptist Church members can take any NYSB course for just $40/course plus the cost of any textbooks
- That a married couple originally from the Philippines and members of CBC, spent summer 2016 in their homeland because of NYSB

Testimonies

First, the school has been developing and equipping my spiritual life and has given me the opportunity to grow in my relationship with God. I discovered my personal spiritual identity and ministry calling, getting a taste for missions. Secondly, NYSB greatly helped me to realize my dream. When I came to this country, I wanted to study the Word of God so that I could share it in my native country, through preaching and teaching. So, the last two months of this past summer, my wife and I went to the Philippines. However, for the first time it was not for a vacation. This time, God had given us a mission! We traveled to a province in the southern part of the Philippines and introduced ourselves as laborers and workers of God, trained and equipped for ministry in New York School of the Bible. We thank God that there was a great welcome for us in this area. We volunteered to teach them “How to Study the Bible”. I was able to preach from the Word of God in our own native language – a dream come true! Also, we were able to conduct a training seminar on “Expository Preaching”. This was attended by pastors and church group leaders from area churches as well as from their satellite churches. In this part of the Philippines people are very hungry for the Word of God. Pastors are trained for only a very short time, receiving just the basics of pastoral ministry in those classes.”

A ten-year faculty member shared, “It has been a great privilege for me to teach at NYSB, especially knowing that what my students learn in class will be applied in their many churches throughout the greater New York City area!”

Cheryl shared this testimony, “The Children’s Ministry Certificate pro-

program at NYSB has equipped me to be an instrument for reviving, refreshing, and revitalizing the children’s ministry at my church! Everything I have learned has been a blessing to me personally, to my ministry to children, and to my church’s ministry team. I have been able to accomplish more than I ever dreamed from the training of teachers to the implementation of policies and guidelines, to learner based teaching and evangelism. Remember, Jesus said – Let the little children come to me…”

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In 2016...

NYSB had the privilege of enrolling 173 new students for the first time

44 students received 53 certificates and/or diplomas at our September Convocation

17 students from our affiliate Evangelical Biblical Institute received their NYSB “Continuing Biblical Education Certificate” at the Convocation

173 44 17

NYSB Conference 2017

For one year, NYSB prayed for, planned for, and prepared for, our first-ever Teaching and Equipping Conference. On Saturday, March, more than 200 of God’s people from 32 different churches (including one man who got on Amtrak in Baltimore at 3:20 a.m. that day). There were 39 participants from Calvary Baptist Church. Conference attendees were challenged in two general sessions as well as in three workshops (choosing from 21 workshops in 7 different “equipping tracks” – which included Bible, Apologetics, Church History, Serving, Leadership, and Education Ministries). New York School of the Bible will continue Teaching God’s Word – Equipping God’s People for many years to come!

Serving Him together,

Dean
Rev. Michael D. Velardo

You can find all the NYSB information you need by logging onto www.NYSB.nyc
Small Groups
We trained nearly 40 leaders who started over 10 small groups which ministered to some 100 people. We still desire to see more people host, lead, or attend for their personal growth in Christ.

Avail
(formerly Mid-town Pregnancy Support Center)—is a safe haven for men and women who face an unexpected pregnancy. The AVAiL staff supplies needed information and support to make sound decisions. As part of my ministry to men and families, I began volunteering at AVAiL and meet with men. My aim is to help and inform them so they can support the expecting mother.

Three Cord Fellowship
Marriage has been compared to “two tics on a dog… but there’s no dog.” To alleviate this untenable situation, Three Cord Fellowship realizes that the tics need a dog, so we look to Christ to help us in our leeching ways (John 15:5). We also began an in-depth examination of Emotionally Healthy Spirituality to find the tools to fix this and to master their use.

Highlights
- I spoke at a Memorial Service hosted and supported by Calvary’s Women’s ministry for women who suffered loss through abortion.
- Calvary hosted an international team of pastors, elders, and church leaders from Spain, Brazil, and India who attended Movement Day Global Cities.
- The elders approved a biblical statement and practical plan to allow men divorced prior to conversion to serve as deacons/elders.
Men’s Ministry

Calvary’s Men’s Ministry, the Wise Guys, aims to make disciples and develop leaders. Christ calls us to be disciples; not just church attenders. So we aim to conform our behavior and transform our thinking along biblical lines. Transformation is the ultimate goal of Wise Guys ministry.

Rev. Sean Quinan

Men’s Fellowship
We began a study of the men in Genesis mostly because they all still teach us. With the possible exception of Joseph, we see in Adam, Cain, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Judah a wild array of poor choices, foolish behavior, self-serving motivations, and downright sin. But we see the grace of God and the benefits of faith.

Men’s Retreat/
Wise Guys Advance
We studied the life of David to learn how to overcome negative family life, avoid immorality, and trust God amid some dangerous and troubling circumstances.

Men’s Justice Event
I spoke at a city-wide event where we confronted the negative aspects of “hook-up culture” and challenged men to respect women rather than exploit them.
Women’s Ministry
 WEEKLY

• Early Tuesday Morning Bible Study with Dr. Kathie Grimm
• Mothers of Preschoolers with Amanda Bauman and Beverly Quinlan
• Precept Upon Precept Bible Study with Priscilla Hodges
• Standing in the Gap with Vivette Hagues
• Women’s Friday Bible Study with Margot Romberg and Marilyn Lebowitz
• Heart to Heart with Eileen Browne
• Women of the Word with Marilyn Lebowitz

 MONTHLY

• Women’s Fellowship with Dr. Cathy Canary and Cathy Black
• Women of Influence Mentoring Program with Beverly Quinlan
• Deaconesses with Audrey Williams
• Vested in Prayer (V.I.P.) with Sharon Shah

 SPECIAL EVENTS

Women’s Annual Conference
Featured Speaker: Babbie Mason
Coordinators: Sandy Epstein and Marilyn Lebowitz

Women’s Annual Retreat
Featured Speaker: Debbie Alsdorf
Coordinators: Sandy Epstein and Jennifer Wang

In a world which is in disarray, our Women’s Ministry is privileged to be part of Calvary’s vision to engage the city and impact the world for Jesus Christ.

The spectrum of our activities ranges from Bible studies, women’s fellowship events, prayer meetings, mentoring classes, programs for mothers/children (MOPS), an annual conference and retreat with God anointed speakers, all connected with one purpose in mind - to make disciples of Jesus for the furtherance of His heavenly kingdom here on earth.

I am very grateful to the wonderful Women’s Ministry leadership team which faithfully supports all of our programs and activities.

Marilyn Lebowitz
Director, Women’s Ministry
The Deaconess Committee experienced a full and exciting year. We decided to expand our territory allowing us to further engage in the lives of our Calvary family. Under the tutelage of Beverly Quinlan, the deaconesses are now trained to be mentors. Mentoring is a program that helps women, especially older women, to walk alongside younger women. As we equipped ourselves for this form of ministering, we began with a fascinating study which allows us to take an inward look at ourselves: this enables us to better understand those we mentor. Mentoring is now a part of the deaconesses’ core program, thanks to Marilyn Lebowitz for her help and encouragement which enables us to do this.

We continued as usual to minister to the sick, shut-ins, and bereaved by way of cards, letters, phone calls, gifts, and visits. The sick and shut-ins continue to receive Christmas gifts from the Church as well as flowers at Christmas and Easter. The Intercessory Bulletin and the Home Department list continue to be our main tool as we seek to help and intercede daily for those in need and our Church in general. Below is an estimate of the number of contacts made by the group to the sick and shut-ins in our Church:

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The Helping Hands Committee, coordinated by Myra Ford, offers additional help to both members and shut-ins with simple daily tasks. Myra also helps members with interpreting the complex government/insurance forms and gives advice on how to navigate the system.

This year we were invited by the leadership to participate in the study of a book called “The Simple Church.” The theme of the book is Clarity, Movement, Alignment and Focus, - a new approach to ministry which the Church now embraces. We did a group review of the book which was led by Joyce Minott.

I would like to highlight an achievement by one of our faithful deaconesses, Nadine Hapaz, who has just published her second book “Bloom Within My Heart”, a memoir of her life and journey with the Lord. This book is certainly a delight to read.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey Williams
Chairperson
Social Committee

SERVICES
Special Functions

Fellowship Coffee Hour
New Year’s Eve
Funeral Repast
Ministry Guests and Visiting

Groups
NYSB Convocation
Weddings

HIGHLIGHTS
The committee members find joy in serving others for the glory of God during the Fellowship Coffee Hour with our church family. On the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays of the month following the 11:00 am service, except during the summer months, we offer visitors and friends coffee and conversation.

We continue to raise our song of thanksgiving, even if it is with just one cup of coffee... it’s all for His glory!

Eileen Browne
Chairperson

Media and Technology

Challenges
As our sound (6 years old) and video (5 years old) systems start to age, maintenance has become more critical.

New Technology
- Phones
- Cloud email server
- Youth center install

Tech Partnerships
Bible Study Fellowship, Don’t Walk
By, NYSB Symposia, One Cry, NYGO,
Avodah, Scripture Union, Getty
Christmas Concert, North American
Albanian Church inauguration, Ugnayan
Thanksgiving concert

2017 Volunteers
Cathy Black
Emilie Dionysio
Krystal Herline
David Hodges
Thais Klevorn
David Mercado
Judah Munoz
Richard Ricamonte

Staff
Paulino Diaz
Casandra Caminiti
Kimarley Hall
Miq Munoz

Radio
Sundays at 8 am. On
WMCA AM 570
WWCR (shortwave)

Media and Technology Manager
Miq Munoz
Council of Missions

Praise God that he has seen us through another year and has provided us with funds to support, send, and encourage missionaries from our own city to many different countries in Europe, Africa, South America, and South Asia. May we continue to be under His grace to continue the work He has tasked us with by impacting our nation and world with His gospel.

Faith Promise Funds dispensed one-time gifts from April 2016 to March 2017 as follows:

April 2016
- Scripture Union-Donation towards printing Bible Study materials $400
- SIM-Today for Tomorrow Children Ministry Donation towards wheelchairs for disabled small Children and nutrition drink for children $4,200
- RAM Foundation

May
- Medical expenses for victim from Lahore Easter Bombing $2,000

June
- Josiah Venture- Donation towards medical costs for surgery for Diana Anton in Romania $1,360

July
- Central Missionary Clearing House-Donation Towards renovation of Youth Center in Israel $7,000

September
- Advancing the ministries of the Gospel-Donation Towards Children’s Ministry in Egypt $4,000
- Advancing Native Missions-Donation towards RAM Foundation Cosmo Vision Center building project $2,500
- Advancing Native Missions-Donation towards small Construction of church and pastor’s office in Cuba $6,620

What’s up and coming for this year:

November 21st: Thanksgiving Basket Outreach

Again due to budget cuts, we did not take on any new missionaries and there will not be a Missions conference in the fall.
October
Global Springs Ministry- Donation towards Small Costs to repair Lois Ewald’s home after sustaining flooding $7,500
Foreign Service Fellowship- Donation towards Christmas for the Nations luncheon for Ambassadors from the United Nations $1,000

November
Advancing the Ministries of the Gospel- Donation Small towards the purchase of vehicle in Albania for Alberto Azisllari $8,000
Global Gates- Donation towards language instruction in Hebrew for David & Rivka Costello $4,800

December
Olson Trust Fund Disbursement CRU-Jesus Film Project- Donation towards Sharing the Gospel through the Film for people groups with limited access to print Bibles $20,000

Jan. 2017
Global Service Network- Donation towards Visa fees for Erika Braun in Ireland $1,000
Deshi’s Hope- Donation towards repairs and equipment for facilities in Bangladesh $3,000
Advancing the Ministries of the Gospel- Donation towards Kid’s Evangelistic Program in Egypt in the spring $3,000
Scripture Union- Donation towards outreach to children in the NYC area $4,050

March
Donation towards Ms. Temita Davis to cover costs for work completed on behalf of the church for Mission Mississippi 2016 $1,000
Donation towards InterVarsity students at Rochester University to attend Basilea Conference $1,600
Donation towards HESED Resource Center in Jos, Nigeria $10,000

Total: $93,030

Missions Council
Sponsored Special Events:

April 2016 - March 2017
Sept. 27
Council special prayer meeting for Annual Missions Conference

Oct. 8
Heart 4 Muslims Conference

Oct. 19-23
77th Annual Missions Conference “Missions at our Doorstep” - 38 missionaries attended
Dr. Orlando Crespo, from InterVarsity La Fe was our Keynote speaker

Nov. 6
International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

Nov. 19
Thanksgiving Basket distribution- 50 Turkeys and 25 Chickens were distributed with Thanksgiving baskets

Respectfully submitted,
Isabel Contreras
Chair, Council of Missions
As I look back at how God has led Focus Community Church in 2016, I am reminded of Moses’ words to the people of Israel in Deuteronomy 8:2a, “Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the desert these forty years.” Moses continues by reviewing how God had provided for His people during their wilderness wanderings by supplying food and water as well as protecting them against those enemies who fought against them. In one sense, our church is like those Israelites. All of God’s children are a pilgrim people moving towards the fulfillment of God’s promises, upheld by God’s grace, needing to trust Him every step of the way.

Here is a review of How God provided in wonderful ways in 2016

- Through the generous giving of His people, God provided an abundance of finances to carry on His work in and through us.
- Through the Serve Team God provided new vitality and perspectives to our fellowship.
- Through the empowering of His Holy Spirit God is working to impact and engage lives.
Highlights of 2016 at Focus!

January 2016
Focus Community Church officially becomes part of the SBC Family.

Feb. 2016
FCC receives 501-3c status

Mar. 2016
Easter Outreach in Plainfield, NJ - 28 in Attendance.

June 2016
Focus Taste of Culture Outreach; 27 in attendance.

July 2016
FCC participates in the Plainfield 4th of July Parade.
We handed out over 2,000 pieces of material to share with residents about Focus Community Church.

August 2016
Partnerships with Iglesia Hispana Emmanuel (local Latino Congregation.) FCC volunteers helped with their annual back to school bash; 500 backpacks and supplies were distributed to children in the community.

October 2016
Focus Fall- Fest outreach- 34 in attendance, and FCC signs lease for Public Worship.

November 2016
Focus Community Church officially launches- 43 in attendance.

December 2016
God answers our prayers as we are officially fostering two sisters (Please pray for Melody & Nicole)

ESL & Citizenship Classes at Plainfield Library – 30 New American Citizens in 2016!
Christmas Outreach with Fresh Start Boutique.
Saturday ESL Classes at Crest Haven Academy.
Two voter registrations in 2016 - 40 families are now registered Voters.

It is truly a privilege to serve this community. And while I can look back at 2016 with a sense of satisfaction for how far we have come, this is no time to rest. The ministry challenge of Plainfield, NJ is enormous.
We must do our best in fulfilling our common mission,
“To see restored lives Restore the life of the City with the Hope of the Gospel.”
I ask you to continue to Partner with me as we expand God’s kingdom in the year 2017.

For His glory,
Pastor Ryan Moore
Regular Outreach

New York Rescue Mission
“Thank you also for being such a vital part in the lives of the poor each month when you serve them through the Holy Spirit with The Gospel of Jesus Christ. You and your team bless them more than you know and we appreciate your Ministry. You always bring "The Best For The Least", like we like to say here at The Mission”—David Knoch (Chaplain NYRM).

Bowery Missions
“Based on monthly attendance, we served over 2500 throughout 2016 and had about 10 monthly volunteers”—Aaron Mullenix.

Bronx Outreach
In the Bronx we have 4 Bible Clubs with a total of 44 children. We meet every Wednesday and Thursday of the week. We also have a Balloon Ministry which meets September 4-November 4 where we give out balloons to public schools saying Jesus love you. July 4 to September we meet in the park for Bible Club also in houses. Prayer Virgil once a month in a local church.—Angela Mercado

Homeless Outreach to Women
We have been leading the women's Bible study in the women's dormitory at the New York City Rescue Mission. Usually 4-7 Calvary women volunteer, and minister to up to 30 women in the dormitory. Only about a third of the women verbally participate, but everyone listens.

Nursing Home
 Twice a year, a CBC volunteers gather at the Riverside Nursing Home for a pre-Easter and pre-Christmas outreach to the elderly at Easter. Also, every third Sunday of the Month we have been ministering to the elderly at the Manhattan nursing home located at 25 Willet Street.

Inmate Outreach
It was a pleasure helping out for the inmate family event. It was awesome and fun. We were able to pray with the families due to their prayer request. We had 15 families, and 38 kids, seven families stayed for the luncheon and a few stayed for the Christmas program, six picked up gifts due to illness. God was glorified.

Neighborhood Prayer Walk
This unique outreach has given us a chance to pray with each other before the 11 am service and also to pray with and for others. We have been able to hand out literature and to extend invitations to come and worship with us at the 11 am service.

Street Ministry
A group of believers goes out to witness in the streets. In 2016, dozens of open-air presentations were made and thousands of pieces of literature were handed out.

Queens Community Outreach
Partnered with NYCHA, the Mayor’s Office of Media and Entertainment (MOME), and Access Broadway to reach out to NYCHA (Queensbridge) families.
- 20 families attended the Broadway production of School of Rock.
- Cure The Violence: Partnered with 696 Cure the Violence Women's empowerment meetings for women in their 20's and 30's
- Renew Queens: Partnered with Renew Queens to build an outreach center to serve projects in LIC and Queensbridge. Tom Basil Provided the construction.
- Beverly Quinlan.

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**Seasonal Outreach**

**Brazil**
Betelife, in partnership with Calvary Baptist Church this past year, taught Bible classes to children in a public school per each children at a farm twice a month, and children at the center every week. Additionally, the adults who came to learn job skills were also given the gospel message this past year.
– Celia McLellan

**Queensbridge Easter Outreach**
We performed a community outreach on Easter Saturday to impact families and unite the community. Participating churches included Center of Hope, Trinity Grace, People's United Methodist, Calvary Baptist Church, as well as The Children’s Neighborhood Bible Club. We had over 500 members of the community attend this event where the representative churches gave invitations to their churches for Easter Sunday.

**Detroit**
26 from CBC journeyed to Detroit and Flint, MI with Christ’s love for the hurting and downtrodden. We brought God’s supply and encouragement to many, praying, farming, and laboring all for His Glory! – Bob Chancia

**Haiti**
The 2016 short-term summer mission trip in Haiti was a great opportunity for all to grow spiritually, cultivate an awareness of the world and needs around us, and to respond to God’s call to share the Gospel. The blessings of the ministry are innumerable. We have a great collaboration with CEF; hundreds of children and adults gave their hearts to the Lord; Bible teaching, daily feeding, and skill learning allow the people to flourish in the communities spiritually, personally, and financially. We shared the gospel and taught manual skills to children, that enabled them to earn a living. These children and families know that God is good and they have a better future because of the work we do with them.—Islande Dupoux

**Annual Easter Outreach**
A team of 15 set up a prayer station with hot drinks to engage and share the epic story of Jesus’ crucifixion, death, and resurrection. We engaged over 100 Muslim men and women from Pakistan, Afghanistan, Bangladesh and the Jewish community.

**Mississippi**
Mission Mississippi will be having its sixteenth birthday this year. It is wonderful how the Lord has enabled the ministry to exist and impact this rural state through Calvary Baptist Church. Since 2001, we have taken three teams through more than five counties, impacted hundreds of men and children, pastors and elected officials of the following counties: Washington, Hinds, Quitman, Coahoma Sharkey-Issaquena, Tallahatchie, Arcola, and Holmes County. The team provided intensive medical screening, and children’s spiritual empowerment.
—Dr. Mildred Clarke.

**Don’t Walk By**
This year’s “Don’t Walk By” event was an amazing experience. Every year, Calvary has truly shared the love of Christ by hosting this event. A force of over 1,085 volunteers representing over 146 churches in the tri-state area served week after week in the month of February. We hosted the first DWB outreach with about 200 volunteers who served 140 homeless individuals at our facility.
Ramadan Outreach

The Ramadan Prayer Night Initiative served over 200 youth and adult attendees an authentic Pakistani dinner, and provided an evening of learning about the Muslim faith and how we can serve their community in faith. We held a night of intense prayer that the Lord may bring the Muslim community to Him and that we might understand and serve them better.

Heart for Muslims Conference

This was the second year that we hosted the HFM Conference. Among many returning participants we welcomed about 200 new participants out of over 400 people. The highlight of the conference were the testimonies of the Muslim background believers. As a result of the conference, a number of participants either started a ministry to Muslims or volunteered with an existing ministry to Muslims.

“Engage the City” Summer and Winter Outreach

For the last few years we have been setting up a hot drink (in the winter) and cold drink (in the summer) station right outside of our church. During these outreaches, we have been able to engage hundreds of people. Some even gave their lives to Christ.

Last year I had the privilege to lead and serve primarily in three areas:

- **Missions:** Serving alongside our Council of Missions led by Isabel Contreras, I oversaw the process and execution of the Missions Conference 2016, monthly council meetings, and day to day missions related inquiries.

- **Amplified Youth Ministry:** Since Pastor Ryan Moore moved into a Church Planting role, Billy and Cathy Boyd, along with other volunteers were leading the youth ministry. I was asked to pastor the youth until God brings a new youth pastor. It was a joy to lead the youth retreat, extreme sports night, and weekly services with our teens. The highlight for Amplified was establishing their own place that we are calling the “Youth Center” (Room # 415).

- **Outreach and Evangelism:** I continue to lead and oversee various outreaches. The preceding is a list of our regular and seasonal outreaches.

Dr. Alfonse Javed
Director of Outreach/Youth
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At the end of another church year, we can truly say “Thus far the Lord has helped us” (1 Sam 7:12). 2016 was not just another year; it marked the 170th year of ministry for Calvary Baptist Church in NYC. Praise the Lord for His faithfulness to this church family throughout the years!

In the past 12 months, CBC leaders grappled with difficult decisions related to our facilities, our finances, and our staff. Our Deacons also worked tirelessly and diligently on these issues, so we are grateful for their efforts.

Difficult circumstances are always a good opportunity to draw near to God, seek Him, and hear His voice. They also remind us of where our focus should be. The Elders strongly believe that irrespective of the building we’re in, irrespective of our financial situation, and irrespective of our levels of staffing, the Lord has called CBC and every member of this church to accomplish His mission. All the resources He gives us are a means to an end, not the end itself. We use them to Engage New York City and Impact the World with the Message of Jesus Christ.

How does the focus on our mission impact our decisions? Well, let me give you a couple of examples:

➢ With respect to our facilities, the Elders proposed to the Deacons Board that “Calvary Baptist Church should not be in the hotel business”.

➢ With regard to staffing and programming, the Pastors and the Elders continue to consider some of the Simple Church recommendations. We started assessing how we are doing in accomplishing our mission. We want to ask ourselves tough questions to ensure that the vision of our church remains paramount while our programming remains subservient. We’re trying to have a paradigm shift in our thinking: moving away from programs and towards a discipleship pathway.

We must acknowledge that as a Church we do a lot of things, but we also end up with a lot of silos. In and of themselves all our activities are good, but we need to ensure they fit within a clear and effective disciple-making process.

For quite some time now, you have heard Elders and Pastors talking about the process: WORSHIP-CONNECT-SERVE. These are things we do already, so in a sense it’s nothing new: we come together to Worship God, we Connect with each other as the Body of Christ, and we serve through various ministries. However, we want our members to be more aware of this process and ask themselves where they’re at on this pathway. Are you worshipping regularly? Are you connecting with others? Are you serving?

**Talking of Connecting at CBC, we have undertaken a few initiatives to improve this part of the process:**

➢ Additional small groups: Beyond the congregational worship on Sundays, we seek to provide smaller, more intimate settings to encourage each other, hold each other accountable, and grow in the Lord.

➢ Update of our membership rolls: The first phase was focused on reviewing almost 200 members whom we believed were absentees. As we seek greater connection between our members, try to understand appropriate staffing levels, and assess the effectiveness of our ministries, it is important we identify individuals who may have moved away. Through such an exercise we
also have an opportunity to reconnect with congregants who may have grown distant from the fellowship of believers.

➢ Mentoring program for young (and not so young) men: This effort seeks to identify, equip, and reproduce Godly Servant-Leaders at CBC. Through deeper connections and accountability, we hope to spur men on to seek the Lord and take on leadership positions in the church.

**If we look at Serving at CBC, the Elders have continued to closely work with the Pastors to provide opportunities for service:**

➢ Short-Term Mission Trips: Following up on the revisions made to the Missions Philosophy Statement, we went through a transition year and developed a new approach for future trips. The new focus is on working more closely with our supported missionaries on the ground. This allows us not only to foster more meaningful connections with them, but provides for effective accountability as well.

➢ In other sections of this annual report, you can read about many ministries led by CBC or supported by CBC members.

**Finally, let me share an update on two of our beloved pastors:**

- Pastor Winston Griffith: After 30 years of ministry at Calvary and following some serious health issues, Pastor Griffith has retired. We thank the Lord for his commitment and faithfulness all these years not only in pastoral care and visitation but also in leading our Missions efforts in New York, in the USA, and across the globe. As soon as his health permits, we plan on honoring and celebrating his many years of service.

- Pastor Ryan Moore: Is there anything more exciting than one of our own planting a church across the Hudson? After a time of prayer for discernment and guidance from the Lord, Rev. Ryan Moore and his, wife, Eren took a step of faith and started a church plant in Plainfield, NJ. It has been such a blessing to see them fully trust the Lord for this endeavor. Calvary is their sending church and has supported them financially and through prayers. Some of our members are also involved with the efforts on the ground. The Elders put in place an accountability program which includes amongst other things a monthly call of encouragement and prayer.

As we look back with a spirit of gratitude, we must also look forward to what the Lord has in store for us. It is the responsibility of each generation to reach their generation for Christ. We must embrace this challenge with humility but also with courage knowing that “He who began a good work in us will be faithful to complete it” (Phil 1:6).

Marco Sablone
Chair, Board of Elders
Board of Deacons

Calvary Baptist Brothers and Sisters,

The Deacons thank you for your prayers and partnership in service to our Lord. We are also grateful to Pastor Epstein and the Pastors, Marco Sablone and the Elders for their leadership. We thank CBC staff for their support in each aspect of church operations. We also thank Christopher Calo and the Hotel staff for diligent work to restore profitability and enter the road to addressing the Certificate of Occupancy issue. It is a privilege to serve with this group of dedicated individuals.

Modern day Deacons continue in the tradition of Acts 6 by managing practical operations of the body so the Pastors and Elders are free to focus on the spiritual leadership functions of prayer, preaching, and teaching. To that end, Deacons (Trustees of the corporation) oversee the church business and administrative functions such as finances and facility, and support the Hotel Board. We seek to be prudent, diligent, and transparent in support of the church’s mission in service of our Lord and His Kingdom.

We worship in “The city that never sleeps”, and Calvary Baptist continues to keep pace with our city during the 2016-2017 church year. Please pray for the Deacons, and ask God to continuously raise up men who put Him first and diligently participate in monthly meetings, ongoing deliberations, and votes by e-mail, and conference calls. I thank my fellow Deacons for their faithful and diligent work.

The Deacons are particularly thankful to Executive Administrator Dr. Michael Luciano, who works under Pastor Epstein and Finance and Operations Manager Bruce Simpson.

Some activities of the 2016-2017 Deacon Board include:

- Restructuring the Staff, in cooperation with the Elders.
- Continue to support Pastors and Elders in pursuit of Simple Church.
- Managed CBC Finances:
  - Maintained 2016-2017 budget integrity as income continues below projections.
  - Pursued financial accountability.
  - Presented a balanced 2017-2018 budget.
• Facility Studies and Development Options:
  Advanced potential redevelopment until Extell withdrew from negotiations.

• Address facility needs as they arrive
• Assess development and leasing proposals. (CBC is not soliciting proposals.)
• Coordinate facility management with the Hotel.
• Worked with the Hotel Board overseeing the management of the hotel, which has faced the new challenge of converting the Certificate of Occupancy to the current use. It is an ongoing process which may lead to temporary and/or partial Hotel and/or Church closures.

Goals for the 2017-2018 year include:
• Managing CBC finances:
  Address the challenges presented by hotel dividend loss.
• Continue to improve CBC financial operation and accountability.
• Potential redevelopment:
  Advance current offer to the decision point.
• Assess development and leasing proposals.
• Further alignment of Bylaws with practice.

In closing, we look forward to a year in which God guides us through the challenges of every day service. Please keep the Deacons and their families in prayer as we continue to pursue the calling the Lord has given us, being faithful and true to His word, and work in this body of believers.

In His service,
John C Clenance, Chairman
Board of Deacons (Trustees)
2017 CHURCH OFFICERS

(1-Year Terms)

Treasurer
Todd Williams

Church Clerk
Pamela Clenance

Head Usher
David Dixon

Assistant Treasurer
Vaughan Coleman

Head Usher
David Dixon

Head Usher
David Dixon

2017 Nominees

In accordance with church bylaws, the following persons are being recommended to CBC members by the Nominating Committee to serve the church in the coming year(s). The election will take place at the Annual Business Meeting on April 30, 2017.

2017 Deacon Nominees

(3-Year Terms)

Assistant Church Clerk
Islande Dupoux

Assistant Head Usher
Lurine McRae

Assistant Treasurer
Vaughan Coleman

Assistant Church Clerk
Islande Dupoux

Assistant Treasurer
Vaughan Coleman

2017 Elder Nominees

(3-Year Terms)

James Canary

Marco Sablone

Scott Free

Russ McCullen

Adewale Oshodi

Albert Popa
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*(3-year term limit) 10 members*

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### Board of Deacons
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### Council of Missions
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** Second Term
*** Replacement of vacant positions

New Members
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#### Church Officers
**(yearly election/1 year term)**

- Treasurer: Todd Williams
- Assistant Treasurer: Vaughan Coleman
- Head Usher: David Dixon
- Assistant Head Usher: Lurine McRae
- Church Clerk: Pamela Clenance
- Assistant Church Clerk: Islande Dupoux

#### Baptismal Committee
**(yearly election/no term limit) 12 members**

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### Committee Representatives

- **Pastoral**: Teresa Hewitt, Sarah Javed
- **Usher**: [Usher list]
- **Sunday School**: [List]
- **Social**: [List]
- **Young Adult Min.**: [List]

### Social Committee

(no term limit, yearly election) 26 members

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### Usher Committee

(no term limit, yearly election) 30 members

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** Second Term

*** Replacement of vacant positions

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New Members

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Church Leadership

Rev. David Epstein
Senior Pastor

Marco Sablone
Chair, Board of Elders

John C. Clenance P.E.
Chair, Board of Deacons
(Trustees)

Isabel Contreras
Chair, Council of Missions

Dr. A.R. Javed
Director of Outreach Ministries

Rev. Dr. Michael Luciano
Executive Director

Rev. Ryan Moore
Church Planter

Rev. Sean Quinlan
Director of Family Ministries

Marilyn Lebowitz
Director of Women’s Ministries

Rev. Michael Velardo
Director of Education Ministries
Dean, New York School of the Bible
Administrative Staff

Michael Roberts
Executive Assistant

Billy Nelson
Registrar / New York School of the Bible

Eliza Morales
Administrative Assistant

Elizabeth Maynard
Accountant

April Baez
Executive Assistant

Karen Nieva
Facilities Staff

Larry McDonnell
Facilities Manager

Casandra Caminiti
Media & Technology Staff

Audrey Pennant
Executive Assistant

Bruce Simpson
Finance and Operations Manager

Conrad Emmanuel
Facilities Staff

Annabelle Popa
Graphic Designer

Miquel Munoz
Media and Technology Manager

Sandra Fredrick
Administrative Assistant

Emily Griffin
Website & Social Media Coordinator

Kimarley Hall
Media & Technology Staff

Paulino Diaz
Media & Technology Staff

Naomi Gregoire
Children's Ministry Worker
May 2016 - January 2017
Membership Stats

In 2016 we baptized 11 new believers and received 30 new members, but this hardly reflects the ministry of membership.

Some people apply for membership and do not have a personal relationship with the Lord. Others have been converted to Christ, but lack the biblical insight and basic vocabulary to explain the gospel. Still others profess Christ, but live lives that don’t reflect a biblical worldview. Finally, everybody needs discipleship. All of this is part of membership.

Total Membership: 748
New Members this Year: 30
Members to leave by notification: 10
Members who have passed away: 7
Baptisms: 11
COVENANT OF MEMBERSHIP

Realizing my guilt before God, I have confessed my sin to Him, and received the Lord Jesus Christ, who bore my sin on the Cross, as my personal Savior. (Romans 3:19, 23; 5:8; and John 1:12).

I ACKNOWLEDGE the Lord Jesus Christ as Lord of all my life, and seek to confess Him as such before others by the testimony both of life and lip. (Romans 10:9; 2 Corinthians 5:14-15)

I TRUST in the power of the Holy Spirit, who lives in my heart, to keep me, guide me and lead me in the way of purity and holiness. (John 14:26; 16:13; Romans 8:2-4; and Galatians 5:22-25)

I ACCEPT the Bible as the inspired Word of God, and my final authority in all matters of faith and practice. (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21)

I RECOGNIZE my responsibility by tithes and offerings to extend the Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ both at home and abroad. (Malachi 3:8-10; 1 Corinthians 16:2; 2 Corinthians 9:7)

I RECOGNIZE my responsibility to pray regularly for the work of this Church, for its pastors, officers and members, that the witness of all concerned may be to the glory of God and to the salvation of souls. (Ephesians 6:18,19; 1 Thessalonians 5:17, 25)

I RECOGNIZE my responsibility to be regular in my attendance at the services of the Church, and at the Lord’s Table. (Acts 2:42; Hebrews 10:25; 1 Corinthians 11:26)

I HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED BY IMMERSION, in obedience to my Lord’s command, thus signifying my union with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection. (Matthew 28:19-20; Romans 6:4)

I HAVE READ the Articles of Faith as contained in the By-Laws and am in complete agreement therewith. (1 Timothy 6:12; 2 Timothy 4:7; Jude 3)
2017 Offering Schedule

Apr 23 Regular / Fellowship Offering
Apr 30 Regular Offering / Faith Promise Offering
May 7 Regular Offering
May 14 Regular Offering
May 21 Regular / Fellowship Offering
May 28 Regular Offering

Jun 4 Regular Offering
Jun 11 Regular Offering
Jun 18 Regular / Fellowship Offering
Jun 25 Regular Offering
July 2 Regular Offering
July 9 Regular Offering
July 16 Regular / Fellowship Offering
July 23 Regular / Faith Promise Offering
July 30 Regular Offering

Aug 6 Regular Offering
Aug 13 Regular Offering
Aug 20 Regular / Fellowship Offering
Aug 27 Regular Offering

Sept 3 Regular Offering
Sept 10 Regular Offering
Sept 17 Regular / Fellowship Offering
Sept 24 Regular Offering

Oct 1 Regular Offering
Oct 8 Regular Offering
Oct 15 Regular / Fellowship Offering
Oct 22 Regular / Faith Promise Offering
Oct 29 Regular Offering

Nov 5 Regular Offering
Nov 12 Regular Offering
Nov 20 Regular / Fellowship Offering
Nov 19 Regular Offering
Nov 26 Regular Offering

Dec 3 Regular Offering
Dec 10 Regular Offering
Dec 17 Regular / Fellowship Offering
Dec 24 CHRISTMAS EVE / Regular Offering
Dec 31 New Year’s Eve / Regular Offering
**Articles of Faith**

1. We believe in one God, eternally existent as God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

2. We believe that the Bible, composed of the Old and New Testaments, is God's inspired and infallible Word, and is the supreme standard and final authority for all conduct, faith, and doctrine.

3. We believe in the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His premillennial, personal return in power and glory.

4. We believe that man was created in the image of God, but by willful transgression became sinful and is justly under the condemnation and wrath of Almighty God.

5. We believe that the only salvation from this guilt and condemnation is through faith in the righteousness and atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ, and that this salvation is the free gift of God’s love and grace.

6. We believe in the personality of the Holy Spirit and that His ministry is to reveal Christ to men, to convict of sin, to regenerate repentant sinners and, by His presence and power, to sanctify the lives of the redeemed.

7. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ instituted the ordinances of baptism and communion; that baptism is only to be administered upon profession of faith in Christ, by immersion, thereby declaring our faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Savior; that communion is only for believers, is to be preceded by faithful self-examination, and is in remembrance of the Lord's death until He comes.

8. We believe that the New Testament Church is a body of believers, baptized by immersion, associated for worship, service, and the spreading of the Gospel of the grace of God to all the world.

9. We believe that there will be a resurrection of the just and the unjust; the just, having been redeemed by the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, to be with Him throughout eternity in glory; the unjust, having died impenitent and unreconciled to God, to eternal condemnation in Hell.