

Calvary
Life

CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Advent and Christmas 2017



On Sunday, November 12, five Calvary young people shared Early Communion at the altar rail together, and received their own Bibles. Max McCabe, Koralie McCabe, Bobby Morris, Marko Krajnovic and Caleb Hightower participated in an eight week class that explained the process and meaning of the Holy Eucharist in preparation for this service. They all designed a banner with their name on it to hang in the church. Many thanks to Lori Hoy and Kathleen Bethke for teaching these important Christian values to our children.

WELCOME BISHOP DOYLE

Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them quiet and discerning hearts, the courage to will and persevere, a spirit to know and love you, and the gift of joy in all your works. Amen

Bishop Andy Doyle visited Calvary on Sunday, November 26, preaching and celebrating at both worship services. Between services he received a report from the Vestry on the state of the church, and was warmly greeted at the noon reception. Bp. Doyle reminded the congregation that as we baptize and confirm others, each of us is also participating in the Baptismal Covenant and reaffirming our faith.

The newly baptized are Gerald Medel and Eli Ordaz. Terry Reynolds was both baptized and confirmed.

Other confirmands include Max Barragy, Andre Bellamy, Sam Haines, Madeleine Iversen, Cody Marek, Trampus Marek, Jennifer McCabe and Micah Servantes. Reb Scarborough led the confirmation classes for the group.

Four people were received into Calvary. They are Becky Bellamy, Diane Childs, John Johnston and Oscar Lozano. Christian Iversen received Reaffirmation from the Bishop.



Jerrie Rose Cornwell was baptized on All Saints Sunday, November 5th. She is the daughter of Logan and Nicole Cornwell, and sister to Thomas and TylerMae.



FIXER UPPER

Recently we faced the much needed challenge of renovating the Calvary kitchen. As in our homes, the kitchen is often the heartbeat of the organization, and after years of steady use our kitchen needed some TLC. New floors and ceilings, new cabinetry, improved electrical, and better drainage are the major items that required attention. The project was completed in eight weeks, as planned, and cost just under \$50,000. The Vestry budgeted monies from the Capital Improvement Fund, but the majority of the work resulted from donations above pledge from church members.

Thanks to Junior Warden Terry Jordan for managing the planning and oversight for this project, and many thanks to the generosity of the following:

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IN THE PINEY WOODS

For the second year, Calvary families gathered at Camp Allen for fellowship and fun family time. The warm weather was great for being outdoors enjoying the pool, canoeing, hiking, horseback riding, hay rides and all that Camp Allen has to offer. Saturday evening nearly 80 people sat together for dinner, followed by an outdoor Eucharist.



There are many people to thank for planning and making this event run so smoothly. Four ladies chaired the event: Susan Grotte, Tiffany Maldonado, Lynette Butler and Suzette Hillis. Kim Cain managed the children's activities, while Carolyn Kniss led Arts and Crafts.

Food is always an important part of the retreat! We have three grill masters to thank for the hamburgers and the awesome chicken and ribs – Mark Duncan, Jimmy Smith, and Terry Reynolds. Robin Garcia and Angie Gonzalez worked kitchen setup and cleanup (no small task!), and Linda Paine, Catherine Clark, Sheryl Smith, and Barbara Martin served on the food line.



GIVING TO OTHERS ON THANKSGIVING

Do you know that Calvary has been preparing and delivering meals on Thanksgiving Day for more than 20 years? This year was no exception. Over 800 meals went out the door to Fort Bend County Meals on Wheels recipients, as well as to families who were recommended by local elementary schools. Thanks to Molly Powell for once again managing the effort, and for all of the loving hearts and hands that donated, prepared and delivered the food.



WALKING THE WAY

This year Calvary's stewardship theme was "Walking the Way". One of the highlights of our campaign each year is dinner at the Swinging Door. We set this time aside as a celebration of Calvary – of our Christian faith and fellowship together. After eating some of the restaurant's best, George Doherty and his partner entertained with some favorite Western songs. Guest speaker, Bob Schorr, shared his very personal path to faith and stewardship. Bob is Manager of Church Plants and Strategic Development for the Diocese of Texas.

November 12 was Commitment Sunday. Your continuing commitment of time, talent and treasure keeps Calvary strong and growing, and truly represents your appreciation of God's generous gifts to us. Thank you.



Hangin' Out with the EYC
Submitted by Suzette Hillis

EYC had a rough start with Hurricane Harvey but we didn't let that stop us. We started the year with a team building exercise with water balloons, part of learning to work together. I believe that the best part was when the youth were allowed to just start throwing the balloons at each other freely! One Sunday EYC meeting we drew a large board game with chalk outside and the kids broke into two teams and tossed large 12 x 12 dice and had to answer Bible questions to move on the board. EYC has taken a field trip to the Community Garden and are excited to start their own garden in January. Visiting the garden fostered a discussion about how a garden can help with feeding fresh food to a family that is not able to afford it.



EYC Service Projects - Santa Workshop Coming Soon!

EYC is excited to be sponsoring the 1st ever Santa Workshop on December 9th - yes, Santa and Mrs. Clause will be at the church. Please come and do crafts and take pictures with Santa. EYC is requesting that you bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to Helping Hands. We are hoping to take the donations over to Helping Hands and volunteer during the Christmas School Break.

Other Service projects include helping other ministries in the church by hanging the Christmas lights outside, and placing the labels on the 700 boxes for the Thanksgiving deliveries.

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Outreach Committee Reports on Hurricane Harvey

Submitted by Roy Haley

We are blessed and have been blessed by all the work we have done in our community in 2017, but there is still a lot of work to be done to help those impacted by Harvey. Just as many other organizations did, Calvary sprang into action with immediate response of doing muck and guts, providing basic needs donations and even putting together flood recovery packets that Friends of North Richmond handed out door to door.

Now that Harvey recovery is moving into the repair phase, we have been discussing our longer-term strategy. We realize we are not a large parish, so we need to continue working together with other organizations in our community. We are attending meetings with Fort Bend Recovers- a government, volunteer, and faith based organization - to stay in tuned with recovery efforts in our area. We have formed a drywall action team and did our first tape and float training recently. We also plan to continue to work with Habitat and Friends of North Richmond on recovery efforts as well.

We want to utilize the relationships that we have built in our community, like Jane Long elementary school, to find the "unheard" and "unseen" and then use our gifts to work with the Diocese and Episcopal Relief and Development foundation to help these families fully recover from Harvey.



ADVENT CALENDAR

Advent, the beginning of the church liturgical year, is a season of expectation and preparation for the coming of Jesus. At Calvary, Advent is recognized in familiar ways: making and lighting Advent wreaths, decorating Christmas cookies, and lessons and carols. Please consider the Advent calendar below and participate as often as you can as we wait together for Christmas Day.



**Saturday,
December 9 - 2-4:00PM**
Crafts and Santa in the Parish Hall

**Sunday,
December 10 - 9:00AM**
Christmas cookies between services

**Tuesday,
December 12 - 7:00PM**
Calvary School Christmas Program

**Sunday,
December 17 - 10:30 AM**
Children's Christmas pageant

**Wednesday,
December 20 - 8:05AM**
Calvary School
Lessons and Carols

**Saturday,
December 23 - 9:00AM**
Greening of the church

**Sunday,
December 24 - 10:30AM**
Service of worship
(no early service)

**Sunday,
December 24
Christmas Eve**
Family service - 5:00PM
Traditional service - 10:30PM

**Monday,
December 25 Christmas**
Holy Eucharist Rite II - 10:30AM



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Worship Services

Sunday

8:00 AM	Traditional
9:30 AM	Sunday School for All Ages
10:30 AM	Contemporary

Tuesday

9:30 AM	Traditional
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Vestry

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