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2022 MBA Ladies Retreat:

Planting & Watering the Next Generation

The 2022 Ladies Retreat is fast approaching and the other officers and I are so excited with what we have planned for all those in attendance at the 2-day retreat! The retreat is April 22-23rd and will be hosted at Berean Baptist Church in Brooklyn Park.



"Planting and Watering the Next Generation" is our theme this year and we are delighted to have as our speaker, Erin Davis. Erin is a born-again believer, wife and mother, and has a thriving book ministry and is part of the Revive Our Hearts ministry team. We

hope you all can attend and bring a teen girl with you as we seek to learn from God's Word on discipleship and digging into God's Word. Registration is \$40 for adults but this year we are also offering a special teens rate of \$20.

Berean Baptist Church is excited to have a special part in hosting all the ladies who come to the retreat. They have been so helpful to the officers throughout the retreat planning process and our joint goal to provide a retreat that will both challenge and encourage as well as be a whole lot of fun.

Additional details and registration information can be found at www.mbaoc.org or on the MBA Ladies Group Facebook page.

In Christ's Service, Michelle Weist

First Baptist Church, Preston
MBA Ladies Retreat, President



Exalting Christ Among the Churches:

Calvary Baptist Church of Sleepy Eye

Pastor Phil Siefkes

Calvary Baptist Church was established June 23, 1970, and gathers for worship in Sleepy Eye, MN, at 220 4th Avenue SW. During the early months of existence, several men served as interim pastors. The list includes Don Odens (9/70-2/71), Dennis Campbell and Gerald Mart (2/71-5/71), and Doug McLachlan (Wed. nights 12/70-6/71).

During its 50+ years of existence, three men have led Calvary Baptist in the position of pastor. Virgil Fitch from June 1971 to July 1977; Ron Brewer from May 1978 to June 1985; Randy Miller served as interim pastor until Phil Siefkes was called as pastor in December 1985. He has continued in that capacity to the present day.



Pastor Phil Siefkes

The importance of each believer serving God and others in their sphere of influence is emphasized. Sometimes these spheres overlap with other members of the congregation. Marlon Mielke, a pastor in Milltown, WI, was a member of Calvary. Jana (and Dan) Eads, currently between mission fields, was also a congregation member.

Like others, Calvary encountered the cultural Covid pandemic, but they quickly learned that the virus is not the main issue. Congregation members have diligently fought hard to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Eph. 4:3) The virus is simply yet another matter over which they could become divided or become more closely united. The church has chosen, by God's grace, to work diligently at being of one mind. Therefore, whether it is the color of the carpet or the new hymnal or the type of mask you do or don't wear, they refuse to succumb to the worldly and

fleshly mindset of disunity. Worldliness and fleshliness can rear their heads and appear in many different shapes and sizes. "We must continue to be on guard. God's glory is displayed to the world when a congregation walks together in Godward harmony."

God has graciously and gradually grown the congregation through a variety of means. Individual and corporate maturity continues to increase by His grace, for which they are grateful.



Calvary Baptist purchased its first building from Grace Lutheran Church in 1970. They continued meeting in that building until early 1985 when it was sold to be used as the Senior Citizens Center. The congregation then moved to

the 4th Avenue SW site. The present building was purchased from the Evangelical Church of North America.

The congregation purchased its first parsonage in April 1971. This house was sold in 1987 when the current parsonage was purchased.

Calvary looks to the future with great anticipation of the grace of their sovereign God. They know that apart from Him, they can do nothing. If they can reach into the lives of individuals and families throughout the Brown County area, and by God's grace direct their hearts to delight in God, then they will be pleased to have been used by the Master.

It is by the grace of God and for the glory of God that this assembly exists. The assembly believes that people will genuinely benefit spiritually only when God is genuinely treasured.

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