**Calvary Bible Church of Rogers City** is a local church family that seeks to faithfully proclaim and practice the truths of the Bible, which is the inspired, inerrant, authoritative Word of God. We uphold the free and sovereign grace of God in our salvation, upon the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ, received through faith in Him alone. We desire to be God-centered and grace-focused in our worship, teaching, & fellowship. We are a member of the Fellowship of Independent Reformed Evangelicals ([www.firefellowship.org](http://www.firefellowship.org)).

CBC has a long history of evangelical presence here, beginning with a group of believers meeting in the 1930s to form the Rogers City Gospel Assembly. God has been faithful over the years to sustain and use us for His glory.

We are a diverse group—in age, backgrounds, personalities, and gifts— that is growing in love for one another and unity in the faith. Under our Chief Shepherd, Jesus Christ, we are currently led by the servant-leadership of three elders and two deacons:

**Elder Ron Dugan**  (989)734-2726

**Deacon John Gauthier** (989)766-8013

**Elder John Nordin** (989)734-7078

**Pastor/Elder Jeff Ryan** (419)356-1600

**Deacon Neil Tolly**  (989)370-9928

We are trusting the Lord to bring the increase, as He wills, and are striving to be faithful in obeying Him in the means He has ordained to build His church. We desire to be used of God to make true disciples of Jesus Christ, not mere professors of faith in Him.

As a church body, we are part of the support of three missionary families. We urge you to faithfully pray for their ministries for Christ and give toward their needs. Currently our financial support comes through designated gifts above & beyond our regular giving which is divided equally among them. Our missionaries are:

**Mark & Nancy Fleming** (Sanford, Florida; tribal missions support with New Tribes Mission)

**Rex Freel** (Uijongbu, South Korea; Christian school ministry with NICS)

**Bud & Tammy Smith** (Hawks, MI; director of Bethel Youth Camp)

Please contact us anytime with needs or questions:

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**Calvary Bible Church of Rogers City**

We welcome all who have gathered here on this Lord’s Day, August 31, 2014, especially all of those who are visiting with us. May the Lord be pleased to bless our worship and work in our lives to the praise of the glory of His grace.

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**INFORMATION TABLE**

Take time to check out our information table in the back of the auditorium. There you will find more information about our church, articles and tracts to encourage you and to distribute to others, prayer letters from our missionaries, and a greeting card exchange box.

**NURSERY FACILITIES**

This is available downstairs. There is a caregiver available to care for your child during the service or to assist you as needed.

**CHILDREN’S LESSON & BULLETIN**

A lesson for children, age 4 through 3rd grade, is made available during the sermon for parents who would like their children to attend. Children are also welcome to remain with their parents. A children’s bulletin that goes along with today’s sermon, designed for ages 7-12, is available on the table by the front door.

**OFFERINGS TO THE LORD**

Financial support of the gospel ministry of this church is received in the offering box in the foyer (next to the basement steps).

May we give generously, cheerfully, and sacrificially, as God has so richly blessed us.

TODAY’S SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m. – **Bible Classes** – This is an important and beneficial hour

of Bible study and discussion for adults (meeting in auditorium)

and children (meeting downstairs).

10:00 a.m. – **Fellowship**

Dan & Alice Spurgeon are greeting today, Pearlie Voss is our

nursery caregiver, Toni Beach is teaching the children’s lesson,

and Faye Plume is providing refreshment today.

10:30 a.m. – **Worship Service**

We gather to worship together through participating in the

reading of Scripture, prayers, confession of sin, songs of praise to

God, and the preaching of His Word.

*UPCOMING SCHDULE*

FALL MINISTRIES KICKOFF DATES:

Wednesday, September 10, 7:00 p.m. – **Men’s and Women’s Bible**

**Study Groups** at John & Brenda Gauthier’s. It would be great

to have *new & returning* attendees join us this year for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. (SIGN UP SHEET for book for men’s group is in the foyer.)

Sunday, September 14, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. – **Family Fellowship &**

**Bible Classes** – a new time this year for parents, youth, and children to gather on Sunday evenings for fellowship (activities, snacks, visiting) and growth in the Word of God (separate classes). We are planning to meet most Sunday evenings—see Pastor Jeff for a schedule.

September 22-24 – **FIRE Midwest Regional Conference** in the Toledo, OH area. All are welcome to attend. See Pastor Jeff for more information or go to [www.firefellowship.org](http://www.firefellowship.org).

**MINISTRY OF PRAYER**

We encourage everyone to be faithful in praying for one another, our marriages and families, those in need of salvation in Jesus Christ, our church ministries, other area churches, our supported missionaries, other FIRE churches, persecuted Christians around the world, government leaders, and those serving in the military.

**To place a prayer need during the week on our e-mail prayer chain, contact Jo Tolly at 734-4928 or** [**tollyjn@charter.net**](mailto:tollyjn@charter.net)**.**

Specific prayer needs – Marion Owens; Carole Richards; Sharon Castaldi (trusting the Lord, wisdom, with situation with her eyes); Katie Gray & family; Rodney Castaldi (healing from surgery); Dan McLaughlin at Tendercare; Mark Fleming; those from CBC going camping up north this week

***What Kind of Blessing?*** *by Kevin DeYoung – August 28, 2014*

Quick—think of eight things you wish were different about you. Got them in your head? What did you come up with? Maybe your list was something like this: I wish I could lose 25 pounds. I’d like to have more time and more money. I want to exercise more and go to bed earlier. It would be nice for my sports team to win it all just once. I want my health back. I’d like a more prestigious position.

Nothing terrible in that list, several pretty good things in fact. But if that’s all we want, we don’t know what it really means to be blessed (**Matt. 5:3-12**). If we are honest, we too easily buy into the “Beatitudes of the World”: *Blessed are the rich, for theirs is the kingdom of pleasure. Blessed are those who feel good about themselves, for they shall be confident. Blessed are the aggressive, for they shall control the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for recognition, for they shall be noticed. Blessed are the demanding, for they shall receive what’s coming to them. Blessed are the sexually liberated, for they shall be their own gods. Blessed are the scheming, for they shall be called children of the powerful. Blessed are those who are praised by the world, for theirs is the kingdom of now.*

Isn’t that what the world considers blessing? And isn’t it a million miles from being a disciple of Christ seeking after the kingdom of heaven? Jesus expects more from us, and He promises to give us much more than we can ask or imagine. So who are you going to be and whose promises are you going to believe?