

CALVARY



CHURCH

night of vision & prayer
annual celebration

2022 highlights



outreach

For the first time in two years we were able to send two GO teams in 2022. High School ministry went to San Francisco and another GO team went to Kentucky. Both teams brought the presence of Jesus to the two cities and came back inspired to bring renewal to their neighborhoods and spheres of influence at home.

Family ministries, which includes both children and student ministries, provided over a dozen opportunities for kids to invite their friends, many of whom don't know Jesus, to spend time on campus and off campus and experience what a church community is like in a fun and authentic environment.

This past summer, preschool moms met at a local park to bring renewal and friendships to other moms. Several new moms came, were encouraged, and now attend MOPS program.

discipleship

Family Ministries continued to normalize faith conversations for kids and students by talking about the love and truth of Jesus on Sunday mornings and providing resources to continue the conversation at home.

In the Sunday services we introduced a liturgy of worship, praise, hearing God's word, and response, providing more opportunities for us as a church body to experience the presence of God and interact with our King and Creator.

Through offerings of Alpha this year, people had the opportunity to ask tough questions about faith and dialogue with one another, deepening their understanding of who God is. These opportunities brought renewal and recharging of relationships with Jesus and one another.





service

Because you gave to the global fund Calvary is able to support 30 people who have given their lives and careers to minister to 25 countries, bringing renewal to thousands of people around the world, many who have never experienced the love of Christ.

Through your generous donations, House of Hope was able to continue meeting the physical needs of 120 families each week, many of whom also received prayer and several who accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Many of you contributed to purposeful and intentional gifts to bring renewal in our communities with care packages, stockings, gift boxes, and more. Through your time, effort, and boldness to step out in faith for Jesus, you brought His presence to countless others throughout our communities.

finances

Godliness with contentment is great gain. We bring nothing into this world and we take nothing out of it. We who call Jesus Lord, devote ourselves to resisting greed which plunges the human heart into ruin, and pierces it with many griefs. We are determined to practice generosity with free hearts, fixing our hope on God and not the uncertainty of wealth. We desire to be rich in good deeds and willing to share all that we have, laying up for ourselves treasure that will not decay but will shine in the age to come. (Based on 1 Timothy 6:6, 6:7, 6:9, 6:17, 6:18, Matt 6:20)

Tonight we will review the finances from 2022, what was given, what was spent and where we netted as an organization. One of the things we won't share but want you to see is; in 2022, we estimate about 50% of people who attended gave something financially. Of those who gave:

- 36% of people give monthly (or more frequently)
- 18% gave once in the year
- 46% gave sporadically

What you will hear tonight is, could 2023 be different?

Because we consider giving financially one of the ways we worship God, worship is never anything we should hold back. Giving freely should never be with stipulations or preference. When we worship in song, service, prayer, giving, it is a representation of our love, affection and devotion to our Heavenly Father. Worship, in all its forms, ultimately reflects the condition of our hearts.

Our challenge to you in 2023 is to embrace generosity by considering your giving, both what you give and how often you participate, to be a reflection of your heart. May we be known as content, generous, free people who fix our hope on God and not the uncertainty of wealth.



a quick note from dale

To my friends and family that call Calvary Church their home.

Grace and peace to you.

I don't use those words lightly as a simple greeting or a Biblical shout out to the apostle Paul. I truly want grace and peace for you, between you, and in you. Jesus didn't set up the church to be a group of people that simply attend something. It was put into motion by Him and continues to be led by Him to be an outpost of heaven here on earth. A significant piece of this is living out the grace we receive from Him with each other, and experiencing peace with one another that only comes from Him. So, grace and peace to you.

Lisa and I are so thankful for how you welcomed us back about a year ago. We have been so blessed through your prayers, your acts of kindness, and your words of mercy toward us. Even though Calvary is entering its 75th year as a church this year, in so many ways it feels like we're starting anew.

We have seen our world go through a significant shift over the past few years, and no doubt we will continue to see how things change and develop. If you've been a part of this church for awhile you've been through many changes in leadership, direction, and vision.

This has taken a toll on us as many have moved, left for another church, or stopped attending any gathering at all. The current story of Calvary is unique, challenging and will take faith and courage from all of us as we move forward. We are doing what many churches don't do...tell themselves the truth. This truth telling has brought us all back together in a new space at the beginning of this year. We have looked at each other in the eyes with transparency and vulnerability.

I see first hand how God is renewing and rebuilding Calvary Church.

As we look forward, I want to challenge us all to have the mindset of a church planter while we rebuild and renew together. I will explain this tonight as we gather as one, and courageously follow God into the future He has for us.

Grace and Peace to you all,

Dale Gustafson

