# State of the Church

Love God . Love Others . Love NoVA

# State of the Church Report 2023-2024

Sunday, April 7, 2024

#### Calvary Church,

Greetings in the name of our RISEN SAVIOR, Jesus! What a joy it is to serve the body of Christ here at Calvary! Pastor Laura and I are so *incredibly grateful* for this community of faith. God has been so faithful!

What a year it has been. We rejoice over all God *has done* and is *continuing to do*. This year our church has had over 100 visitors with 46 of them choosing Calvary as their home church. We are celebrating 13 people who made a decision for to follow Jesus, 13 believers who took their next step to be baptized, and the opportunity to welcome 6 people as new members of the church.

Our Calvary Kids classrooms have more than doubled in attendance requiring us to continue to pray for more volunteers so we can open another Sunday School classroom.

Because of your faithful giving, we have been able to take care of some much-needed updates to our building including new carpet throughout the building, a new cafe floor, and updated HVAC units.

We have had the privilege of serving our community in a number of different ways this year, with a few of them being; Hypothermia Prevention Week (through Farifax County), food distribution opportunities with Annandale Terrace Elementary School, and serving with Second Story.

We continue to support global mission through the church of the Nazarene as we contribute to the Alabaster, World Mission Broadcast, and World Evangelism Fund offerings. We even partnered with our tenant, the Center for Redemptive Education, and put together shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, and additional opportunities with World Vision.

This past year, our emphasis as a church was on *stewardship*. We made intentional efforts to be good stewards of all facets of the church. We focused on stewardship in how we create, community, in the management of our finances, we have even worked to become better stewards of our land as we focused on creation care. This year alone, we have made intentional efforts to reduce waste, add recycling, and even start composting!

#### **Continued Vision**

Last year I shared vision regarding stewardship of our outdoor space and the potential of bringing Upward sports to Calvary. This would require us to level land in order to create safe playing surface for outdoor sports. In the process of adding an athletic field, we have dreams for a new pavilion structure, playground, and multi-purpose court for the exterior grounds.

This past year we began some exploratory conversations. With support of our Mason District Supervisor, we are currently working on more formal Proposal request to learn more about how we can bring our UPWARD & OUTWARD Vision to life.

We are excited as we look ahead to the future and all the Lord has in store for us as a church. We truly believe the best is yet to come!

37 He said to him, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. 38 This is the greatest and most important command. 39 The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. 40 All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands."

Matthew 22:37-40 (CSB)

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Matt



Our Mission: to make Christ-like disciples in the world.

18 Jesus came near and said to them, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

-- Matthew 28:18-20 (CSB)

**Our Vision**: to encourage people to follow Jesus by engaging them in the life and mission of the local church.

How do we go about doing this? We want to create a space where people are encouraged and equipped to grow in their relationship with God, with one another, and those in our community.

#### LOVE GOD.

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#### LOVE OTHERS.

39 The second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself. 40 All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands." -- Matthew 22:33-40 (CSB)

#### **#LOVENOVA**

#### CALVARY LEADERSHIP BOARD UPDATES

I want to take a moment to thank those who served on our Leadership Board this past year; Tom Rose, Phil Boughton, Brenda Dillman, Steve Needels, Keith Jacobs, Dan Ray, Alan Dillman, Rema Needels (NMI), and Callie Jacobs (Board Secretary).

Our Leadership board worked diligently this past year to lead Calvary forward. The board was active in approving the facility upgrades, supporting church leadership through staff transitions, providing strategy, implementing a security team/system, and overall management of church resources.

Some projects we would like to highlight are new carpet throughout the church, freshly painted walls, exterior security cameras, and new cafe flooring.

**Tenant Management:** This year began with a fresh transition from Friends Health Care to the Center for Redemptive Education (CRE). CRE continues to be a great partner and has been very supportive and great participants in helping be good stewards of the land. We are excited to continue this partner in the year to come.

We continue to rent out our facility as we our partnership with Presencia De Dios. This partnership has been a blessing to both congregations.

#### 2024-2025 Leadership Board

We also want to take a moment to welcome our new leadership board for the 2024-2025 Church calendar year. This year we are adding an NDI Supervisor that will have a place on the board and seve to help facilitate our discipleship focus.

<u>Stewards and Trustees:</u> Steve Needels, Curtis Bartell, Keith Jacobs, Tom Rose, Brenda Dillman, and Phil Boughton

NMI President: Rema Needels

NDI Supervisor: Ron Dennis

Board Secretary: Callie Jacobs

# CALVARY NEXT GENERATION MINISTRY Led by Pastor Laura Ryba

""The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy." Psalm 126:3

God is moving and working through our Next Gen Ministry, and I am excited to share what that has looked like this past year and where we are going.

Our mission for our Next Gen Ministry is to make Christ-like disciples in all the world. We do this by teaching our kids and youth to know God, love God, and live for God so that they can effectively love those in the world around them. We also strongly believe that discipleship happens in the home. Our desire is to equip parents with the tools they need to disciple their children so that we can fulfill our mission to be disciples who make disciples.

#### **Calvary Kids:**

Our Kid's Ministry is growing! Praise the Lord! We have doubled the number of preschool and elementary-aged students that attend regularly on a Sunday Morning. With that, we NEED volunteers to open another classroom. I believe God will faithfully raise up leaders to support this effort, as we minister to families. This year alone, we have added 9 NEW volunteers to support our Calvary Kids Ministry. My goal is to have each volunteer serve once a month. I hope to continue upholding this standard so that our volunteers can serve in other capacities as well.

We had several events that reached out to our community this year. Movie on the Lawn, Light Up the Night, and Christmas @ Calvary each had a prayer station and an opportunity for us to share the gospel as we rubbed shoulders with our community. We also participated in efforts to support kids both locally and globally with Back-to-School Backpacks for Second Story and Operation Christmas Child.

In July we took a group of kids to The Best Week Ever Kids Camp where I had the opportunity to be the speaker for the week. The theme was *Run with Jesus*, with a focus on Hebrews 12:1-4. They learned what it looks like to run with Jesus and to stay the course when things get hard. Several kids across the Virginia District came to faith in Jesus and many were baptized as a result of that week, one being my own daughter. Praise God!!

For the first time in many years, our Calvary Kids Quizzing has been able to form two teams in both the blue and red levels. This year our kids are studying the book of Matthew. We are grateful for the time and investment Tom Rose has put into this, as he helps our children to understand and grow in the knowledge of God. Calvary hosted a quiz meet in November and will be hosting another one in April for the final quiz meet of the year. We hope you can come out to cheer on all our quizzers!

#### **Calvary Youth:**

Wow, what a year it has been! We had two of our youth graduate this year and moved on to our Young Adults Ministry. In April our youth attended Love In Action, in which we partnered with other local Virginia District Churches in a service project and for a time of worship, teaching, and games. We will be attending again this year at the end of April. Our summer

kicked off by bringing 5 youths to Nazarene Youth Conference in Tampa, Florida. God used our church to fully fund every youth to attend. Thank you, Jesus! The theme was *Overflow*, as we focused on Romans 15:13, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Our youth also attended other Districtwide events including Ultra Camp, Mega Fest, and Winter Retreat.

This year we started our Baptism Class and had 9 of our Calvary Kids and Youth get baptized! God is working in the hearts of this generation, and I praise the Lord for the many ways we have been able to see the fruit of it!

For this next year, we are going to stay the course and continue seeking new initiatives God has for our Next Gen. Ministry. God has been so faithful, and I will continue to obediently follow His will above all else for this ministry.

#### **Get Connected:**

If you want to stay connected to what is happening with our Next Gen Ministry there is a monthly newsletter that goes out to all who subscribe. It shares upcoming events, ways to get involved, Bible Reading plans, and resources to equip students and parents in discipleship. Reach out to Pastor Laura (laura@calvary-church.org) if you would like to get connected!

#### Ways to Pray:

- Pray God will be glorified in everything we do!
- Pray for our Calvary Kids Team! They are rockstars and this ministry would not be possible without them! Pray for them to have continued strength and encouragement as they faithfully serve, care for, and share the gospel!
- Pray for more volunteers to join the Next Gen. Team. We need 2 more Calvary Kid Team members to open another classroom, though 5 would be ideal. I am also praying for God to raise up another leader to serve with our Calvary Youth.
- Pray for our upcoming events to be fruitful as we share the gospel message with our youth, kids, and others in our community.
- Pray for continued guidance and wisdom from God for this ministry.
- Pray for the weekly opportunities to share the gospel with our kids and youth. Pray their hearts and minds would be open to receive all God has for them and wants to do in and through them!

With Love, Laura Ryba

# CALVARY CONNECTION AND CARE Led by Kristin Jacobs

Connections and Care has been active helping guests and attendees to connect, engage, and growth in their discipleship journey at Calvary.

### We have joyfully received over 100 Sunday morning visitors during the last fiscal year and 46 have made Calvary their home church.

Two Life Groups were added this year and we are seeing increased participation in many Life Groups and Sunday School classes.

The ushers, greeters, and hospitality team welcomed 7 new members this year and all members have served faithfully every Sunday to create a welcoming atmosphere for all guests and attendees.

In conjunction with Life Groups and the Helping Hands team, the staff and church community has supported one another through cards, sick visits, meals, rides, and other intentional connection. We desire to increase our love and care for one another.

In an effort to reach out to our community in additional meaningful ways, we have extended our Second Story partnership to include at least quarterly visits to their crisis care facility to help maintain the building and grounds. We are also working to encourage Life Groups to create service opportunities for their members.

In support of our International Friends partnership, we have assisted 2 students with their community impact projects by collecting games for community centers and providing rides for one student to participate in the monthly food distribution. There was also one host family at Calvary that partnered with IF to engage students in Christian family life here in America through their Supper Club program.

It has been a joy to see new individuals and families join the congregation and participate in church activities, volunteer on a regular basis, and serve alongside one another. We have a very high volunteer engagement which is an incredible blessing. I hear regularly how friendly and welcoming our church is and how we seem to truly love and enjoy one another. To God be the glory.

This next year, I look forward to refining our processes for connection so that we are intentional and efficient in meeting needs and moving each person along in their discipleship journey, engaging with their community, and growing in the grace and knowledge of our savior. I am excited to not only increase our attendance but to have each person grow deeper in their love for God and one another.

# CALVARY WORSHIP MINISTRY Led by Cyndi Frame

As we reflect on the past year within our Worship Ministry, I wanted to share significant insights and updates with you.

#### **Worship Services:**

The theme for our team is found in Romans 12:1-2 (CSB) ... 'Therefore, brothers and sisters, in view of the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship.'

Our worship services have continued to be a focal point for our congregation's spiritual growth and strengthening community engagement. We continue to adapt to ensure that our services remain accessible and impactful for everyone to feel connected and participatory whether they are tuning in from their homes or attending in person. Combining our in-person gatherings with live streaming capabilities has allowed us to reach a broader audience and strengthen our technical skillset for quality programming.

The music selection for our worship services has included over 106 unique songs of praise and worship and includes fifty new tunes introduced to Calvary Church. Our team is continually amazed with the congregation's response to learn, to engage and to participate in our weekly worship segments. We have provided an all-inclusive Spotify worship playlist and weekly social media posts to make those selections available to the people for use in private worship or to prepare for our corporate gatherings. We hope you will access these resourceful tools as you actively engage with us each Sunday.

#### **Creative Expression:**

Creativity continues to be a driving force in our worship ministry. We have explored a variety of musical styles and continue to experiment with lighting and multimedia elements to enhance the worship experience. Our goal is to create a dynamic and inclusive environment where people from diverse backgrounds can encounter God in meaningful ways. There will be a concerted effort in this next year to insert visual arts and other innovative methods of honoring God and offering sacrifices of praise.

#### **Worship Team Dynamics:**

The development and well-being of our worship team members have been a priority through regular rehearsal sessions and team meetings, fostering both musical excellence and spiritual growth. Additionally, we have encouraged open communication and feedback to ensure that everyone feels valued and supported in their roles. It has been truly inspiring to observe the camaraderie and encouragement that our team members continue to demonstrate towards one another.

#### **Highlights:**

- Our Sunday gatherings as a team have been spent in both practice and prayer together
  in preparation for the service. We are collectively working through a devotional based
  on the 'Experiencing the Power of the Names of God' by Tony Evans and soon will be
  discussing chapters of 'How to Worship a King' by Zach Neese.
- We invested in personal audio monitoring and amplification upgrades which contribute to the quality experience of our worship team on the stage.

- We have twenty-one skilled vocalists and instrumentalists who are dedicated to this volunteer team. We added six new people to the roster in the past year with hopes of auditioning and integrating more individuals in 2024.
- We currently have a 97.2% acceptance rate in our Planning Center for volunteerism.
   This is outstanding for churches of any size and specifically for our current congregation. A majority of our worship team members also serve in other ministries and have a prominent level of commitment to the overall mission of the church to love God, love others and love NoVA.

#### **Community Engagement:**

Our worship department has been actively involved in preparing for outreach and community engagement initiatives including the regular Christmas and Easter seasons plus our Encounter weekend and upcoming worship events in 2024. We are grateful for the worship team members who are graciously committed to serve as we extend the impact of our ministry beyond the walls of our church.

#### **Challenges and Opportunities:**

While we have made considerable progress over the past year updating equipment, organizing storage spaces, and building an operating foundation, we recognize that there are still challenges and opportunities ahead for greater efficiency, musical upskilling, and artistic creativity. The desire to be respectful, relevant, and relatable and evolving technological landscapes all present unique challenges that we must navigate with wisdom and discernment. However, we also see these challenges as opportunities for growth, innovation, and deeper reliance on God's grace and guidance.

#### Personally:

I am grateful for the dedication and passion of everyone involved in our worship ministry and certainly thankful for the opportunity to lead this team again at Calvary. Together, we have celebrated exciting and meaningful moments in our worship services and will continue to pursue excellence in our service to God and His people. As we look to the future, let us remain steadfast in our commitment to worshiping God in spirit and in truth, fostering meaningful worship experiences and nurturing spiritual growth within our community.

Cyndi Frame Worship Director

# CALVARY CREATIVE TEAM Led by Jim Trammell

#### **NVCC Outreach Activities to date:**

This year, Calvary continues to partner with International Friends especially as we go deeper in loving God, loving others and loving Northern Virginia. Here are some highlights:

Supper Club: Calvary hosted the kickoff the Supper Club this year on 9//17/24. Supper Club is a fun opportunity to welcome and get to know students from around the world while sharing a casual meal in your home. We had about 50 in attendance.

IF Thanksgiving Dinner: Calvary continues to do one our favor outreach event "The Thanksgiving Dinner." Calvary came through and provided a Thanksgiving Dinner to about 60+ students. The students were very thankful.

#### **Tech Team**

The vision of Calvary Church is to Love God, Love others and Love NoVA. With that in mind, and since NOVA Annadale campus is just up the street from us, we offer an internship program where students can gain hands-on practical experience with running tech for our Sunday morning service. Students learn the basics of sound, lights, video, and camera work. The experience will include basic theory, hands on setup and live application.

The internship program is set up in a way where students can receive intern hours. In addition, for more formal arrangements, Calvary is open to adapting to formal needs of the students in terms of classroom or capstone projects.

We have several students join us on Sunday morning, learning about sound, video, cameras and lights.

In addition, this year the Team Tech working with Cyndi and our worship team with small updates. Some of those updates were: New In-ear system for singers and musicians. Additional equipment enhancing the sound board, new microphone components.

In His Service, Jim Trammell

# CALVARY EVANGELISM Led by Eduardo Del Valle

The Calvary staff organizes and leads a series of evangelistic events throughout the year. This outreach focuses on different communities and age populations. Among them are: Second Story; a non-profit organization serving at-risk teens in Fairfax County, Hypothermia week; a collaboration with a local nonprofit to serve the homeless and provide shelter for a week from the cold weather in January. Among other outreach events are Christmas at Calvary; open to the community to celebrate the love of Jesus during Christmas, International Friends
Thanksgiving Dinner; a collaboration with IF Ministries to share a Thanksgiving meal with collegiate international students attending NOVA Community College. Another collab with International Friends is the Supper Club. Here, families from Calvary have offered to open their homes to receive international students and share with them about our American culture with the hope to also speak about our faith in Christ. Among other events are Light up the night; a community event focused on sharing the light of Jesus with children and their families in the mist of the secular Halloween celebration. Another outreach initiative is to help Annandale Terrace Elementary with their monthly food distribution for their school community

(mostly immigrants and living in poverty). Other events that have attracted community members have been the Volleyball Open Play, the children Movie Nights we had back in August, and the Back-to-School backpacks party at the end of a service. Again, all these are initiatives from Pastors Matt and Laura to reach out to our close neighbors and abroad.

Regarding my own personal involvement, I have participated in many of these events providing support. One of the best opportunities to make connections has been the "lawn" events" like Light Up the Night and the Movie Nights. These provide opportunities to meet people and engage in conversation. Regarding education and learning engagement I have been reading the book "The Art of Neighboring," which will be used to guide conversations during our spring 2024 Potluck and Prayer meetings. This with the focus to collaborate with the Pastoral staff on the vision and mission to reach our Annandale community and expand throughout Fairfax County. Part of this is my "living on mission" lifestyle as I pray and seek for opportunities to engage with others at work, neighborhood and wherever God takes me. Also, the sharing of testimonies about life happenings and highlight how I see God's hand at work daily. I have had the opportunity to share testimonies during our Potluck & Prayer, Sunday Services, Life Groups, and Church Staff Meetings. Daily sharing about faith at work, neighborhood, church, family, and strangers is something I pursue daily. Witnessing outside of church is the daily goal. That somehow, I will get the opportunity to share my faith in Jesus, and what God has done in my life. This past year I have had the opportunity to share my faith with neighbors and strangers walking by the front of my house. The fall provided the chance to be out in front of the house constantly raking leaves, which provided a chance to connect with people as they walked by. Among these I will highlight meeting Mia and Moses, two grade level neighbor kiddos, who started talking to me after I intervened with them in a sibling guarrel about using one bicycle. Telling them about the love that Jesus has for us helped them to not only resolved that conflictive moment among themselves, but also get to know me and what I do. Another testimony happened at work when, by serving his counseling goals, was able to share my faith with senior high school student Franklyn. We became acquainted in such a way that we still communicate, well after he graduated in the summer of 2023.

Other outreach events I have been involved in came through invitations to preach at three events outside of Calvary. Two of them were Sunday messages given at Rock Grove Church in Glenville, WV, and Arlington Hispanic Baptist in Arlington, VA. The messages prompted us all to pursue holiness and dare to let others know about what Christ has been doing in our lives. I also preached at the Glenville State University - Campus Revival, organized by the Baptist Churches in Glenville, West Virginia.

Among other growing activities I attended the District's ManCamp 2023 for the first time. This was an opportunity to continue deepening relationships with brothers from Calvary and meet other brothers from the Virginia district. I am also excited to collaborate with Pastor's Matt's in his vision to reach out to others with the gospel right within our communities. For this we will be sharing from the book "The Art of Neighboring" by Jay Pathak and David Runyon. This book talks about the experiences of these two church leaders and their families on how they focused on contacting immediate neighbors, started relationship through serving and sharing life, which often trickled into opportunities to share the good news of the gospel.

Prayer priorities:

- For Calvary's members, that a new drive (from the (Holy Spirit) will be quicken in each
  of us to be witnesses of Jesus wherever God has us working, living, studying, and doing
  life with.
- That we continue to pursue the inserting of opportunities in our services for the church
  to share witnessing experiences I pray that in every meeting (staff, leaders, board,
  Sunday service, Potluck & Prayer, handing food at ATE, picnics and fellowship events)
  we offer people to share a word of a testimony on what God has been doing in them,
  and through them.
- That the going over The Art of Neighboring in our P&Ps provokes a lasting hunger in people to know their neighbors, and to reach out to them with the love of Jesus.
- That I get the strength and physical healing from the Lord I need so I can better focus and lead in this area.
- That my life, and my marriage be an example of how witnessing for Jesus needs to be at the core of our daily living and be in our prayer stone altar every day – praying for people to get saved by name.

#### NMI - MISSIONS Led by Rema Needels

When I was growing up, we walked three miles each way to Church. What a blessing one Sunday I will always remember I was 13 years old and when we got to Church right before Sunday School, we had some new people up front. I was told they were missionaries. What a blessing I received from the speaker after that I could only think of our Missionaries.

When I was 18, I moved to Ohio with my sister that lived there and after about two weeks the Nazarene Church I was going to asked me to help with the Missions services. After that I started doing whatever she wanted me to do.

While living in Korea I got very keyed in with our Missionaries and my journey in missions started then. Many years later I came to Calvary. In 1991 Pastor Mark Powell called me and ask me to be the Mission's President and I told him I need to pray and talk it over with my husband. I prayed a lot as we said, yes.

I will always love the missionaries that are around the world doing work for Jesus. Our Alabaster Offering has been a blessing, Faith Promise is a real treat, we never know what we will eat! Jean Spauling and Jackie Rose were my helpers for years and often we get very good support for our offering over the year. As far as I know we have always met our goals.

# YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY Led by Rev. Will Horton

Over this past year, Pastor Matt, Laura, and the Annandale Calvary Church started a newly focused ministry to the Young Adults, usually those under 35. The Sunday Morning Worship service averages between 25 and 30 in attendance (married and single). They participate in a variety of Sunday School classes and average between eight and 12 on Tuesday nights for a deep dive into God's Word. The Tuesday night Biblical focus over this year was on the books of James and Ecclesiastes sprinkled with some Biblical leadership principles and a synopsis of Pastor Matt's sermons.

Many young adults actively serve the church in various areas to include audio/visual tech support, Potluck and Prayer, greeters, Calvary Kids leaders, and other churchwide annual events.

Approximately once a month, they enjoy planned group fellowships such as game nights and other inexpensive fun activities to develop community relationships with new visitors and deepen friendship ties with those in the group.

This past year, five of our Young Adults participated in the VA District Young Adult Retreat, Mosaic, and plan to attend again this coming summer. Several of the young adult participated in both the District Man Camp and Calvary's Women's Ministry. The Young Adult Group continues to "Go" into their worlds to invite others to know Jesus while they also continue to "Grow" in their spiritual maturity toward holy living. They deeply appreciate the church and the many individuals who've come alongside to encourage them to strengthen and live their personal faith.

#### **WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

#### Led by Bunni Cooper & Lyssa Michels

**Mission Statement:** To become full and complete women of God, ministering to the women of Calvary Church as well as reaching those outside the church community, bringing love, hope, and encouragement. **Our motto** is "Hearts in Hands Reaching Others."

This past church year, the CWF council wanted to create events that focused on bringing the ladies together for primarily fellowship and to foster community among the ladies of Calvary Church. To do this, we offered several activities throughout the church year.

Starting in September and for the first time, our CWF offered a "pottery" night at the Clay Café in Falls Church. We believe that it was very successful. Several new ladies from the church joined us for this event. They had an opportunity to become acquainted with several ladies who regularly attend Calvary and who attend our Women's Ministry events. These "new" invitees are now attending Calvary Church and are involved in some of our ministries.

This year, after much thought and prayer, the Calvary Women's Fellowship October retreat was held at the church. It was a one-day conference; our speaker was Priscilla Shi who has spoken several times at our Fall Retreats as well as several of our one-day conferences. Priscilla spoke on "His Heart in the Garden." It was an amazing time of praise and worship, and God was present.

December is an exciting time at Calvary Church. One of our favorite events is the festive Christmas Tea that is sponsored by Calvary Women's Fellowship. Many first-time guests said that they felt they were at a "high tea", which is always nice to hear. Tea sandwiches were served along with scones and clotted cream. We also served a variety of Christmas cookies, and the treats were plentiful. Instead of having a guest speaker as we usually do, the council members shared various scriptures that centered around not only the birth of Christ, but who He really is, and how we as followers of Christ can live lives that show others who He is.

In February, we once again had our **Chocolate** event where the ladies brought in their favorite chocolate treats. Oh my! There were so many different types of chocolate that were available. For this event, the ladies brought in donations of feminine hygiene products that were delivered to a non-profit organization called "Second Story." Our own Christine Bartell, who works for Second Story, shared with us the purpose of this organization. She explained that Second Story provides housing, counseling, and life skills support for homeless teens, teens in crisis, and those who have experienced abuse including pregnant teens and young women parenting their children. We have established a connection with her as to how CWF can continue to support them in the future. We ended this fun event by watching an I Love Lucy episode called "Lucy and Ethel at the Chocolate Factory."

Finally, every month we send a message, scriptures by day, prayer prompts, and stickers for journaling from the Prayerful Planner via email. We also have hard copies available in the church lobby. Our goal is to encourage our women to seek the Lord, get in His word, and pray.

Calvary Women's Fellowship wants to continue offering events to help strengthen the relationship of the women of Calvary Church with one another, with God, and with our community. If you are interested in working with the CWF Council, please contact the Church Office or any one of the current CWF Council members: Bunni Cooper, Lyssa Michels, Linda Adkins, Yamalie Rodriguez, Melanie Needels.

Blessings, Calvary Women's Fellowship

# MEN'S MINISTRY Led by Keith Jacobs

It has been great meeting with Ron Dennis, Scott Douglas, Dale Lewis and Carlos Barrera this past year for our Men's Life Group. We have undertaken several studies and are currently finishing up on a book called the Man of God by Jack Graham. These men are growing closer to the Lord and we encourage each other to grow closer to Christ.

Some of the Events held for the Men of Calvary throughout the year were:

Men's Retreat - 09/17-17/24 Men's Group Dinner - 12/19/23 Hypothermia Week Service - 01/09/24 Young Adults Group Meeting - 03/12/24

We unfortunately had to cancel the annual picnic because the day we had it scheduled was one of the hottest "code red" days as far as the heat was concerned. We hope to find a suitable time this year to do it.

We have welcomed to our group -

- 1. Carlos Barrera
- 2. Scott Drinkall

Pray for our group to continue to draw closer to the Lord and specifically in our prayer lives. Excited about the Men's meeting in October of 2024 and look forward to continue to interact with the young men at church.

#### **PRAYER MINISTRIES**

#### Led by Doreen Trammell & Trudy Poole

The Lord has given us faithful pastors and staff who have a vision for prayer and host Potluck & Prayer the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month. If you have not joined, make sure to attend when you can. These meetings are a great time for coming around the table with fellowship, reflection, and prayer.

We also love Matt and Laura's vision for various prayer activities we have helped with this last year. These include a prayer tent during events like Light up the Night, a prayer room during the Encounter Weekend and other ways they weave prayer into events at Calvary.

We have ten people on our prayer team and weekly, two of them pray over the Sunday gathering. Pastor has asked us to come, when able, 30 minutes before the service to silently pray and join people at the rail during the service. We will ask "Would you like us to pray with you or pray silently?" This gives people the choice to either connect with the Lord in their own mind with us interceding silently or have us pray aloud for them. Our team also provides prayer cover for special services and events.

This last year two of our prayer ministers, trained in healing prayer, met with an individual for a 90-minute personal prayer appointment. Healing comes in many forms which includes physical, emotional, spiritual, past trauma, relational, generational healing as well as deliverance. Please contact the church office to request an individual prayer appointment. Jesus is alive and still working today.

We also have two people that pray every day for two weeks for requests that come in via the website. This church fiscal year they prayed for 149 confidential requests! If you or someone

you know would like a team to pray confidentially every day for two weeks, please sign up to receive Calvary's e-news and use the link that comes each week via email.

If you feel called to be a part of our prayer team, we have many different roles. We look forward to all the amazing things God will lead us through individually and corporately in the days ahead and all the healings (whether physical, spiritual, emotional, relational, or generational) that the Lord has in store for our church and our people. When the Lord sets us free, we are free indeed!

Doreen Trammell & Trudy Poole

Calvary Prayer Ministries Co-Leads

#### **HELPING HANDS**

#### Led by Linda Adkins

Helping Hands is unique to Calvary with a mission to show the love of Jesus in some very practical ways to the Calvary Church family.

The services which we offer for short term help are as follows:

- Meals prepared and delivered-
- Visits to homes or care facilities
- Light housework
- Light yard work
- Short term emergency childcare
- Transportation to and from doctor visits
- Pet Care
- Grocery shopping
- Prescription pick up

We provide help as requested with church events as well.

We have added some new members to the team: Israel Martinez, Wayne Ice Jr., Beatrice Brown, Kimberly Costa, And Kathleen Rose's class from Oakton HS.

Other members of our team include - Tom Adkins, Tom Rose, Judy and Dick Scott, Rema Needels, & Alejandra Sorto, Mary Lynn Snowman, and Linda Adkins.

Because of this great help (multiple lasagnas from Kathleen's class) we have only required one cooking session this year.

Here is a summary of a few of our services this year:

- 70 Meals
- 35 visits.
- 7 rides (there have been a number of miscellaneous "helps" such as jump starting a car, and treatments for pain)

Our Life groups often serve to meet needs more immediately and as we get referrals from the congregation, from folks within the church who have a need, and from the staff, we do our best to respond. If you find yourself in need, please let us know!

With love to all-Mary Lynn Snowman Linda Adkins Co-chair of HH

## **EVENTS TEAM (Funerals/Weddings) Led by Kyle Sutton**

Thus far, the Events Team has supported Calvary families at a time of loss. The events team is committed to serving the Calvary community humbly, efficiently, and effectively as families transition through a time of grief and celebration. Our team provides the opportunity to celebrate their family members through sharing a meal with family and friends. However, we will be hosting a wedding in June which will be an event filled with joy and celebration.

Every event is unique and fulfills multiple needs. During funerals, we support the family by providing comfort through a meal with items the family chooses from select menu items, as well as additional planning for the layout of the sanctuary and number of tables needed based on the number of guests.

The Events Team has an abundance of support from congregation members, and as we perfect the process, I would ask that prayer be lifted for continued support.

#### **Calvary Church of the Nazarene: FY24 Finance Report**

#### Greetings:

Attached please find the FY24 Financial Report for Calvary Church of the Nazarene. This report includes the preliminary financial results for the 11-month financial reporting period of APRIL 2023 – FEBRUARY 2024

#### **FY24 vs FY23 Financial Comparison**

Category	FY24 (as of 2/29/24 – 11 Months)	FY23 (as of 2/28/23 – <mark>11 Months</mark> )		
Giving				
Total Giving	\$702,847	\$568,772		
World Evangelism Giving	\$ 39,072 <sup>1</sup>	\$ 43,376 4		
Operating Giving / Misc. Income / Building Rent	\$651,288	\$521,213		
Tithes & Offerings	\$566,204	\$425,989 <b>\$ 8,875 (48 weeks)</b>		
Tithes / Offerings Weekly Average	\$ 11,796 (48 weeks)			
Expense				
Total Expense	\$590,592	\$519,575		
World Evangelism / Local Missions Expense	\$ 20,897 <sup>2</sup>	\$ 22,023 5		
Operating Expense	\$561,605	\$489,195 6		
Net Giving				
Total Net Ordinary Income	\$112,255	\$49,196		
Total Net Operating Income	\$ 89,683	\$32,017		
Total Capital Expenditures	\$ 33,766³	\$1,175 <sup>6</sup>		

#### **NOTES:**

#### FY24 (as of 11 months ending 2/29/24):

- 1 Includes \$34,978 Faith Promise Giving
- <sup>2</sup> Includes \$17,597 World Evangelism Denominational Obligation Expense
- <sup>3</sup> Includes \$33,766 in Capital Improvement Expenditures approved by the Finance Team and/or Church Board as applicable

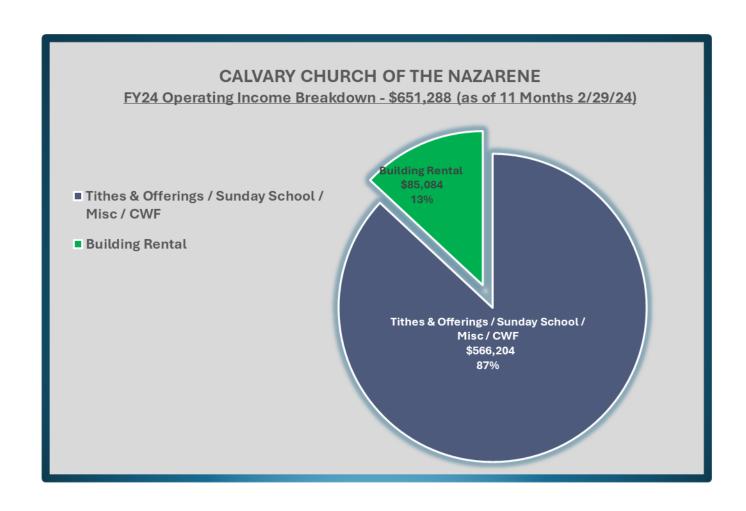
#### FY23 (as of 11 months ending 2/28/23):

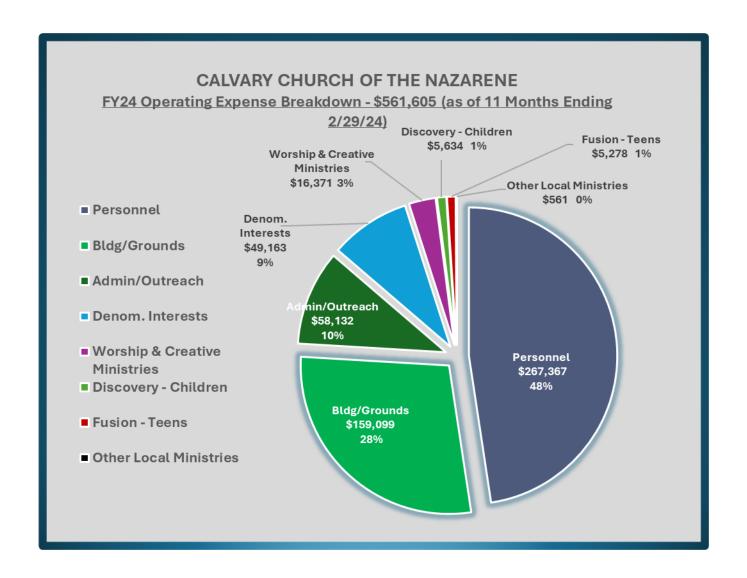
- Includes \$31,390 Faith Promise Giving
- Includes \$10,000 World Evangelism Denominational Obligation Expense
- Includes \$1,175 in Capital Improvement Expenditures approved by the Finance Team and/or Church Board as applicable

#### **Calvary Church of the Nazarene: FY24 Finance Report**

#### **FY24** Budget versus Actual Results

Category	FY24 Budget (11 Months)	FY24 Actual (11 Months)	
Total Giving / Income	\$476,250	\$702,847 (includes \$39k World Evangelism Giving)	
Total Expense	\$478,130	\$590,592 (includes \$21k World Evangelism Expense)	
Total Net Ordinary Income	(\$1,880)	\$112,255	
Total Operating Giving / Income	\$476,250	\$651,288	
Total Operating Expense	\$478,130	\$561,605	
<b>Total Net Operating Income</b>	(\$1,880)	\$89,683	
Total Tithes/Offerings	\$408,000	\$566,204	
Average Weekly Tithes/Offerings	\$8,500/week	\$11,796/week	





#### 7 Year Debt Balance Comparison and Trend

Debt Category	FY24	FY23	FY22	FY21	FY20	FY19	FY18
First Mortgage	TBD	\$701,556	\$729,589	\$759,028	\$787,089	\$813,737	\$837,221
Total Debt	TBD	\$701,556	\$729,589	\$759,028	\$787,089	\$813,737	\$837,221

#### 8 Year Total Tithes/Offerings Giving Comparison and Trend\*

	FY24 (10 Months)	FY23	FY22	FY21	FY20	FY19	FY18	FY17
Tithes/Offerings	\$566,204	\$461,519	\$424,970	\$432,188	\$391,906	\$389,067	\$406,846	\$435,238
Weekly Average	\$11,796	\$8,875	\$8,173	\$8,311	\$7,537	\$7,482	\$7,824	\$8,370

#### **Calvary Church of the Nazarene: FY24 Finance Report**

Many thanks are extended to the *Calvary Church of the Nazarene Finance Team* including Steve Needels, Tom Adkins, Phil Boughton and Lezlie Mann (our Accountant), as well as to Pastor Matt Ryba, for their ongoing support and commitment to our church.

Brenda Dillman Calvary Church of the Nazarene Finance Chair, FY24