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2020-2021
ANNUAL REPORT



Generosity is . . .



immeasurable and complete joy
unhurried and purposed
empathy in motion
when your heart breaks and hands open
moving from apathy to empathy
emptying yourself but never being emptied
speaking for the voiceless and outcast
intentional presence
taking a stand
loving others like Jesus
the overflow of what God gave us

DESIGN ON PURPOSE:

Much like tiled patterns of cathedrals, pottery, and fabrics, the resiliency of the church is seen in the story of the gospel, which crosses cultural boundaries, thrives under persecution, and passes down traditions from generation to generation. This report was designed to reflect the beauty seen in art and architecture around the world, representing the stories of church resiliency, from past to present.

We all love things that are built to last—things that can withstand harsh conditions and intense pressure. We want a phone that won't crack every time it's dropped, homes that can endure hurricanes, and planes that can handle turbulence at 30,000 feet going 550 miles per hour. We love a good cast iron skillet because it can last for generations, handle just about anything, and be brought back from even the worst treatment.



For more than 2,000 years, the Church—which was started and is sustained by Jesus Christ—has endured every kind of persecution, pandemic, trial, tribulation, setback, and struggle.

And over this last year, we were able to *witness* and *experience* firsthand the resilience of God's people as our routine of "church" was shaken up in many ways. We saw Hebrews 10:39 (NIV) in action, which tells us, "We do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved."

Thank you, Calvary family, for not shrinking back and allowing yourselves to be overcome by a year of unrest. Truthfully, we were all stretched from different angles. But through the work of God in our church, city, and world, and through the generosity of faithful men and women like you, not only did Calvary Chapel survive, but we were able to reach *more* people with the gospel and the hope of Jesus than we could have possibly imagined!

And the most amazing thing is that the stories just keep coming in every day of the great things God is doing! Inside this year's annual report, you'll read powerful stories and statistics that show God's faithfulness as He's blessed and multiplied your generosity and demonstrated to all the world the resiliency of His Church.

Our hope is as you read through this report, you would reflect on the last year and consider how the Lord has been, is, and will continue to use all the bending, stretching, and pressing you've endured to empower you to walk in His purposes and fulfill your calling. And we pray you would cling to the words of Hebrews 10:36 (NLT), which declares that as we continue to endure and do His will, we "will receive all that he has promised."

We love you, we're grateful to be on this journey with you, and we're praying for you to walk firm and be resilient this year!

In Christ,

Pastor Doug and Suzanne Sauder

Re·sil·ient
adjective

- able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
- able to spring back after bending, stretching, or being pressed

Because you gave . . .

WE DID THIS TOGETHER!



FOLLOW THE STORY OF RESILIENCY

We believe generosity is an act of worship that changes people's lives forever. And this year, we're simply amazed by all God has done through your giving.

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Throughout the highs and lows, and everywhere in between, our God has been faithful! He's proven His faithfulness time and time again, but we really got to see it in new ways this year—through and around our church, the cities and communities we serve, Vision 2023, and so much more!



SINCE JULY 2020 . . .

LIVES CHANGED FOREVER

- **418** people started a relationship with Jesus.
 - **714** people rededicated their lives to Jesus.
 - **63** people publicly declared their faith through baptism.
 - About **13,000** people from around the world worshipped with Calvary online each week.
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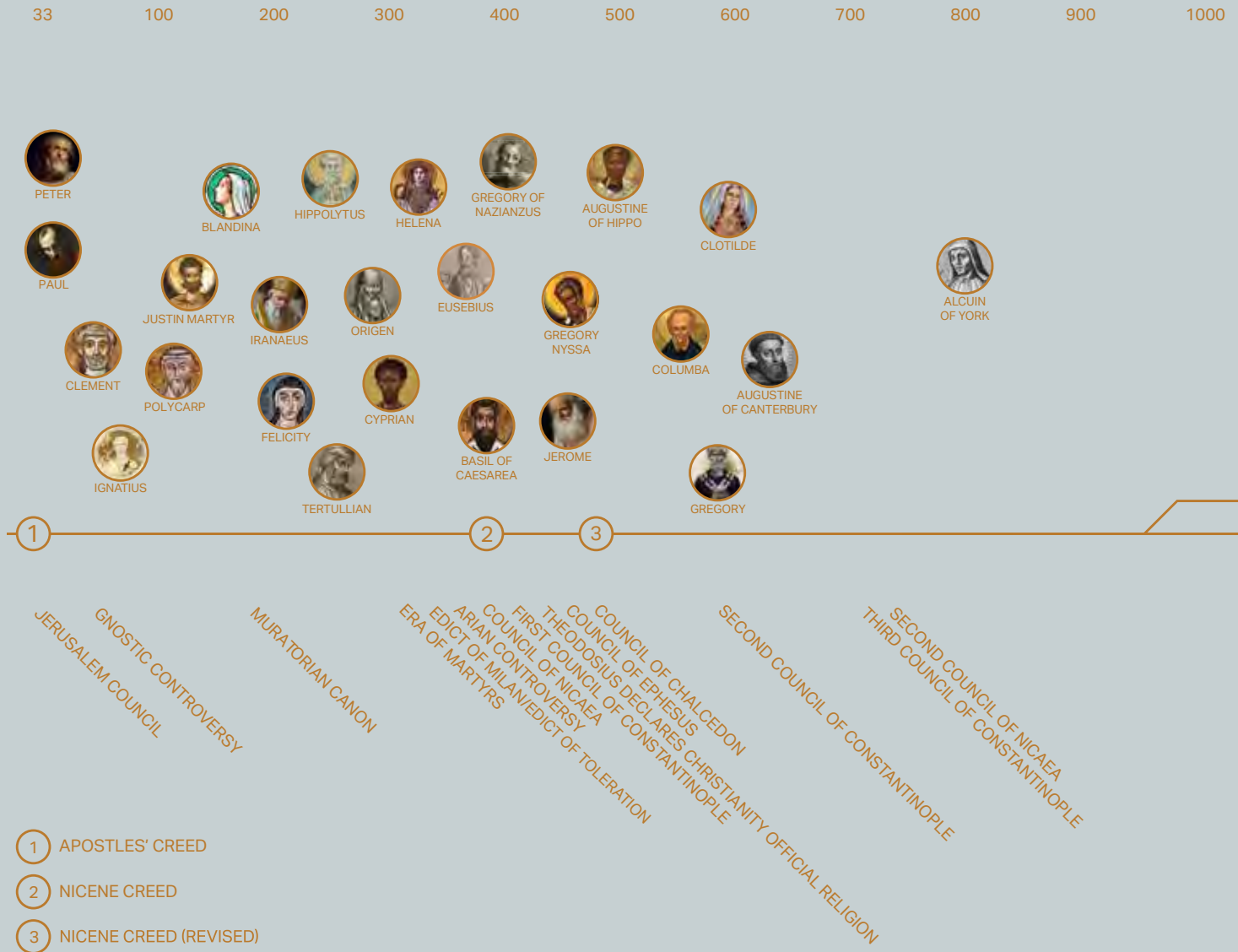
REVIVAL THROUGH PRAYER

- Thousands of people joined together weekly online for morning prayer sessions.
 - For every morning prayer video, there were about **1,000** views on Facebook and **500** views on YouTube.
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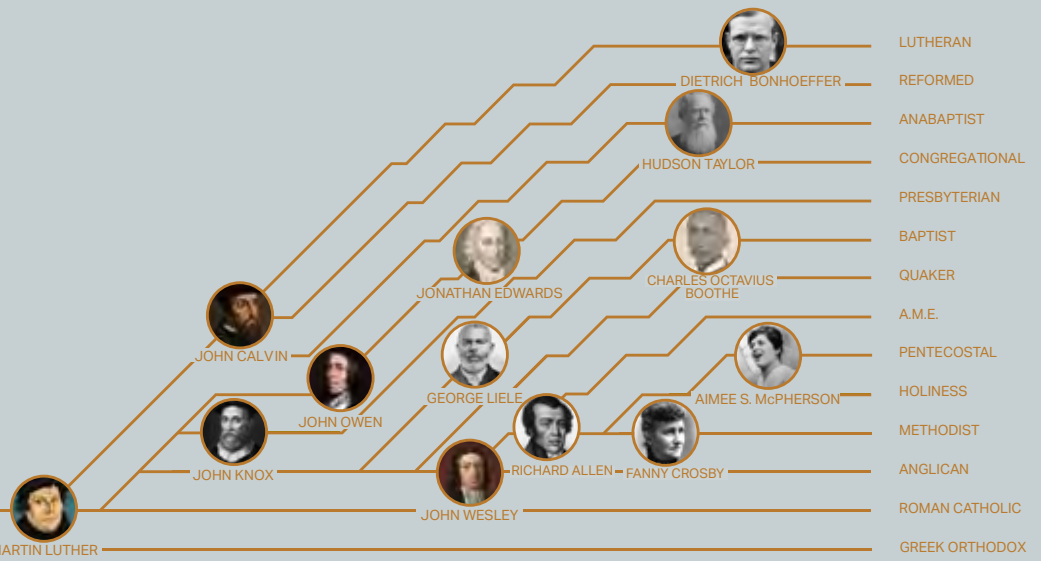
BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS AND GROWING TOGETHER

- **9,486** people experienced community in groups.
 - **780** groups met regularly around South Florida (some in person and some online), ranging from kids to married couples to groups for young adults and senior adults, to special interest groups like fitness, fishing, business, and everything in between!
 - **270** people completed the Connect Experience (in person or online), which was offered in two different languages!
 - **9,759** people joined one of 33 classes offered between Fall 2020 and Spring 2021, including a special racial reconciliation course held in the Fort Lauderdale sanctuary.
 - In 2021, **99** people participated in Alpha through a variety of venues in South Florida, including a coffee house, recovery center, community center, and even through online Virtual Reality (VR)!
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Resiliency of the Church: A Historical Timeline



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LUTHER'S 95 THESES

GREAT AWAKENING
METHODIST CONFERENCE FORMED

FORMATION OF A.M.E.
EDINBURGH CONFERENCE
AZUSA STREET REVIVAL

DEAD SEA SCROLLS
WYCLIFFE TRANSLATORS

Throughout this piece, you'll find several highlights of key figures in the history of the Church. These resilient men and women have been used by the Lord to do amazing things, and we hope their stories inspire you!



TAKING GROUND

Stories from Our Newest Campuses



A New Home for Calvary Chapel Parkland

After holding worship services in a school and then being displaced due to COVID-19 and temporarily having to meet in a movie theater, on July 11, 2021, Calvary Chapel Parkland began holding services at their new location! Thanks to *your generosity* and *your passion* to reach more people in your community, this new location has been possible!

Over the last two years, God's been moving in such an amazing way at our Parkland campus. Looking back from how we began as a Bible study in a community clubhouse and then a coffee shop, to becoming a church campus that has now met in four locations (Westglades Middle School, His Caring Place, the Marriott, and Silverspot Theater), it's clear that everything has been a part of His plan to reach more people! God has provided our newest location so we can reach not just Parkland, but also Coconut Creek, Coral Springs, and the North Broward County region. As we worked with realtors to find a space, it was God who provided this place. As I was coming home from Orlando with my family, we stopped by a Chick-Fil-A. In that shopping center, I saw a lease sign on what used to be a church building. I notified one of the realtors, and God did the rest of the work. I believe it worked out this way so only He can get the glory. Our team looks forward to seeing how God will use us to continue to reach our community and change our world with a space that enables us to offer even more ministry opportunities!

—Pastor Steve Daigle, Calvary Chapel Parkland



Fighting for Justice: North Miami Turns Three!



Having blown past the two-year mark, Calvary Chapel North Miami is well on its way to year three. God is moving in North Miami and mobilizing the church to propel God's heart for justice in the community!

Over the past two years, our campus has experienced exponential fruit as a 100% volunteer-led campus! Since our inception, we've seen 60 proclamations of faith, have raised up new leaders, and have multiple discipleship groups in effect. In the height of a polarizing season, we launched The Imago Dei Initiative in an effort to disciple our congregation in the area of holistic biblical justice from womb to tomb. This initiative avoids the temptation of 'selective dignity' and reaches across the wide spectrum of justice to ensure equal attention is given to all issues of injustice. Part of the initiative is our Civic Engagement Team whose goal is to mobilize our church to care for the public square and civic space of Miami Gardens and the issues that matter most in our city. Another major effort we aspire to achieve as we reach our community is to aid the Miami Gardens City Council and Police Department in decreasing gun violence and helping with initiatives that will propel the church and the community into action and serve those at risk. Our goal is to be the Church in these hard areas, and we've already solidified a partnership to work toward this end! —Pastor Darren Bennett, Calvary Chapel North Miami

Want to learn more about biblical justice? Scan the QR code.



New Campus Alert: Launching Calvary Chapel Pembroke Pines!

Did you know Pembroke Pines is the second largest city in Broward County, yet the presence of churches and church attendance is lower than the rest of the county? Launching this year, Calvary Chapel Pembroke Pines will be planted to reach a large and diverse community with the gospel.

Please join in praying for the Pembroke Pines Church Planting Team as they seek to bring the hope the gospel gives by . . .

- Planting a Bible-based and service-driven church
- Strengthening marriages
- Being a light in their city through benevolence
- Reproducing fully-devoted followers of Jesus Christ

Besides growing up within miles of Pembroke Pines and having a heart to reach the diverse community located in the area, there recently has been an uptick in murders and suicides involving families that does nothing but break our hearts, as well as God's. We feel called to share the message of the gospel of Jesus Christ to our city, knowing He is the only one who can bring healing and purpose.

—Jonathan Gomez, Calvary Chapel Pembroke Pines church planter

*You can be part of the work God is doing at our campuses.
Here are two ways you can participate:*

PRAY: Devote time each week for the last few months of the year to pray for what God is doing at all our campuses—that they would continue to impact communities, help those in need, provide hope to those who are hurting, and share the gospel that changes lives!

GIVE: Feel inspired to help take new ground for the gospel and want to help support the work of the church financially? Want to invest in new campuses, physical and digital spaces, and leadership development? To help meet the needs across our locations or get everything in place for the next one, visit CalvaryFTL.org/Give and select the **"Kingdom Builders"** fund.

HOPE & RELIEF

Your generosity provided hope and relief in our community!



On July 1, Calvary went to the city of Surfside to serve meals to **450+** first responders, including rescue workers, police officers, fire fighters, and more. In total, over **\$20,000** was collected to assist in the wake of the building collapse.



Over this last year . . .

30 plastic dividers were provided and used on tables in activity or dining rooms in nursing homes. These are being used to keep residents at a safe distance from each other during visits and while eating in common areas.

23 brand new hospital beds were delivered to three local nursing homes.

20 sermon videos produced by the Media Team were used to create and distribute more than **660** DVDs to **12** different elderly care facilities.



38 seniors in our church were blessed as essentials and food bags were delivered to their homes.

A Letter from the Lifestyle Director at Sonata Coconut Creek

First of all, I want to thank Calvary Chapel for all they've done for our residents at Sonata Coconut Creek, both before and during Covid-19. It's such a pleasure to meet people who have the same values, excellence, compassion, charisma, and, above all, love for our residents.

To begin, I want to mention and highlight the performance of volunteer, Bill Reinhardt, and the church group that has attended every Sunday for the past three years. This group not only allows residents to enjoy religious services, but they also bring music, gifts, connect with residents as if they were part of their family, and always highlights the work of our employees. They also have the empathy to listen to them, show affection, and, most importantly, to be consistently present.

Late last year, we were allowed to open the dining rooms thanks to the plastic shields Calvary Chapel donated to us. A special thanks to Juan Gallo from Heart to Heart, Pastor Jym Kay, and the Calvary Chapel team for making this possible. You have no idea how difficult it was for our residents, and the impact the dividers made was such an amazing gift!

I must explain that residents had been eating in their rooms since March. They could only go out to the hallway area for activities. They didn't have the opportunity to speak or interact with other residents without supervision. You all gave them the opportunity to get back together. This has not only helped them to interact and socialize, but it also helped them to avoid weight loss and depression due to isolation. These shields have been a great help to our community!

We feel privileged because there are other Sonata communities where residents must still eat in their rooms. For that and more, thanks for the love you showed towards our community at Sonata Coconut Creek.

Thank you!

Ilenes

Those who contend with you will be as nothing and will perish.
12 "You will seek those who quarrel with you, but will not find them,
Those who war with you will be as nothing, and non-existent
13 "For I am the hand,
Who says
14 "Who says
15 "Who says
12 Ps. 17:14; Job 20:7-9; Ps. 57:35, 36
13 Ps. 42:6; 45:1
their kind, and that it...



Calvary Chapel LEADERSHIP
ELDON HAAG
Deacon

calvary chapel fort lauderdale
VOLUNTEER
Eldon
Haag
Deacon

how many ways can I
serve you?
calvary chapel fort lauderdale

MEMBER VOLUNTEER
Deacon
Eldon
Haag
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ELDON



CELEBRATING A GENEROUS LEGACY

One day, every Christian will have the experience of joining with our Savior in heaven. And everything on earth—our worldly possessions, earthly bodies, all of the pain, sickness, or grief we experienced—will be left behind. In that instant, what we stored up and what our hearts truly treasured will be clear. Only our investments in the eternal, the sacred, the people we met, and in the work of God will remain beyond this life. And for some people, like Eldon Haag, what is left behind will continue a legacy of gospel work long after we move on to our forever home.

This is Eldon's story . . .

He planned for what he knew would come . . .

How's the view from up there?

It's a big question to consider—a question that might change your life. This question was asked in Eldon's eulogy. Eldon was a faithful deacon and volunteer at Calvary for several decades, and he gave generously over the years to the work of the ministry. He lived simply in a little house in Oakland Park, and he worked hard over the years to build his business. He helped many who were down and out through his affordable rental properties, reached out to make a way for struggling single moms and their kids, and supported many through his faithful service.

He also planned for what he knew would come—an inevitable and glorious departure into eternity! In his planning, he prepared his will and trust, naming the church and the ministries he loved most as beneficiaries of the wealth built during his time on the earth. He knew they would continue the mission after he was no longer here to serve and give in person. When Calvary received the estate gift, many special pieces of Eldon's belongings came with it: his Bible, his Calvary volunteer badge, his notes, and his church journals. We chose to carefully include them in the foundation and construction of the spaces and places where his generosity will extend for generations to come. It's an ongoing deposit that will change lives, relationships, and family stories forever.

So, how's the view from up there Eldon? We hope it brings you deep joy. ☀️

Your Calvary family honors and celebrates you and the stories that will come from your generous life.

RAISING WORLD CHANGERS: *DISCIPLESHIP AT EVERY STAGE*

RAISING DISCIPLES

Jesus never discriminated according to age. His apostles ranged from teens to young adults and, even then, He encouraged them to have faith like a child. That's why we're so passionate about discipleship at every stage of life—from childhood to adulthood!

LITTLE HEARTS REACHING THE COMMUNITY

Since January, we've hosted monthly outreaches for kids to reach our community at our Wayguard Outpost (located in the Calvary Kids area), from donating gifts to the elderly, writing letters for foster care families, and even raising enough money for one of our missionary families to start their very own school in Tierra Bomba, Colombia!
—Nathanael, Calvary Kids team member

I'm grateful for the opportunity to see my kids grow in patience, kindness, commitment, and responsibility in the same place the Lord has used to draw all of those things out in me!

—Daniela, volunteer with The 45

Here's how the Lord is moving and shaping the lives of the next generation in our church this year:



(KINDERGARTEN THROUGH FIFTH GRADE)

- **140+** kids attended the Salvation and Baptism class with **28** kids getting baptized.
- **311** people (106 of them are students) serve as volunteers.
- Across all campuses, **110** kids participate in small groups.



YOUTH

SIX78 AND HSM (MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL)

- **47** groups
- **85+** salvations
- **15** baptisms (since January)
- Calvary Youth service (since July of 2020): **3,000+** students attend
- SoFlo: **700** students attended (**50** decisions for Christ; **15+** churches participated)
- Youth Encounter: **1,252** students attended with **147** giving or rededicating their lives to Jesus and **53** getting baptized

I recognize I need to be a light in this world and how my example, along with my words, are so important to the people around me. Living on mission for Jesus has taught me that He's with me always and I can be confident in Him. Even when I feel like conversations with my friends about Jesus aren't going well, I can be confident He's at work, because my feelings aren't dependent on His presence!

—Isaiah, high school student



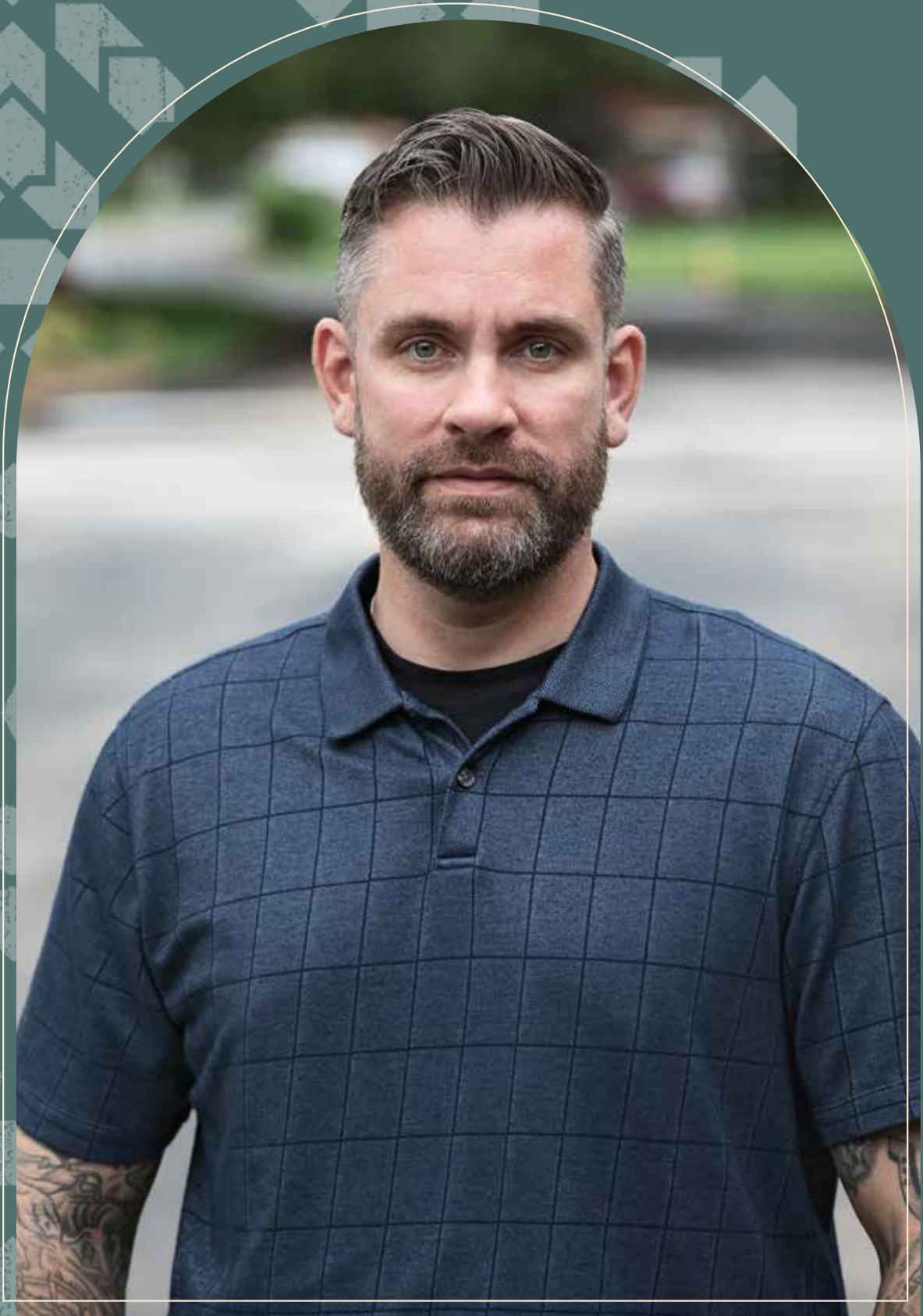
cya calvary young adults

- Meet monthly: Nearly **200** young adults
- **12** young adult groups
- **26** engaged volunteers

Calvary Young Adults Night is a monthly event for all young adults to gather for a timely and encouraging message or conversation, worship, and a great time being together.

This year, God has built deeper, more authentic relationships through my group. I've learned how stronger we are when we're unified and how awesome it is studying the Word of God together—listening to other perspectives and diving deeper in our understanding of the gospel together. I've also discovered how much I appreciate and need community, as well as how much God has designed us to live in fellowship with one another.

—Paula, volunteer leader



Ben found community and discipleship when he got plugged in at the Connect Experience.



THE POWER OF DISCIPLESHIP

Connecting People to People and People to Outreach

You weren't meant to just attend service on a Sunday morning—God created you to *be* the Church! So, what does that mean exactly? It can get confusing and overwhelming when you're looking for more ways to connect and become a part of something bigger than a weekly service. Do you have specific passions you want to use? Or maybe you realize it's time to take the initiative and take your spot in the church community that's been waiting for you—this is what happened to Ben through Connect Experience.

At the end of 2020, Ben found himself in a very dark place in the wake of going through a divorce and becoming a full-time single dad. "It was a very stressful time, but I knew I didn't want to go back to my old ways of coping. My dad ended up sharing some online messages from his church in Tennessee, and it just felt like every single message was talking directly to me," shared Ben.

He was so moved by these online sermons that he asked his dad to help him find a church he could attend locally that would have a good kids program for his two kids—and that's how he discovered Calvary Chapel Fort Lauderdale. Ben began to attend Calvary shortly after, and he gave His life to Jesus on his very first visit. Soon after, he began bringing his children.

Once he realized there was an opportunity to learn more about how to get plugged in, he jumped at the chance to attend Connect Experience. He explained, "I wanted to go to Connect because not having grown up in the

church, I didn't know what Calvary had to offer outside of Sunday services. I knew I had to take the initiative to plug myself in if I wanted to be involved."

It was at Connect Experience that Ben met Pastor Tony Davis. "I didn't know discipleship was what I was seeking at the time, but I'm so grateful to have been plugged into it so early on in my faith. Pastor Tony just met me where I was. He was able to pour the wisdom he's gained over the years back into me. He got me plugged into the men's ministry and started to disciple me. Since then, I've been able to see how God paved a pathway for me from the initial encounter I had with Pastor Tony at Connect," Ben shared.

"I didn't know discipleship was what I was seeking at the time, but I'm so grateful to have been plugged into it so early on in my faith. . ."

Ben's story is a fantastic example of how God places us right where we need to be! Discipleship is an integral part of how to grow here at Calvary. Every person in the church should enter into discipleship. If Ben hadn't attended Connect Experience, he might have missed out on a fruitful relationship.

This is what Connect Experience is all about—connecting people to people and connecting people to outreach. You may not realize it, but your generosity makes it possible for Connect Experience to continue so the next person looking for discipleship can discover how to grow in their relationship with Jesus! 🙏

To learn more about Connect Experience and the next time you can attend, visit CalvaryFTL.org/Connect.

MAKING DISCIPLES IN DIGITAL SPACES

Digital Discipleship is discipleship that happens in the digital space. It's where the church leverages technology for the sake of spreading the gospel and helping people come to know Jesus and grow in their faith and knowledge of God's Word.

Over the last year, we've not only seen the importance of digital discipleship, but also its reach and impact! Since July of 2020, God has drawn more people to His truth through the digital space than any other year prior. Even in the midst of so much change, the gospel has reached people from across the world who may never have been able to hear it otherwise.

Here are just a few highlights since July 2020:



Easter Weekend
19,102 online viewers



Calvary Women
The Gathering (April 24, 2020)
4,212 women

Online Church Attendance

12,857
viewers per week



Online Classes

2,400



attendees of 20+ classes such as Essentials of the Christian Faith, parenting classes, Financial Peace University, Racial Reconciliation, and leadership classes



Virtual Reality (VR) Services and Alpha Classes
26 attendees (weekly average);
73 salvations



Website Visitors
469,180



Calvary Devos
244,700+
reads

App Downloads

5,934

with 109,047 Launches



Facebook

Impressions: 11,694,776

Engagement: 1,256,721



Twitter

Impressions: 296,554

Engagement: 6,790



Instagram

Impressions: 3,486,918

Engagement: 107,983

Impressions: The number of times content is displayed.

Engagement: The number of interactions content receives from users.

YouVersion Hit 1,000,000!

YouVersion Bible Reading Plans All-time Subscribers:

1,300,000+

With 600,000+ completions over 100 plans and

500,000 new subscribers



Top Bible Plans of 2020–2021:

- Family Christmas: A Devotional for Kids
- Advance: Bringing the Gospel Wherever You Go
- Purpose: A Plan for Kids
- The Heart of Prayer
- The Beatitudes



To check out all of our Bible reading plans, scan this QR code!

Digital Discipleship in Action

"Hi! My name is Hanne. I'm 15 years old and Swedish. I've recently read your Bible plan "Building Your Life on the Word" and I loved it! So now I would really like to get some help from you on how I can start with these steps during my week. I'm in ninth grade and have a lot of school work, so I'm having a hard time planning because of this, but I really want to find a routine that works for me so I can prioritize my time with God! And after this devotional, I've gotten a much bigger picture in how I can grow my relationship with God so I would be so thankful if you could help me with this, too."

—Hanne, YouVersion Bible plan subscriber

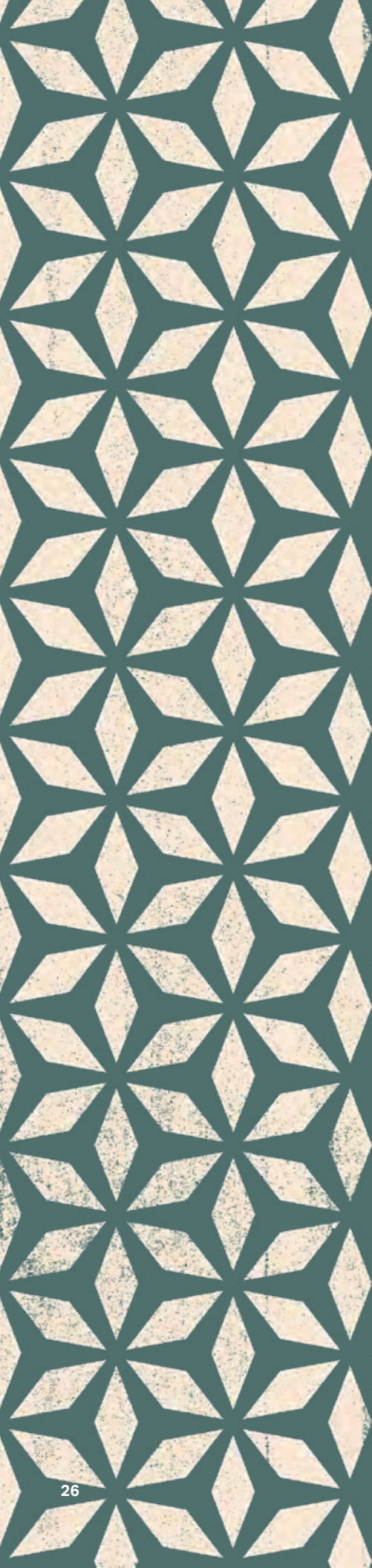
"Distractions and negative influences on our children are at an all-time high! This parenting class humbly reminded me that even after 17 years of parenting, there's still room for much improvement. The Passing on the Legacy of Faith class provided insightful, thought-provoking, and practical ways I can be the best parent God has called me to be."

—Todd, Fort Lauderdale campus

"In March 2020, we went into lockdown and couldn't go to church. So, using my VR set, I found Calvary Chapel's live Sunday service so I clicked on it and joined! I found the teaching and the worship very inspiring. This went on for a few weeks, and then I was approached by someone in the room and was able to get more connected. After this, I bought a headset for my wife and daughter and they joined in, and we are really so blessed by it!"

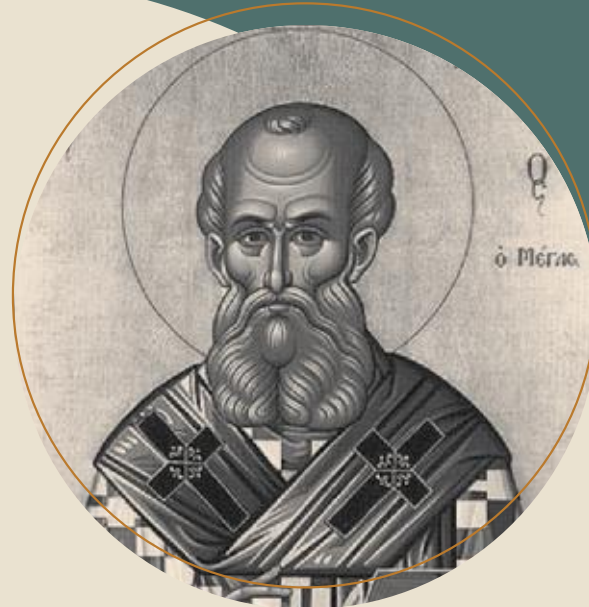
—Sean, VR attendee from England





**THE GRACE OF THE LORD JESUS
CHRIST AND THE LOVE OF GOD
AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT BE WITH YOU ALL.**

- 2 CORINTHIANS 13:14 (ESV)



WHO: Athanasius of Alexandria
Theologian, Early Church Father

WHEN: 296-373

WHY IS HE IMPORTANT? Athanasius was a champion of true Christian faith! In his lifetime, he fought against heretical (false) teaching and devoted his life to teaching the orthodox (proper) view on the Trinity (equality of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit). His legacy is rooted in his devoted work to defend the divinity of the Son (and by extension the Spirit) against those who sought to deny it and deceive people away from the truth.

According to The Gospel Coalition, "For Athanasius, the issue was not mere abstract reasoning, but the plain reading of the Scriptures. Jesus is God Himself come down, not a mediating creature. Therefore, while we believe God is one, we understand that He is three persons in relation to one another. We do not worship a creature or a man but God Himself in human flesh."

Reaching Our Community, Changing Our World

Local and Global Outreach

Through your giving to the Outreach fund, amazing ministry happened! Check out the impact below and celebrate with us how people from all around the world are being reached with the hope of Jesus!



MISSIONS WEEK HIGHLIGHTS

34+ missionaries participated

Our missionaries spoke to 46 classes at Calvary Christian Academy to pass on a love for the nations!



MISSIONARIES AND OUTREACHES

From July 2020 to July 2021

Missionaries: 75 people

Continents: 5

Countries: 22

Emmanuel Baptist Bahamas Relief Effort: \$60,000 was donated through our ministry partner, National Christian Foundation, after Hurricane Dorian hit in August 2019 to provide support for rebuilding projects.

Global Church and Missionary Support Sent Around the World to Further the Gospel: \$539,530

Global Special Projects: \$146,030

OneHope Project Lumiere: \$25,000
A church plant in French-speaking West Africa

Made Clean Project: \$104,560
A washing machine ministry in the refugee camps and children's ministry in the refugee camps in Bekaa Valley, Lebanon

Church Plant in Antioquia, Mexico: \$7,200
To propel a pastor's training institute for the next generation of indigenous and Spanish speaking pastors in Latin America

Pastor Missionary in Cuba: \$6,400 donated to oversee 20+ churches and be recognized by the Cuban government

Local Church and Ministry Organization Support: \$197,581



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

2020 Samaritan's Purse Outreach: **10,100+** shoeboxes donated



BACKPACK OUTREACH

Between 2020 and 2021, **2,954** backpacks were given to kids from vulnerable communities to start school with all the supplies they need!

Total Donated: \$33,000



THANKSGIVING OUTREACH

In 2020, over **36,000** pounds of food, which equated to **2,000** meals delivered, was given to over **1,400** families. Over **600** volunteers assisted in this outreach effort from packing, to sorting, to actually delivering the food. All of this was made possible by the partnerships with over **10+** different organizations in Broward County including EMA, Urban League, Broward Sheriff's Office, North Broward Detention Center, and **50** different public schools.



BIRTHDAY GIFT FOR JESUS

With your generosity, over **\$60,000** was given to renovate the staff break rooms at six different local public schools in Broward County, specifically focused on serving children in vulnerable communities. Your giving was an encouragement to the incredible and hard-working school teachers and administrators who were greatly burdened with more responsibility through the pandemic. Read more about this incredible ministry partnership on page 41.

GENEROSITY & DISRUPTION PROPELS INNOVATION

"Therefore, brothers and sisters, in all our distress and persecution we were encouraged about you because of your faith. For now we really live, since you are standing firm in the Lord. How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May he strengthen your hearts . . ."

—1 Thessalonians 3:7–13 (NIV)



If we let it, pain and disruption can create in us a resilience to keep pressing on despite all obstacles. But it's not for nothing, and we're never left without hope.

Pain and disruption can be our greatest opportunities for innovation. And this past year, our beloved missionaries and partner churches around the globe truly endured a lot of hardship. But it didn't disrupt the mission—and friend, you're part of that gospel mission. Your generosity is helping to spread the hope of Jesus all around the world.

Here are some stories from our missionaries all around the world who are living a life dedicated to propelling the gospel forward.

How God Uses Pain

Lisa, Hungary

COVID impacted the entire planet. Daily, people were told they could die. This message that was heard from friends, families, strangers, and the media caused severe anxiety in the hearts of many. The isolation and fear was so tangible for the last 18 months, it really messed with people's hearts and minds. Those who didn't have a relationship with the Lord were very open to hearing the hope we have in Jesus. And Christians who haven't taken their walks seriously were shaken to work out their salvation. The desperate need for wholehearted connection has made ministry opportunities abound. I initially thought when COVID hit that things would slow down in life. Instead, I realized it's been jam packed with so many people under pressure, pain, and loss.

As C.S. Lewis says, "But pain insists upon being attended to. God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world." That quote summarizes what I have experienced in the ministry around me, and I feel incredibly privileged to know the Lord.

I just want to say I'm in awe of the grace and love of the body of Christ. Please know that a word of encouragement through text, phone, e-mail, prayer, or your financial giving of any amount is a huge blessing. All your generosity and kindness is multiplied by the Lord, just like the loaves and fishes of the young boy's lunch when God fed the 5,000. Be encouraged that no act of kindness is too small. Every gift is impacting lives in hearts all over the world. Keep giving, keep praying, and keep encouraging one another.



No Internet, No Problem

Aileen, Peru

This past year was no piece of cake. Peru went into a mandatory nationwide lock down in March with the strictest restrictions. No one was able to leave their house except for emergencies for three months with a mandatory curfew from 6pm to 6am.

We started praying to see what we were going to do. The internet in Cajabamba, because of its location high up in the mountains, is very bad. It isn't stable enough to upload videos or even post live videos. So when everything became virtual, we were very overwhelmed. We tried posting live videos and even uploading prerecorded services, but nothing worked. We also couldn't leave our homes so we had to create filming studios in our homes. We changed to more expensive and better cell phone providers to try to use our phones for social media, but even that wasn't enough. One of our staff members who is a missionary from Calvary Chattanooga went home during the pandemic. God used her leaving because she was able to post service videos every Wednesday and Sunday from Tennessee. God also opened doors for us to begin working with a local radio station to be able to provide the services free of data. Many families had to transition their children to virtual school so they didn't have enough data (internet) to spare to connect with church or their leaders, so we called them through the land lines and talked with most of them every week for one-on-one discipleship!

Despite all the setbacks and obstacles, I saw God change so many lives through this pandemic. Many families realized their need for Christ and that He is their only provider and gave their lives to Him. Thank you to all of you who are supporting the global church. He is doing incredible things through all of us, the entire body of Christ—goers, givers, and prayer warriors. There's no limit to what God can do through us!



One Phone Call at a Time

Pamela, Guatemala

When COVID hit, many church members faced unemployment, health crisis, and/or loss of family members and friends. It was challenging to find a way to support and pastor them through those times, while respecting the social distancing and restrictions in place.

There were various efforts implemented to create a sense of community and continue with the teaching and discipleship of the church community. A phone ministry was created with members of the church calling to check in on each other and identify opportunities to help and bless each other. Online discipleship groups were created to encourage daily study of the Word of God and virtual meetings once a week.

In lieu of producing an online version of the church service, the vision for the church pivoted to focus on equipping families to study and lead Bible studies in their homes during the shutdown. Weekly "Church at Home" studies were distributed for the leaders of each family so they could lead their families in study on Sunday.

Despite the shutdown, the gospel went forth! In January, the church reopened for weekend and midweek services and it's been a huge blessing to be able to meet with the congregation on a weekly basis once again.



From Cancelled to Online

Robert & Damaris, Mexico

We have an annual missions conference every June. In 2020, we had to cancel it like all other activities. This was the same month my wife and I got COVID, and I was crying out to the Lord asking why He had allowed this to happen to us. However, it was during this time of sickness I began to seek the Lord—or maybe He just got my attention—and instead of trying to make my own plans, I asked Him what He wanted us to do. I began to connect with other missionaries around the world to see how they were doing. During that time, I learned they were all recording their interviews. This led us to host an unexpected online missions conference. It was a great blessing because we were able to reach and connect with more people than we ever had in prior years. I'm so glad the Lord is in charge and not me, His plans are always yes and amen!

One Step of Faith After Another

Ronnie, Lebanon

Just as the Church thrives under persecution, we've seen our organization do well under severe pressure and stress. It's in these difficult times, when our wisdom fails us and our experiences become irrelevant, that we have no option but to rely on God's leadership. Several times during the year, we took little steps of faith that resulted in a significant positive impact on our mission.

Challenges in Lebanon began in October 2019, when we faced an economic crisis with the collapse of the banking sectors, leading to inflation. The people protested, went on strikes, and the roads were closed which resulted in a stop to all sorts of businesses. These events brought difficulties to our organization. Soon after, COVID put the country in total lockdown, and the government imposed curfews upon everyone to restrict their mobility. The lockdown lasted until July. Afterward, we resumed our work normally until August 4, 2020, when the Beirut port explosion took place and destroyed our offices. Thankfully the Lord was with us and protected us from any harm. No one was in the office when the blast happened, and everyone was safe. Within 24 hours of the blast, our Made Clean teams served displaced families by washing clothes and sheets. During the following weeks, Made Clean partnered with several local organizations, shelter homes, and hospitals by providing laundry services to them, which paved the way to start the "Beyond the Box" project that has served over 500 families over the past nine months.

When our team visited a new camp, they met Ali. At first, Ali didn't want to join, but eventually accepted. While watching the Not Alone film, he began to cry. A team member sat with Ali and learned he feels lonely, doesn't have any friends, and feels unloved. The team member assured him that everyone in the camp is his friend. Over the next few weeks, they saw a noticeable change in Ali's attitude. He was the first to come into the tent, he was attentive and engaging with others, he laughed, and he enjoyed his time. His mom noticed and thanked us. We told her, "This is all the work of God. God loves us, He is with us, and He takes care of us—including your son."








EDUCATING TOMORROW'S LEADERS FOR JESUS CHRIST



The 2020–2021 school year was an amazing and unique year of ministry and education for Calvary Christian Academy (CCA). Head of School Dr. Jason Rachels shared, "I'm so proud of the great work and incredible resilience that Calvary Christian Academy's students, parents, and staff have demonstrated over the last year-and-a-half. It's been an honor to see the way our Eagles family came together, leaned on the guidance and strength of the Lord, and served the people around them." From installing cameras in every classroom to serving other schools in the community through after school tutoring and ministry, this school year brought some truly memorable moments!

Total school enrollment: **2,456**
 Secondary: **1,316**
 Elementary & Pre-K3: **1,140**
 2019/2020 Graduating Seniors: **169**



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 • **96%** of the class of 2021 attends a two or four-year college or university, earned more than **\$2 million** in scholarships, and completed more than **41,000** community service hours.
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 • **111** CCA Small Groups: **1,024** participants
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 • Mentorship Program in Local Schools: **60** students participated; CCA now has the opportunity to minister to **5** local schools for the 2021–2022 school year.
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 • Spanish Immersion classes: **11**
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 • School Clubs (on Campus): **30+**
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 • CCA Varsity Boys Basketball and the Robotics club won state championships!
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 • Many CCA alumni serve in ministry and missions around the world!

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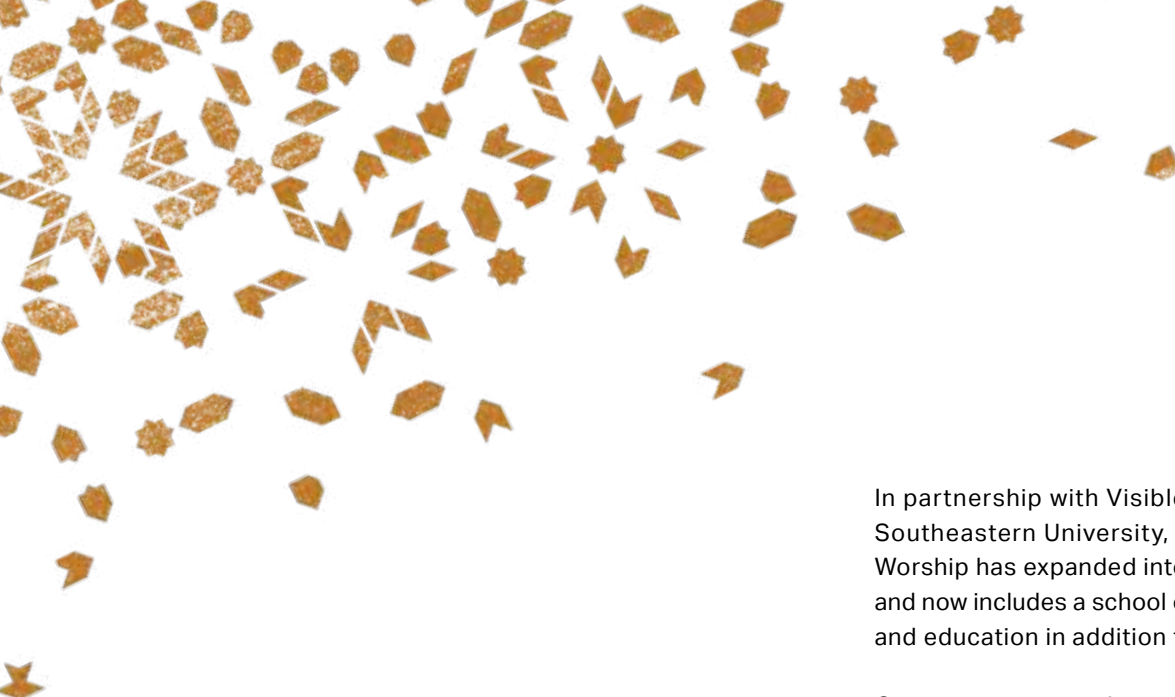
CCA Director of Discipleship Steve Mayo shared, "The 10th grade spiritual retreat this year was more focused on our community than ever before. Instead of taking an honor mission to downtown Delray, we blessed the businesses, ministries, and schools we partner with on a regular basis with honor gifts and cards to show our appreciation . . . places like 4KIDS, Calvary House for Men and Women, local Publix stores and coffee shops, our partners at Enterprise, three local schools, and a few other locations. Students prayed with people and, in a few instances, were able to share the gospel. This year more than ever, I would say we reached out to our community."



RAMP48 : BRINGING THE GOSPEL INTO SKATE CULTURE

- Ramp's weekly Bible study averages **55** attendees, while Alpha at Ramp48 has seen about **8** participants each week this year!
- Hosting our first competition since the COVID-19 pandemic began, the Vertical Rampdemic saw kids and adults from all over South Florida—we even had a family drive down from Pennsylvania!

A family came down from Tampa. It was their son's birthday, and he wanted to skate at Ramp48. For his birthday present, he was able to build a brand-new skateboard and asked us to bless a kid in need. Later that day, we met a kid with a completely destroyed skateboard. It was a hand me down from a neighbor that had been left out in the rain and the wood was splitting and the bearings were rusted. We were able to bless this young man due to the generosity of another young man with a brand-new board and send pictures back up to the family! Needless to say, he was overjoyed and so thankful. This is what life-changing generosity in action looks like!—Jared Stefani, Ramp48 Director



EQUIPPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF CHRISTIAN LEADERS



In partnership with Visible Music College and Southeastern University, Ocean's Edge School of Worship has expanded into Ocean's Edge University and now includes a school of ministry, media, business, and education in addition to music!

Our newest partnership with Southeastern University in Lakeland, Florida allows us to offer an excellent Christian college education for an affordable price. With regional accreditation, Southeastern University is well established and proud to offer students opportunities to discover their divine design.

SOME HIGHLIGHTS FROM LAST YEAR INCLUDE:

-  • 31 students were part of the class of 2021 with 14 continuing on in the Bachelor's program!
-  • Students led worship at various regional campuses, partnered with local churches, and served at Summer Nights, Celebration of Peace, and Easter services.
-  • Second-year students led Calvary Young Adults small groups.
-  • Students recorded and released a new music video for "Graves into Gardens."
-  • Students led worship for the OnePrayer.Global All Campus Night of Worship.
-  • Two of our teachers received their bachelor's degrees!

OceansEdgeUniversity.com



During my time at OEU, I learned so much about the Lord, myself, and others. I've grown in making consistent intentional time with God, grown in mindfulness of others, and I'm learning to be confident in the gifts the Lord has given me. This season brought reliance in Him, stretched my responsibility and work ethic, and taught me how to prioritize. The community at OEU is unlike anything I've experienced before. I am beyond blessed by the staff and my classmates. Above all else, this season has shown me that God never leaves us, He constantly provides, and He never fails.

—Julie, first-year OEU student

Your generosity propels OEU and helps us support student scholarships, develop available programs, and ensure students and staff have all they need to succeed.

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Elderly care volunteers praying over a resident while social distancing during the pandemic.



Small Impacts with Great Love

Caring for Our Rising Senior Population When They Need It Most

Everybody wants to be known. What would you do if you knew how easy it was to make an impact in the lives of our most neglected and overlooked elderly community? That’s why we’re so passionate about caring for the elderly in our community—and you have the opportunity to be a part of the story, too!

During the COVID-19 pandemic, it’s been challenging to be involved in the elderly care facilities, but Pastor Paul Applegate and the Elderly Care Team have been able to partner with Sonata Coconut Creek to help share the love of Jesus. Ilenes, the activities director, came to Paul with a request—plexiglass for the lunch area.

Ilenes shared, “The residents were stuck in their rooms all day. They couldn’t see anyone outside of their daily visits from the activity director. They were basically living in isolation.” But thanks to the generosity of our church, the needed plexiglass was installed, which allowed the residents to leave their rooms and eat together for the first time in almost a year.

Tending to Spiritual Needs

Providing the plexiglass propelled the Elderly Care Vision Team to start holding Bible studies at Sonata Coconut Creek again! This was so huge for the residents, as Ilenes noticed how necessary the Bible studies were to their weekly rhythms.

“Because of the pandemic, we’ve seen the residents decline physically, mentally, and spiritually because they weren’t able to see anyone, let alone have Bible studies on Sunday morning. The need was huge prior to the pandemic, now it’s even more so,” said Ilenes.

Through the dedication and time investment of volunteers, the residents were able to resume weekly Bible studies both in person and outside, while socially distanced. They enjoyed it so much that Sonata Coconut Creek asked if the Calvary Elderly Care Team could start a similar Bible study at their sister location in Boynton Beach. So, since February 2021, the Boynton Beach campus has been hosting a Bible study every week on Tuesday for the residents to come and learn while also connecting with each other.

How You Can Make an Impact

As a volunteer, serving with the Elderly Care Vision team to spend time with the residents is so simple and impactful—it only requires a few hours of your time! ☀️

To learn more about how to get involved, visit CalvaryFTL.org/Vision.

DID YOU KNOW? IN FLORIDA...

- There are **700+** nursing homes that care for **70,000+** residents.
- **65%** of residents never receive a visit from a family member.
- The senior population is expected to rise **72%** over the next **12 years**.
- We’re currently only reaching **10%** of facilities.



Principal Williams standing in the newly-renovated North Lauderdale Elementary game room.



BIRTHDAY GIFT FOR JESUS: REACHING OUR COMMUNITY ONE ROOM AND DAD AT A TIME

Every year, your generosity reaches far and wide in our cities and around the world as you give to the Birthday Gift for Jesus every Christmas. And this year, the impact was no different.

After such a challenging year for our local schools, God opened the doors for the Next Generation and Education Vision teams to give \$60,000 to encourage educators who have been so resilient over this past school year and who currently serve in our neighboring vulnerable communities. And one of those incredible educators was Principal Nichele Williams.

"I met Sherri Deardon and she asked me how Calvary could serve our school. I told her I didn't want to be served, I wanted us to work together," shared Principal Williams.

Sacred Spaces

The first project with North Lauderdale Elementary was renovating a game room for the students. Principal Williams received a generous donation of games, video game consoles, and other items. This gave her the idea to let Sherri Deardon in on her vision to create a game room for her students. Over spring break, Sherri and the two Vision teams came together to give North Lauderdale Elementary a game room they would love! Principal Williams said she was blown away by the final reveal.

"The game room has made a huge impact. It may seem like something small, but it's something big. Ever since COVID-19, these kids have had a lack of resources and a sacred space. Ever since we opened up the game room, we've noticed our kids are motivated to increase their grades. Their behavior and character are improving, they're speaking kindly to their friends, and doing their best to be their best. It's a heavenly spot, and the

kids can feel that," shared Principal Williams.

After the game room renovation, another idea for a project was born. Principal Williams said she wanted to dedicate the faculty lounge after it was decorated because it was a special space for the staff to rest. "They deserve this, and I'm so grateful for Calvary's generosity in serving our staff and children in this way," shared Principal Williams.

Can't Stop, Won't Stop

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The partnership with North Lauderdale Elementary didn't stop there though. Principal Williams reached out to Andy Vital and the Vision teams after she had an idea to invest in the dads at her school through a program called Dinner with Dads. This was inspired after an encounter with a father who woke up at 5am and took three hours' worth of bus rides to make it to a breakfast event with his son. She said, "He told me he wanted to do better with his life and for his child because he had just gotten out of prison. It was then I realized what we're doing wasn't enough. I told Andy we have dads who are addicts or just out of prison and I want to put something together so we can do more for them."

This event would be important because it was a unique opportunity to provide more resources for the dads of the school—to talk about prison, how dads can get jobs, and to help them with what they really need. Through Dinner with Dads, the dads who came were fed food, the Word of God, and resources. During the event, some speakers came to share their testimonies of overcoming the hardships they've faced. The Vision teams handed out Bibles and toys, and they sat and prayed with the dads who came.

"We want dads to know there's no shame in their stories. We want to create a space where they can keep moving and be forgiven. When dads are healing, the family is healing. Calvary is helping us create that space for healing and unconditional love," shared Principal Williams.

Better, Not Bitter: A Community Changed
She went on to share the reason it's so important to invest in events like Dinner with Dads and game room renovations is because it can be a catalyst to bring change to an entire community.

Principal Williams shared, "When people receive the help and resources they need, they become better and not bitter. Events with these resources and partnerships can bring about healing, better education, and an evolution of change within our families. We've come to learn that when a parent is involved in their child's school work, they are 85% more engaged in their

studies. So, partnering with parents and fostering their relationship with their children is vital to helping these kids reach their full potential.

"The renovation is simply the physical manifestation of assisting, but the greatest manifestation is the spiritual impact it's making. Calvary understood we needed something beyond pens, paper, and calculators—we needed unconditional love. We needed a partnership that allowed us to bridge these gaps in a community of addiction, poverty, prison, and broken homes. Calvary is working with us one step, heart, and soul at a time. This is one of the most impactful partnerships I've ever experienced in my 31 years of education."

And that's the beautiful thing about generosity. Yes, it opened doors to partner with a local school. Yes, it renovated some beautiful spaces. But more importantly, it created opportunities for the gospel to go forth so that even just one student, one educator, one parent could experience the tangible love of Jesus not just through words, but through action. Thank you church for being part of reaching our city! 🙏

ADOPT A SCHOOL: Calvary Chapel North Lauderdale & Dinner with Dads

The event with dads and their kids was a blessing to all who were present. There were several speakers from Calvary House, the Broward County Library, a pastor, teachers, and of course Ms. Williams, the school principal. The Calvary food truck served a delicious and free dinner to everyone! There were a couple of prayer requests and a few dads who were interested in engaging their children in the upcoming Friday afternoon program at Calvary Chapel North Lauderdale. As a volunteer team, we were able to give out backpacks, toys, Bibles, and invite cards to church. God's hands were in that place, and He was working through the speeches . . . it was just awesome! We even got to pray with all the teachers and the principal at the end of the night. Who could top that? Only God!—Lee, Calvary Chapel North Lauderdale volunteer



A father and son enjoying a sweet moment together at Donuts with Dad.

To learn more about our vision to reach the city and how to get in the story, visit CalvaryFTL.org/Vision.

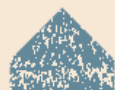
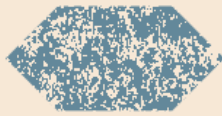
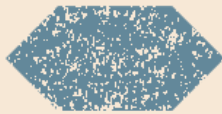


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GET IN THE



Sam, Cindy, and their beautiful son welcome foster children into their family.





God's Perfect Timing

James 1:27 (NKJV) claims, "Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world." This verse reminds us why the call to care for vulnerable foster children and families in crisis is ingrained in our culture at Calvary. We had the opportunity to sit with Cindy and Sam Dorvil, who God used in incredible ways throughout their adoption and foster care journey for His grace and perfect timing.

Cindy and Sam got married in 2012 and knew they wanted to start a family right away. While they had a heart for fostering and adoption from the get-go, they decided to try to have their own children first before starting that journey.

"It took us a long time to get everything settled and our home ready for a child. Even though we started this process early, we were unable to do our home study until May of 2018," Sam shared.

In early December 2019, Sam and Cindy welcomed a nine-month-old girl and a two-year-old boy to their home. They were excited to provide a loving Christian home for these siblings but were shortly met with a surprise!

"A few weeks after they were placed in our care, on December 28, I got a positive pregnancy test," shared Cindy. What a beautiful testimony to God's perfect timing! After many years of trials and roadblocks, Sam and Cindy were able to celebrate a miraculous blessing through the birth of their son.

"It was a beautiful situation because the mother of the children in our care was working really hard for reunification, which is always the goal. So, we were able to establish a really strong relationship with her to the point that when the kids were able to go back home with

her, she has stayed in consistent contact with us," shared Cindy. In fact, the birth mother would frequently call them for advice because she saw a significant difference in her children after being in their care. Even to this day, Sam and Cindy are able to visit with her children monthly and watch them grow up alongside their son, who was born in September of 2020. Sam joyfully expressed how the kids' birth mother "thinks of us like her kids' godparents, so our relationship with them is really special because we've been able to watch them flourish since first being put in our care."

FAM Team: Support All Around

One of the biggest opportunities 4KIDS offers is through FAM Teams. The goal with FAM Teams is to support a foster family through things such as prayer, childcare, transportation, meals, general home support, homework help, and mentoring. Cindy shared, "The FAM Team was immensely helpful to us. They were always willing to bring us meals on a weekly basis and help us find childcare when we needed it. They were so wonderful to us."

If you're considering taking a step into the world of foster care, the FAM Team is a great opportunity because it gives you a first-hand look into what to expect when you become a foster parent. Even if you're passionate about foster care, but don't feel like it's your calling to open up your home, it's an incredible opportunity to still be involved.

Cindy and Sam went on to express the best parts of their foster care journey have been seeing how God works His perfect timing and "finally being able to serve in the ministry we were called to serve in. It's not for everyone, but being able to see the kids' progress and watching them thrive in a structured environment is the most rewarding part!" 🌞

Sam and Cindy are just one example of faithful foster parents in our community working to make sure every child has a home! To learn more about foster care or to join a FAM Team to support other foster parents like Sam and Cindy, visit CalvaryFTL.org/Vision.



WHO: Lemuel Haynes
Ordained Minister

WHEN: 1753-1833

WHY IS HE IMPORTANT? Lemuel Haynes, born in West Hartford, Connecticut, was the abandoned child of an African father and a white woman. Five months later, he was bound to service until the age of 21 in Massachusetts. Despite only having a basic education, Haynes developed a passion for books, especially the Bible and books on theology.

After his indenture ended in 1774, Haynes enlisted as a "Minuteman" in the local militia. After the war, in 1780, Haynes obtained a license to preach. He accepted a position with a white congregation in Middle Granville and later married a young white school teacher, Elizabeth Babbitt. In 1785, Haynes officially became the first African-American ordained as a Congregational minister in a mainstream church.

Haynes held three pastorships after his ordination, developed an international reputation as a preacher, was a best-selling author, and became the first African-American to receive an honorary Master of Arts degree from Middlebury College.

According to *Christianity Today*, "As a pastor, Haynes seemed always to be possessed with thoughts of the welfare of his congregation. Their salvation was paramount. His sermons made explicit the centrality of the cross of Christ and were rich in both theological instruction and practical application for his hearers."

*"For in the gospel the
righteousness of God is
revealed—a righteousness
that is by faith from first
to last, just as it is written:*

*'The righteous will live
by faith.'*

—ROMANS 1:17 (NIV)

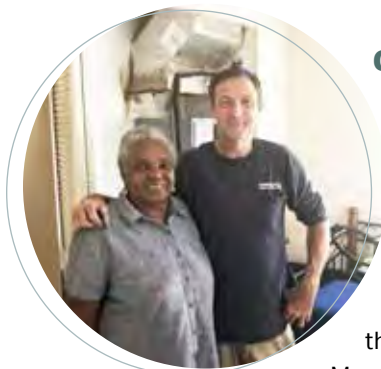
GOSPEL IS ACTION

"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?"—1 John 3:16–17 (NIV)

As Christians, God calls us to love people through both our words and our actions! Something so striking we see in Scripture is how God uses His generous Church to love those in need through their words and obedient action. **And when these two things collide, something beautiful and transformative tends to happen: The gospel comes alive in the hearts of those receiving the outpouring.**

You see, when we follow Christ's example to love our neighbor as ourselves (Mark 12:31), that's when the gospel becomes the most attractive to others. One of the most tangible ways we can share the love of Jesus is by meeting the practical and material needs of those who need it the most.

Here are just a few examples of this kind of generosity in action:



CALVARY CHAPEL NORTH LAUDERDALE: A GENEROUS TEAM EFFORT

On Superbowl Sunday in 2021, recently widowed Ms. Maureen of our North Lauderdale campus suffered a stroke. Upon hearing this, Pastor Brian Quigley and Ramon Marrero visited and prayed for Ms.

Maureen in her home. While there, they noticed her AC unit was not working.

"As a result, we offered to help Ms. Maureen," shared Ramon. "I reached out to Tony from Ferrara's Air, Inc. and told him her story and how Calvary Chapel North Lauderdale wanted to help. So, he offered to give us a generous discount. Ms. Maureen was able to contribute toward the cost and the church was joyful to be able to cover the rest!

Ramon continued, "I gave Tony the green light, and he made an appointment to meet with Ms. Maureen to go over the contract. That same afternoon, I received a call from Tony telling me the AC manufacturer, Rheem, offered to donate the entire unit! When Tony went to pick up the unit, a warehouse worker told him he hadn't seen anything like this take place with Rheem in ten years. Tony's voice was excited as he shared the story, giving God all the glory. Afterward, he said he was going to donate all the labor for free, so there was no need for the church to be involved anymore. Everything was taken care of!"

CALVARY CHAPEL BOCA: A HEART TO SERVE

"Our beautiful volunteer Lucia retired from the school system last May after several years of serving families in Broward County. Lucia came to us with a desire in her heart to clean the 'Lord's temple' and keep our families safe as we reentered the campus after the lockdown. She came alongside our maintenance team and served countless hours at Summer Nights during all services to keep the restrooms sanitized and our church family safe. She gives of her time every Wednesday and Friday with a smile on her face and a song in her heart as she cleans.

Lucia has ministered to many people in our church while serving on the Welcome Team, as well as the Spanish ministry. Her heart for the Lord is evident as she spends time with people to share and show them they are loved by the Lord and this church family. Lucia is a beautiful example of a life that is dedicated to the Lord and the house of the Lord. We're blessed to have her in our church family and on our team."—**Jan Haas, Calvary Chapel Boca Raton team member**



CALVARY CHAPEL PLANTATION: MIRACLE IN JULY

Over the past couple of years, volunteers from Calvary Chapel Plantation would visit a neighboring convalescent home. Every other week, they would invest their time in building community with the residents and taking care of them. "Holidays were big," Golden Manor Resident Director Ella shared. "There was always a party, a band, dancing, children, and music."

And then COVID-19 hit, and everything was in shambles.

"We were all suffering. I had to close the doors for 12 months. Out of abundant precaution for the health and safety of our residents, they weren't able to see anyone. They were all alone. We all just wanted to forget 2020 ever existed," Ella shared.

Calvary Chapel Plantation's Outreach Director, Donovan Facey, shared, "This year, our church unexpectedly received \$10,000 in donations. As a team, we came together and prayed to see how we could bless the community. During our time in prayer, we felt God lead us back to Golden Manor convalescent home, a place we've been blessed to serve for the past two years."

Knowing Golden Manor was ready to reopen, Facey reached out to Ella and asked how the church could help and what their needs were. "The facility was in need of an upgrade. Their furniture was not in the best condition, so we decided to use the generous gift we received to refurbish their living and dining areas. We purchased ceiling fans, curtains, tables, chairs, and decor to revamp each space. We can't wait to deliver and reset the area for Ella and her residents," Facey shared.

When asked what this gift will mean to the residents, Ella said, "It will mean a new beginning! It will be so amazing for them to feel a sense of change after being shut down and shut away for over a year. **THIS GIFT WILL MAKE THEM FEEL SPECIAL AND THEY'LL KNOW SOMEONE ACTUALLY CARES ABOUT THEM. MANY OF THEM DON'T HAVE FAMILY—WE'RE EACH OTHER'S FAMILY. THE CHURCH IS THEIR FAMILY. THIS IS GOING TO IMPACT THEIR LIVES.**"

Ella continued, "You know how people say 'Christmas in July'? This is going to be our miracle in July. Thank you for giving us this present of life. We're so blessed to have people remind them that God knows them and sees them. He's brought His helpers to us. This is just a miracle from God."



WHY DO WE GIVE?

"For the joy set before him . . ."—Hebrews 12:2 (NIV)

Maybe like many, you've wondered about God and money. Perhaps you've asked questions like . . .

"Does God really need my money?"

"Would my time really make a difference?"

"Could my resources be used to change a life?"

"Can't God just provide everything for everyone?"

The answers to these questions are He doesn't and He can. But here's the thing: As believers, we're invited to participate in God's amazing work, to become more like Jesus, and to experience the blessing and joy that comes from it!

God held nothing back from us! He lovingly sent His only Son, Jesus, to die on a cross for our sins. And if that wasn't enough, Romans 8:32 (NIV) says, "He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?"

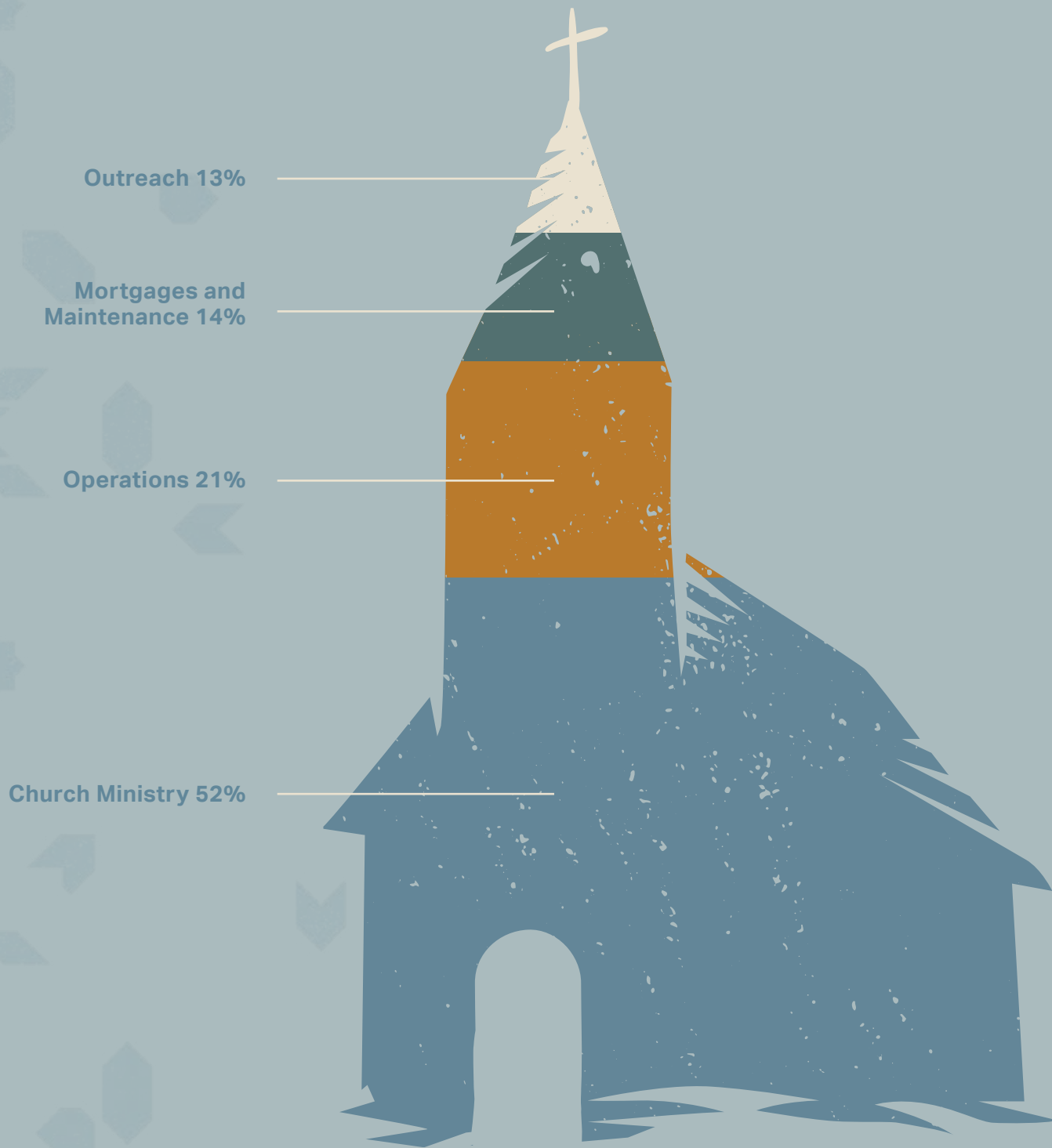
He loves giving to us! How do we know this? Because Hebrews 12:2 (NIV) tells us, "For the joy set before him he endured the cross." What joy? Redeeming the world and making the gift of eternal life and abundant life available to us. It brought Him happiness to suffer for us so He might save us! And thus, our giving to God shouldn't feel like a burden, but an act of worship and obedience.

True generosity always brings joy, purpose, and fulfillment, despite the sacrifice it may require. And He knows this, which is why He both commands us and invites us to walk in it.

It's an honor to be able to participate in the redeeming work of God in our world; to share with others the love and generosity He has shown us. And when we do, not only are we obeying the Lord, not only are we modeling for others the generosity of God, but we're also becoming more like Jesus . . . it's one of the most tangible examples of "keeping our eyes on Jesus, the source and perfecter of our faith" (Hebrews 12:2 HCSB). ☀️

WHAT IS **ECFA** AND WHY DOES IT MATTER?

As a spiritual family that seeks to maintain the highest ethical standards in our financial conduct and controls, Calvary Chapel is accredited by the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA). Founded 40 years ago by Billy Graham and other evangelical leaders, ECFA is comprised of more than 2,500 leading churches and ministries across the United States, each committing on a voluntary basis to transact business in accordance with time-tested guardrails for financial integrity. ECFA's Seven Standards of Responsible Stewardship are drawn from Scripture and are evaluated regularly for compliance.



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A higher purpose.*

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Overflow: A Life Refreshed

“A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.”—Proverbs 11:25 (NIV)

More than three thousand years ago, Solomon shared a wise way of living that sociologists would ultimately acknowledge in our day: misers are often miserable, and helpers are the happiest. It's true—we were created to give, and our open handedness brings hope to others and true joy and peace to our hearts and minds. Here at Calvary, we like to refer to this as whole-life generosity!

With Jesus at the center, we understand that . . .

- **All of life is to be lived in relationship with God.**
- **All we have is to be received with gratitude from God.**
- **All we are is to be released to God for the blessing of others.**

It's a cycle of relationship, gratitude, and release that touches every area of our daily routine. And the great news is this: You will be refreshed as a result, living in the overflow of our most generous, giving God.

To learn more about growing in generosity and what financial discipleship really looks like, scan this QR code.





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BLESSED ASSURANCE

"He that believeth on me hath everlasting life."-John 6:47

Fanny J. Crosby

1. Blessed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O, what a fore-taste of
 2. Per-fect sub-mis - sion, perfect de - light, Visions of rapt-ure now
 3. Per-fect sub-mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my Sav-iour am

glo - ry di - vine ! Heir of sal - va - tion, purchase of God,
 burst on my sight. An - gels de - scend-ing bring from a - bove
 hap-py and blest. Watching and wait- ing, look-ing a - bove,

Chorus

Born of His Spir - it, wash'd in His blood. This is my sto - ry,
 Ech-oes of mer - cy, whispers of love.
 Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

this is my song, Praising m y Sav - iour all the day long; This is my

sto - ry, this is my song, Praising my Sav-iour all the day long.

RESILIENCY IN CHURCH HISTORY



WHO: Francis (Fanny) Jane Crosby
Celebrated Writer, Teacher, and Hymn Composer

WHEN: 1820-1915

WHY IS SHE IMPORTANT? Francis Jane Crosby wrote more than 9,000 hymns, some of which are among the most popular in every Christian denomination. She wrote so many she was forced to use pen names lest the hymnals be filled with her name above all others. And, for most people, the most remarkable thing about her was that she had done so in spite of her blindness.

"I think it is a great pity that the Master did not give you sight when he showered so many other gifts upon you," remarked one well-meaning preacher. Fanny Crosby responded at once, as she had heard such comments before. "Do you know that if at birth I had been able to make one petition, it would have been that I was born blind?" said the poet, who had been able to see only for her first six weeks of life. "Because when I get to heaven, the first face that shall ever gladden my sight will be that of my Savior."

Among her extensive catalog of hymns, we find "Blessed Assurance," "All the Way My Savior Leads Me," "To God Be the Glory," "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior," "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," "Rescue the Perishing," and "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross."

STORY

GET IN THE





WE'RE ON A MISSION TO DOUBLE THE NUMBER OF DISCIPLES IN SOUTH FLORIDA!

God is moving and working in incredible ways through your faithfulness and giving. We saw Him do incredible things this past year, and we know His kingdom work is not over yet. Every day, in all spaces, and through each season of life, we're building beyond ourselves, living the greater story together, and creating a kingdom legacy for generations to come.

Pray about how you can get in the story as part of the Calvary vision. Consider giving a special offering to help this city-changing vision to double the number of passionate, fully-devoted disciples become a reality!



TYPES OF GIVING:

TITHE: Regular giving as part of our worship to God

OFFERING: Special above and beyond giving to meet a specific need

WHERE TO GIVE

God is moving in so many powerful ways through our church right now! This past year has been so amazing to watch unfold, but we know God wants to do even greater things today, tomorrow, and beyond through your faithfulness and generosity.

What area are you passionate about seeing God move in? Where do you feel Him leading you to be generous?

In order to make your above and beyond giving experience the absolute best it can be, we've created four unique areas of focus you can select from to ensure your gift is put towards your area of passion.



Relief and Restoration

These gifts are used to respond with compassion to the critical needs of hurting people through disaster relief and outreach programs.



Kingdom Builders

These gifts are invested in the future of God's house, His people, digital outreach, and kingdom initiatives.



Outreach

These gifts help spread the gospel in communities in need of Jesus with the goal of long-term impact in a region.



Calvary Vision

These gifts are used to share the gospel in the most lost and broken places of our communities as we seek to build up our cities in Christ.

To learn about each Vision team, visit CalvaryFTL.org/Vision.

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WAYS TO GIVE

Here are easy ways to give and support what God is doing through your church!



Online Giving

Giving online is simple and secure. Just go to CalvaryFTL.org/Give. You can give a single gift or schedule recurring giving using your checking account, debit card, or credit card.



Give by Text

You can give to the mission by using your mobile phone. Give instantly with a single text message. Simply text “Give” to 31352.



Download the App

Download our app by scanning this QR code or searching “CalvaryFTL” in the App Store or Google Play Store.





“Blessed is the one who
perseveres under trial
because, having stood
the test, that person will
receive the crown of life
that the Lord has promised
to those who love him.”

–James 1:12 (NIV)

**THANK YOU
FOR GETTING
IN THE STORY!**

