



December 23, 2025

# Calvary Christian

Sharing The Love Of Christ

## Merry Christmas!

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all people, *Titus 2:11*

### News & Events

#### Facts and Figures for 12/21

**Attendance:** 79 in Service & 10 in Kids  
Worship including helpers.

**Giving:** Received - \$5528.20  
Weekly amount needed to operate on  
approved budget is \$3,662.77.

#### THANK YOU!

Lily and I have been so blessed to have been welcomed by Calvary Christian Church these last few months. You all have been so wonderful and your gift to us is yet another example of the love of Christ showing through you all. Thank you so much. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

-Levi and Lily

Once again, we are reminded of how blessed we are to serve at such a great church as Calvary. The blessing you have provided our family with our Christmas gift always exceeds anything we could ever imagine. So with grateful hearts we say thank you to all our family here at Calvary.

Merry Christmas!

Zach, Nadia, Calli, Zander, and Emerson

#### Holiday Office Hours

Normal business hours are:

**9am-1 pm Monday thru Thursday.**

For the Christmas Holiday the office will be closed from **12/24/25 thru 1/2/2026**

**As always, ministers and elders are available by phone for urgent needs.**

#### Current Sermon Series

**The Letter of Ephesians**  
**This week's Passage: Ephesians 4:25-32**



Look on our YouTube page for previous sermons.

#### Praise & Prayer January 5th

A time to come together as a church family to glorify and praise God for what He is doing in our lives and in the church here at Calvary. It is a time to voice what we need to take to God in prayer as both praise and petition. Join us at **6:00 pm** the **first Monday** of every month.



#### December/ January Calendar

- **January 4:** Christmas Movie 5:05 pm
- **January 5:** Praise & Prayer 6:00 pm
- **January 11:** Sunday Small Group resumes 5:30 pm
- **January 14:** Wednesday Small Groups resume
- **January 17:** Game Day 1-3 pm
- **January 17:** Winter Encampment RRCC

**For more details see page 2 of this Newsletter**

# Closer Look

## January 4th Christmas Movie Night



Even winter storms cannot freeze out our holiday spirit! The whole church is invited to watch 'The Grinch'. Bring a friend and a snack to pass and join us at 5:05 pm for FRESH popcorn and a movie! A good cozy blanket is also a great thing to grab, maybe even a comfy bag chair!

## January 17<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 - 4:00 pm

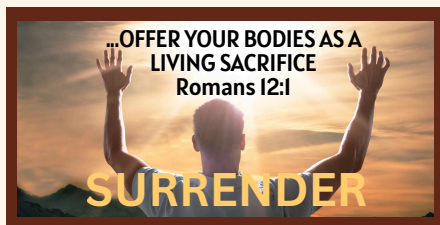


### Game Day!

Break up the long winter with a game day!

- Grab any favorite games and friends
- Bring a snack to share
- Enjoy the fun and fellowship

## No Regrets Men's Conference



February 7, 2026  
8:00 am - 2:00 pm



**Just a reminder-** If you plan to go to the conference, sign up before the end of December for early bird price. You can contact Bob Johnson for your ticket or sign up online on your own.

## It's That Time of Year!

In order to be prepared for 2026, we have 3 important items to address.

### 1. Communion Set-up & Clean-up

Please sign up for Communion Set-up. We are returning to traditional communion. This does take a little more time but is easy to do. We will walk you through it and there is an instruction sheet available as well. Set-up needs to be completed by 9:00 am.

Sign-up for clean-up. Clean-up has not changed.

### 2. Coffee Fellowship Set-Up

Whether you enjoy coffee/tea or not, this is a time of fellowship enjoyed by many and a great opportunity to engage visitors. Please plan to start between 8:15 am and 8:30 am so coffee will be ready by 9:00 am. As always, we will walk you through it and an instruction sheet is available as well.

Sign-up is currently in the Gathering Place.

### 3. Church Directory

Please take the time to update your information in the directory. **YOU MUST INITIAL** by your name if you did not make any changes so that we know you **DID** view it. If you are not currently in our directory and would like to be added, please fill out your information on the **New Directory Listing sheet**.

## Special Opportunity

**We are going to make our own communion bread. If you have been searching for an opportunity to serve right from your own home, then this may be just what you are looking for. If interested, please contact Pam Johnson for all the details.**

# Small Groups

## Sunday Groups

### Kid's Worship Check-in Opens @ 9:50 am

PreK-5th Grade: Join us every Sunday morning for a fun and age-appropriate class centered around the Word of God. Right now, we are spending a year going through God's Big Story. Students should be checked in by a parent or guardian at the registration desk before they head back to the classroom.

### The Rock 11:30 am

The Rock will meet again starting January 11<sup>th</sup>.

Middle/High School Group  
The Rock meets Sundays for lunch and small group study.



### Sunday Evening Small Group 5:30 pm

Evening small group will meet again starting January 11

There is a small group that meets every Sunday evening from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. Ages range from mid 20's to early 70's.

\*Childcare is provided.

### Stay Updated with Calvary Notifications

Text 'connect' to 815-645-0050 for updates and notifications about church activities.



Website



Facebook



Instagram

## Ways to Stay Connected



YouTube

## Wednesday Groups

Wednesday Small Groups will meet again starting January 14.

### Mid-day Bible Study 12:30 pm

The Mid-day Bible Study meets in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your own lunch at **noon** to enjoy added fellowship time before the Bible study begins at 12:30.

### Signs of Servants 5:00 pm



The S.O.S. small group is interpreted for the deaf, but **all are welcome**. We meet in the Fellowship Hall. We will continue an overview of the New Testament in the "Basic Bible Study" series by Deaf Missions when groups restart.

### Men's Group 6:30 pm

The Men's class has completed the study of, "The book of Philippians" by Joby Martin. New study TBD on January 14th.

### Ladies' Group 6:30 pm

The Ladies' class has completed "Letters to the Church", by Francis Chan so our new study will be determined when we meet on January 14th.



## WAYS TO GIVE

In Person

Bank Bill Pay

Giving

By Mail

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