

A Message from Pastor Dave

Dear Calvary Family,

The history of God's people documented in the Old Testament portrays how there are different seasons and callings throughout life. For example, when Moses was called by God to be the leader of the Jewish people, he reluctantly accepted that role. His work was foundational to provide order, structure, laws and regulations on how to live with each other and God. Moses led those people through exhilarating moments and times of great despair as he fell on his face asking for God's grace. But Moses knew there would be a day when he would no longer lead. He even recognized the transitory nature of life when he wrote, **"So teach us to number our days, That we may present to You a heart of wisdom"** in Psalm 90:12. We are all stewards of life for a period of time.

Therefore, Joshua was selected by God to be Moses' successor. While Moses laid the foundation for this new nation after crossing the Red Sea, Joshua would lead these people into a new land and life after crossing the Jordan River. Moses desired peace and unity in seeking the Lord. Joshua would lead armies to conquer this new land. Both Moses and Joshua were God's men for each season of life in the nation of Israel. They led differently, but both maintained a commitment to God, following His ways and fulfilling His calling.

This brings me to Calvary. It has been my privilege to serve as senior pastor at Calvary for almost 22 years. I came when the church needed a healing, restoring and unifying ministry. Now, I recognize it is time for new leadership to fulfill the calling of God for Calvary Church. I want to assure you that I initiated this process and am fully supportive of the Elders as they present Eric Wakeling as the next leader to serve as our Senior Pastor. To be clear, I am not retiring, nor am I resigning, but rather I am realigning the role I will serve on staff. My desire is to still teach, encourage and develop people so we connect, grow and reach for Jesus Christ. Please take advantage of the many upcoming forums to learn more about this new season of ministry at Calvary as we pursue God's leading together.



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Ways to Reach Monthly Opportunities

Orphan Care Gathering: Oct 8, Nov. 5 · 9:00 - 10:15 am · W-209 Learn about resources, support, plan events, and pray for Orphan Care. **calvarylife.org/orphan**

Christmas Craft Gathering: Sep. 7, Oct. 5 · 12:00 - 3:00 pm · Fireside Room Create toys/crafts for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to be gifted. **calvarylife.org/reach**

Retirement Home Ministry: Sep. 9, Oct. 14 · 9:30 - 11:00 am Visit and serve seniors at the Groves Retirement Village. Contact Bob at rdbrowning@msn.com

Vision for Northeast Asia: Sep. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13 · 7:00 - 8:30 pm · W-209 A time of sharing/prayer for the unreached places in Asia. Contact Jill at jnielsen@calvarylife.org

Women with a Mission: Sep. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16 · 9:00 am + 7:00 pm · Fireside Room Hear updates from & pray for Calvary missionaries. Includes light snack. calvarylife.org/global

Faith and Public Policy Ministry: Sep. 17, Oct. 22, Nov. 19 · 12:30- 2:00 pm · W-209 Discuss and plan ways to engage our Calvary family in the public square. calvarylife.org/public

Mary's Kitchen: Sep. 23, Oct. 28, Nov. 5 · 8:00 - 11:00 am or 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Help host a meal for homeless men, women and children. Crystal at calvarez@calvarylife.org



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One Service Sunday · September 3 · 10:00 am

Join us for the launch of our fall series and hear about the vision for the next season in the life of our church family. Programs available for Nursery-K. Everyone else will be together in the Worship Center. Discover more at **calvarylife.org/series**

Mid-Week Ministry Launches:

Discover more about all the mid-week ministries kicking off this fall at **calvarylife.org/ministries CHILDREN:** Baby Lane (Nursery) • Playhouse (Preschool/K) • Junction (1st-3rd) • Fuel (4th-5th)

STUDENTS: The Spot (Middle School) • HSM (High School)

ADULTS: Men • Women • 6 Packs • Life Groups • Life Classes Foundation (College + Young Adults) • IMPACT (50-65) • SAM (65+)

ATHLETICS: Cal Fit • Basketball • Soccer • Aerobics • Volleyball • Bowling • Martial Arts

CARE: Celebrate Recovery • Support Groups • Counseling • VIPS • Prayer

Church Family Q & A Meetings: September 6 + 27 · 7:00 pm · Lobby

Come be a part of the journey towards Calvary's future. These evening gatherings will provide opportunities for you to hear directly from our leadership what God has placed on their hearts for Calvary, and will give time for you to participate in discussion and partner in prayer as we seek God's leading together. **calvarylife.org/pastor**

'Intentional Parenting' Life Class: Wednesdays, September 6 - 27 · 7:00 - 8:30 pm · Chapel At some point, we move from DREAMS to DUCT TAPE and hope that each day everything will just stick together. Raising kids in today's culture is a difficult challenge and it requires a plan. It's never too late to become an intentional parent. **calvarylife.org/classes**

Praying for Your Grandchildren: September 10 · 12:30 pm · N-1 Gather with others to pray for your grandchildren. Bring your own lunch. **calvarylife.org/sam**

'Discover Calvary' Membership Class: September 13 + 20 · 7:00 pm · Fellowship Hall Since 1931, Calvary has been sharing the life-changing message of Jesus. Learn how Calvary's history impacts our future and the role you play in making our vision a reality. Take a behindthe-scenes campus tour and decide whether becoming a member of Calvary is right for you. Find out more about this 2-part class at **calvarylife.org/membership**

'Grandparenting Matters' Retreat: September 15 - 17 · Forest Home Weekend getaway with the IMPACT group (ages 50-65). **calvarylife.org/impact**

Child Dedication Class: September 17 · 11:00 am · Calvary Town Warehouse Required one-time class for Child Dedications on Sunday, September 24. **calvarylife.org/dedications**

SAM Dinner (ages 65+): September 19 · 6:30 pm · Fellowship Hall Enjoy dinner and an evening of piano with Trish Folsom. Learn more at **calvarylife.org/sam**

Impact Beach Party (ages 50-65): September 22 · 5:00 pm · Corona del Mar State Beach Enjoy the surf, sand, bonfire, and more. Contact Danny at 714.639.6555. **calvarylife.org/impact**

'Discover Calvary' Membership Class: September 24 · 12:30 - 4:00 pm · Fireside Come learn more about Calvary and church membership. **calvarylife.org/membership**



Sunday Sing: October 1 · 4:00 - 5:00 pm · Chapel Hymns and praise songs spanning the decades, with Calvary Church Choir. **calvarylife.org/sing**

'Stories of Change' Life Class: Wednesdays, October 4 - 25 · 7:00 pm · Fellowship Hall Firsthand stories of turning from other religions, toward following Jesus. **calvarylife.org/classes**

'Discover Jesus Together' Life Class: Wednesdays, Oct. 4 - Nov. 29 · 7:00 pm · S-5 Learn to live and love like Jesus through mentoring and discussion. **calvarylife.org/classes**

'Navigating Your Finances' Life Class: Wednesdays, Oct. 4 - Dec. 6 · 7:00 pm · W-209 Interactive study about work, saving, debt, investing and more. **calvarylife.org/generous**



Reach Week · October 7 - 15 · Details at calvarylife.org/reach

'Seen & Reclaimed' Women's Event: October 7 · 8:00 am · Fellowship Hall Amazing stories of Middle Eastern women discovering the gospel and courageously following Jesus with guest speaker JoAnn Doyle. Register online \$10.

Reach Global Sunday: October 8 · 9:00 + 11:00 am · Worship Center Hear exciting updates on Calvary missions and discover how Jesus is revealing Himself in the Middle East in incredible ways with guest speaker Tom Doyle.

'Daring to Hope' Reach Event: October 8 · 6:00 pm · Chapel Katie Davis, author of 'Kisses from Katie' and mother to 13 adopted daughters, shares on her ministry in Uganda and God's relentless love & redemption.

Orphan Care Sunday: October 15 · 9:00 + 11:00 am · Worship Center Guest speaker Jim Daly—author, radio host and president of Focus on the Family talks about God's heart for the orphan and how you can make a difference.

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SAM Dinner (ages 65+): October 17 · 6:30 pm · Fellowship Hall Enjoy dinner and an evening program with Steve Gertsen. Learn more at **calvarylife.org/sam**

Operation Love: October 21 · 8:00 am · Fellowship Hall Serve the elderly in our community with yardwork and light maintenance. **calvarylife.org/love**

Mother Son Mini Golf (1st - 5th grade): October 21 · 11:30 am - 2:00 pm | Camelot Golfland 1st - 5th grade boys and their moms enjoy lunch, mini golf, and arcade. **calvarylife.org/familyevents**

Church Family Q & A Meeting: October 27 · 7:00 pm · Lobby Come hear from Calvary's leadership what God has placed on their hearts for our church and participate in time of discussion and prayer as we seek God's leading together. **calvarylife.org/pastor**

Raising Financially Freed Up Kids: Sundays, October 29 - November 26 · Conference South Learn practical action steps for students from preschool to high school. **calvarylife.org/generous**



Monday, October 31 · 5:30 - 8:30 pm

Enjoy game booths, cake walks, inflatables, live entertainment, food & candy! Everyone is invited to enjoy free fun for the whole family. Reach out and help spread the word or sign up to serve! Find out more at **calvarylife.org/ltn**



'Why the Reformation Still Matters' Life Class:

November 1, 8, 15, 29 · 7:00 pm · Fellowship Hall Learn theology 'rediscovered' during the Reformation & why it matters now. **calvarylife.org/classes**

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Veterans Chapel (Calvary Christian School): November 8 · 8:30 - 9:00 am · Chapel Join as we honor our veterans through a special chapel hosted by CCS. **ccschool.org**



NeighborGood - Day to Serve our Neighbors Saturday, November 11 · 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Help demonstrate God's love to our surrounding neighborhood. Volunteers are needed to help in areas such as the car care clinic, health + salon center, farmer's market, bike repair shop and more! Register at **calvarylife.org/neighbor**



One Service Sunday · November 12 · 10:00 am

Gather for a special One Service at 10:00 am in the Worship Center, focusing on our church family's future, in which the Elders will oversee a congregational vote by the members of Calvary Church for our next Senior Pastor. **calvarylife.org/series**

Praying for Grandchildren: November 12 · 12:30 pm · N-1 Gather with others to pray for your grandchildren. Bring your own lunch. **calvarylife.org/sam**

'By Faith Alone' Dramatic Musical: November 12 · 4:00 - 5:00 pm · Chapel The life of Martin Luther, in honor of the Reformation's 500th anniversary. **calvarylife.org/drama**

SAM Dinner (ages 65+): November 14 · 6:30 pm · Fellowship Hall Enjoy dinner and an evening program with Pastor Tim Nellis. Learn more at **calvarylife.org/sam**

Baptism Classes: November 19 · 9:00 + 11:00 am · Prayer Room (in the Worship Center) Learn about baptism. Class is required to be baptized on November 26. **calvarylife.org/baptism**



Thanksgiving at Calvary · November 23 + 26

Thanksgiving Day Service: November 23 · 10:00 - 11:00 am · Chapel A morning of testimonies, singing and giving thanks. **calvarylife.org/thanksgiving**

Thanksgiving One Service: November 26 · 10:00 am · Worship Center Join as one church family to give thanks to God, conclude our fall series and celebrate with those being baptized! (Nursery - K is provided) **calvarylife.org/sundays**

Sunday Sermon Series Discover more at calvarylife.org/series





Light the Way · September 3 - November 26

We invite you to join us each Sunday this fall to explore the biblical call to carry the torch of leadership and light the way from one generation to the next. Come learn how we can shine brightly in our church, our families, our community and beyond. Find service times and more about this series at calvarylife.org/series



Reach Week · October 7 - 15

The Kingdom of God is expanding as the life-changing good news of Jesus is proclaimed locally and globally. Come hear inspirational stories of God at work and join in the vision to make disciples across cultures and generations. Discover more about the great lineup of guest speakers and special events at calvarylife.org/reach

Wednesday Life Classes Learn more at calvarylife.org/classes



Intentional Parenting

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Discover Calvary

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Stories of Change

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Discover Jesus Together

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Navigating Your Finances

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Check out the latest events, ministry activities and service opportunities happening at Calvary! Find out more about any of the events listed inside and even more opportunities to connect at calvarylife.org/calendar



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