

New Year's Day of Prayer – So much good and more to come!

Thank you for joining together to launch 2025 through prayer! We are filling January with prayer in two different ways. First, hundreds of us are committing to give one hour (or feel free to do more) to prayer on New Year's Day. Then, after New Year's Day, we are joining with other churches throughout central PA to fast for 10,000 days and pray for 10,000 hours... fasting and praying toward a move of God in central PA. So the commitment will be to fast for a day and pray for revival one hour on that same day. So every day of fasting will also equal one hour of prayer. In other words, if 1000 of us commit to fasting 10 days in January, we'll hit our goal.

As I look back over 2024, I keep coming back to an idea that I fleshed out a bit throughout the Advent season, how much we need grown-up Jesus. At one point I put it like this...

I love the iconic manger images of little baby Jesus, but I gotta be honest, it's full-grown Jesus with whom I want to be side-by-side. It's the one who stilled the storm, fed the crowd, healed the outcasts and noticed those in the margins of life. It's the one who could gather a crowd but loved you one-on-one. It's the one who riled up the religious leaders, confused the political leaders, scared the hell out of Satan, and loved his enemies all the way to the cross. It's his eyes I want to look into, his hand I want gripping mine, his steps I want to follow. Grown-up Jesus. A King worthy of my life.

In many ways this has been a good year, a year of stirring our hearts with the don't-quit-grit of Christ. So many have been baptized; so many people are in the process of God-radically grabbing their hearts and changing their lives. We've seen generosity flow, people serve, so many pray. So good. In other ways it has been a hard year, many have reached points of helpless desperation. We look around our world and see so many broken hurts. We look at the church in our country and there are multiple reasons for discouragement. But in the midst of the good and the hard, Christ is stirring up a greater passion for prayer and a renewed desire to see Him at work in our region. So much good has been done, but there is more to come!

This prayer guide is more of a narrative. Read the stories, reports and prayer requests from staff, in no particular order. Let it be like a conversation that stops now and then to pray. You could use this guide for more than an hour. Four things to keep in mind and do as you work through the following pages:

1. Ask Jesus to keep your heart/mind open to a new chapter of His church. But in the midst of all the strategizing change, remember we need His Spirit more than we need anything else.
2. Don't forget to tell God thank you. There is more to come, but there has been so much good. If you read through this and then spend an hour simply telling God thank you for all He has done in us and through us, that would be time well spent!
3. You will see prayer requests throughout the reports, those are good places to pause and pray. But they might not be the only good places to pause. Let the Spirit lead you.
4. If you have time, it would be great to combine this prayer guide with the 12 requests and finish out praying through them.
5. Feel free to use this prayer guide, multiple times throughout January!

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS FROM STAFF SO MUCH GOOD & MORE TO COME

KENDRA GETTIG -- OUTREACH

Some Ministry Numbers

Calvary's Barnabas team helps folks connected to Calvary and community members with basic needs – rent and mortgage assistance, utility assistance, emergency car repairs, gift cards for food and gas, etc. During 2024, the Barnabas team supported 190 families and provided \$43,973.26 in financial support. The Barnabas team is made up of 5 wonderful Calvary members, who prayerfully consider how to support each request that comes to Calvary.

Calvary provided 200 gifts to inmates at Centre County Correctional Facility, which contained a devotional book, journal, coloring book, colored pencils and 8 candy bars. Calvary contributed nearly 1700 candy bars – thank you! We also provided two trays of homemade cookies and other goodies for staff at CCCF.

Night to Shine is a prom-like experience for individuals with special needs. During 2024, 138 guests and 227 volunteers participated in Night to Shine! Every guest of Night to Shine enters this complimentary event on a red carpet complete with a warm welcome from a friendly crowd and paparazzi. Once inside, guests receive the royal treatment, including hair and makeup stations, shoe shining stations, limousine rides, corsages, and boutonnieres, a karaoke room, a catered dinner, a respite room for parents and caretakers and, of course, dancing! Each guest also receives a crown, reminding them that they are kings and queens of the prom, more importantly, that God sees them as kings and queens everyday!

Every number above is a person with a story, loved by God. Pray for them to know how very much God loves them.

Prayer Requests

- Please pray that we'd be able to build ongoing relationships through all these outreaches.
- We interact with lots of people through our ongoing ministries (Barnabas team, jail ministry, Harvest Fields open play space hours), seasonal ministries (Adopt a-Family, ServeWeek) and events (Fall Fest, Night to Shine, Easter Egg Hunt, etc). Rather than just interacting with these folks once or twice a year, please pray that we'd be able to have ongoing relationships, invite them to church and introduce them to Jesus.

AMY JOHNSTONBAUGH – FACILITIES AND ADMINISTRATION

Ministry Numbers

Reservations: I can't think of a space that was not used this year, from outdoors to clearing out the storage closet in the auditorium for a breakout session, every space at Harvest Fields is used! There were an estimated 200 reservations on the books for 2024 at Harvest Fields!

Prayer Requests

- Prayers for patience and gentleness as I continue discipling my dad.
- Prayers that I will surrender fully to the task of introducing my boys to God and teaching them His ways, conforming to God's patterns for my family as a single mom. And that I will parent from faith-filled convictions.

KRISTAL SCOTT – FINANCES AND EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION

Ministry Numbers

Anita Bailey and I have been putting extra time into Calvary Global Kids this year. We are hoping to have 150+ children sponsored through the orphanages we support in Myanmar and Kenya. We had a successful Christmas Extravaganza where we had over 150 dozen cookies sold, which will support children globally. We celebrate the desire of folks from multiple sites wanting to work with Calvary Global Kids to better communicate with the children and their sponsors. Prayer would be so appreciated for each child at all of the orphanages to know Jesus' love and for the workers to be filled with His light. Additionally, Myanmar is still in a civil war, so prayers for all the uncertainty that war brings.

This year has been challenging in helping us transition from Dan Dorsey's Executive Pastor roles. Serving on the staff leadership team has been a blessing and in the financial areas we have made it through the year and see good things to come. I'm grateful for all the people who have helped along the way, including 10 different people that I tap on for help as office volunteers throughout the year.

Finances: God continues to provide the resources needed to maintain the vibrant ministry of Calvary! As we close out 2024, we are heading for a year of increase in giving, with giving higher than expenses! We're grateful for the generosity and commitment of the Calvary family. Many thanks to Jim Yates (treasurer), Kim Lukens, Barb Kitchen, Judy Yates and Dave Stahl for their tireless service.

Prayer Requests

- Please continue to pray for God's financial provision for the ministry of the church and its many areas of outreach (Community Relief, Community Outreach, 1% Offering, and more).
- Pray for our quest to connect Calvary Global Kids with their sponsors.

COURTNEY LOGUE – VIDEOGRAPHER AND ONLINE DIRECTOR

Ministry Numbers

In 2024, we've had close to 2,000 hours of content viewed on our YouTube channel. We've released sermons, services, the State of the Church video series, God-stories, and worship songs. Our most popular worship song released this year is "I Speak Jesus" with it also being our most viewed video of all time. We average 60+ viewers on live.calvarysc.org each weekend for online services. The volunteers in my area are truly great. My hosts are present and are great at supporting the online service. My camera operators blow me away at what they capture creatively during a recording so that we can bring a worship song to life through video. On our YouTube Channel, we've had numerous positive comments about our messages and sermon series. There are people who are thankful for our challenging and encouraging messages during that specific time in their life. YouTube allows our content to be viewed all around the world.

PACKHOPE: This year, I again gave leadership to our PackHope event for overseas refugees. We packed 240,000 meals at Harvest Fields with 700 volunteers and about 30 leaders. At Lewistown, Penns Valley, and Tyrone, we packed 30,000 seed packets with about 215 volunteers. These meals provide food for those who do not know where their next meal is coming from. In partnership with UNTO, they send teams to some of the most malnourished places around the world to teach them how to make gardens and plant seeds so that they have a reliable source of food.

Prayer Requests

- To continue being a light on YouTube and for our content to reach farther than it already is and to those who need it the most.
- Pray for those who were part of the PackHope event, for those invited by their neighbors, especially those who are not yet Jesus-followers, that serving together with others will open their hearts to Jesus.
- Pray for the refugees served by UNTO, that they will experience the love of Jesus as they are served.

KATHY RIDENOUR – CALVARY KIDS

Ministry Numbers

At Harvest Fields alone, on average we served 120-160 kids each week. Adding in Calvary Tyrone, Calvary Penns Valley, and Calvary Lewistown, we serve over 250 kids! At Harvest Fields, my primary place of ministry, we have about 90 volunteers who serve on a monthly basis. Recently, we have had a large number of sixth graders and a handful of college students who are new to Calvary Kids, but very excited to serve and work with children. Overall, we are in a good position with the number of volunteers that we have at this time.

In 2025, we are planning to start a mentoring program for our volunteers, where some "seasoned" volunteers will oversee and guide our newer and/or younger volunteers. Our hopes are that the mentors will be able to not only check in on their volunteers regarding Calvary Kid responsibilities, but also check in with them on how they are doing personally.

In the end, the mentoring program will hopefully build relationships between all ages of our volunteers and make for more faith-based relationships.

Prayer Requests

- Pray that the activities and opportunities we have planned for families in 2025 will bring them closer together as a family and closer to Christ.
- Pray that our outreach programs in 2025 will impact particular local communities, for example lately we have been reaching out to Ashworth apartments. We want to help them know that they are loved by both their community and their Heavenly Father.
- Pray for the Next Gen volunteers that God will use their ministry to grow them spiritually.
- Pray for our gatherings in Tyrone, Penns Valley, and Lewistown. God is at work in the children at all of our gatherings.

JAKE NOLD – Next Gen Director

Ministry Numbers

XYM has been a ton of fun this year. God is moving in the lives of students in ways that Jason and I are incredibly grateful for. We currently have 19 (21 if you count Jason and me!) small group leaders who have been pouring into students' lives in such meaningful ways. Just a couple of years ago we were hurting for leaders, but God has blessed us with people who are eager and willing to step into the calling!

We've averaged 60+ students per week and estimate that we've reached close to 200 different students this year! For the first time, we went on a spring retreat. Forty-two of us traveled to Camp Hebron and spent the weekend playing, singing, and diving into God's word. One thing I love about these retreats is how strong relationships are built up in such a short amount of time. Students grew closer to each other, to their leaders and to Jesus! It was a powerful time together.

We currently have 7 people on our Student Leadership Team, ranging from 9th grade to 12th grade. They have a passion for their classmates and discipleship. As I write this now, they are planning our Christmas Party! It has been a joy watching them interact with middle school students, helping them become more comfortable at XYM and helping them see Jesus along the way. We couldn't do what we do without the Student Leadership Team.

Prayer Requests

- Our big push moving into the new year is on discipleship. Our dream is to see students discipling students. We would love your prayers for this.
- Pray that God would open up doors for small group leaders to disciple their students and pray for the courage for our students to disciple their peers. We truly believe God has some big things in store for us next year and we so appreciate your prayers!

GARRET WHITE & SUE JEPSON – CAMPUS MINISTRY & FRASER ST. COMMONS

Ministry Numbers

Fraser Street Commons (FSC) is known as Calvary's "commons" for the downtown State College public. This space has been open to anyone who is looking for a quiet place to study, work, and enjoy free coffee and WiFi since its inception. This semester we have returned the open hours to 10 AM to 5 PM Monday through Friday according to the Penn State academic calendar. The results have been incredible, and we hope eternal.

Since October, FSC has averaged over 169 guests per week, including about 10 first-time guests each day. Each guest comes with a unique story and God ordained points of connection. In casting vision for FSC, the word that we repeatedly hear from the Lord is "refuge"--- a place of shelter, protection, or safety. Relationships are forming with regulars. We've prayed with new friends for stresses and jobs, been welcomed into decision-making, and celebrated over dissertations defended; we've marveled when someone says, "I don't even know why I was drawn in here today, but now I know," and offered friendship to the ones who come out of desperate loneliness and needing a place of connection. Every day we hear gratitude for the provision of this space and the atmosphere it holds, whether they know yet THE ONE whose presence provides the atmosphere or not.

December 7th through the 12th we initiated extended study hours for finals by staying open until 10 p.m. Over 400 students packed into our space during those days including many who discovered us for the first time but vowed that this will be "my new place."

In addition to Garret's full plate of ministry at Fraser St. Commons and with international students, Sue Jepson works with PSU women athletes. She has had 3 Bible studies over the fall semester with anywhere from 15-20 ladies. She also helps at Penn State Christian Athletes led by Will Gigante and team. The weekly Tuesday night meeting has seen anywhere from 35-60+ students. This semester we covered the beatitudes and next semester it's the minor prophets. Every other Sunday we have "family dinners" to give students a taste of home! In addition, the monthly breakfasts at Calvary have been a huge success. The Calvary students LOVE this.

Prayer Requests

- Fraser Street is dependent upon volunteers/hosts. This semester we have had 9 regular volunteers who have helped make coffee, welcome and care for those who come, and kept the space clean and welcoming. During the extended hours we added more volunteers to allow for 2 hosts to be present in the evening hours. Looking into 2025 we hope to increase the number of volunteers/hosts to 15. Pray for more volunteers.
- Please be praying with us for God to use FSC as a place that reflects His heart for the next generation. Also, join us in asking God to provide wisdom for our next steps that introduce students to our great God who loves them and wants to bring life in His name. (John 20:31)
- Pray for the PSU student athletes, that God will work in them and through them. That they will use their platforms to honor Jesus.

MIKE LEACH – DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES

Ministry Numbers

The Facilities Team continued to face constant change in 2024. With the departure of Dan Dorsey we were concerned we could be overlooked without senior leadership in place to advocate for us.

Fortunately, Isaac Balban stepped into the role and fully met our needs for representation with leadership. We still face a revolving door of team staff. Just when we think we have the right people in place, someone moves on to a different role. This makes it difficult to build consistency in staff roles and project completion. Despite these challenges, I see God is at work in providing people for the Facilities Team. People show up when needed and work for a season to accomplish some outstanding tasks before they move on to other activities. We hosted 74 birthdays and 23 social (non-church) events in 2024. We are hosting many more than in previous years (even pre-covid) as many weekends see several parties. Other weekend slots and weeknights are filled with church and community events. It is encouraging to see people gathering again and fellowshiping in person. Many social events allow people to experience Harvest Fields for the first time.

We continue to receive compliments on the property. The community is grateful that we allow the use of Harvest Fields for outdoor recreation. We couldn't do this without our volunteers and team staff. We spend about 15 hours weekly just mowing grass. I have two primary volunteers to do the major mowing and team staff attend to the trim mowing and garbage collection. Our equipment is aging, and it takes additional hours to maintain everything. We could use more volunteers for outdoor work and in skilled equipment maintenance.

Prayer Requests

- The primary prayer request for Facilities would be for workers. Paid staff or volunteers to help accomplish the work of keeping Harvest Fields in order and constant maintenance needs on the property, the Lodge and Church buildings. As the church ages, more needs to be done to keep it in useful order.
- Another prayer request is continued funding. Energy, cleaning supplies and labor costs continue to increase. We try to forecast our budget, but sometimes cost increases surprise us.
- I have 8 regular volunteers who support Facilities. I would like more volunteers in the landscaping area to keep the lodge and church looking great in-season.

STACY SUBLETT – GATHERING PASTOR@PENNS VALLEY & FYM DIRECTOR

Ministry Numbers

We averaged 70 people worshipping at Calvary Penns Valley over the year (48 adults, 22 children). We promoted a good number of rising 6th graders this year. In the process, we started youth ministry at CPV. Levi and Rachel Sublett have taken the lead with our ministry to teenagers. Right now, the group is almost exclusively middle schoolers, but there are a great many middle school and high school students all over the valley who are not connected to Jesus or to any congregation.

It has been so encouraging seeing these young men and women, these budding Jesus Apprentices, listening to the Word of God, learning how God has shaped them, and leaning in to follow the Spirit's lead. A good number of those teenagers are actually helping with our Production Arts team. You'll find a young man or woman sitting behind the sound board or projection computer almost every weekend.

We have a great group of volunteers who serve with Calvary Kids, 31 different volunteers! They work on a rotational basis, so there are quite a few families involved. It's always encouraging to see teenagers who have a vision for ministry within Calvary Kids. I'm always surprised to realize that we have half as many kids as we do adults in attendance. And I know that we're not even scratching the surface in terms of families who have no connection to Jesus.

One of the highlights of 2024 was seeing the continued work of the Holy Spirit in the unity of the Church of Penns Valley. We had several opportunities to join with other congregations for times of worship and prayer, sending out missionaries, and leaning into FYM. There is a growing bond between several of us pastors, and we are eagerly anticipating a greater move of God in the Valley.

Prayer Requests

- In Psalm 133, God promises to command his blessing—eternal life in places where there is unity.
- Pray for unity among the churches of the Valley, and for new people to find eternal life.
- Pray for the next generation, that their hearts would be drawn to the God who loves them, and that we would do a great job of letting them know that God loves them, and so do we.
- Pray for us to figure out how to use our facilities well. We're practically full in our kids areas, but still have lots of seats for adults.
- Pray for Calvary Penns Valley to grow in generosity, and to get to a place where our income is greater than our expenses.

I am convinced that the longer we focus on helping people become Jesus Apprentices, the more we remind people that the true aim is loving God and loving our neighbors, the better off our Valley is going to be.

SCOTT LEDDY – GATHERING PASTOR AT HARVEST FIELDS

Ministry Numbers

As we finish up the end of the year here at Calvary Harvest Fields, we've seen the Lord bring an increase in quite a few areas. We are blessed to continue seeing new visitors week after week. In 2024 nearly 200 first-time visitors joined us for services at Calvary. Quite a few have sent messages of thanks, sharing how impactful their time with us has been. Whether it was sensing that they had found a church home or were impacted by the messages or our worship, the overall sentiment has been very positive.

As we've reached out to those newer to Calvary we've been able to connect with many over coffee and lunches and share the 2030 vision of doubling the amount of Christ followers in Central PA. The conversations have been very encouraging, and those who have joined us permanently have been connecting with us in multiple ways. One of those has been our Tuesday evening community groups, where we have combined discussion groups and once-a-month meals so that folks can connect with other new people or with some of our regulars.

We also have seen an uptick in our next-gen ministry with around 75 college students calling Calvary Harvest Fields home. Each month we provide a college brunch/lunch where upwards of 40 students have been able to connect with our staff and each other. On our missions front, the Lord continues to see our resources go towards our local missions work on the PSU campus and internationally through our work in Myanmar, Kenya, the Dominican Republic, and our friends Dave and Sue Embrock in Paris, France. There are so many encouraging reports of people coming to Jesus and growth in making disciples.

Lastly, in the area of prayer, we've had some amazing and encouraging times at our once-a-month encounter service in helping those who are looking to engage in more consistent communal prayer times, as we pray for revival locally and nationally and for the church to continue to be a beacon of hope and life in our communities.

Prayer Requests

As we move into the year ahead, would you spend some time praying for these areas?

- That everyone looking for community would be able to find it here at Calvary;
- That our student population would grow as leaders and influencers in the year to come;
- That our work locally and around the world would grow in the spheres of influence and we could continue to resource them through our 1% offering;
- That there would be a deep hunger for prayer and that Calvary would be recognized as a place where the power of prayer is evident in all we do to build the Kingdom.

SCOTT LEDDY & JONATHAN WEIBEL – FRONT YARD MISSION DIRECTORS

Ministry Numbers

We've had an encouraging year in the area of Front Yard Mission! We handed out approximately 150 kits this last year to members at Calvary, including the Lewistown, Penns Valley and Tyrone locations as well. These kits provide a great (and simple!) way for people to take a step in the direction of intentional invitation in their personal FYM.

We also introduced a new course of study in 2024 to provide a curriculum for people who are interested in learning more about Front Yard Mission and how to get involved in their neighborhood and community. The basis of the MasterClass dives into the 3 categories; Pray first, Love all, and Invite often. We've had around 125 people register for the course and at least 3 other churches have participated in the Front Yard Mission Class since it was first launched in February 2023. Part way through the year a survey was handed out to find out how many people were actively engaging in FYM. Roughly 300 members responded to this survey at the Harvest Fields location showing close to 200 people who were regularly praying for their hashtag and looking for a next step in serving/inviting their people.

Prayer Requests

- Pray that everyone at Calvary would fill out a hashtag card and pray for their 8. This is where it starts.
- Pray especially for our 140 days of prayer leading up to Easter.
- Pray for all the neighbors of FYMissionaries who have been invited into a home, or to church, that we will take the next steps of having a gospel conversation.
- For 2025, we believe one of the next steps that God's putting on our hearts is the launching of what we're calling Neighborhood Churches. Neighborhood Churches will be geographical hubs that will help people experience community while living out the FYM mission in their neighborhoods. They will gather on CWOW Sundays and other times throughout the month. Our hope is to see at least 5 Neighborhood Churches launch toward the beginning of 2025, and we'd value your prayers for wisdom and that God would raise up people with a passion for FYM and community that would help to launch this new initiative.

ISAAC BALBAN – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (NOW EXECUTIVE PASTOR)

Ministry Numbers

The Executive Administration team dedicated significant efforts to steer through the transition in our executive pastoral leadership. This transition led to the establishment of digital financial and staff development systems, fortifying our operational foundation for the beginning of 2025. A pivotal step towards realizing our 2030 vision involved the implementation of a monthly managers' training. This initiative aims to empower our managerial staff, fostering alignment with our long-term vision and enabling them to better lead their teams.

And one area I'm very excited about is in the equipping of the next generation. Our commitment to equip the next generation of leaders has seen us engage a consultant to

develop a comprehensive residency program. We're pleased to announce the completion of the first draft outlining the program's structure, budget, and curriculum. We prayerfully anticipate launching this program in the Summer of 2025.

Prayer Requests

- As we move forward, please be praying for the successful launch of our residency program, the seamless migration of our financial systems to our new CPA firm, and the sustained generosity of our Calvary Church congregation.
- Also, please pray for grace and strength as our dedicated staff prepares to embark on significant projects and initiatives in 2025.
- Pray for my transition to full-time Executive Pastor at Calvary.

EUNICE TROXEL – MINISTRY ASSISTANT AT CALVARY PENNS VALLEY

Ministry Numbers

We are averaging about 70 people at our worship gatherings each weekend. I connect with first-time guests and keep a pulse on who in the gathering has needs, attempting to connect them with folks who are willing to step in and help.

As we reach out to those in need, we've been stepping into some hard places to help those in Millheim that need support/help with food, clothing and housing. Kendra Gettig helped us with the adopt-a-family program in Penns Valley, and we were able to bless 5 families with Christmas gifts. One was a foster family in need!

I love working with our volunteers. We have 8 volunteers on the Production Arts team that I schedule, train, and support. We have 7 on our Connections team that I schedule and support. And our women's ministry group averages 4 to 5 a week but has 11 on the roster that I connect with once a week

Prayer Requests

- Pray for my neighbors and continued opportunities to love them. Pray that I will continue in my FYM with the attitude that I am the project, not my neighbors!
- Pray for those in 2025, who will study "Experiencing God" by Henry Blackaby together. Pray that we can see community develop and a faith in God's ability to do more than we can imagine.
- Pray that Calvary Penns Valley sees an increase in crazy generous lives.
- Pray that God can continue to give me and the leadership of Calvary the wisdom and strength to be His hands and feet.

KIM DICK – DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP AND HOSPITALITY

Ministry Numbers

Currently we have 30 people serving/rotating on our worship teams from week to week and for special events. We are so blessed to have 5 different people who are able and willing to plan and lead worship at various times – some in regular rotation, others as needed. Our Easter event, “Way of the Cross,” had 52 people volunteer and 600+ people come through as participants. At Easter, we incorporated a worship choir of 20+ people for the Online service, and Ed McCash and Christine Schafer have done a great job of incorporating a worship choir on a few occasions at live services at Harvest Fields.

Encounter nights of worship continue to be a highlight each month and the addition, this year, of our Blue Christmas service was also a highlight. I would say the biggest blessing in 2024 would be inviting Christine Schafer to the staff team, initially as part of our internship program through the Summer and Fall, but officially as we kickoff 2025, as a part-time staff member in the worship and communications areas. Christine brings so much to the table both in musical talent and in her heart for worship as well as gifts in many other areas.

Stacey Hoffman and I share the overseeing of our Hospitality team at Harvest Fields. We are still learning and stretching as we grow. We currently have 75 people serving on the Hospitality team – filling a number of roles at both services. We are still working to tighten up the role of seating usher especially at the 9 a.m. service – it takes a particular personality and we haven’t discovered very many volunteers who WANT to do that role. Hopefully 2025 will bring more of those. We are so grateful for each of our volunteers and their willingness to be the front line—the FACE of Calvary! I have been overseeing the café in terms of supplies coffee, filters, tea, creamers, paper supplies and I am amazed at the amount of French Vanilla (in particular) creamer we go through each weekend! So much thanks goes to Stacey, who shoulders the giant scheduling piece each month!

Prayer Requests

- Pray for more volunteers who love making guests and long-term Calvaryfamily members feel welcome and seen.
- Pray that we as a church would be welcoming every time we gather. That we would go out of our way to meet, serve, and love people we don’t yet know.

JOHN BALOGH – LEGACY STAFF IN TECH

Ministry Numbers

During 2024, the IT team served 60+ tech requests, 39 of which were from within Calvary and Calvary Kid Care. The other requests were to support local entities like WTLR, Pregnancy Resource Center, OOTC, and other individuals. We started with 4 members but are now down to 3. We are actively looking at adding people with a heart for service in this area. Our biggest area for improvement was and still is reducing ongoing cost of Internet connectivity, while realizing that not all sites are seeing increased use like Common Place. We are blessed by a team of people (mostly our families) who pray for us, in addition to our meeting and project prayers for Christ-centered use of talent and resources.

Prayer Requests

- Pray for more volunteers, so we can serve Calvary and other area non-profits well.
- Pray for more legacy (unpaid staff, often retired) staff to get involved at Calvary.

DEAN CHRISTIAN – DIRECTOR OF TECH AND PRODUCTION

Ministry Numbers

The Communications team continued to support all the gatherings and different ministries with their promotion and communication needs. We try to make everything special, but this year, we put some extra-special work into the Blue Christmas service (for those who had recently suffered loss), and one of our volunteers built a 6-ft tall Snickers bar to raise the profile of the candy bar collection to bless those incarcerated over the holidays. From bulletins and invite cards, to sermon series graphics, videos, and devotional books, we also resourced ministries like Leadership Advance, ServeWeek, Abide, and various outreach events.

We also take care of 4 Christmas and 4 Easter websites dedicated to connecting people in their community to Calvary's nearest Christmas or Easter service. This Christmas we saw over 1,100 visits to our Christmas websites! Many amazing volunteer photographers, graphic designers, proofreaders, video editors, and writers make it possible for the communications team to function and support all the ministries throughout the year.

The production team supports sound, video, and lighting at the Calvary gatherings. Each site has their own team of fantastic volunteers who make sure things run smoothly, and then our central team helps them with any big projects or problems that they encounter. This year we were able to upgrade our projection computers in Lewistown and Tyrone. Penns Valley will see an upgrade early in 2025. The Harvest Fields team also supported lots of non-Calvary organizations and events that were hosted outside regular church hours.

Prayer Requests

- We've got good prospects for a new intern for Summer 2025, but please pray that two more people would join the production team as we head into the new year.
- Pray that God would use our social media platforms and all that takes place in communications and production to let others know more about Jesus!

SEAN MOON – GATHERING PASTOR OF CALVARY LEWISTOWN AND ONLINE PASTOR

Ministry Numbers

Like the previous years, 2024 has presented some really great stuff, but along with that came some really challenging health, spiritual, emotional, relational and financial needs within our gathering and in our community. We have seen many new families choosing to be part of Calvary this year, and we are grateful! Along with this, the level of generosity at Calvary Lewistown has been incredible! In fact, we have seen giving exceed our budgeted expenses! PRAISE GOD!

We have added two new teams this past year—a prayer team and a ministry leadership team. Both teams are off and running, and we are seeing God do great things through them. Our Community Outreach Team continues to grow, and we have had even more opportunities this year to distribute food (door-to-door) as well as invite people into our building for meals! Our Thanksgiving meal was a highlight for me. So many people gave up their time that week and on Thanksgiving Day to serve others. We ended up serving 150 meals that day!

In September, we held our third joint community worship service at the local high school, and over 1,100 people joined together to worship (700 people attended last year)! We have seen more interest from other churches and congregants, and are excited for the wonderful friendships with other pastors and churches in our community. Our local pastors group (called Hope Collective) has spent more time praying together this year, seeking God's direction to see a gospel saturation in our community.

A number: 5. The number five can symbolize God's grace or favor, and yes...we have seen this! In November, we celebrated five years of doing ministry in Lewistown. WOW...where has the time gone?! We've been able to see God do so many great things in this community for His Kingdom...it has been a lot of work, but it has also been really fun to be part of this ministry!

Prayer Requests

- Please pray that we can fill a leadership vacancy on our Community Outreach Team. This past year, Jon Swanger asked to take a step back from leading this ministry to focus more on his family. We are so grateful for the 5 years of leadership he has invested in, and we thank him! Calvary is a 'church without walls,' and we certainly focus a lot on connecting with people beyond the walls of our church buildings. So, please ask the Spirit of God to give us wisdom and direction in this area.
- We have been blessed with an amazing group of servant volunteers at Calvary Lewistown, and we are so thankful for every person that sacrifices their time and resources to serve the needs of others! Pray for more to come!
- Pray that our FYM would thrive at Lewistown! That we would see the answers that cause us to say, "Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." Ephesians 3:20

BILL EWING – GATHERING PASTOR AT CALVARY TYRONE

Ministry Numbers

We baptized 7 individuals this year. We had 2 life groups meet this year with a total of 10 people attending. We have 3 worship teams operating this year with a total of 11 participants. We currently have a strong group of volunteers that handle breakfast, coffee, lunch, kids church, worship team, facilities, sound, and projection with a total of 21 volunteers. We have loved on 5 individuals who were dealing with homelessness by providing housing and meeting other needs at the church through the shower of blessings ministry. We have welcomed 13 new individuals who attended Sunday worship service.

Prayer Requests

- We are praying for more people to get connected to life groups and lean in to apprenticing Jesus.
- We are praying for more people to become active in their front yard mission as we pray, encourage, and celebrate together.
- We are praying that God will continue to build and grow our team of 21 volunteers serving in the ministries of Calvary Tyrone.

BRIDGET ZIGLER – ASSISTANT IN FYM & OUTREACH

Ministry Numbers

This holiday season, I've had the privilege of serving Adopt-a-Family, Angel Tree Ministry and Silent Auction donations for our annual Christmas Extravaganza. I have also been able to connect more with the community and church as a whole through different events and fundraisers, which has been incredibly helpful with my new role on staff. As human beings, we all have a fundamental need for connection and belonging. We thrive when we are part of a community that supports us, challenges us and helps us to grow. I love the heart of Calvary and how the church as a whole strives to do this well.

Through Adopt-a-Family, our church was able to give back in such an incredible way, blessing so many families that are facing financial difficulties during the Christmas season. We were able to provide over 50 families with gifts for their children, and practical needs or wishes for themselves as well. Through doing this, we give families hope, joy and encouragement, showing Christ's love in such an impactful way. The blessings we receive from giving are many, it fills us with joy when we see that we have brought a smile to someone else. It develops our love towards others when we sacrifice for their good. Calvary also partnered with the Angel Tree Ministry this year providing 12 families with gifts for children who have a parent currently incarcerated.

This year the Christmas Extravaganza outreach team was able to come up with 70+ Donations totaling over \$3,600 for the silent auction. Throughout this process we connected with local businesses, restaurants, and shops to come together to serve our community as whole. All proceeds go directly back into the community. We work with local agencies to identify families

that need support, which may include rental assistance, utility expenses, car repairs, and other practical needs.

Prayer Requests

- My prayer for 2025 would be for connection and good relationships in our jail ministry, that the love of Christ would reach those that feel forgotten, alone and hopeless.
- Pray that we would be able to continue to bless our community and serve it well, not only as church and staff members, but also as individuals in our own personal lives.
- Pray that we would be Christ's light everywhere we go and in all we do. "I am the light that shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehend it not." John 1:5

LYNN NOLD – SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

I have the joy of being able to meet with individuals for Spiritual Direction. If you don't know what Spiritual Direction is, here's how I describe it: Spiritual Direction, at its core, is helping people to see where God is at work in their lives. It's deep listening, focused on where the Holy Spirit is moving. Together, we direct our attention to the presence of God and to where grace is at work, paying attention to the Holy Spirit and learning how to experience God in our everyday circumstances. My very favorite description of my role in Spiritual Direction is this: I'm watching the One I love (God), love another.

Throughout 2024, I've met with 48 different people...some just a few times, most regularly. I meet with some over Zoom (one in another country and a few in other states), but more often, we meet on the front porch of our cabin, looking out at a beautiful view of God's creation while we look for the places God is at work.

To grow spiritually, we all need to be intentional about looking for the places where the Spirit is at work in our lives and creating that space for others is truly a delight to me! I love catching glimpses of the Spirit at work in the lives of those I meet with. The Lord shows up faithfully in beautiful and unique ways. I've seen God do a deep work in the lives of others as He is invited in to look at the wounded places of our hearts and bring His truth and light to those places. It's a process, but the intentionality of looking for where God is at work in the good, the hard, the sin, the hurt, the beautiful...leads us to a deeper awareness of His Presence and His steadfast love for us!

Prayer Requests

My prayer request for 2025 is for continued spiritual renewal and hunger to draw each of us to a deeper love relationship with Jesus, and that there would be an ever growing desire in us to sit at the Father's feet in prayer, knowing how He delights in each one of us!

PASTOR DAN

I (Pastor Dan) could add more. Your giving to the ONE% offering this year is somewhere between "so encouraging" and "blew me away." Thank you for that. I am grateful for every single time that someone at Calvary takes time to pray for, serve and invite their neighbor into

their life. And it's happening all the time at Calvary. In part, that's why we had almost 2200 people at our Christmas Eve services! It's why we baptized so many this year! I get so many opportunities to hear someone's story (usually in progress) of what God is doing in them and through. BUT rather than keep going. Because this is already longer than you can pray for in two hours let alone one!

As I close this prayer time, I simply want to say thank you for taking the time to tell God thank you and thank you for taking the time to pray and give and serve. I am so grateful for our partnership at Calvary. I've said many times and will say many more times...there is no church family I would rather be serving! Thank you for being that kind of church family.

OH ONE MORE THING... PLEASE CONSIDER BEING A PART OF OUR 10,000 DAYS OF FASTING AND 10,000 HOURS OF PRAYER IN JANUARY. FIND THE LINK TO SIGN UP AT CALVARYSC.ORG/PRAYER