

2025

Senior Pastor Search Team

This brochure introduces the members of the Senior Pastor Search Team, carefully selected to represent our campuses and worship styles. Each member brings unique insights and a shared commitment to discern God's plan for Calvary's future. We invite you to join us in prayerful support as we move forward in this important journey together.

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Jake Bruhnding / RV

YEARS AT CALVARY 20

FAMILY

Spouse Katie and children Beau (15), Tripp (14), Cash (11), Maze (10), Kit (8)

MINISTRY INVOLVEMENT

Nominating Committee, Adventure Club Leader, Splash/Kids Ministry, Youth Ministry



CAREER

Primary job is CEO of Infinity Direct, which is a data drive marketing agency. Secondary, is executive level oversight of our other business Impact of MN, which is a print and mail production facility. Also involved in local youth baseball and football associations and coaching, part of the founding team of Bethel Alumni-Student mentoring program, Northern Twin Cities Young Life (serves Mounds View, Irondale, Roseville)

HOBBIES

Coaching, anything active either competitive or outdoors, fly fishing/hunting

SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

I grew up in a home where faith was kind of around but certainly not the primary focus. We attended a Lutheran church where I went through confirmation during middle school and ended up with good bible awareness but not true knowledge and understanding. In high school I got involved with Young Life and was fortunate to have several people invest in my spiritual life. At 17, I confessed that Jesus is Lord and believe in my heart that he was raised from the dead (committed my life to Jesus).

Sarah Darr / WB

YEARS AT CALVARY 17

FAMILY

Spouse Steve and children Calvin (13), Tenley (11), Natalie (9)

MINISTRY INVOLVEMENT

Kids Ministry, Special Needs volunteer, Financial Peace University, Young Adults



CAREER

Head of Financial Planning at U.S. Bank, Board member at Jack's Basket, Founding Board member of The 25 at Bethel University, Board member of Mounds View Irondale Lacrosse Association

HOBBIES

Kids chauffer to sports, love to cook and try new restaurants, travel, hike, learning about our new pet chickens

SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

I grew up at Edgewater Baptist Church (BGC/Converge) with devout Christian parents. I accepted Christ in my heart at six years old and was baptized when I was 10. I truly surrendered my life and experienced the Holy Spirit when I worked at Trout Lake Camp in college. Through several encounters, God demonstrated His undeniable presence and love for me. The last few years, I have asked the Lord to give me deeper wisdom of His Word. God continues to faithfully provide in my quiet time, Bible Study Fellowship, and at Church. "His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires." 2 Peter 1:3-4

Jim Hoar / RV

YEARS AT CALVARY 2.5

FAMILY

Spouse Gretchen, No children, my sister and Mom live in Northern Wisconsin, my wife grew up in Minnetonka and has two brothers. We're blessed that both of our Moms are still alive and in relatively good health



MINISTRY INVOLVEMENT

Foundation Builders Facilitation Team

CAREER

Retired from Target Corporation after 32 years of service. I was a corporate trainer for Target, doing both works skills training and leadership development

HOBBIES

I play in an 18 piece big band, and I am the band's business manager. Gretchen and I like to hike, and we're big into travel and we're foodies

SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

I was raised Lutheran. That part of my journey was self-serving and not God honoring. I accepted Christ in 1994 (I was 30 at the time), and since that time it has been an amazing walk with The Lord. Everything changed and so much for the better.

Trista Johnson / WB

YEARS AT CALVARY 3

FAMILY

Spouse Karl, children Kalin (Senior at Bethel), Rowen (Sophomore at Bethel), and parents, Walter and Carrie Olson, attend RV

MINISTRY INVOLVEMENT

Life group leader, Host a Small Group, Usher

CAREER

VP of Products and Capabilities at Optum Insight leading teams to build value-based care solutions to help providers improve care and deliver higher quality outcomes. PhD in Epidemiology and statistics from University of MN. Worked in health systems for over 20 years, Allina in Minnesota, Providence Health in Portland, Oregon and Seattle, Washington for 15 years

HOBBIES

Hiking, bicycling, camping, backpacking, traveling, reading, home remodeling

SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

I was raised in a Christian home going to church and really came to a deeper faith in Jesus in high school. I was involved with Campus Crusade for Christ in college and learned alot about the Bible and grew in my faith during that time. I have been a member of a number of different churches in Minnesota, Oregon, and Washington and learned so much from each of these experiences. I seek to be involved in Christian community to continue to grow in my faith and to develop deep friendships.



Dean Junkans

YEARS AT CALVARY 23

FAMILY

Spouse, Tammie Junkans, Worship Arts Pastor at Calvary, adult son and daughter, both married, 6 kids (which means grandkids for us!)

MINISTRY INVOLVEMENT

Financial Peace University leader. Alpha team leader, Audit Committee, under 2-year-old room in kids ministry, ASK program, Transition team, Elder board



CAREER

Retired as Chief Investment Officer, Wells Fargo, post-retirement – adjunct at Bethel, Investment Co board NYC, Fintech advisory board San Francisco, Cancer Support Team leader M Health Fairview, Peer to peer cancer mentor, volunteer hiking leader, numerous non-profit board work.

HOBBIES

Walking, hiking, reading, investing in grandkids, investing in students

SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

I did not grow up in the church, but accepted Christ at 23 years old and was baptized at Central Baptist Church in the midway area of St. Paul. In the last 5 years I have been on a mission to saturate my mind with scripture and have memorized 150+ scripture passages in that time with many more to come (this memorization would have been easier to do had I started when I was a kid!).

Glenn Martin / RV

YEARS AT CALVARY 45

FAMILY

Spouse Barbara, one married son (Andy) with two teenage boys, one daughter (Carla) with an adult son

MINISTRY INVOLVEMENT

Adult teacher, several committees/task forces, ASK prayer partner, Elder board chair, lead pastor search committee chair, church bus driver



CAREER

Middle school math/PE teacher and coach, middle school dean and AP, high school principal (all 37 years at Spring Lake Park Schools); 7 years as MN state director for Fellowship of Christian Athletes; currently activity bus driver for Presbyterian Homes

HOBBIES

Golf, reading, working out, MN sports fan (long-suffering), studying the Bible, loving on kids and grandkids

SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

As a child my dad took my brother and me to Calvary where, at age 8, I accepted Christ as my Savior, with the help of my 3rd grade Sunday school teacher. Later, the family attended another church where my faith grew and I had several leadership experiences. However, it was at Young Life camp in Colorado where I dedicated my life to serving God as Lord. Since then – with the help of many and the Holy Spirit - sanctification is occurring!

Jessica Miller / RV

YEARS AT CALVARY 12

FAMILY

Spouse Paul, children Samantha (18) at UMN and Nicholas (16) Roseville High School

MINISTRY INVOLVEMENT

Elder Board, Stephen Ministry, Monday Night Meals, Prayer Team, serving communion, SummerJam, Kid's Ministry and First Impressions Team



CAREER

Chaplain at St. John's Hospital in Maplewood

HOBBIES

Reading, baking, paddleboarding, pickleball and traveling

SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

I grew up in a Christian home and accepted Christ at the age of 4. Because of my parent's faith journey, I was exposed to different Christian denominations and beliefs growing up. Being homeschooled for 6 years really drove home the value of Scripture. As an adult, my faith grew at Wooddale Church through several missions trips and study groups. Going to seminary and further studying Scripture was a phenomenal experience and instilled in me an even greater appreciation of God's incredible love for humanity. Ministering to people from different walks of life on a daily basis increases my compassion for others and provides glimpses of God's goodness and wisdom.

Jon Ochs / WB

YEARS AT CALVARY 17

FAMILY

Spouse Jenny, children Kaylin (15), Lily (13), Brennan (10), Buddy (Dog)

MINISTRY INVOLVEMENT

Elder Board, Strategic Planning Committee, Kids Ministry, Men's Ministry



CAREER

Managing Partner of True North Business Services, providing business operations resources for small to mid-sized businesses, part of the True North Equity Partners Family. Entrepreneur in the business employee benefits and insurance sector. Real estate investor, board member.

HOBBIES

Boating on White Bear Lake, Guitar, Downhill Skiing, Travel

SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

I grew up in a Christian home, and prayed to receive and follow Jesus at the age of 6. I continued to grow in my understanding of what it meant to follow Jesus through middle and High school, and had a time after college where I had a rough spiritual path of discovery. At the end of that year of discovery/doubt, I found even more that I need Jesus in my life and started pursuing what that meant to follow Him with my whole life and all that I do. I'm still on that journey, and want to become more and more like Jesus every day in all that I do and say for His glory. I'm learning how my Identity is in God because He created me, it's not something I need to strive to achieve, and that I am created for Him with a unique purpose and role in God's big story that only I can play. I hold onto the hope that the Bible says that things will be restored and renewed to what they were made to be, that this is not our ultimate home, that there is a place where we can live with God forever as things were meant to be and for the things that our hearts long for. In the meantime I hold on to the truth in Romans 8:38-39, where it says, "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."



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