

AUGUST 10, 2025

PURSUING LIFE IN CHRIST

SEEK FIRST

LOVING GOD

LIVING GOD'S WORD

GROWING WITH GOD'S PEOPLE

INVESTING IN GOD'S WORK

GOING INTO GOD'S WORLD



We're so glad you've joined us today!



Learn more about the opportunities below:

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Save the Date for Calvary Family Night! Join us on August 27, starting at 4:45pm, for a free dinner, our annual meeting (at 6:30pm), kids programming, and dessert. The following Elder/Deacon nominees will be presented for approval during the annual meeting, for three-year terms beginning January 1, 2026:

New Elders: Kevin Filler, Kevin Gushiken

Continuing Elders: Brad Mullen, Scott Powell

New Deacons/Deaconess: Doug Hershberger, Brad Plank, Ginny Rehnberg

Continuing Deacons/ Deaconesses: Dave Alshouse, Renee Alshouse, Marian Gingrich

Starting Monday, August 11, tune in to the *Pursuing Life* podcast for an all new series, *Heavy But Hopeful*. Over four weeks, we'll have honest conversations about mental health, faith, and how to keep going when everything feels heavy. Scan the QR code to tune in.

Everything has a starting point—life, relationships, education, career. But sometimes we forget that faith has a starting point, too. What if it were possible to explore faith freely, ask the questions we all have, and work together to find a new starting point for faith? If you're new to faith, just checking it out, or coming back to church after some time away, this eight-week small group is a great first step! Join us for *Starting Point* on Sundays at 9:30am, starting September 14.

Parents: You are the primary disciplers of your children, and we want to equip you for that important role! We created our online Parent Hub to provide you with easy access to resources that will inspire and encourage you as you point your kids towards Jesus. Scan the QR code to check it out today!

Ladies! Dive into the Psalms with us for our next summer pop-up event on Thursday, August 21, from 6:30-8:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Hear from Director of Women's Ministries, Liz Rodriguez, and others as they walk through some of their favorite Psalms and share what they're learning. Sign up online.

Calvary Church is hosting a blood drive on Friday, August 15, in the gymnasium hallway. Sponsored by the American Red Cross, the event will accept individual donations from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Donors can schedule an appointment online at redcrossblood.org by calling 1 (800) 733-2676.

Reminders

Global & Family Prayer: Wednesday, 6:30pm, room 317. Student Ministries will provide an update on the short-term ministry teams students participated in this summer.

Baptism is an opportunity to publicly share with your loved ones and our church body about the new life you’ve found in Christ. Want to take the next step of baptism? We have a place for you at our next baptism class today at 11:00am in the lobby conference room.

Discover Calvary: For those exploring Calvary Church, or taking a first step in membership, join us Sunday, August 17, at 9:30am in the East Room. Our staff will provide insight into who we are, where we’re going, and how we all fit together. Sign up online.

The Covered Bridge Bike Ride will take place on Sunday, August 17, and the route will pass Calvary Church. Please be aware of increased traffic and stay alert for cyclists as you enter and exit the parking lot. Thank you!

Scan the QR code to view our church calendar and find out what’s happening this week.

Praying For One Another

No one is currently hospitalized.

Join us in praying for the short-term ministry teams currently serving in Kenya and the Amazon.

Please pray for staff member Justin Gathright, and family, as his mother, Donna, went home to be with the Lord on August 1.

Financial Information

Week 5, August 3

	General	Global	Building	Combined
Weekly Budget	147,097	52,180	11,528	210,815
Received	201,132	105,446	5,596	312,174
Received YTD	608,709	193,863	21,753	824,325
Budget YTD	735,485	260,900	57,690	1,054,075

Financial summaries through July 31 are available at the Connection Centers.

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Ukrainian interpretation at 9:30am | Sign language, Spanish interpretation,
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Seek First

By Loving God - Revelation 2 (p. 1028)

We're all seeking something in life. These pursuits matter—but Jesus clearly tells us what we should be seeking first. As we begin this new sermon series, let's open our hearts to God's Word and allow it to realign our priorities with what truly matters most.

Love for God

Matthew 6:33 – Seek first . . .

Deuteronomy 6:5 – Love the Lord . . .

Jeremiah 9:24 – Know the Lord . . .

Love Incorruptible

God's Love for Us (Eph. 3:17-19)

Our Love for God and Others (Eph. 6:24)

Love Abandoned

Activity, Dedication, Belief (Rev. 2:2-3)

Abandoned Your First Love (Rev. 2:4)

Remember, Repent, Repeat (Rev. 2:5)

Reflection and Action: Have you abandoned the love you once had for Jesus Christ?