Tell It From Calvary Podcast

On October 19, 2020, Calvary launched ‘Tell it From Calvary’ a podcast with a vision to allow people around the world to listen to quality Bible messages from anywhere. We produced and published 12 full episodes in 2020, each featuring the teaching of Dr. Ed Stetzer and produced by Miq Munoz.

The “Tell it From Calvary” audience has gradually grown and the podcast is being well received by a broad audience. We look forward to watching this ministry grow in 2021.

Small Group Finder

We’ve recently launched a Small Group Finder – an application on our website and hosted by our TouchPoint software. The Small Group Finder, or SGF, enables our fellowship to learn about each of the in-person and virtual small groups that Calvary is hosting. This is a vital tool as we continue to strive to reach our people in unique ways during our partial lockdown.

The SGF can be found on Calvary’s website, under the Connect tab, and on the Calvary mobile app.

Download the Calvary App!

- easy access to information and registration of events
- ability to view/print your contribution statements or easily tithe
- easy access to Sunday sermons and sermon series
- ability to find information about Connect groups and Serve opportunities.

Just search “Calvary NYC” in your app store
Opened its doors to the residents and visitors of New York City in 1847 as an independent Baptist church. Initially worship services were held at the Coliseum, located at 450 Broadway under the name of Hope Chapel Baptist Church. In 1852, the church leadership started work on a new worship facility on 23rd Street. The church family relocated to the new 23rd Street sanctuary in 1854 at which time the church adopted the name Calvary Baptist Church.

Over the next decade, development and commerce along the 23rd Street corridor encouraged the Calvary congregation to move toward the purchase of new property on 57th Street, near Sixth Avenue. The new sanctuary opened on December 23, 1883. Over time, the need arose to update the facilities and the vision of a church-hotel complex in the heart of Manhattan became a steel-and-concrete reality in 1931. In 2019 the Calvary congregation voted to redevelop the church property on 57th Street. In early 2020, the church offices relocated to 1776 Broadway and we await with grateful hearts to see how the Lord will move through our updated 57th Street facility.

Throughout our 172-year history, Calvary’s succession of senior pastors have shown a spiritual leadership, progressive vision, and evangelistic zeal that have made Calvary known throughout the world as the voice of evangelism in New York City. Our ministry team remains devoted to preaching Christ crucified, risen, and coming again; and our vision is to engage New York City and impact the World with the Message of Jesus Christ.
Core Values:

1. Orthodoxy
Calvary Baptist Church is committed to biblical truth, the Gospel Jesus preached, and “the faith once for all delivered to the saints”. John 3:1-17; 2 Tim. 3:14-17; Jude 3-4

2. Reconciliation
Calvary Baptist Church practices reconciliation with God and with one another which is the heart of the Gospel message - former enemies became friends through mercy, repentance and forgiveness; hostility is replaced by active good will and peace. Luke 15:11-32; Luke 23:32-43; 2 Cor. 5:17-21; Eph. 2:11-18

3. Diversity
Calvary Baptist Church cultivates and celebrates our congregation’s ethnic, racial, social-economic, generational, and cultural diversity within our unity in Jesus Christ. Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 2:5-11, 40-47; Gal. 3:26-29; Rev. 5:9-10

4. Life
Calvary Baptist Church believes that life is a gift from God our Creator and that every human being is made in the image of God and has intrinsic value and dignity; we also believe that God offers every person new life through the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ. Gen. 1:26-28; Deut. 30:11-20; Acts 17:22-34; 1 John. 2:1-2

5. Love/Compassion/Justice
Calvary Baptist Church is committed to sharing God’s love with everyone and is resolved to stand up for what is just and right in the sight of God, according to His Word. Micah 6:8; Mt. 25:31-46; 2 Tim. 3:16-17

6. Faith
Calvary Baptist Church desires to trust God enough to obey His will, even when He calls us out of our comfort zone and tells us to take risks for Him. Matt. 17:20; Heb. 11:6, 8-10, 13-16; James. 2: 14-26

7. Transformation
Calvary Baptist Church is committed to discipleship and spiritual formation, where every believer grows and matures and becomes a tender hearted and tough minded disciple of Jesus Christ, “speaking the truth in love”. Matt. 10:16; Luke. 6:40; Rom. 8:28-30; 12:1-2; 2 Cor. 3:16-18; Eph. 4:11-16

8. Proclamation (Word of Truth)
Calvary Baptist Church is committed to the faithful, loving, and uncompromising preaching and teaching of Jesus Christ and His Word, the Bible. Psalm 19:7-14; John 6:60-69, 14:1-16; 2 Tim. 3:16–4:5; 2 Peter 1:19-21

9. Witness (Evangelism and Missions)
Calvary Baptist Church is committed to sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ boldly and effectively in both local evangelism and international missions. Matt. 28:18-20; Rom. 10:13-15

10. Leadership
Calvary Baptist Church is committed to practicing biblical, servant leadership and to recruiting and training servant leaders in our congregation and the larger Christian community. Matt. 20:28; John 13:1-17; 1 Peter 5:1-4
We believe in one God, eternally existent as God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

We believe that the Bible, composed of the Old and New Testaments, is God’s inspired and infallible Word, and is the supreme standard and final authority for all conduct, faith, and doctrine.

We believe in the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His premillennial, personal return in power and glory.

We believe that man was created in the image of God, but by willful transgression became sinful and is justly under the condemnation and wrath of Almighty God.

We believe that the only salvation from this guilt and condemnation is through faith in the righteousness and atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ, and that this salvation is the free gift of God’s love and grace.

We believe in the personality of the Holy Spirit and that His ministry is to reveal Christ to men, to convict of sin, to regenerate repentant sinners and, by His presence and power, to sanctify the lives of the redeemed.

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ instituted the ordinances of baptism and communion; that baptism is only to be administered upon profession of faith in Christ, by immersion, thereby declaring our faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Savior; that communion is only for believers, is to be preceded by faithful self-examination, and is in remembrance of the Lord’s death until He comes.

We believe that the New Testament Church is a body of believers, baptized by immersion, associated for worship, service, and the spreading of the Gospel of the grace of God to all the world.

We believe that there will be a resurrection of the just and the unjust; the just, having been redeemed by the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, to be with Him throughout eternity in glory; the unjust, having died impenitent and unreconciled to God, to eternal condemnation in Hell.
Covenance of Membership

Realizing my guilt before God, I have confessed my sin to Him, and received the Lord Jesus Christ, who bore my sin on the Cross, as my personal Savior. (Romans 3:19, 23; 5:8; and John 1:12).

I acknowledge the Lord Jesus Christ as Lord of all my life, and seek to confess Him as such before others by the testimony both of life and lip. (Romans 10:9; 2 Corinthians 5:14-15)

I trust in the power of the Holy Spirit, who lives in my heart, to keep me, guide me and lead me in the way of purity and holiness. (John 14:26; 16:13; Romans 8:2-4; and Galatians 5:22-25)

I accept the Bible as the inspired Word of God, and my final authority in all matters of faith and practice. (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21)

Often unexpected blessings appear during challenging times, and finding a temporary meeting space for the next three years was a task that took an interesting path last year. First, we learned that being flexible and mobile is both feasible and beneficial. We met in person in locations such as Trinity Baptist, Ziegfeld Ballroom, and the Society for Ethical Culture. The longer-term home was finalized recently with an agreement with Hunter College to meet on Sunday mornings in their much more spacious Assembly Hall. Calvary also will have access to generous classroom space for family ministries, Christian education, and fellowship. On the staffing front, we are very pleased to welcome former Salisbury hotel manager Chris Calo as Calvary’s facilities manager, who will oversee property related issues and will be a great source of help related to our temporary location needs.

There are so many others that we have not mentioned but would like to appreciate, but don’t have space to do so here. Bev Quinlan and the Volunteer Ministers Leadership Team, Pam Cline and the Deaconesses, Bruce Simpson and our financial team, Alana Gajadhar and our administrative support team, all of the members of the Boards of Deacons and Elders, and many others have stepped up admirably during the past year. We especially thank our members and regular attenders that have continued to support our ministry through times of trial and tribulation. Of course all praise and thanksgiving go to our Lord Jesus for so many blessings, even in a time of crisis!
This year was arguably one of the most unpredictable years for Calvary’s music department. But God has used our challenges to make us a more Christlike church. As we left our familiar building, God raised up a team of volunteers who were eager to serve like Christ as they made services possible at Hunter College. As COVID-19 forced us to quarantine, the God-given gifts and skills of Miq Munoz and Casandra Caminiti shined as brightly as ever. As our regular volunteers were unable to serve consistently each week, we saw dozens and dozens of individuals working together on musical projects of all kinds. As our choirs were unable to meet, we saw Casandra and Sharon Shah continue to encourage their groups with truth, care, and challenges to be light in darkness.

As the murder of George Floyd enraged and awakened many to racism, our all-white music staff began to listen, learn, and lament of how we have failed to fight racism in the church. Casandra and Miq celebrated Calvary’s ethnic diversity through an inspiring virtual Candlelight Concert that helped us make sense of the year’s difficulties and reminded us of our hope from heaven. This event featured content from well over a hundred volunteers, which fostered community and resilience during trying times. We celebrated Black History Month with more spirituals, jazz, and gospel than many of the previous years combined.

After so many virtual services, our first few live services felt like a foretaste of heaven as we experienced singing together in a room again. The Early Church praised God day by day in their homes and wherever they could gather (Acts 2:46-47). It seems God is still using adversity to keep us depending on Jesus. May we worship him more in 2021 than we did in 2020, and may our worship spread throughout this city and to the world like it did in the book of Acts (Acts 1:8).

Rev. Chad Wade
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“What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up.”
1 Corinthians 14:26
Calvary Family,

While 2020 went nothing like we expected, God continued to be at work in our children, teenagers, and parents. I’m excited about what God is doing in our Family Ministry! We’re seeing children and students come to know Christ and live out their faith. Parents are being equipped and encouraged to maximize their influence for Christ at home. We have many opportunities for our children, students, and parents to grow in the Lord. Let’s continue to pray for the next generation to know Christ and walk with Him for the rest of their lives.

In Christ,
Jim Lokey
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What do we mean by “Orange”?

It’s when the influence of the love from the family (red) and the light of the church (yellow) come together to impact the next generation. The Family Ministries at Calvary exists to partner with parents in the discipleship of their children. Through the celebration of faith milestones, movement along the Calvary discipleship pathway, and by creating opportunities for family faith experiences, our Family Ministries Team serves parents and families by being a catalyst for discipleship in the home.

Our Family Ministries includes:

• Early Childhood (Birth-Pre-K)
• Elementary (K-5th grade)
• Student (6-12th grade)
Everything we teach our little ones is based on one of 3 simple, but powerful, truths.

- God Made Me
- God Loves Me
- Jesus Wants to be My Friend Forever

In our series “Say Cheese,” we learned that I am wonderfully made in God’s image! If we really believed that we are wonderfully made in God’s image, no one would ever have to tell us to smile when they pulled out a camera. We would be smiling from ear-to-ear as we lived in the wonder that God made me! That’s what we want for preschoolers. We want them to smile with confidence, because they know God made me.

As we went through our series “Sing in the Rain,” we learned that people of all ages experience circumstances that leave us looking for someone who can help—someone who’s got our back and can help carry the load. We want our preschoolers to learn that God is the best “Someone” for the job. No matter what our situation or how uncertain our circumstances may be, we can know that God is with us wherever we go, and God’s got it. This kind of trust in God is what allows us to “Sing in the Rain.” There’s always a chance of rain in our lives or in the lives of our preschoolers. Many of us have already come through some pretty big rainstorms. Some of us are in them right now. We’re praying our preschoolers will begin to trust that God’s got it. This kind of trust in God is what will give you and me and our preschoolers the power to sing in the rain—no matter what that rain might be.

Elementary Ministry is for children in Kindergarten-5th grade

In our series “Block Party: Everyone’s Invited,” we learned about the connection between friendships and God’s character, as shown through God’s big story: Friendship is using your words and actions to show others you care. We learned what the Bible says about friendships. Jesus showed us the greatest example of love when He laid down His life for His friends. With His words and actions, He showed friendship to everyone He met. We can reflect Jesus’ love best when we treat one another with friendship.

When we went through our series “Offstage: Drop the Act,” we learned what the Bible says about integrity. It’s a character trait that we pray our kids develop. As they learn about Christ and hopefully come to the point where they receive Christ for salvation, integrity is a living out of what we believe. Since the very beginning, not only has God been true to His word but He’s been faithful in His character. Because we know that God is good, we can live life with integrity. When Jesus lived on earth, He lived a perfect life that we were unable to live. Through His Spirit, we can become people of integrity. Who we are in private should match who we are in public. When we trust in God, we can be truthful in whatever we say and do.

Key events for our Elementary Ministry

- Virtual VBS
- Virtual Jingle Jam Christmas Program
CROSSROADS | Young Adult Ministry

This year, CROSSROADS launched online small groups that became hubs for community support, encouragement, bible study fellowship, and outreach during COVID-19. God used COVID-19 to draw us closer to Him through scripture study and allowed us to engage others outside of our normal reach. We hosted students who were enrolled in college in NYC, but were unable to return home. We hosted Muslims from Europe and Mormons who were curious about Jesus.

By God’s grace, we were able to attend a socially distant retreat in the Fall, where many strongholds and idols were brought to Jesus and broken. We also grew in our understanding of how racism destroys the image of God in others and is rebellion against Jesus’ command for us to love one another. In studying what it means to love our neighbors, our young adults decided to volunteer to serve meals to our neighbors in Queens over the Thanksgiving holiday. We are currently multiplying small groups and hoping to be able to host a Spring Retreat.

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Wonder, Discovery, and Passion.

These are the 3 Foundational values of our Student Ministry.

In our series called “This or That,” we helped our students learn to not compare themselves to others, but rather embrace what God has said about them. One core truth of this series was this: What God says about you is the most important thing about you. This is a struggle for most Middle School and High School students on one level or another. It was great to talk about it and to look at what God says about this in His Word.

We went through a series called “Break It Down.” This was a 4-week study on the topic of reading the Bible. We all know it’s important, right? We talked about that but also talked about how we can take a step or two forward in reading the Bible so we can understand it and then live it out.

Key Events for our Student Ministry

- Winter Retreat
- Mini-Golf Family Event
- Monday Night Student Ministry Zoom Meetups

Parent Ministry

Our Parent Ministry is growing! Our goal is to equip, resource, and provide community for all parents in our church family. We want them to become equipped and find encouragement to raise their children to honor the Lord. We hosted two parenting studies in 2020. In April, we went through a 5-week study called “Intentional Parenting.” We learned the value of parenting with a proactive approach rather than being reactive. In September, we went through a 6-week study called “Parenting through the Phases.” Here’s a snapshot of what we talked learned: We’ve got 936 weeks. That’s the approximate time you have from the moment your child is born until he or she graduates from high school. It goes by fast, and kids change and grow quickly. We know you want to make the most of each phase of your child’s life! We talked about how to do that and gave specific ideas and resources to help our Calvary parents win at home.

Everything we teach our students at Calvary is summarized in 3 things we want our students to experience. These values flow from a response Jesus gave to a question. Jesus was asked, “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment?” Jesus said, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. And love your neighbor as yourself.” Love for God, for themselves, and for others.

This leads to:

- Deeper faith
- Wiser choices
- Stronger relationships

The Gospel of Mark

Parent Ministry
In September 2021, we will celebrate 50 years that the NYSB has been fulfilling its mission of teaching God’s Word and Equipping God’s people to live out their faith in a vibrant and authentic manner. However, on the dawn of celebrating a half century of ministry, the 2020-2021 year was an unprecedented time of challenge and opportunity in which we saw many evidences of the grace of God.

Below is a snapshot of these evidences of grace:

- In March, NYSB staff moved into temporary office space with Calvary Baptist Church.
- We held classes for a few weeks at The Ethical Center before the spread of COVID-19.
- Due to the spread of COVID-19, we fast-tracked our plans to offer classes online using Zoom.
- We trained students and instructors how to use Zoom for classes and Touchpoint for online registration.
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- In line with our vision to be a Bible School that is welcoming to all of God’s people in the city, we di...
Our Women's Ministry in the year of COVID-19 has proven to be both challenging and encouraging. We have risen to the challenge to remain hopeful in the face of uncertainty, and the challenge to draw near to God for His sustaining grace and faithful presence.

The Women's Ministry Leadership Team has successfully navigated this year with resilience and commitment. We were able to pivot to virtual ministry with relative ease and enjoyed yet another year of solid Bible teaching, spiritual growth, and warm fellowship.

We have grown in our appreciation of small groups and are learning what it means to be a part of a culture of discipleship that fully embraces the Great Commandment and the Great Commission in our present reality.

This is my first year as Women's Ministry Oversight Coordinator. It has been a privilege to serve with the Women's Leadership Team and all the women of Calvary. I look forward to the opportunities the Lord will give us to advance His Kingdom and glorify His Name.

Blessings,
Beverly Quinlan
Women's Ministry Oversight Coordinator

Weekly Women's Programming

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) with Beverly Quinlan, Sarah Javed, Rachel Archer

Going into 2020, Calvary’s MOPS group had a strong group of over 15 moms who gathered on a bi-weekly basis to discuss the theme of Living Life “To the Full” in motherhood. Approaching the month of March, the group had a lot of uncertainty related to where they would meet with the closing of Calvary’s 123 West 57th Street location, and coupled with the instatement of the global lockdown, all our meetings moved online beginning in late March 2020. These meetings kept up through the remainder of the season and reconvened over the last several months. We are now gathering online and looking forward to the day we can meet in person again. Our first big in-person event was our Easter egg hunt in Central Park on Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021. Nearly 100 parents and children signed-up to take part in that day of fun and fellowship (socially distanced in groups), and we shared information about MOPS and the LORD that our group honors with our service and fellowship with one another.

Special Events

Women's Annual Retreat

After discussing the pros and cons for holding our spring Women's retreat, the leadership team decided, due to COVID-19, to err on the side of caution and not hold our spring weekend retreat this year. We are currently considering holding a one-day retreat in the fall. Please pray for us as we begin planning, that the subject and speakers we choose will glorify God and encourage our sisters.

Healthy Church Challenge

We hosted “The EmPowered and Well Healthier Church Challenge.” We had 100 participants and began meeting March 8, at Hunter College. We were only able to hold two of the eight meetings in person before the shutdown. The meetings continued virtually, hosted by The American Heart Association.

Standing in the Gap with Vivette Hagues

These ladies never missed a beat, COVID-19 had no impact on these warriors as they kept us all lifted up in prayer throughout this year.

Women's Friday Bible Study with Rose Martin, and Marilyn Lebowitz

The Women's Friday Bible Study changed its format during the pandemic and has been having weekly virtual Zoom classes at 11 a.m. There were several highlights this year. One was an edifying review of a book written by popular author Jen Wilkin entitled "None Like Him," describing 10 ways God is different from us. Another very instructive feature were Bible studies on two great men of God – “Elijah: A Man of Heroism and Humility” and “Job: A Man of Heroic Endurance,” both books authored by Charles Swindoll. The format for the class is interactive, encouraging the ladies to participate in a lively discussion and enjoy warm fellowship.

Monthly Women's Programming

Women's Fellowship with Cathy Canary (& Beverly Quinlan)

Women's Fellowship took on the challenges of COVID-19 and in-person restrictions shortly after everything in the City shut down for the pandemic. We have been meeting remotely since April 2020, using a combination of presentations obtained from If Gathering and RightNow Media’s many resources, along with an occasional live speaker. Our emphasis was on discipleship and small groups, but we also had presentations that spoke to us about current issues like George Floyd, racial inequities, the meaning of Christmas, and facts about the COVID-19 vaccines. Participation ranges from 40-60 women who enjoy seeing familiar faces on Zoom, encouraging one another, and praying together.

Women of Influence with Beverly Quinlan

IF Gathering 2020 conference held at Calvary on February 5-6, 2020, focused on inspiring and equipping women to disciple the next generation, to make disciples who will then go and make disciples. We studied Romans 8, and rediscovered the freedom we have in Jesus, the way of life and peace, and the glory that has been promised for our future. This is the hope we pray this generation clings to. The speakers were racially and generationally diverse including Jennie Allen, Jada Edwards, Beth Moore, Bianca Olthoff, Sadie Robertson Huff, Jo Saxton, and more.

Vested in Prayer (V.I.P.)

Sharon Shah continues to hold this monthly prayer meeting.

Precept Upon Precept Bible Study with Priscilla Hodges

The Precept Upon Precept Bible study had a COVID-19 pause but now meets in-person on the first and third Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. at the church office. We are currently finishing Genesis Part 2 (Chapters 3-11) and will soon begin Part 3 (the life of Abraham). We work from the Precept workbooks and have an hour of discussion followed by an hour of lecture by Kay Arthur via DVD.

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Therefore, my beloved sisters and brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. (1 Cor 15:58)
The Deaconess committee, under the guidance of the Elders, is comprised of spiritually mature ladies who are also involved in many aspects of Calvary’s worship, connect, and serve ministries. Over the past church year, we learned how to adjust to difficult conditions, especially maintaining contact with our homebound and special care members. One of the challenging burdens during the pandemic was not being able to visit nursing homes, where a lot of our homebound folks reside, or being unable to visit homes because of social distancing. For example, my last visit to a nursing home was on March 1, 2020. Ruth Reyes and I visited Sara Ortiz, a former deaconess, to celebrate a birthday she was having the next day. We continue to call, send letters and cards, and pray with/for these dear folks. Some of them have responded by sending notes or speaking with some of the Deaconesses. Our hearts go out to anyone who was affected or lost loved ones due to COVID-19. We continue to pray for God’s blessings during this difficult and challenging time.

Bernice Lewis, with whom the Deaconesses have been in contact for a long time, went to be with the Lord on July 22, 2020. Her son, Ted Lewis who visited her almost every day, always expressed his appreciation for the love and support the Deaconesses have shown to his mother throughout the years. One of the Deaconesses was able to locate Joe Hunter. Berril Brome and Megan Clark were added to the homebound list, along with former Deaconess, Lydia Negron. Prayers are specifically requested for George Stewart; he is quite seriously ill at this time. In addition to our homebound list, last year, the Deaconesses created a special care list. Connie Faccibene, an acquaintance of CBC, was on this list and she recently passed on February 20, 2021.

We have had some changes among the Deaconesses. The following ladies have ended their services with the committee: Islande Dupoux, Laginia Ambo, and Vivienne Freeman. We thank these ladies for their faithful service to the committee. We also have two new Deaconesses’ candidates, Stephanie Wright and Marthe Ouattara and we are happy to welcome these ladies to the committee, once the voting is confirmed.

This year the chairperson of the Missions of Council asked if the Deaconesses would contact retired missionaries. The ladies overwhelmingly agreed, and a list is being developed and Deaconesses will be assigned to various retired missionaries to contact them on a regular basis.

If you don’t receive birthday cards from the Deaconesses, please check with one of us so we can update our records. Members have appreciated these small acts of kindness.

The 2020-2021 elected officers are:

Chairperson: Pamela JB Clenance
Assistant Chairperson: Leolinda Mangaoang
Secretary: Natasha Lucas
Assistant Secretary: Deborah Mathias
Chaplain: Ruth Reyes
Nominating Committee Representative: Mary Mitchell

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela JB Clenance
Chairperson

"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”

Hebrews 4:16
In addition to the Dorcas Outreach Ministry changing its format in support of Calvary Baptist Church’s redevelopment process, the global COVID-19 pandemic has caused a huge impact in how the Dorcas Outreach Ministry functioned. Not only did CBC temporarily move from 57th Street, but also, members could not gather with frequency. Fortunately, this change made us all more tech savvy through virtual zoom meetings. However, we do miss fellowshipping together.

Our monthly meetings consist of having devotion, discussing current events, and comforting and praying for each other. We also communicate through our closed-group Facebook page that allows us to post messages, pictures, and other tidbits. We would like to mention that some of our members are experiencing severe health crises or are recovering from one. We ask for continual prayers for our members, as well as for CBC members.

Some of the Dorcas members have continued their needlecraft work. Some ladies provided items to the Salvation Army and others provided their work to local charities located in their neighborhoods or to friends and family. The responses were positive, especially since so many people were and are still suffering with the loss of jobs and incomes, and others are overwhelmed by situations caused by the pandemic. As more people are able to get vaccinated, our goal is to be more mobile and to personally distribute these items to the various charitable organizations we have supported in the past.

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The current co-leaders are Pamela JB Clenance and Hope Stephens, and can be reached at cbcnycdorcasministry@gmail.com.

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**Highlights:**

- We efficiently downsized our media and technology gear at 123 W. 57th and transferred our essential gear to the new church offices at 1776 Broadway.
- We researched and purchased a portable production system to run and live-stream services from our temporary worship location at Hunter College.
- We trained the media and technology staff and volunteers to run Sunday morning worship at Hunter College and Sunday evening worship at Trinity Baptist Church.
- Due to city-wide lockdown, in the early Spring we had an immediate transition to online and live-streamed worship services. We used Facebook Live and YouTube to share Sunday worship services each week for the remainder of the year.
- We constructed a recording studio at the new Calvary office and then recorded worship sessions to share on Sunday mornings throughout the year. Worship sessions were led by Rev. Chad Wade, Casandra Caminiti, Eliza Morales, TJ Pratt, Judy White, and others.
- We had a few special opportunities to film live worship music performances from the rooftop of 123 W. 57th Street. The performances were shared throughout the remainder of the year.
- We recorded and streamed our annual Candlelight Christmas Concert. The church family loved the concert and many participated by submitting recording of themselves singing Silent Night. Thank you to Rev. Chad Wade and Casandra Caminiti for producing a phenomenal Candlelight Concert in such unusual circumstances.
- Under the leadership of Pastor Jim Lokey and Eliza Morales, we produced a virtual Jingle Jam for our kids and youth ministry.

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**Media and Technology**

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to [his] purpose.” Romans 8:28

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Our vision for 2020 was simple: Not on Pause, But on Mission

2020 was a painful year for everybody here and around the world, but I tell you it was a privilege to serve the Lord, this wonderful congre
gation, this city, nation, and the world in these un
certain times. Though the world was put on pause by the virus, our missionaries and ministry partners
tell us that 2020 was one of the busiest years of their lives. Yes it is true that many were ill, many even
died due to COVID-19, but in this midst of the pain and darkness, I am happy to write that many more came to Christ. I could share many stories of
how our sovereign God drew people to Himself.

It was a very challenging year for the Coun
cil of Missions. Plans had to be changed, put on hold or cancelled, and our missionaries were facing mounting needs within their local communities.
In April, we realized we had to be creative with the Missions Conference. Everyone on the Council worked tirelessly to get indoor, outdoor, virtual, and in-person events together. Our mis
sionaries sent videos of their ministries and particip
ated in our virtual or in-person events together. Our mis
sionaries were very excited for what the Lord has planned for the future of Calvary’s missions and outreaches.

The scarcity of resources during this time
definitely impacted the outreach of our mission
aries and ministry partners locally, nationally, and
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Our new policy on inactive missionaries was implemented in 2020, and immediately shifted our focus from mostly North America to Global Missions. It enabled us to go to places where Calvary has never gone before. The following two graphs will show you how our missions money has been invested as of March 2020.

2021 Missionary Contribution by Ministry Type

The Serve Team is made up of Elders, Deacons, a member of the Council of Missions, and Dr. Javed. They vetted several projects this year: $10,000 for our High School Gradu
ate Gifts; $2,500 for AVAIL (pregnancy center); $2,500 for the Queensbridge annual outreach.

$5,000 for New York City Relief (homeless ministry); and $5,000 to Deaf Missions for their Jesus Film project called “For Deaf By Deaf” (please see the letter from Deaf Missions on page 35).

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In Christ,
Dr. Alfonse Javed
Pastor of Missions and Outreach
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Jennie Work
Chairperson of Council of Missions
**Annual Missions Conference, Saturday Virtual Discussion, by Cathy Black**

I was pleasantly surprised at how easy it was to connect with our missionaries on the Zoom platform. The discussions were informative and the attendees were fully engaged during the Q&A portion. The diverse topics addressed real life experiences and concerns facing our missionaries and spoke directly to our theme: ‘Not On Pause, But On Mission.’ Attendees learned new ways of approaching their daily lives in the midst of a pandemic through biblical principles and the word of God!

The Zoom gathering was well organized, well planned, and well executed. Feedback received was positive and encouraging. Despite limitations placed on the world during the pandemic of 2020, I would say by the grace of God, “Mission accomplished with our very first virtual Calvary Baptist Church Missionary Conference!”

Note: The virtual event was attended by 18 of our missionaries from all over the world. Besides missionaries in the USA, missionaries from Romania, Germany, Qatar, Jordan, Bangladesh, China and Philippines participated.

**From the Outreach Committee by Jennie Work**

Trying to fill boxes with Thanksgiving fare was near impossible in 2020. Not only did we have to deal with the pandemic, we didn’t have a building or place to safely store the food donations! Praise the Lord for Evangel Church. They graciously shared their food pantry donations, their walk-in refrigerator and facility with us. On the morning of November 21, 30 volunteers from Calvary showed up at Evangel to pack and deliver food boxes and turkeys or chickens to 153 families.

**Annual Missions Conference by Joyce Minott**

As part of missions conference 2020, there was an outdoor gathering in Central Park. Some of our missionaries, council members, and Church members attended. It was good to be in the open air after the long period of lock-down. While in the park, nine of our missionaries shared about their work and challenges. We prayed with them and sang a song to worship our Lord. I had fun going from one group to another. It was worth all the planning to get to Central Park (Thanks to council member, Amy). It was a blessing and we kept to our theme ‘Not on Pause, But on Mission.’

The missions conference’s Sunday morning service was a wonderful time of worship, celebration, and challenge. Some of our missionaries were given an opportunity to share about their work and their prayer requests. For them this had been a particularly difficult year because of the pandemic. Strangely, it had also proven to be a fruitful ministry year. Dr. Stetzer’s message was challenging and continued the theme ‘Not on Pause, But on Mission.’ It was a great time of worship.

The conference ended in the afternoon with a Q&A session regarding missions. Questions were posed to our conference speaker, Dr. Stetzer, by Dr. Javed.

**Short-Term Mission Trips by Sarah Javed**

In 2019 we planned five short-term missions trips: Greece, Philadelphia, Uganda, Romania, and Jordan. The purpose of these trips was to visit our full-time supported missionaries and projects and to enter into the work that they are doing so that our congregation may get to know them better. Our congregation had many members ready to go on each of these trips, however only one trip, to Greece, was able to go forward. The worldwide lockdown came on just as that trip was ending. We are blessed that the work was able to be accomplished in Greece and we are praying that we may be able to fulfill our other planned trips in the future.

We are excited to announce our 2021 missions trips: Jordan and Cuba.

**Greece Short-Term Mission Trip, March 8-16, 2020, by Jennie Work**

Dr. Javed led a small team of medical personnel, along with my husband and I, to Greece to help with our local missionaries, Dimitris and Joanna. Even with the challenges of COVID-19, we were able to minister every day in a couple of villages, Glavki and Kentaous, located in the northeastern region of Greece where the Pomaks, who are Muslim, live. However, because of the advancing seriousness of the pandemic in the United States, we had to cut our mission trip short and returned on March 14 as the US airports were shutting down. Dimitris and his team will continue to minister to the Pomaks and look for opportunities to share the Gospel.

**From the Nominating Committee by Randy Merrill**

In 2020, Joyce Minott, Winsome Samuels, Amy Kong, Sarah Javed, and Elizabeth Dixon all started new 3-year terms of service. This is the second consecutive term for Joyce Minott. Cathy Black joined the Council in May 2020 and was voted into service in January 2021 after accidentally being left off the ballot for the September 2020 congregational vote. Vivette Hagues and Omar Gonzalez completed their terms in 2020 and stayed on until the congregational vote in September, when the 2020 nominees were officially voted in.

In 2021, Myron Buchholz, Janet Hurt, and Comfort Quarshie will be leaving the Council after serving two consecutive 3-year terms. Jennie Work will remain on the Council, starting a second consecutive term. Cathy Black will also remain on the Council, starting a new term.
Central Europe 2%
Eastern Europe 2%
North Africa 7%
South Asia 42%
Southeast Asia 2%
US 3%
US 5%
US 9%
Middle East 10%
2021 Offering Schedule

Apr 11 Regular Offering
Apr 18 Regular Offering / Fellowship Offering
Apr 25 Regular Offering
May 2 Regular Offering
May 9 Regular Offering
May 16 Regular Offering / Fellowship Offering
May 23 Regular Offering / Faith Promise Offering
May 30 Regular Offering
Jun 6 Regular Offering
Jun 13 Regular Offering
Jun 20 Regular Offering / Fellowship Offering
Jun 27 Regular Offering
July 4 Regular Offering
July 11 Regular Offering
July 18 Regular Offering / Fellowship Offering
July 25 Regular Offering / Faith Promise Offering
Aug 1 Regular Offering
Aug 8 Regular Offering
Aug 15 Regular Offering / Fellowship Offering
Aug 22 Regular Offering
Aug 29 Regular Offering
Sept 5 Regular Offering
Sept 12 Regular Offering
Sept 19 Regular Offering / Fellowship Offering
Sept 26 Regular Offering / Faith Promise Offering
Oct 3 Regular Offering
Oct 10 Regular Offering
Oct 17 Regular Offering / Fellowship Offering
Oct 24 Regular Offering
Oct 31 Regular Offering
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Nov 21 Regular Offering / Faith Promise Offering
Nov 28 Regular Offering
Dec 5 Regular Offering
Dec 12 Regular Offering / Fellowship Offering
Dec 19 Regular Offering
Dec 26 Regular Offering

2021 Church Officers (1-Year Terms)

Treasurer, Adewale Oshodi
Assistant Treasurer, Matt Andrews
Andria Coleman, Church Clerk
Islande Dupoux, Assistant Church Clerk

Nominees

In accordance with church bylaws, the following persons are being recommended to CBC members by the Nominating Committee to serve the church in the coming year(s).

2021 Elder Nominees (3-Year Terms) 2 term limit

Robert Beatty
David Morales
Peter Baez

2021 Deacon Nominees (3-Year Terms) 2 term limit

Timothy Dunmore
Richard Paltoo
NOMINATING COMMITTEE LIST

OFFICIAL LIFE 2021-22

BOARD OF ELDERS:

(3-Year Terms) 2 term limit

2022 Fred Eisenmann
2023 Sylvester Sharp
2024 Robert Beatty
   Daniel Duggan
   David Morales
   Travis Erickson
   James Baer
   Peter Baez
   Augustus Quarshe
   Myra Ford
   Vaughan Coleman
   Myron Buchholz
   James Canary

BOARD OF DEACONS:

(3-Year Terms) 2 term limit

2022 Ryan Gibson
2023 Matthew Andrews
2024 Timothy Dunmore
   Hans Jepson
   Richard Paltoo
   Todd Williams
   Omar Gonzalez

COUNCIL OF MISSIONS:

(3-Year Terms) 2 term limit

2022 Naomi Carson
2023 Sarah Javed
2024 Jennie Young-Work
   Mariana Gheviza
   Millciet Adza
   Kristin Jones
   Cathy Black
   Randy Merrill
   Jen Andrews
   Mary Mitchell
   Mary Davis
   Isabel Contreras
   Stephen Evans

DEACONESS:

(3-Year Terms)

2022 Margarita Cardona
2023 Cherine Anderson
2024 Myra Ford
   Vivienne Freeman
   Pamela JB Clenance
   Cherelle Hale
   Mariana Gheviza
   Hyacinth Kirby
   Deborah Mathias
   Leolinda Mangaoang
   Natasha Lucas
   Sharon Shah
   Joyce Minott
   Christina Smith
   Jemima Lamey
   Audrey Williams
   Mary Mitchell
   Stephanie Wright

BY-LAWS:

(3-Year Terms) 2 term limit

2022 Nadine Stewart
2023 Myra Ford
2024 Pamela JB Clenance
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BAPTISMAL COMMITTEE:

Richard Baez
Robert Beatty
Myron Buchholz
Omar Gonzalez
Barbara Jepson
Lurine McRae
Mary Mitchell
David Morales
Sharon Shah
Traci Stubbs
Audrey Williams
Sharon Williams

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SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

Eileen Browne
Robert Beatty
Doris Torres
Mary Davis
Comfort Quarshie
Deborah Mathias
Travis Erickson
Carmen Bolar
Sonia Dunkley
Audrey Pennant
Sandra Gordon
Chantal Etienne
Naomie Gregoire

USHERS:

Stephanie Wright
(Head Usher)
Lurine McRae
(Assistant Head Usher)

Seth Adza
Herve Aussvis
David Dixon
Myra Ford
Linford Hyde
Richard McTaggart

David Michaud
Joseph Tino
Claude Duviella
Timothy Dunmore
Jean Duviella
Christina Smith
Ruth Reyes
Audrey Pennant
Jonathan Simmons
Giorgi Kushashvili
Danese Forbes
Elisa Lopez-David
Letter from the Finance and Operations Manager

“The Lord Will Provide”

A 2017 promotional advertisement by the recruiting agency Robert Half (5 Reasons the Accountant Stereotype is Supremely Ridiculous) helped to dispel myths about accountants:

“Bean counters? Baloney! The world sometimes talks about accountants like we’re a bunch of number-crunching math freaks who love taxes and spend Saturday nights playing calculator bingo. Obviously, the accountant stereotype has nothing (well, only a little) to do with reality. Let’s take this opportunity to dispel five myths of the typecast and clichéd accountant, once and for all.”

Preposterous Myth #1:
Accountants are math nerds. OK, so most of us are pretty good with numbers. That’s an accountant stereotype that has merit. But by no means are most of us mathematical geniuses who crack impossible equations in our spare time. Some of us didn’t pass calculus and all of us have interests outside of numbers, including but not limited to saving whales, filmmaking and Fashion Week. We also have to be good at communicating, making ethical decisions — and on, and on.

Ludicrous Myth #3:
Accountants are for doing taxes. Wow. Taxes are just a fraction of the accounting industry, and many accountants have nothing to do with them. Accountants are out there fighting white-collar crime, making businesses successful, helping the world become financially literate, keeping cities and states afloat, managing really important people’s finances — and on, and on.

Absurd Myth #2:
Accountants are people. The same kind of wonderful, smart, interesting people you’ll find in any other profession. We range from quiet to loud, serious to hilarious, introverted to extroverted. Don’t hate just because we have analytical minds capable of solving really hard problems.

Nonsensical Myth #4:
Accountants are hermits. Listen up: That image people have of an accountant alone in a cubicle with a spreadsheet is a scam, really. Accountants lead businesses and organizations all over the world — and we don’t do it in a vacuum. Once you get your first job, you’ll see that not only do you have a team to work with all day, you’ll likely go out as a team at night. Take that, accountant stereotype!

Outraged Myth #5:
Accountants are tightwads. Contrary to popular belief, accountants do not live to pinch pennies. That happens to be the smart decision at the time. That’s what it all comes down to: smart choices. And if some big spender in the company is about to make a stupid one, well, there should be a wise accountant nearby to stop him.

Why were the very good well-meaning and very well crafted plans for Calvary Baptist Church disrupted in 2020? There are several parallel verses in the Bible that address this including:

• Who can know the Lord’s thoughts? Who knows enough to give him advice? (Romans 11:34)
• Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, or informed Him as His counselor? (Isaiah 40:13)
• Who knows the mind of the Lord? Who is able to give him advice? (1 Corinthians 2:16)

In 2021, I want to worry less and allow God to provide. Walt Disney once famously said “While the worriers are worrying, the planners are planning and the accountants are figuring out why we can’t afford it, I’m busy getting started.”

“Perhaps our Jehovah Jireh is just getting started.

Anyone feeling convicted yet? One stereotype (with merit) that didn’t make the Robert Half list is that accountants are worriers. Confession: I am an accountant who worries. The lamentings concerning the year 2020 have been repeated over and over and deservedly so. The COVID19 pandemic has wrought great sickness and death and has caused great confusion and chaos. It has been a disrupting force in everyone’s life. It disrupted the ministries and development plans of Calvary Baptist Church in 2020. As the Finance and Operations Manager of the church, I worry about preserving our investments for future generations and I have worried over the past year about the financial resources of the church, but, I have seen the Lord provide. I am reminded that Jehovah Jireh means “the Lord will provide,” and it’s one of the most popular names for God. God Provides. God Sees. God is with Us. It is His promise and His character. It is His very name!

In 2020 CBC had to face $3 million in expenses related to relocation and the (unplanned/unbudgeted) continued operation of our property at 123 W 57th Street. But God provided – we earned $2.5 million more on our investments than budgeted due to a stellar stock market performance, and contributions exceeded budget by $500,000 due to three generous legacy gifts received. While God amazingly provides for the big needs like eternity, He is also present in the “littler” needs.

In His Provision,
Bruce Simpson
Finance and Operations Manager

Many thanks to Elizabeth Maynard and Sandy Frederick for their adaptation to remote working during 2020, their continued hard work and integrity, and their love of Calvary Baptist Church and our Lord and Savior.