

The Gospel According to Matthew



# Fulfilled

God With Us

December 18. 2022



# What's Happening at Calvary

Scan the QR Code, stop by a Connection Center, or visit [calvarychurch.org/learnmore](https://calvarychurch.org/learnmore) to sign up or get more information on the opportunities listed below.



**Christmas Services:** Join us for Christmas as we celebrate the birth of Jesus! Services will be held on Friday, December 23, at 4:30pm and 6:30pm, and Saturday, December 24, at 2:30pm and 4:30pm. Calvary Kids classes will be held for children born after September 1, 2018. Please RSVP to let us know which service you will attend, and pre-register your children. All services will be live streamed.

**Sunday, December 25:** On Christmas day, there will be one service at 11:00am. This service will be different from the ones on 12/23 and 12/24, and will also be live streamed. ABFs and Student Ministries will not meet, and there will be no Calvary Kids classes for nursery-6th grade.

**New Year's Day Service:** On Sunday, January 1, we will have services at 9:30 & 11:00am only. Both services will be live streamed. Calvary Kids and Student Ministries will meet as scheduled. Some ABFs will also meet; please check with your ABF to confirm.

**Calvary Office:** Effective January 6, 2023, Calvary Church will no longer have office hours on Fridays. In case of a pastoral need, you will still be able to call the church office and get in touch with the appropriate staff.

**Did you Know?** As we approach year end, we have an opportunity to thank the Lord for His many blessings through our stewardship. Here are some potential giving options to prayerfully consider: Reduce Capital Gains through Gifts of Appreciated Stock, Gifts of Retirement Assets from an IRA, Insurance Policies that have outlasted their original purposes, IRA Charitable Rollovers, Charitable Gift Annuities or Beneficiary Designation Gifts. These ideas, and others, can be explored with your financial advisor. Our business manager, Dave Hostetter, is also happy to assist you.

**Men's Bible Study:** Join us Wednesday evenings, starting January 11, at 6:30pm in the Chapel for a study in *Ephesians: Blessed Beyond Belief*.

**Women's Bible Study:** Join us as we gather every Tuesday at 9:30am, or Wednesday at 6:30pm, starting the week of January 10, for a time of teaching, worship, prayer, and fellowship. The study is entitled, *Woven: Women in God's Story*.

**Starting Point:** If you or someone you know is new to faith, curious, or coming back to church after some time away, this is a great first step! Starting Point is an 8-week small group starting in January, where you can discuss questions or concerns about faith. Scan the QR code above for more information and to register.

To learn more, visit [calvarychurch.org/learnmore](https://calvarychurch.org/learnmore)

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

We hope you have been warmly welcomed by the Calvary family.  
We pray God uses this to inspire and equip you on your journey of  
*Pursuing Life in Christ!*

If there is any way we can serve you, please let us know.

*Kid's Church: in the 11:00am service, kids in K-4 will be dismissed prior to the message.*

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### PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

**LGH:** Ken Denlinger

**Pray** for the family of retired Global Partner, **Dan Weaver**, as he passed into the presence of the Lord on December 3.

**Cathy Duncan** met her Savior on Wednesday, December 7. Please pray for her sister, Peggy, and the rest of her family.

**Arlene H. Snyder** passed away on Wednesday, December 7. Please pray for her family during this time.

**Beatrice B. Bushong** went home to be with her Savior on Thursday, December 8. Please pray for her family during this time.

**Bill Bernat Jr.** passed away Thursday, December 8. Please pray for his family at this time.

**Sharon Hutchisson**, retired Global Partner, was called home to be with the Lord on December 8. Pray for her husband, Don, and extended family.

**Darline R. Hammer** went home to be with the Lord on Monday, December 12. Please pray for her family at this time.

**Barry Heagy** passed away on Tuesday, December 13. Please pray for his family during this time.

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### THIS WEEK

#### Sunday

8:00, 9:30, & 11:00am—Worship Services, Main Auditorium, and Live Stream (9:30, 11:00)

#### Tuesday

7:00pm—Faithful & True

#### Wednesday

6:30pm—Global & Family Prayer, Room 317, Library Hallway.

No family meals or programs will occur on 12/21, 12/28, or 1/4. Have a blessed Christmas and join us again January 11 when all activities resume.

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### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

| Week 24, December 18 | General   | Global    | Building | Combined  |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Weekly Budget        | 112,150   | 42,475    | 8,900    | 163,525   |
| Received             | 109,461   | 26,838    | 7,261    | 143,560   |
| Received YTD         | 2,687,041 | 834,251   | 184,803  | 3,706,095 |
| Budget YTD           | 2,691,600 | 1,019,400 | 213,600  | 3,924,600 |

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Financial summaries through November 30 are available at the Connection Centers.

# Fulfilled: The Gospel According to Matthew

God With Us – Matthew 2:1-12 – pg. 807

People's reactions to Jesus vary greatly. As Matthew continues his account of the Christmas story, we see the contrast in response to the birth of Jesus between the Wise Men, King Herod, and the religious leaders. Whose example will we follow as we consider how we respond to the news of His birth?

## **Wise Men came from the East** (v. 1-2)

Where is He?

We saw His star

## **King Herod was troubled** (v. 3-8)

He inquired about the Christ

Go and search diligently

## **They rejoiced, fell down, and worshiped** (v. 9-12)

### **Reflection and Action:**

Will we follow the example of the Wise Men, King Herod, or the religious leaders in our pursuit of King Jesus?



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*Calvary Guest Wifi password: Pursuing Life*

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\*Sign language, Spanish translation, and WDAC FM 94.5 broadcast at 11:00am