

DEAR PRAY-ER:

Thank-you for joining together with the Calvary family to bring in 2020 with 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting. AND to start the 21 Days with 24 hours of continuous prayer. We are doing things a bit differently this year, so let me set out the rhythm that we hope to create for the next 21 days.

1. **Day One:** We will start with 24 hours of prayer starting at midnight New Year's Eve. So the first 24 hours of 2020 and the new decade will be filled with prayer.
2. **Days Two Through Twenty:** Then for the next 19 days we will encourage you to follow along using the resources found at www.calvarysc.org/21days and praying for the 12 Corporate Prayer Requests laid out in a separate guide.
3. **Day Twenty One:** Then the final 24 hours will be filled again with continuous prayer. Starting Midnight of January 20 through Midnight of January 21.

This guide and the others can be used the first 24 hours and throughout the 21 days. Through them we will review last year (and the last decade) so we can tell God how grateful we are for all that He has done in us and through us. We will also look ahead at the year/decade to come asking him to for personal, corporate and a Central PA breakthru.

This Corporate-Prayer guide; the Hour with God, and the 12 Corporate Requests are intended to prompt us in prayer. The Hour with God guide is focused on personal breakthru while this guide is more focused on corporate breakthru. You won't be able to pray through either guide in an hour, but feel free to use it multiple times throughout the 21 Days or even the year! Who knows what God will do as together, we spend thousands of hours in prayer to launch 2020 and a new decade!

In fact, I hope this and the other guides direct us in prayer and action throughout the year. They are for the whole year, not just for a day or even 21 Days. And as you will notice, throughout this hand-out suggestions are given to not only pray but to find ways to be used by God to be an answer to prayer! In fact, this is a great way to find your place in the continuing story of Christmas. Think of this guide as a story-guide! You've probably heard me talk about our 2030 vision. It's an epic-centre vision. And it's the longest reach for a goal that we have ever set. Our goal is...

To see the number of Christ-followers in Central PA double by the year 2030 and in the process catalyze an epic release of leaders who will reach our neighbors, the next generation and the nations.

As I've thought about these 21 days of prayer and 2020, I think this season, this year is all about gaining some momentum toward 2030. 2030 seems so far in the distant, but it goes so fast. When I think back over the last 10 years...so much good has happened...We'll start there below!

Sincerely His!

Pastor Dan

A PLACE TO START

I want to give us two prayers to start. One I wrote and used in our study of the first part of Acts, our “Upside Down Prayer.” The other is attributed to Sir Francis Drake from 1577. You might make both a part of your daily spiritual journey this year as we head into a new decade.

The Upside Down Prayer

Lord, like those in the early days of our movement, I want to be one who turns the world upside down. Even if it means you must turn my life upside down, Lord would you do it again? Even if it means I have to bottom out before I get right-side up, Lord would you do it again? Show me where I'm grabbing control. I relinquish it. Show me what I haven't surrendered. I release it. Show me when you are asking me to take a step of faith. I'll redirect. Show me who you want me to love. I'm ready to share. Turn our world upside down. Even if it requires my upside-down life, Lord would you do it again? Amen.

Disturb Us Lord

*Disturb us, Lord, when we are too well pleased with ourselves,
When our dreams have come true because we have dreamed too little,
When we arrived safely because we sailed too close to the shore.
Disturb us, Lord, when with the abundance of things we possess,
We have lost our thirst for the waters of life; having fallen in love with life,
We have ceased to dream of eternity, and in our efforts to build a new earth,
We have allowed our vision of the New Heaven to dim.
Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly, to venture on wider seas,
Where storms will show your mastery;
Where losing sight of land, we shall find the stars.
We ask you to push back the horizons of our hopes;
And to push into the future in strength, courage, hope, and love. Amen.*

SECTION I: THANKSGIVING (READ Philippians 4:4-9 and Psalm 100:1-5)

Last fall we looked at Philippians 4 in our Lifehack series.

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things... And the God of peace will be with you. Phil. 4:4-9 (NIV)

This is the often unpracticed secret to peace. Practice the discipline of gratitude as you make your requests to God. Set your mind on the good God has already done as you ask him to do more. God has blessed us in so many ways. While different experiences and events of this last year have been difficult in the midst of all that has taken place, we can see profound signs of the goodness, power and steadfast love of God. Too often we forget to show God our gratitude.

A significant portion of your time working through this guide will be simply saying thank you to God for what He has been doing and for who He has been doing it through. On the coming pages you will catch a glimpse of some of the **God-stories** from this last year and you will be encouraged to add your own. In the following pages, you will find a sampling of what God has given us and done through us in 2019. You have done more that only God knows about. Spend time looking through the “**Year(s) in Review**” and as you do, tell God thank you.

Space is provided for you to make notes and add your own God-stories. When you finish telling God thank you, conclude by reading Ephesians 3:14-21. As you read Paul’s prayer in these verses, remember with all that He has done, there is still more to imagine, more that he can do!

DECADE IN REVIEW

This season, this year is all about gaining momentum toward 2030. 2030 seems so far away, but it goes so fast. When I think back over the last 10 years...so much good has happened...

- We started a Bible School in Myanmar and over the course of the decade we have built the campus. Two dorms, a kitchen/lunchroom, a large two story classroom, and homes for teachers. This decade over 400 students have been trained at ICTS.
- From our Myanmar partnership we have seen new orphanages started, mission fields opened, and so many children have found hope for their future and a relationship with Jesus.
- In addition to Myanmar, the last decade has seen Calvary go to and make an impact in places like the Dominican Republic, Rwanda, and Estonia. We have partnered with missionaries who serve Penn State students, and serve ambassadors who gather in Canada, and educate students at Tyndale Seminary, and design buildings for non-profits around the world, and the list goes on.
- We started gatherings in three new locations, Warriors Mark, Penns Valley, and Lewistown.
- In 2012 the Penn State Chaos hit, giving us new opportunities to minister and serve those living in the margins of life.
- In 2012, we started “Flood the Valley” a monthly prayer and worship experience. God has used this monthly gathering to strengthen our prayer life and call more people to prayer.
- In 2013-14, we moved two gatherings, one from Warriors Mark to Tyrone, and one into the State Theater.
- In 2015, Calvary Harvest Fields was opened, after more than a decade of working, planning, giving and praying.
- From 2015-2017, we helped launch two new independent churches from our gatherings. Calvary Grays Woods became Grace Hills Church and we launched Wellspring Church from Calvary Midtown. We sent close to 150 people to those gatherings!
- While we sent out all those people to two church starts, we still grew in average attendance by 30+%. The last two years we have averaged over 2400 people at our Candlelight services, and close to 2000 for Easter!
- In 2019, we partnered with Unity to dive into issues of racial reconciliation and unity across the racial divides. This has led to a year of deeper partnership between our two congregations.

Those marker-events barely begin to tell the story of the last decade. One way I look back is by remembering sermon series. Over the course of 10 years with an average over 1000 people per weekend and all our online opportunities, those sermons have been listened to about 600,000 times. ☺ We've studied prayer with series like "Go Vertical," "Dangerous Prayers" and "Great Prayers that will really mess up your life." We dove into neighboring and our front-yard mission with series like "Church Next Door," "The Art of Neighboring," "Always Room" and "I am the Project." We've studied the through the book of Mark, Daniel, Joshua and Colossians. We dove into the Lord's Prayer, Acts, Ephesians, and the letters to the churches in Revelation, "Dear Church." We looked at our identity in Christ, the gospel of Christ, the miracles of Christ, and people's encounters with Christ. There's been a lot of focus on Jesus, Prayer and Loving our Neighbors in the decade!

But even that barely begins to tell the story of the last decade because the story is really the story of God at work in you and through you. People like A.S.

I attended Calvary Midtown almost every weekend starting my sophomore year. I had a spark for the Lord in High School, but that spark grew into a fire when I came to college. Other than God and the Holy Spirit in me, I have to thank Calvary for giving me the desire to pursue Jesus more than I ever had before. I fell in love with Calvary because of the worship, the environment at Midtown, the sermons and the contagious love and passion for Christ. My roommate and I looked forward to attending every weekend, sometimes we would laugh. Sometimes we would cry our eyes out--because of the overwhelming power of Jesus, or because we were repenting of our sins and longing for a change in our hearts. Thanks...

And people like S.J.

Calvary truly is a place for people to come and heal; to encounter the Healer through the words sermons, and more. Since coming to Calvary some 16+ years ago, I have believed that the healing heart of the Father (is here). He bandages wounds, dispels lies, gives enCOURAGEMENT to broken hearts and reveals purpose in the difficulties of life week-after-week-after-faithful-week. I have been the recipient of that healing countless times over the years and I'm so thankful!

And people like M.F.

The coaching training Calvary offered is such an amazing opportunity. I know it's a big time commitment for folks, but I am just thinking about all the key people that were NOT there for Coaching 101 or 201. How do we get more of the right people in the room for those types of things in the future? It could be a vital part of positioning us as a movement to go after our vision. I know you know that already, I'm just voicing, there could be more people eating this stuff up and living it out in our spheres of influence.

And people like J.B.

The Front Yard Mission Sermon series led me to go door to door to some of my neighbors this Thanksgiving morning and wish them a Blessed Thanksgiving and that we are THANKFUL that they are our neighbors! If you could have seen the faces of some of our neighbors, God is so good!

I could go on and on. In the last decade, God has done so much in us and through us. It's amazing! But I think, if God would allow me to serve till 2030, we will look back on the next decade as a chapter in our lives that goes beyond amazing into the supernatural. But of course, none of that happens without prayer. **Each section below focuses on praise but throughout, there are a number of prayer requests in bold.** So let's get a good prayer-start into 2030.

SAYING THANKS TO GOD FOR 2019
And asking for more in the decade to come!

THANK YOU GOD FOR WAYS YOU CONNECTED US IN COMMUNITY

- In the last four years, we sent out launch teams to form Wellspring Church and Grace Hills. Over 150 people were sent out, yet God has continued to bring so many new people to Calvary. For the year we have averaged 1350+ people at worship gatherings. We had almost 2200 people at our Easter services and 2400 at Christmas Eve! In addition, we had over 350 first time guests during the year. It's been a year of substantial growth in the number of people we serve and serve with.

- With 8 new groups launched Calvary-wide, we have over 60% of our adults and students connected in small group community. One life-grouper wrote,

"One definition of blessing is "a beneficial thing for which one is grateful; something that brings well-being." This describes our Life Group perfectly. We have walked alongside each other through difficult times...We celebrated together, served together and learned about each other."

Kristin Reece shared about three 3rdPlace lifegroups that combined with 2 Unity groups to discuss racial unity within the church. Every Friday night for 5 weeks, they came together at the HUB to talk about hard issues. She wrote,

The joint life group series allowed several people in the 3rdPlace community to form new friendships and have our eyes opened to the realities of racism and what many of our black brothers and sisters endure. We're looking for more opportunities to connect with Unity and advocate for social justice.

Scott Leddy wrote,

I'm really excited for the clarified purpose/role of Life Groups moving forward for the 2030 vision and the ways in which they will help as a main part of the FYM engine at Calvary...I'm expectant of some awesome movement within our Life Group ministry in the next year and beyond.

- **Pray for 20/30 somethings who need community to get connected to lifegroups!**
- **Pray for our newly formed LifeGroup Leadership team.**
- **Pray for more lifegroup leaders & more lifegroups to form.**
- **Pray that our lifegroups would become teams that support our front-yard-mission movement.**

List three people who have made a difference in your life. Thank God for them. Perhaps even send them a letter sharing your thanks.

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Do you know any newcomers to Calvary? Write one name down and invite them to lunch.

Make a commitment to get to know one international student or family at Calvary or in our community this year.

With whom are you connected in community? Spend time telling God thank you for the part they have played in your life.

Pray for two university students, that they will get connected in community at Calvary. We desire to reach the next generation for Christ.

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- We also thank God for the people he draws from all over the world to join us at Calvary. I never cease to be enriched by our interaction with the international community. We currently support four different campus missionaries who are working with international students. If you have not taken the time to get to know people from our international community, you are missing out on a great treasure!

- **Pray that we would be a welcoming family for international students, that they would discover Christ.**

- 158 women were apart of Abide in 2019 and 193 women attended the “Unshakeable Hope” conference with Carol Kent. God uses Abide in so many different ways to impact women. Two women who were widowed last year found friendship and support from other Christ-following women at Abide. The compassionate community was their solace during a difficult time. Another woman who had been experiencing mysterious physical symptoms for about a year, that baffled medical professionals was prayed for by women at Abide and has been healthy ever since.

One woman wrote, “Thursdays are my favorite day of the week! I find myself happy at work all day knowing I’m going to hear something encouraging and helpful from Bible study that night! What I learn, and how I’m encouraged at Abide keeps me going all week long.”

- **Pray that women (from Calvary and all church backgrounds) will continue to be drawn to Abide as a place to connect with Christ, Community and their Calling.**

- Beyond that we thank God for a host of other ministry teams that help us build community at Calvary, like the Barnabas Team, the Ushers and Greeters, the Car-Parkers, life-coaches, mentors, the Shepherding Team, prayer groups, Calvary-Kids staff and Fraser Street Commons to name a few. In so many ways, people have the opportunity to connect in Community at Calvary.

- We also thank God for the university community He has brought to our church family, especially Midtown. On any given weekend during the school year you will find 350+ Penn State students at Calvary. We see God at work in our college students and they bring many friends seeking Jesus. This semester a dozen students have been meeting daily at Fraser Street Commons to pray for revival. Dozens of students gather once a month to pray through the night. Pastor Jorn wrote

During the year, I’ve watched four young men that I mentor, turn the corner in their commitment to Christ and his calling on their lives. They are actively pursuing ministry and sharing their faith consistently.

R.D. wrote, Once I found my worth in Christ and overcame my fear, it’s changed everything about how I share the Gospel.

When you think of PSU students and Midtown...

- **Pray for the starting of new lifegroups with students and doing training for their Front-Yard Missions.**
- **Pray for a continued growing hunger for prayer at Midtown.**
- **Pray that God will send more people to Midtown with a desire to raise up the next generation!**

THANK YOU GOD FOR HELPING US CONNECT PEOPLE TO CHRIST

- Take a moment to tell God thanks for all the people who made a first time decision for Christ through the people and ministry of Calvary. From women at Centre County Jail to students in Xstream to Calvary Kids to students on campus to people connecting in LifeGroups, to Abide/Heart-to-Heart, Third Place, and opportunities at Easter and Christmas Eve; not many weeks go by without God using people at Calvary to share the gospel and see the Spirit draw people to Christ. If you or someone you know made a first time decision, tell God thanks for them!

- God continues to do amazing things through those ministering in the Centre County jail. Nancy Spooner has answered the call to move into the role that Beckie Romig had before she died. This year 260 gift bags were delivered on Christmas Eve each containing a devotional, a coloring book, a box of colored pencils, a journal, a handwritten Christmas card, and 6 candy bars. These gifts give a few moments of joy in a very difficult place. It reminds them that someone still cares.

Nancy wrote,

I've lost count of how many Bibles are requested and given out each week. Just since I've started as Chaplain in September, we've given away almost 5 cases. My weekly time at the jail is increasing as the number of women asking for prayer is increasing. It's almost a full day of prayer now!

- **Pray that we could start a second crochet class and a Financial Peace University (FPU) class. (The crochet class gives us amazing opportunities to talk.) Pray for the jail's approval and for a leader for FPU.**
- **Pray for God to raise up men and women to mentor inmates who are near their release time and who need a friend to help them navigate reentry into society.**
- **Please pray for me as I meet with women each week; that the Spirit would flow like a river through this place.**
- **Pray for continued favor with the jail administration.**

Go to www.calvarysc.org/missions and read through our list of missionaries. Choose two to lift up in prayer throughout 2020. .

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- \$122,000 was given through our Mission's Budget this year. These dollars support among other things; teachers in Europe, church plants in Myanmar, PSU campus ministers, missionaries to ambassadors from around the world, and an engineer helping missions design hospitals, schools and ministry centers. In addition, when adding the money given for short-term missions, child sponsorships in Kenya and Myanmar, local adoptions, CityServe, the Invisible Neighbors fund in memory of Beckie Romig, and so many other local opportunities, over \$350,000 is going outside of our walls to build up the Kingdom and serve others in need.

- Calvary Global Kids has 82 unique sponsors, sponsoring 109 children. These people, in a unique way are bringing hope to kids. Our hope is to get every child at the orphanage sponsored in 2020. That means that 165 more people can do for one what they wish they could do for all. The work that happens in our hearts as sponsors is as impactful as the work that happens in theirs being the recipient of your love.

Calvary Tyrone has grown 29% this year. A monthly open mic night has been a source of growth and community. The local newspaper even published an article on the event. Open Mic Night has been a welcoming place where people can be introduced to Calvary and the people of Calvary can connect with others in the community. It's also been used to raise money for a local man in need of a handicap accessible van. Along with good music, it has become an opportunity for us to be good neighbors! In addition, Tyrone's XStream and Xplosion youth and children groups is building a bridge and network with other churches.

- **Pray for our youth and adults that they would see their relationship with Jesus as top priority and long to live out their calling and serve with their gifts.**
- **Pray that we all would embrace our front yard missions.**
- **Pray for resources as we desire to meet needs in our community and provide a place where people can be fed physically, spiritually, and emotionally.**
- **Pray that we would boldly proclaim the Good News.**

Calvary Lewistown has grown 21% this year; is wrapping up year #1, and we are so thankful for what God is doing. Average attendance for the year is 65 and lately we are seeing 80+ people each week. We've had a number of community outreach events like an Easter Egg Hunt, s Swimming Party, Goose Day Festival and Festival of Ice. Most importantly we have seen over 30 first time decisions to follow Christ and six baptisms! One recent highlight was the joint worship gathering with three other congregations and over 220 people participating. As one person there said, "The Spirit of God was so evident. We worshipped and prayed. My heart was lifted up. I can't wait for the next one!"

And of course, we can't stop thanking God for the gift of a facility, giving to us this year by the members of First Baptist Church of Lewistown. Come see us this year, it's such a blessing!

- **Pray for the finalization of the transfer of the building in 2020 and that the building would bless the community.**
- **Pray for more people engaging their personal Front-Yard Mission and that more people would come to know Jesus.**
- **Pray for more unity among local congregations**

At Penns Valley God has been stirring a passion for prayer in a few people that attend Calvary Penns Valley. They are showing up to pray at the church early in the morning a few days per week. Three of these people who are passionate about prayer live in downtown Millheim. We have seen an uptick in our FLOOD participation. We've also seen a good increase in the number of teens attending this year. We have grown enough that it has given us the opportunity to start a Life Group for the youth!

A recent highlight was the beginning of a PALS (Parents of Addicted Loved Ones) support group. A community member's daughter struggled with an addiction for 15 years before going to Oregon to a Christian Rehab center for 8 months. Her daughter became a Christian while she was there. So before she returned home, the mother decided she needed a church to attend with her daughter. A friend recommended Calvary. She started attending and not long afterwards surrendered her life to Jesus and was baptized. This mom now has a passion for serving families of addicted loved ones. She was certified to lead PALS and is committed to serving the community with this ministry. 7 people attended the first meeting. This is a need in our community and God is at work!

- **Pray for more workers and volunteers to partner in the gospel here in Penns Valley!**
- **Pray for us to surrender our pet sins and go all-in for Christ.**
- **Pray for an exponential increase in the number of gospel conversations with those in our front-yard mission.**

At Harvest Fields there are so many places we see God's hand. From marriages being restored to prodigals coming home, from local folks in need finding resources and hope to kids around the world being sponsored, from leaders being challenged to grow to neighbors being prayed for, loved, and invited to the table. Pastor Stacy wrote,

I'm seeing us grow in generosity and obedience, in faith and hope and love, and in our expectation of God's move. As we align ourselves with Kingdom priorities and purposes, God is shaping our hearts to be more like his. There have been so many fabulous events and activities at Harvest Fields this year. Choosing to highlight just one feels a little like deciding which child is my favorite--and that's never happening in my house! But if forced, I would have to pick something in the Flood/Worship and Prayer with Unity arena. When we get together to worship and pray, my heart is drawn closer to the Lord. Spending time with our Unity fam is such a blessing.

- **Pray that more people would embrace Front-Yard Mission.**
- **Pray for a greater capacity to equip and deploy leaders in and from Harvest Fields.**
- **Pray for a greater unity among the congregations of central PA, and an outpouring of God's Spirit that leads to revival.**

- More than 500 people Calvary-wide serve on the weekends to help us connect with Christ. Guest Services and Calvary Kids lead the way each with 100+. Add in worship teams, production arts, prayer and facilities and a lot of people are serving to help you connect with Christ on the weekend. We believe that one of the best indicators of commitment is the willingness to serve and we are thankful for those who do!

THANK GOD FOR HELPING US DISCOVER OUR CALLING...

- Hundreds of leaders were equipped and inspired at Leadership Advance, the Global Leadership Summit, and our Coaching Skills Training. These training opportunities are some of the best things we do. One of the recent training opportunities we launched is "The Neighbors," our residency program. We launched with 11 residents. They have been serving in each of the gatherings and have been such a blessing. They have gone all-in on their front-yard mission and they planned and executed a great "Celebration of Jesus" attended by 100+ people, many of them PSU students. Talking about her experience, Lydia wrote,

"Every week, I am learning how to become a better leader and what it means to love God all-in. I am being stretched in ways I never would have expected, and getting to work alongside some of the most amazing people I have ever met."

- **Pray for funding streams for our residency program. Our hope is to one day make this a full-time option for residents.**
- **Pray for housing options for Fall 2020. We are seeking living options near all of our gatherings.**
- **Pray for the next round of applicants. We are seeking young leaders passionate about Christ's Kingdom!**

- In Myanmar ICTS (our Bible School) has been going for over a decade. 70% of the students that graduate go into ministry, many of them going to villages in Myanmar that are unreached. In February one of our largest graduating classes will be on their way out to serve God!

- During CityServe 650 volunteers completed 110 community service projects. We served 150 guests at our Night to Shine prom event. 58 volunteers have served with our Out of the Cold family. 700+ people packed 150,000 meals and 23,000 seed packets for refugees in the Middle East. We packed 448 boxes for Operation Christmas Child and served 164 people through Adopt-A-Family. 80 individuals or families were served through Adopt-a-Family.

One highlight was the opportunity to partner with Out of the Cold to help a guest move into a more permanent residence. We helped to provide them with furniture and needed items for their new home. He wrote,

I just can't believe there is this kind of help! I don't really know what we would do without you. I am so grateful! This is awesome! New towels, lamps, cleaning supplies, Christmas decorations, and a new toaster. Your help has made this feel like a home.

One of Kendra's highlights was "Dinner with Friends," a ministry for people in need of some extra community. Kendra wrote,

We have a monthly meal together. This past week, we went to the Olive Garden to celebrate Christmas. For some of these folks, it will be the only Christmas celebration they have. In addition, volunteers help them with simple things: changing light bulbs, taking meals, salting driveways, going grocery shopping and more. Many of our guests talk about this group feeling like family.

- **Pray that we would continue to be good neighbors to our "invisible neighbors" caring for the poor, incarcerated and lonely. Ask God to send more people to respond to small needs like grocery shopping, simple household chores, rides to doctor's appointments, etc.**
- **Pray for a permanent Out of the Cold shelter. As our numbers grow, a space of our own is more important.**
- **As substance abuse and mental health issues are on the rise, pray for the wisdom and resources to respond.**

- Perhaps one of the most important initiatives at Calvary in 2019 was our "Front-Yard Mission" initiative. Everyone has a Front-Yard Mission. It has been a major source of joy to see how many of us are taking that seriously. 213 people have currently committed to embrace their front-yard mission. So much is happening from small acts of kindness to large backyard bbq's; from Friendsgiving dinners to gospel conversations. People are praying, loving and inviting the others into their homes, to church and to Christ. We believe that God is calling us to double the number of Christ-followers in central PA by the year 2030. As Pastor Stacy says, "that's the beginning of a mighty move of God!"

- One of our callings is to work toward unity. This was a key year in the area of racial unity. 25+ people from Calvary and Unity worked together to plan a joint sermon series, joint lifegroups to talk about racial unity issues, and a number of joint worship services. ~300 people participated in the racial unity discussion groups during which we were faced with the death of Osaze Osagie. 85 people attended a potluck to share at the end of the lifegroups. 45 people from Unity and Calvary went to the African American Museum of History in Washington D.C. This is a powerful experience. 5 people went to a Converge Workshop on Racial Diversity and 150 people get regular updates from the R.U.N. team.

- **Pray for the R.U.N. team. (Racial Unity Network) This group continues to look for opportunities to strengthen our coalition and are going through a reorganization this year.**
- **Pray for a continued and deepening partnership with Unity Church of Jesus Christ.**

- Thank God for hundreds of Calvary volunteers that served beyond our walls throughout 2018: CityServe, Saturday of Service, Out of the Cold, prison mentoring, Fraser Street Commons, Common Food, Adopt-a-Family, Christmas in jail, Dinner with Friends, after school tutoring and so much more would not have happened without generous volunteers who are living out their calling to do God's good!

If you have children or youth, who have been involved in our kids' ministries or XStream, send a note of thanks to their teacher or youth volunteer. If you do not have kids, find the name of someone who volunteered to serve people in need. Tell them Thanks and pray for them.

Part of our Calling is to Reach the Next Generation...

God has continued to pour out blessings, as we go after Penn State Students, middle and high school students all the way down to the little ones in nursery. Thank God for those reaching the next generation.

Calvary Kids

- Thank God for the leadership team of Calvary Kids. They do an amazing job of serving the kids throughout our Calvary family. 250+ children (on average) attend Calvary Kids our five gatherings. But with all our opportunities (including Sports Camp) to serve kids we have served 841 different kids from 441 families! With 140+ leaders, the folks who lead/teach/help are amazing people who range in age from retired grandparents down to 6th graders. Some serve 1x a month, but most serve 2x or 4x a month. Some Calvary Kid leaders are middle school and high school students. This should bring a smile to your face!

XStream

- Thank God for the great leaders and volunteers who serve our middle school and highschool students. Kristen, Ali, Jason and Jake lead a great team of volunteers who love students! Close to 90 students are coming every Wednesday, with new students showing up weekly, one Wednesday night we had over 120 students!

- Prayer has grown in XStream. A prayer group at State High continued meeting this year. Bailey Weaverling and Josh Kilareski have been doing a great job of getting students together every Friday before school to prayer for the students and faculty at the high school. As many as 18 students pray together at the High School. At the same time, there are groups forming at Mount Nittany and Park Forest.

We did a front yard mission series at XStream and on the first night of the series, we passed out hashtag cards to each of the students there. Over 100 students took a hashtag card! Many filled them out and are now praying for other students and neighbors. We estimate that 400 students are being prayed for by XStream students! A handful of students have taken it to the next level, finding ways to love and invite those on their hashtag cards. We are expectant for God to work!

Make a list of three students or kids from the next generation. Make a commitment to pray for them.

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Jason shared a story. He wrote,

Two students, a brother and sister come to XStream but they are not allowed to come to church on Sunday because their father is not a fan of organized religion. But they came to the Christmas extravaganza, baked cookies, and served with kids and stayed late to help clean. Then the next night they were allowed to come to the Celebration of Jesus at midtown, their first-ever church type service Calvary. Now they watch church online every weekend. Both of them are committed to XStream and hope they can come on our winter retreat. They have probably invited more of their friends to XStream than any other student this past year. It's been so amazing to see God at work in them.

- **Pray that students catch the vision of Front-Yard Missions and pray for, love and invite those on their cards.**
- **Pray that our excitement for prayer would grow, especially for the groups meeting at the three schools.**
- **Pray for students struggling with anxiety and depression. This issue continues to grow.**
- **Pray for more leaders. We are especially in need of female leaders. Pray for leaders at our other gatherings as well. We also are praying for more student leaders.**
- **Pray that more would sign up for our winter retreat.**

THANK YOU GOD, FOR YOUR PRESENCE IN OUR WORSHIP AND PRAYER LIFE

So many have spoken of their appreciation for worship at Calvary.

“(At Calvary God) bandages wounds, dispels lies, gives enCOURAGEment to broken hearts and reveals purpose in the difficulties of life week-after-week-after-faithful-week. I have been the recipient of that healing countless times over the years and I'm so thankful! From all of us who are seeking to encounter Emmanuel afresh as we journey with Him and as He reveals our place in His story!! We are deeply grateful...”

“Calvary has challenged me more as a person than any church or person ever has in my life regarding my faith, and I am not a youngster! I come because of the sermons. You have challenged me to be more than a “Christian.” You have helped define what that means in how I obey God and live my life. I LOVE the neighbor series. It's helped me put into action my faith in tangible ways.”

I wanted to thank Lynn for reminding me about Flood the Valley last night. Wow!! That was an amazing night. I enjoy golf and having to leave the Masters was difficult, but after attending Flood the Valley, golf didn't seem that important. What a night of worship!

- One of our biggest worship experiences each year is Way Of the Cross on Good Friday. In 2019 nearly 800 people went through the stations, more than ever. One participant said this about the experience:

Just being able to walk through the path of Jesus; nailing my sin to the cross brought tears to my eyes. It was such a moving and surreal moment for me. It truly made me think about how pounding that nail into the cross was symbolic of my own sins being a very real part of that actual day. Physically being part of the experience was so meaningful!

- Another highlight of 2019 was getting to do some combined worship times with our friends from Unity Church! February and July we invited Unity Worship team members to join us and invited their congregation to come on our usual FLOOD nights. These were great experiences and God showed up in amazing ways as we celebrated unity with UNITY!!

- **Pray for God to continue sending us young, talented people with a passion for worship as we aim to develop the next generation as worship leaders.**
- **Pray for the Spirit to move hearts in deeper ways during our weekend worship gatherings.**

- God is also at work deepening their hunger and hearts for prayer and intimacy with God. We have had a growing number of people participating in Corporate prayer. Flood at all our gatherings is growing. Fraser St. Commons hosts morning prayer and dozens of students gather once a month to pray through the night. A number of pastors have prayer shields and the staff prays every Tuesday morning. Parents of prodigals gather once a month to pray for their kids. We had two weeks of 24/7 Prayer, the second of which took place onsite at Harvest Fields in the Prayer Tent. During the October week of prayer 300+ people prayed thousands of hours!

- We have a team of 45 people at HF who are available to pray with people after each of our weekend services, with some beautiful answers to prayer and opportunities to show people the love of Jesus as we pray with them. We hosted a prayer training in March with 31 people from Calvary and 3 other churches. The Isaiah Team prayed with 40+ people this year, helping them experience deeper freedom in Christ. One person summed up their prayer time with these words:

"It's hard to express how grateful I am for the time with you and the prayer team. It's an amazing honor and blessing to have so much prayer and care focused at you at one time. It's a lot of Jesus to take in at once! I was telling a friend about it yesterday, and it was difficult to put into words what has shifted inside of me. I have not become perfect and have had my moments since...but at a deeper level something has changed forever."

An artist who went through the prayer time sent these photos to depict the inner changes she felt before and after prayer.



- **Pray that God continues to stir our hearts with a deepening desire for more of Him, for intimacy with Him, and for a growing urgency to pray for and love our neighbors!**
- **Pray for Flood to grow exponentially in 2020.**
- **Pray for more corporate prayer gatherings to launch.**
- **Pray that 2020 would see the communities where we gather covered in 24/7 unceasing prayer!**

- Finally so much goes on behind the scenes when it comes to worship and prayer. This year Calvary sermons were watched online 13,144 times and that's not counting podcast listens or audio downloads. This is an 11% gain in 2019. It's amazing from week to week how many people give of their time to serve God and Calvary through the weekend worship services. Greg created 70 videos last year, telling stories of life-change and transformation. Dean, Jayme and Courtney worked in production arts and as a result our weekend worship had viewers from Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Texas, California, Washington, Indiana, North Carolina, Louisiana, and Myanmar to name a few. We have a phenomenal team that serves each week.

- **Prayer for the production arts team to grow in depth of their love and passion for Jesus, in depth of their skill sets, and in numbers of those serving.**
- **Pray for a website update this year that will make it easier for more people to find Calvary and to engage in a deeper way with the message and their community.**
- **Pray for the Calvary app to spread the gospel.**

THANK GOD FOR HIS WORK IN GIVING!

- God has continued to bless us financially at Calvary, in part because we seek to disciple stewards not just givers. Over 320 households have taken Financial Peace University since we started and we are expanding to other gatherings.

- The people of Calvary are incredibly generous, from special offerings for other churches to caring for orphans in Myanmar, to our missions support. 716 families or individuals have given to Calvary this year and our giving is up 20% over last year. More money has been given this year to Calvary than ever before...that's amazing. Thank you God for so many generous people and a mission that is worthy of our generosity!

- With all that said, the greatest giving at Calvary has not been in finances but in time and talents. Over 500 people serve Calvary wide each weekend. Add to that lifegroup leaders, Front-Yard Missions, short-term missions, community service and outreach and in so many other ways, so many have given so unselfishly of their time, talents and energy. Aside from the power of God, our greatest resource is people. We thank God and praise Him for people who give...and the opportunities He gives us to give to people.

FINALLY A HANDFUL OF PERSONAL-TO-YOU REQUESTS

1. List one area of brokenness in Central PA, which God might be putting on your heart for prayer.
2. List the names of any neighbors you know (or your #frontyardmission). Ask God to give you opportunities to pray for, love and invite them into your home, to church and to Christ!
3. List the names of five people whose marriages are going through a rough time. Pray for God's grace, mercy and love to be poured out upon them.
4. Finish by praying for an all-out increase of his presence and power poured out on people in Central PA, that we would be a people of revival.

A CLOSING PRAYER

Because prayer is not just talking to God...it's listening.

This is something I wrote for our "Dear Church" series...fashioned after the letters from Christ to the churches in Revelation.

To the Church Without Walls:

By Dan Nold

August 11, 2016

I can hear these words coming from Christ, the one who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or could even imagine; the one who seeks after lost sheep and prodigal sons and daughters; the one who tears down walls that no one can rebuild.

I know your heart. You are not easily offended and you are quick to forgive. You have walked through difficult times with grace, sometimes it's felt like grace has been sucked from the marrow of your bones, but you have been willing to be drained dry on my behalf.

I know the ways you have begun to care for the orphans. From sponsoring children in Myanmar to fostering and adopting children here and around the world, you are showing children, that they are not fatherless.

I see the open hands that go with your open hearts. I see that you are willing to disadvantage yourself for the sake of my Kingdom. I know you can do more, but you have not been afraid to start.

I love that you want my church to grow. I love that you gather with others to study my Word and grow in your capacity to love. I love that you desire to release people to use their gifts. I love that you love my church. I love that you love those who are not yet part of my church.

But I have this against you. You do not yet know how much you need me. And you do not yet trust How much I'm willing to give myself to you. You don't trust me enough to sacrifice your comfort and control. You are distracted by your own abilities.

So I give you two warnings:

First stay humble. It's not about you. Be bold in your convictions but humble about your intellectual capacity. Remember that I can be found in small obscure moments of kindness as well as the massive moments of fruitfulness. Remember that to be called a friend of God is a better goal than simple a great achiever for God. Don't forgot to take seasons of silence and to cherish time spent with me in prayer and the Word. In the land of pride, go against the grain, seek meek.

Secondly, never stop dreaming big dreams. Never stop taking risks with me, for others. I am willing to do more in you and through you than you will ever ask me...more than you can even imagine to ask me.