



CALVARY CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT 2023



CONNECTING PEOPLE TO CHRIST AND COMMUNITY

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MESSAGE

FROM PASTOR TOM



In this report, we are celebrating the faithfulness of God!

“Trust in the Lord, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.”
Psalm 37:3

We are looking back at 2022 to remind ourselves of all that God has done IN and THROUGH us as a church.

You'll find the outline of the report follows our Core Values. These Values continue to guide our ministry, to our church family, Dunnville and our region.

We celebrate completed projects like, updates on our Mezzanine, the bathrooms in the basement, a refresh to our lobby as well as carpet and chairs in our sanctuary. God has been faithful to provide.

We have seen our Sports Leagues and Youth ministry continue to grow as God faithfully leads us.

We celebrate ministries like Helping Hands, providing meals to those in our congregation who are in times of need and our Visitation team encouraging members of our congregation every single month.

In 2022 we saw the return of our North of 50 lunches and give thanks to God for His faithfulness in ministering to seniors in our church as well as in our community.

Our Kids Christmas production also returned in 2022 and what a blessing it was to so many during the Christmas season.

We have so much to be thankful for! In this report we hope to remind and encourage you that GOD IS FAITHFUL, He is TRUSTWORTHY and that's never going to change.

Believing that we will continue
“TO BE BLESSED, TO BE A BLESSING”

Pastor Tom and Christie

JESUS CHRIST

We value our relationship with Jesus Christ. Jesus is our passion for living and our purpose in everything we do. This means we are devoted to expressing the greatness of God in our lives every day.

BAPTISMS

↑ 10

10 people decided to make a public confession of their faith through water baptism this year.



SALVATIONS AT KIDS' CAMP

↑ 44

44 children raised their hands to receive salvation at Kids' Camp this year.



SALVATIONS IN YOUTH AND SUNDAY SERVICES

↑ 68

In the course of 2022, 68 people in Youth services and Sunday services accepted Jesus as their Saviour.



HOLY SPIRIT & PRAYER

We value the leadership of the Holy Spirit and will be careful to listen and respond to the voice of God. We recognize the example set for us by Jesus Christ and strive to keep lines of communication with God open, through which He brings about eternal change.

Did you know that we have **117 members** on our Calvary Dunnville Women's Facebook Page? These members post prayer requests and answers to prayer. They encourage one another and share words as the Holy Spirit leads. It has become a 'go-to' place to ask for prayer in times of struggle and praise in times of victory.



28 days

**PRAYING AND
FASTING.**

Putting aside time to hear from the Holy Spirit at the beginning of each calendar year and school year.



8 weeks

**SMALL GROUP
PRAYER.**

One of our Sunday Small Groups is a prayer group. What a joy to have our group pray for us!



12 months

**VISITATION
TEAM VISITS.**

Visits into the homes of our shut-ins to pray for and encourage them.

THE BIBLE

We believe that the teachings of the Bible are the way to significant life change. We desire continuous spiritual growth through careful studying and teaching of God's Word.

BIBLE STUDIES

↑ 5 sessions

We had men's and ladies bi-weekly Bible study for 4 and 5 sessions in October.

SUNDAY GROUPS

↑ 8 weeks

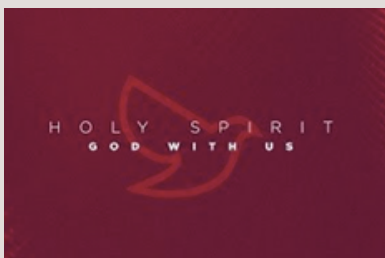
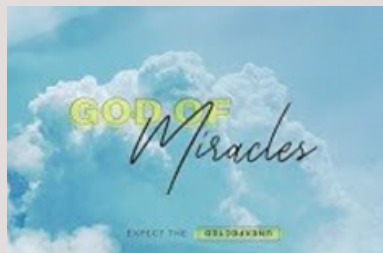
Exciting to bring back Sunday Small Groups this year for all ages! We had 8 groups running each Sunday.

GUEST SPEAKERS

↑ 5 guests

We were able to hear from global workers, speakers sharing the heart of our district and also a special day for parenting and mental health.

SERMON SERIES' 2022



RELATIONSHIPS

God cares for people through people. This means that we strive to develop a community in which there is a sense of belonging and where each individual feels valued and cared for.

Between Youth events, Bible studies, the Pig Roast, Young Adults, Baseball games, Men's retreat, the Cafe and Welcome Lunches - we are building relationships. We were excited to welcome **8 NEW MEMBERS** this last year.



SERVANT LEADERSHIP



Thomas Blackwood

**LEAD
PASTOR**



Laurie Ricker

**FAMILY MINISTRIES
PASTOR**



Joey Morris

**STUDENT MINISTRIES
PASTOR**



Denise Brown

ADMINISTRATOR

CUSTODIAN Dominique LaHay

BOARD OF DIRECTORS Cameron Minor Steve Brown Floyd West
Gord Cooledge Jeremy McIntee Steve Legault

Our spiritual gifts have maximum impact when they are used regularly and with humility. This means that we will act in meaningful ways consistent with our gifts and calling in order to better care for one another.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

We are so blessed with volunteers at Calvary who lead with genuine servant hearts. Serving our church family and Dunnville with their gifts and calling.



EXCELLENCE



SERVICES

Weekly and early worship practices, sermon preparation, team meetings and more are ways that we inspire one another in honouring God each week.



We value doing our best. This means that we'll be dedicated to inspiring one another to honour God with excellence.



AUDITORIUM UPDATES

We were blessed this year to be able to update our auditorium with fresh new carpet and chairs.



BATHROOM UPDATES

Our Kids' Ministry area got a much needed update to their bathrooms.



RELEVANCE Local Outreach

We recognize the need to use unique methods to connect a variety of people to God in a way that is relatable.

JUNIOR HIGH NIGHTS

MARCH BREAK CAMP | 47 KIDS



KIDS' SPORTS LEAGUES | 74 KIDS



EASTER EGG HUNT | 680 GUESTS



KIDS' SUMMER CAMP | 130 KIDS



RELEVANCE Local Outreach

SENIOR HIGH NIGHTS

SALVATION ARMY FOOD DRIVE



YOUTH IMPACT CHRISTMAS



NORTH OF 50



SALVATION ARMY BIRTHDAY PACKS



KIDS' CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION



RELEVANCE Global Outreach

In addition to our Global giving, we were able to give **\$20,000** to the Western Ontario District of PAOC, continuing to make an impact world wide.



TEEN CHALLENGE | \$420
12-month in-residence alcohol and drug addiction rehabilitation programs in Alberta, Atlantic Canada, Saskatchewan and Ontario.



LIGHTHOUSE | \$2400
A goal to see active churches started in every community in Cape Breton that can help meet spiritual and social needs of that place.



PHIL & DONNA WILLIAMS | \$7200
Working in the Dominican Republic to provide important resources for the community. An **additional \$8000** was raised for a roof in Loma.



ASIF GEORGE | \$600
Working in Pakistan to minister and distribute Bibles to unreached areas.

RAN | (Random Access Network)



TERRY BONE | \$3600
Bringing the life saving gospel of Jesus as well as providing care for physical needs.



ERDO SPONSOR CHILDREN | \$2000
To help with school and food costs.



KINGS SEAL | \$2400 Bringing the gospel and physical care.



GAYE & ELIZABETH NORRIE | \$3600
Directors of Village of Hope, Zimbabwe. Impacting children daily through their feeding programs, primary school, and orphan homes.



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSIONS TRIP

We sent 5 volunteers to Servants Hearts Ministries .

We were blessed to be able to send volunteers to encourage them and help in practical ways.

THANK YOU

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