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PASTOR ED TAYLOR

Pastor Ed Taylor grew up in Southern California. Having responded to the Gospel in 1991 at Calvary Chapel in Downey, he spent eight years there learning, growing, and serving.

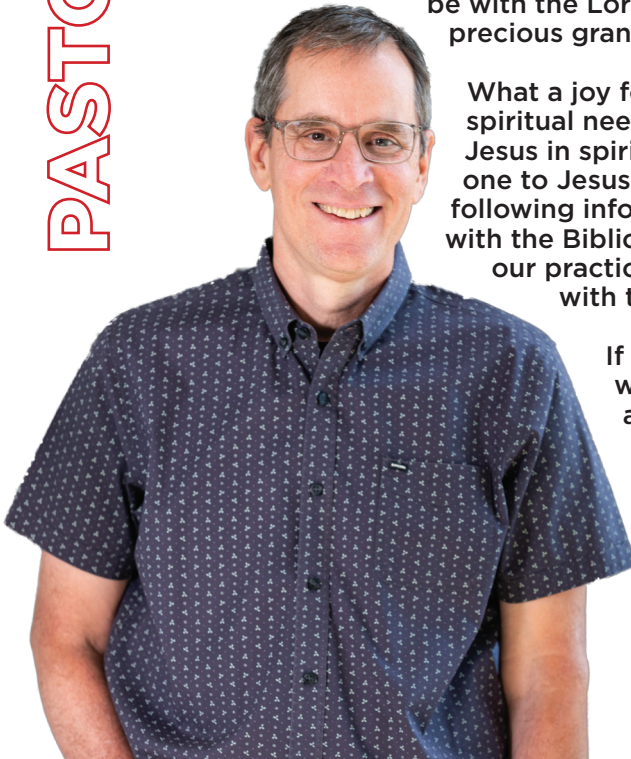
In 1999, sensing the call of God, Ed and his family moved to the Denver area hoping to be used by God. God began Calvary Church as an outreach of Horizon Christian Fellowship in Littleton, Colorado on Saturday nights in January, 1999. Calvary Church began meeting as a fellowship on Sunday morning December 26, 1999. Jesus continues to bless Calvary Church - an exciting and thriving fellowship reaching the lost throughout Aurora, Denver, and the surrounding communities.

Pastor Ed's heart is to be transparent from the pulpit, teaching God's Word verse-by-verse, precept-upon-precept, while reminding the believer of God's great love and grace to us, and to never water down the message of God's Word. He truly desires that everyone, from all walks of life, will embrace Jesus and grow in His grace.

Ed and his wife Marie have been married for over 30 years and have three children - of which their oldest son Eddie went to be with the Lord in 2013. Ed and Marie also have a precious grandson, Eddie's son.

What a joy for us to be available in meeting your spiritual needs! Our supreme desire is to worship Jesus in spirit and in truth while pointing everyone to Jesus Christ alone. It is our prayer that the following information will help you get acquainted with the Biblical foundations of our fellowship and our practical ministry vision in reaching Aurora with the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

If we can help in any way, please speak with an usher or call the church office at (303) 628-7200.



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A BRIEF HISTORY

The Calvary Chapel family of churches began in the late 1960's in a time where people were searching to belong to, or identify with something or someone. A movement in our country, commonly referred to the "Jesus Movement" was taking place, where people began to identify with Jesus through a personal relationship with Him. Pastor Chuck Smith was pastoring a small non-denominational church of about 25 people in Costa Mesa, California, serving with his wife, Kay. The Holy Spirit impressed upon their hearts a sensitivity to be open to the work that He was doing, introducing many to who Jesus is, and discipling them to grow in relationship with Him.

Both Pastor Chuck and Kay served the Lord faithfully for many years and have since gone home to be with the Lord. Calvary Chapel of Costa Mesa today is a church home to thousands of people. Additionally, there are over 1,000 autonomous Calvary Chapel churches spanning across the world. Here at Calvary Church in Aurora, we are privileged to be a part of this movement of the Lord as our heritage, as we look to the Holy Spirit in the fresh work that He desires to do today and into the future.

A BALANCE

There are essential doctrines that we will always hold to: the infallibility of God's Word, the virgin birth of Jesus, His sinless life, His death for our sins, His bodily resurrection, His ascension to glory, and His personal return to rule the earth.

As a church we have a balance between the fundamentalism that has preserved the integrity of God's Word, but can potentially become rigid, legalistic, and unaccepting of the Spiritual Gifts, and the hyper-emotionally driven Pentecostal movement. We are centered around verse-by-verse teaching of God's Word and open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit operating freely under the leadership of mature Christians.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT

We believe that the pastor is responsible for the church, responsible to hear from God, and responsible to feed and love God's people faithfully. Assistant pastors have been raised up and help the pastor in the spiritual care of the people. A board of elders have been appointed to help the pastor care for the practical needs of the church, advising the pastor in regard to the business operations and decisions.

WORSHIP

Calvary Chapels vary in musical worship style. Some are quite traditional, while others are more contemporary. Our church is diversely made up of differing ages, styles and races. We simply come together with one common focus: love for Jesus and the desire to know Him more intimately, worshipping Him with a genuine heart.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Our desire is to love and fellowship with anyone who calls on the name of Jesus in truth and sincerity. The purpose of this guide is help you gain insight into who we are. We do not claim to be exclusively right while everyone else is wrong. Our desire is to simple adore Jesus, and we invite all of God's people to join us as we do.

Calvary Chapel leadership (men such as Greg Laurie, Skip Heitzig, Raul Ries, Jeff Johnson, and Jon Courson) agree on the essential doctrines but have individual styles of ministry, methods of preaching, and visions for outreach. We seek the unity of the Spirit in a bond of peace and love and believe that God has called us to a unique ministry that fulfills His special purpose in this generation. May God bless you as you seek to draw near to Him in love.

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VISION AND PURPOSE



OUR VISION is EVANGELISM with a responsibility to...

WIN

a person **TO** Jesus Christ
MARK 16:15

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Our Jerusalem: Aurora.

Our Judea: Denver Metro Area & surrounding communities.

Our Samaria: Colorado & the U.S.

Our Ends of the Earth: The globe!

DISCIPLE

a person **IN** Jesus Christ
MATTHEW 28:19

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..."

SEND

a person **FOR** Jesus Christ
ACTS 1:8

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria..." and to the end of the earth."

Our supreme desire is to know Christ and to be conformed into His image by the power of the Holy Spirit. We are not a denominational fellowship, nor are we opposed to denominations as such, only their over-emphasis of the doctrinal differences that have led to the division of the body of Christ. We believe that the only true basis of Christian fellowship is His (Agape) love, which is greater than any differences we possess and without which we have no right to claim ourselves Christians.

**WE
BELIEVE
WORSHIP
OF GOD
SHOULD BE...**

1 Spiritual.

Therefore: We remain flexible and yielded to the leading of the Holy Spirit to direct our worship.

2 Inspirational.

Therefore: We give a great place to music in our worship.

3 Intelligent.

Therefore: Our services are designed with great emphasis upon teaching the Word of God that He might instruct us how He should be worshiped.

4 Fruitful.

Therefore: We look for His love in our lives as the supreme evidence that we have truly been worshiping Him.

mutual dedication

CALVARY CHURCH CULTURE STATEMENTS



CALVARY CHURCH CULTURE STATEMENTS #1

**WE LOVE
THE PAST,
LIVE THE
FUTURE**

DUETERONOMY 11:7-9

We celebrate what God has done in our past to prepare for what He is doing now and on into the future until He returns!

Deut 11:7-9 (NKJV) "but your eyes have seen every great act of the LORD which He did. Therefore you shall keep every commandment which I command you today, that you may be strong, and go in and possess the land which you cross over to possess, "and that you may prolong your days in the land which the LORD swore to give your fathers, to them and their descendants, 'a land flowing with milk and honey.'

It's fun to look back and see all the Lord has done. He has shown Himself faithful over and over again. But there is still new land up ahead, and we must look forward. The past cannot hinder us from moving forward with the Lord! Remember what God has done, but keep seeking what God wants to do.

CALVARY CHURCH CULTURE STATEMENTS #2

[WE EMBRACE CHANGE]

1 SAMUEL 14:6-7

We believe that God moves in many different ways; likewise, the leadership and vision that God provides doesn't always come in the same form. Creativity demands a certain level of change, and yet change needs to be focused and controlled. We embrace change and don't use the past as a crutch for the future. The message will not change, but the methods always will.

1 Sam 14:6-7 (NKJV) Then Jonathan said to the young man who bore his armor, "Come, let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised; it may be that the LORD will work for us. For nothing restrains the LORD from saving by many or by few." So his armorbearer said to him, "Do all that is in your heart. Go then; here I am with you, according to your heart."

The message of the gospel never changes. Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Yet methods change all the time. The methods we employ in spreading the gospel are adaptable to the needs in front of us. God has allowed us to enjoy new technologies, new innovative methods, and given His church extremely creative people to reach the lost. It's a good idea to try things out. Some will work. Some won't. But as long as we are being led by the Spirit, we can trust that He will use us! Embrace change. There will be a lot of changes in our fellowship until He returns!

CALVARY CHURCH CULTURE STATEMENTS #3

[WE FOLLOW THE LEADER]

JOHN 21:22

We are united as we fulfill the vision that God has given to Pastor Ed.

John 21:22 (NKJV) Jesus said to him, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me."

There is one, and only one Great Shepherd, Jesus Christ. He alone is our leader. He has given His Church one vision, His. Yet Jesus has chosen to convey delegated authority to pastors and leaders in His Church on the earth. Any good under-shepherd will follow the Good Shepherd. Where there is godly leadership, there is to be godly submission. We are to lovingly follow the leadership God has given to our pastor. Pastor Ed is here to edify the saints for the work of ministry. As our pastor follows Jesus, we follow along with His vision for Calvary.

CALVARY CHURCH CULTURE STATEMENTS #4

[WE LOCK OUR SHIELDS]

EPHESIANS 6:12-13

We keep the battle on the outside and passionately defend against allowing it on the inside. We are united in battle!

Eph 6:12-13 (NKJV) For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Any army that fights needs unity based on authority to assure victory. The Roman army was known to lock their shields together so that they could make progress against the real enemies before them. On our team, on our staff, among our fellowship, we don't choose to fight against each other. The real battle is not against each other but against the devil himself. We want to do away with any petty skirmishes among us so that we might join forces for the Kingdom. We need to deal with things quickly. We need to stick up for each other. If you have an issue with a brother or sister, it's always the right thing to talk to them, and the wrong thing to talk about them. Likemindedness is key in serving Jesus together.

CALVARY CHURCH CULTURE STATEMENTS #5

[WE ARE ON HIS MISSION]

LUKE 19:10

We will stop at nothing to accomplish our mission of pursuing a lost world.

Luke 19:10 (NKJV) "for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

God has put us on the planet and in this community to reach the lost at any cost. Over the years we have done much to reach into our community with the love, mercy, and saving grace of Jesus Christ. We continue to see many saved, built up, and then sent out. Let's not forget why we are here. We are here to full his mission. Jesus gave us a Great Commission, not a Great Suggestion! It's time to be bold and courageous in sharing the gospel.



CALVARY CHURCH CULTURE STATEMENTS #6

[WE ARE DEDICATED TO DOCTRINE]

TITUS 2:1

We are dedicated and committed to receiving and spreading good teaching. We want people to understand the depth of Scripture.

Titus 2:1 (NKJV) But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine

We are committed to teaching the Bible from beginning to end, Genesis to Revelation, verse by verse and chapter by chapter. We are a textual community, one that is dedicated to the sound doctrine and expositional teaching of God's Word. Here at Calvary a person will be fed the word of God in a steady spiritual diet. The Bible is alive and powerful and is the only source of truth from God. We are committed to sound teaching!

CALVARY CHURCH CULTURE STATEMENTS #7

[MORE THAN A SONG]

REVELATION 5:11-12

We worship God energetically and passionately; it's not about the songs being sung but about Who they're being sung to. It can get loud, and it can be overwhelming, but we like it that way. Use your outside voice inside.

Rev 5:11-12 (NKJV) Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!"

We've always been committed to worshipping Jesus through song, music, and contemporary worship. With great variety, we sing together the glorious wonders of Jesus Christ! We sing for an audience of One! We are the choir and are not here to watch someone do something on the stage, but rather follow the worship leader into the very presence of God. The Bible describes many different positions for worship, hands raised, kneeling down, even dancing! Sometimes it will be low key. Other times it will be loud and enthusiastic! I don't understand why some Christians think that enthusiasm is wrong and should not be in the sanctuary of the Lord! We worship Jesus in Spirit and in truth here excitedly and enthusiastically!

CALVARY CHURCH CULTURE STATEMENTS #8

OUR FELLOWSHIP IS FOR ANYONE, NOT EVERYONE

AMOS 3:3

Our church is for anyone that will come, but we realize that not everyone likes the way we do things—and that's okay with us. We refuse to cater to personal preference in our pursuit of God, and while everyone is important to us, we are more concerned with reaching the lost than pacifying the critics.

Amos 3:3 (NKJV) Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?

What a miserable journey it is walking with someone that is constantly disagreeing and disagreeable. God desires us to be of one mind and one accord! It's unrealistic to think we will agree on everything; However, we will agree on most things. There is a beauty in diversity and an ugliness in divisiveness. There will be some disagreements along the way but not on major issues. Yet if this church family doesn't inspire you to worship Jesus, it's best to find another and go for it in Him! It's not God's will for you to be complaining all the time but worshipping all the time! I love and appreciate the many good churches in our community and the Lord will put you where He needs you! We cannot and will not make changes just because someone doesn't like this or that, or we would be changing every week. Instead, we are following Jesus passionately and invite you on the journey!

CALVARY CHURCH CULTURE STATEMENTS #9

[WE ARE NOT ABOUT THE NUMBERS]

ACTS 2:46-47

Behind each number is a name and behind each hand is a heart. It's not about how many people come to our church; it's about how many lives are changed.

Acts 2:46-47 (NKJV) So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

When God makes Calvary your spiritual home, we want you to encounter Him here! Sure you will connect with others, do life together, and serve people, but what you really need is a true encounter with God. We've seen incredible growth here over the years. We are no longer a fellowship of 30 meeting in the basement of a rented Baptist Church. Yet in our growth, we are trusting Jesus to build His church, one by one. You're important God God. He knows you by name, knows how many hairs are on your head, or not! It's not about numbers here as much as it's about individuals, people connected and encountering God!

CALVARY CHURCH CULTURE STATEMENTS #10

[WE MAKE ROOM FOR GROWTH]

2 PETER 3:18

We're not so blind to believe that we have it all together or that the way we do things is the only way—the same way isn't always the right way. We are always looking for new ways to grow, and we support creative thinking.

2 Peter 3:18 (NKJV) but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.

We're all growing an in the process of being conformed into the very image of Christ. We are all on a spiritual journey, all in the place of sanctification. We are learning how to please God and obey Him better. We are open to learn from other ministries, other ministers, and other believers. He wants us to continue in our spiritual growth until we see Him face to face. God has provided teams of godly men and women who work collaboratively together seeking to fulfill His purposes through our church family. Thank God He's growing us up together in Him!

CALVARY CHURCH CULTURE STATEMENTS #11

[IT'S NOT A JOB]

1 TIMOTHY 1:12

We believe that God has called us to serve Him regardless of rank or title, and we believe that each person in the church has a role to play in this work. We are called to this ministry whether there is a paycheck or not. It's not a job; it's a calling.

1 Tim 1:12 (NKJV) And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry,

It's always a sad and discouraging thing to see people stop serving, or worse yet, stop coming to church because they don't receive a paid salary from the Church. Unfortunately it's often a revelation of the heart to see that people were here as a hireling and not a servant of the Lord. If God has called you here, then be here, all here, serving in the calling God has placed upon your life. Whether your paycheck is signed by the US Government, or UPS, or Calvary Church, you are a real true minister of God! Serve Him as such. We are all important parts of the Body of Christ. Find out what God has called you to do... and do it!

CALVARY CHURCH CULTURE STATEMENTS #12

WE CULTIVATE A CULTURE OF HONOR

1 PETER 2:17

We believe that Jesus lived a life of honor: honoring the Father, honoring others, and receiving honor Himself. We operate on this same model: Honor Up (the Lord and those in leadership over us), Honor Out (those who serve alongside of us), Honor All-Around (those we serve with, all guests, and those we come into contact with). We honor freely without inhibition, realizing that it's not as much about people deserving honor as it is about us living a life of honor and creating a culture of honor.

1 Peter 2:17 (NKJV) Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.

Honor and respect have been largely lost in our current culture. Disrespect, contempt, and disparagement have taken their place. When we speak of honoring people we mean respecting them. We want to treat people with the value and honor that God Himself placed upon them. Within the Body, your brothers and sisters are sons and daughters of the King! We want to treat each other in love like royalty. Love, respect, and honor help to move the Church along the path in a dark and desperate world. Everyone, no matter what, deserves respect.

CALVARY CHURCH CULTURE STATEMENTS #13

WE PASSIONATELY PURSUE FAITH WALK

HEBREWS 11:6

We set unattainable goals and then trust in an unstoppable God. We put it all on the line trusting that God is working behind the scenes. We don't want to be safe; we want to take risks.

Heb 11:6 (NKJV) But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

The dynamic walk of faith is amazing! The Bible is filled with the impossible being accomplished through the empowerment of God! Jesus told His disciples to go into all the world. They did! They risked their life and limb and most were martyred for that passionate pursuit of obedience. Rather than staying in the place of safety and security, we desire to launch out into the deep to see what God wants to do! We love to venture out in faith. Ask God for a spiritual dream, a big dream, and then pursue Him! Go for it and watch for His fruit to come!

CALVARY CHURCH CULTURE STATEMENTS #14

GENEROCITY MULTIPLIES CAPACITY

2 CORINTHIANS 9:5

We encourage a culture of generous giving. We give obediently to God, according to His call, and generously, according to our hearts. Our vision for ministry always exceeds our capacity for ministry. But we believe that if each of us takes the responsibility of stewardship personally, God will multiply our means and provide the capacity to do things that may seem impossible.

2 Cor 9:5 (NKJV) Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren to go to you ahead of time, and prepare your generous gift beforehand, which you had previously promised, that it may be ready as a matter of generosity and not as a grudging obligation.

The regular ongoing generous giving to God is essential for the Christian's life. God is able to supply all of our needs according to His riches in Christ Jesus. We oversee the ministry here as good stewards, seeking to use His resources wisely. We are always looking to be faithful and focused. There is a great joy in partnering together for the work of the ministry. Our capacity to reach more people increases as the generosity of our fellowship grows. Remember, you can't out give God. He owns it all. Step out in faithfulness in your giving and watch what the Lord wants to do!

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Calvary Church has been formed as a fellowship of believers in the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Our supreme desire is to know Christ and be conformed to His image by the power of the Holy Spirit. We are not a denominational church, nor are we opposed to denominations as such; only to the over-emphasis of the doctrinal differences that have lead to the division of the Body of Christ. We believe that the only true basis of Christian fellowship is Christ's (Agape) love, which is greater than the differences we possess, and without which we have no right to claim ourselves Christians.

DOCTRINAL

1. We believe in what is termed "The Apostles' Creed" as embodying all the fundamental doctrines of orthodox evangelical Christianity.

2. We believe there is one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, equal in power and glory; that this triune God created all, upholds all, and governs all.

3. We believe in God, the Father, an infinite, personal Spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power, and love; that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men; that He hears and answers prayer; and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.

4. We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, and teachings; His substitutionary atoning death; bodily resurrection; ascension into heaven; perpetual intercession for His people; and personal, visible return to earth. We believe that He is one and the same as God. He was fully human and fully God.

5. We believe in the Holy Spirit who was sent to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment and to regenerate, sanctify, and empower in ministry all who believe in Christ. We believe the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Jesus Christ and that He is an abiding Helper, Teacher, and Guide. We believe that Jesus Christ baptizes the seeking believer with the Holy Spirit and power for service, either at the time of or subsequent to regeneration, which is a separate work from the indwelling Spirit for salvation. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit and in the exercise of all biblical gifts of the Spirit as reflected through the fruit of that same Spirit in the Holy Spirit, who came forth from the Father and Son.

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6. We believe that all the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, fully inspired and without error in the original manuscripts, and that they are the infallible rule of faith and practice.

7. We believe all people are by nature separated from God and responsible for their own sin, but that salvation, redemption, and forgiveness are freely offered to all by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. When a person repents of sin and accepts Jesus Christ as his/her personal Lord and Savior, trusting Him to save, that person is immediately born again and sealed by the Holy Spirit, all of his/her sins are forgiven, and that person becomes a child of God, destined to spend eternity with the Lord.

8. We await the pre-tribulation rapture of the church, and we believe in the literal Second Coming of Christ with His saints to rule the earth, which will be personal and visible. This motivates us to holy living, heartfelt worship, committed service, diligent study of God's Word, regular fellowship, participation in adult baptism by immersion, and Holy Communion.

9. We are neither Five-Point Calvinists, nor are we Arminians. We adhere firmly to the biblical teaching of God's sovereignty and man's responsibility. We avoid any theological systems of belief that go beyond the written Word and thereby divide the body of Christ.

10. We do not believe in "positive confession" (the faith movement belief that God can be commanded to heal or work miracles according to man's will); human prophecy that supersedes the Scriptures; the incorporation of humanistic and secular psychology into biblical teaching; the overemphasis of spiritual gifts and experiential signs and wonders to the exclusion of biblical teaching; or that true Christians can be demon-possessed.

11. We believe in the universal Church, in the living spiritual body, of which Christ is the head and all regenerated persons are members.

12. We believe the Lord Jesus Christ committed two ordinances to the Church: 1) baptism, and 2) the Lord's Supper. We believe in baptism by immersion and communion, both of which are open to all believers in Jesus Christ.

13. We believe in the laying on of hands for the sending out of pastors and missionaries, and in conjunction with the anointing of oil by the elders for the healing of the sick.

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PRACTICAL

14. We believe the only true basis of Christian fellowship is Christ's (agape) love, which is greater than the differences we possess, and without which we have no right to claim ourselves Christians.

15. We believe worship of God should be spiritual; therefore, we remain flexible and yielded to the leading of the Holy Spirit to direct our worship.

16. We believe worship of God should be inspirational; therefore, we give great place to music in our worship.

17. We believe worship of God should be intelligent; therefore, our services are designed with great emphasis upon the teaching of the Word of God that He might instruct us on how He should be worshiped. We seek to teach the Word of God in such a way that its message can be applied to the individual's life, leading that person to a greater maturity in Christ. We teach both expositionally and topically.

18. We believe worship of God should be fruitful; therefore, we look for His love in our lives as the supreme manifestation that we have been truly worshiping Him.

19. We believe that the church government should be simplistic rather than a complex bureaucracy and we depend on the Holy Spirit to lead, rather than on fleshly promotion.

20. We believe that the Bible clearly delineates that spiritual gifts are for the edification of the body and that they are to be exercised in love. We believe that love is more important than the most spectacular gifts, and without love, all exercise of spiritual gifts is worthless. In our services, we focus on a personal relationship with God through worship, prayer, and the teaching of the Word of God. We do not practice speaking in tongues during worship or while a Bible study is in progress because we do not believe that the Holy Spirit would interrupt Himself. God is not the author of confusion. These gifts are encouraged in more intimate settings, e.g. personal prayer times, and afterglow services where their benefit can accomplish the purpose for which they have been given - the edification of the body of Christ.

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Calvary Church is a tremendous example of how God honors His Word. Calvary Church is a fellowship planted in Aurora to bring glory and honor to His name. Highlighted below are fifteen key biblical truths that serve to guide our philosophy of ministry.

It is on these sound biblical foundations that Calvary Church is firmly planted.

Zechariah 4:6 "The Ministry Belongs To The Lord"

"Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit," says the LORD of hosts." Zechariah 4:6

We desire to be led by His Spirit and of His Spirit (Galatians 3:3). We want to stay clear of worldly programs and techniques in regard to the ministry.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 "Prayer Is The Backbone Of The Ministry"

"...pray without ceasing..." 1 Thessalonians 5:17

The key to any spiritual success in the ministry is much prayer. It's once been said that the Church moves forward on Her knees. We pray a lot at Calvary Church.

John 4:24 "Worship Is Vital"

"God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth." John 4:24

Spirit led worship is vital at Calvary Church. Our worship is not just a time filler or a warm up for the Message. Our worship is a time set aside for the body to adore Him in all of His majesty.

Ephesians 1:3 "Emphasize What God Has Done For Us NOT What We Should Do For God"

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ." Ephesians 1:3

We seek to continually teach of the blessings of God, of all that He has done for us. We want to direct you past man to Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 4:7); not looking to, or dependent upon man but upon God alone.

Philippians 4:19 "Where And When God Guides, He Provides"

"And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19

We do not beg or present high-pressure sales techniques to raise money. We believe God will supply all of our financial needs and we seek to be good stewards of His resources (Romans 12:11).

Mark 10:45 "You Gotta Be The Servant Of All"

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Mark 10:45

Consistent servanthood was Jesus' style of ministry and so it must be ours (John 13:35). If we see something that needs to be done we can simply chip in and do it. It's been said that the way up in God's Kingdom is to be the servant of all.

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James 4:7 "We Must Be Submissive And Unconditionally Loyal to God"

"Therefore submit yourselves to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you." James 4:7

As we submit to our loving Heavenly Father, we seek to support those whom the Lord has put in authority. We desire to quickly resolve any problems that may arise so that we continue in unity serving the Lord.

2 Timothy 2:24 "God Wants Inspiration Not Perspiration"

"And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient..." 2 Timothy 2:24
God has a timing for His ministry and we desire to yield to His timing. We do not want to strive trying to knock through a door God has already closed. We always try to take steps of faith that are inspired by God.

Proverbs 3:5 "Blessed Are The Flexible For They Shall Not Be Broken"

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding..." Proverbs 3:5

We seek to stay open and flexible to the things God desires to accomplish through us. Each Calvary Chapel is an independent vessel of the Lord free to biblically minister to each specific area of need.

Ephesians 4:11-12 "Minister To Others And Seek Not To Be Ministered To"

"And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ..."
Ephesians 4:11-12

Each member of God's family has special ministry gifts. We need to continually serve God with them, giving and ministering to others.

Galatians 3:28 "We Are A Ministry To Everybody"

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:28

We desire to minister to everyone across the board; to everyone coming through the doors. As a fellowship, we are not a museum for saints but a hospital for the hurting. We want people to learn in a relaxed, comfortable, and informal yet respectable atmosphere.

Acts 20:27 "Feed His Sheep Consistently Verse by Verse, Chapter by Chapter"

"For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God." Acts 20:27

We desire to be a place where the Lord's sheep love to feed on the Word of God. God's Word is powerful so we teach it line upon line, verse-by-verse, chapter-by-chapter, book-by-book, and precept upon precept. We desire to know God through teaching His full counsel, the entire Bible.

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Ephesians 4:14 "We Are Theologically Balanced"

"...that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting..." Ephesians 4:14

We desire to avoid doctrinal extremes. We're not just another church but a balanced body of believers seeking to be doctrinally sound, shying away from the present day extremes.

Acts 20:28 "Healthy Sheep Beget Healthy Sheep"

"Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood." Acts 20:28

God honors His Word and increases the seeds that are planted by His sheep. When we teach the pure Word of God, it in turn develops a burden for the lost in the world. When God opens the doors, we go!

Psalm 34:8 "When Confronted With Something We Don't Understand,

Always Fall Back On That Which We Do Understand"

"Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!" Psalm 34:8

We ought to always fall back on these foundational truths: (1) The Lord is good, (2) God is love, (3) Jesus is Lord, and (4) The Lord is ever present and will always be with you. As we hold fast to these truths, we'll find that the Lord will get us through anything.

Calvary Church desires to be a ministry to the people, for the people, and by the people, all to the glory of God alone. We are excited that you are here and welcome you to make this your home church. Get plugged in and enjoy the movement of God in your life. You are truly loved!

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



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Who is Calvary Church?

Calvary Church is a non-denominational church that welcomes people from all backgrounds. We held our first Sunday morning service on December 26, 1999. We believe and teach that the Bible is God's Word and should be taken seriously. Calvary Church is a part of the Calvary Chapel family of churches; for more information about us, please visit our web site at www.CalvaryCO.church.

WIN <small>LOST PEOPLE MATTER</small>	a person TO Jesus Christ • <u>MARK 16:15</u>	And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."
DISCIPLE <small>YOUR NEXT STEP MATTERS</small>	a person IN Jesus Christ • <u>MATT. 28:19</u>	"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..."
SEND <small>GOD'S MISSION MATTERS</small>	a person FOR Jesus Christ • <u>ACTS 1:8</u>	"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria..." and to the end of the earth."
Our Jerusalem: Aurora. Our Judea: Denver Metro Area & surrounding communities. Our Samaria: Colorado & the U.S. Our Ends of the Earth: The globe!		

When are your service times?

We have three weekend services and one mid-week service:

- Saturday evening at 6 pm
- Sunday mornings at 8:45 am and 10:45 am
- Wednesday evening at 7 pm

We also have various small group ministries that meet throughout the week, almost every day of the week. More information is available at the Welcome and Ministry Centers and on our web page, www.calvaryCO.church.

You can also hear Pastor Ed several times on 89.7 GraceFM, Calvary Church's radio ministry outreach, teaching "Abounding Grace." You can also listen from anywhere in the world by visiting our web page, graceFM.com.

How many people call Calvary Church home?

Our small fellowship has grown rapidly over the past several years and we continue to see the Lord add to His number weekly. It's an amazing privilege to be a part of His work in this church!

What is expository teaching and does Calvary Church really teach through the whole Bible?

Because God gave man all 66 books in the Bible, we believe it's essential that we study every single book, chapter by chapter, verse by verse, from Genesis to Revelation. We are not opposed to topical studies and use them at different times throughout the year. However, like the apostle Paul, we want to say one day soon, "I have not shunned to give you the whole counsel of God." At Calvary Church, you can expect to receive a solid Bible study at every service.

Why don't you take a formal offering?

We are not opposed to formal offerings and find that on certain occasions a formal offering may be taken. However, we firmly believe that where God guides, He is always faithful to provide. We also believe that those who call Calvary Church their spiritual home should give generously and wholeheartedly to support the ministry. We provide offering boxes at various locations in the sanctuary for you to give unto the Lord your tithes and offerings so that your giving becomes an act of worship between you and Him alone.

Are there programs for my children and teenagers?

Yes, we offer classes every service for children nursery age through 6th grade. The Jr. High meets during all services on the third floor in the youth room. High School meets Saturday nights only at 6pm. For more information contact Byron Johnson for High School at byron@calvaryco.church or Keegan Withers for Jr. High at Keegan@calvaryco.church, or call 303-628-7200.

Do you have adequate nursery facilities?

Yes, our nursery staff provides a safe atmosphere of love for infants and toddlers during every service. As a ministry team, we diligently try to make your children feel safe, nurtured, and loved.

Do you baptize babies?

No, however, we do publicly dedicate babies to the Lord. We do not believe the Scriptures tell us to baptize children who are not old enough to make a willful profession of Jesus as Savior. Parents can pick up a baby dedication packet in the bookstore or call the church and speak to a pastor for information on baby dedications.

Why are children dedicated to the Lord?

The act of publicly dedicating children is an encouragement to the parents and the entire church as the family commits their home and children before the congregation. The congregation agrees to accept responsibility to help the parents raise the children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

If I have already accepted Jesus Christ and have been baptized by immersion in another independent or denominational church, will I have to be baptized again?

No, however, some people who recommit their lives choose to be baptized again if they feel their first baptism was for the wrong reason, such as an adult who was baptized as a child and may not have understood what they were doing at the time.

Can I get involved serving right away?

Most ministries require that you attend Calvary Church for at least six months prior to making a service commitment. This time allows you to get comfortable with the ministry here while capturing the overall vision of what God is doing through Calvary Church. It also gives us time to get to know you better and help you in finding your fit in the church. Overall we desire that you receive the Word of God and plug into one of the smaller group ministries. As you do, the time will fly by!

Where is the greatest ministry need and how can I get involved?

Our Children's Ministry definitely has the greatest need for people to teach or assist the teachers. You can contact childrens@calvaryco.church or 303-628-7200 to get involved with our Children's Ministry. Stop by the Ministry Center for other opportunities within the fellowship to serve.

What kind of "fellowship getaways" does the church have?

Each year we have several retreats or camps which are hosted by various ministries including the Women's Ministry, Men's Ministry, Marriage Ministry, and other ministries as the Lord leads. Every retreat is a spiritual blessing where we fellowship and focus on Jesus and His Word, leaving encouraged and refreshed.

Do you offer counseling?

We do not offer long-term counseling; however, we do have gifted spiritual leaders available to offer Biblical advice and spiritual encouragement. We also strongly suggest getting involved in a small group and becoming accountable to the Lord along with other believers. Contact the church office 303-628-7200 for more information.

Does the church have a prayer chain?

Yes, we have an email based prayer chain that sends prayer requests out daily. If you are interested in joining or submitting a prayer request, email prayer@calvaryau-ro.org.

What if I have other questions that aren't listed?

Feel free to contact the church office by phone at 303-628-7200 or by email at info@calvaryco.church, or you can visit our Ministry or Welcome Centers before or after any service.

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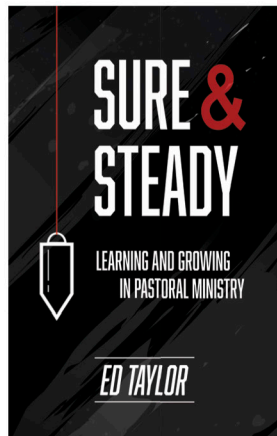
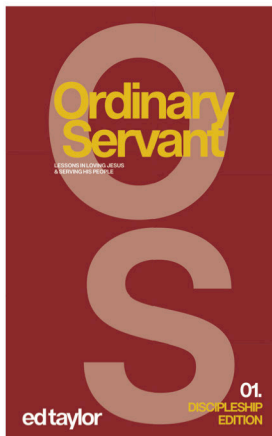


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