

**Calvary Episcopal Church
Annual Parish Celebration
January 21, 2018**

2018 Vestry of Calvary Episcopal Church



Standing: Scott McLemore, Jim Kidda, Frank Lemkowitz, Jewlon Morris, Roy Haley
Sitting: Rev. Paul Wehner, Rev. Lecia Brannon, Betty Best, Leslie Amentini,
Missy Marek and Joyce Strimple
Not pictured: Oscar Lozano, Dorothy Lyons and David Taylor

ANNUAL PARISH CELEBRATION-2018

Calvary Episcopal Church
Sunday, January 21, 2018

Opening Prayer and Comments	Fr. Paul Wehner
Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	
Appointment of Recording Secretary	Fr. Paul
2017 Annual Parish Meeting Minutes Approval	Fr. Paul
Rector's Report	Fr. Paul
Sr. Warden's Report	Jewlon Morris
Jr. Warden's & B&G Committee Report	Terry Jordan
Treasurer's Report	Christian Iversen, Treasurer Kathy Haley
Calvary Episcopal School Report	Malcolm Smith, Headmaster
Christian Formation	Betty Anne Taylor
Calvary Foundation Report, Elections	Charlie King
Outreach Committee Report	Tim Hillis
Parish Statistics	Fr. Paul, Rev. Lecia
Acknowledgement of outgoing Vestry members (Terry Jordan, Amber Zentis, Jason Kniss, Greg Bethke)	Fr. Paul, Jewlon Morris
Recognition of current School Board, Foundation Board, and Myers Endowment Board	Fr. Paul
Plans for 2018, Introduction of 2018 Vestry	Jewlon Morris, Sr. Warden
Closing Prayer	Rev. Lecia

**CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
2017 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 22, 2017**

Fr. Paul opened the meeting at 9:20 AM with an opening prayer. Greg Bethke was appointed recording secretary for the meeting. Anne Scarborough led a short birthday celebration for Fr. Paul, including a cake cutting ceremony.

2016 Annual Parish Meeting Meetings

Minutes from the 2016 Annual Parish Meeting were distributed in the 2017 Annual Meeting Packet, which also contained reports from the Rector, Sr. Warden, Jr. Warden and Buildings and Grounds Committee, Treasurer, Calvary Episcopal Preparatory School and various other Calvary Ministries.

Jim Grotte made a motion to accept the minutes. Dorothy Lyons seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Rector's Report

Fr. Paul presented the highlights from his full Rector's report contained in the meeting packet. He started by reading Psalm 96: 4, 8-9, and then, described how all of the Psalms show passion between people and their God. He continued by observing that Calvary has many ministries and opportunities for people to unleash their passion for Christ. He then provided examples of how Calvary practices radical hospitality, extravagant generosity and passionate worship.

Fr. Paul shared that Calvary had many staff changes in 2016, and he then introduced the current staff to the congregation. He presented Missy Marek with a parting gift acknowledging her 9-years as a staff member at Calvary.

Finally, Fr. Paul acknowledged the amazing privilege it is for him to serve the people of Calvary.

Sr. Warden's Report

The Sr. Warden's report was presented by Amber Zentis. She briefly described how Calvary is "...more than just humming along, we are moving at full speed ahead." She encouraged the congregation to be watchful that no one gets left behind, and thanked all for their support, time and talents.

Jr. Warden's Report

The Jr. Warden's report was presented by Terry Jordan. Terry acknowledged Jim Grotte for his service as Jr. Warden over the last 2 years. Terry also described how Calvary has a beautiful, but aging, facility; he then went on to share some of the many repairs and additions that have been undertaken throughout 2016. Terry finished by highlighting some of the potential projects being considered for 2017, including, among others, remodeling of the parish kitchen, additional security features and stain glass window refurbishment.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was presented by Christian Iversen. He reported that revenues for 2016 exceeded expenses by \$10,143, resulting in a surplus for the year. This surplus will be used to pay down the church's debt. Details of the finances and comparisons with previous years are included in the meeting packet. However, Christian warned that the data presented on page 15 is incorrect, and that page should be ignored.

Fr. Paul added that Calvary Episcopal Preparatory School received a \$500,000 grant to pay off its share of the building loan. Calvary Episcopal Church's portion of the loan remains.

Calvary Episcopal School Report

The Calvary Episcopal Preparatory School (CEP) report, by CEP Headmaster Malcolm Smith, was included in the meeting packet. Krista Kuperus, Director of Admissions of Calvary Episcopal Preparatory School (CEP), presented the report at the meeting summarizing some of the highlights from the 2015-2016 school year. Highlights included several academic and fine arts achievements. Krista also mentioned the success of the Annual Golf Tournament fund raiser, of which many Calvary Church members participate. Krista also pointed out the large increase (over the previous year) in international student visas issued to CEP students.

Christian Formation

Calvary's new Christian Formation Coordinator, Betty Anne Taylor, presented the Christian Formation report. She described plans for the adult, youth and children religious education programs. Some of the programs described include Sunday School, Children's Chapel, EYC, VBS and other religious study opportunities.

Calvary Episcopal Church Foundation, Inc.

The Calvary Foundation report was presented by 2016 President Charlie King. He described the grants given by the Foundation and summarized the deposits and expenses of the Foundation. At the end of 2016, the Foundation fund had a value of \$130,115.55.

Two board members, Charlie King and Robin Garcia, roll off the board this year. Board members may be elected to two full terms as per the bylaws, and both Charlie King and Robin Garcia were nominated to fill the vacancies. No additional nominees were identified. Amber Zentis made a motion to accept the nominees. Dorothy Lyons seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Highlighted Ministry – Mission and Vision Team

Greg Bethke provided an update on the Mission and Vision Team. The team's objectives are to envision where Calvary wants to be in three to five years, to develop plans for reaching that reality, and to support the church in achieving those goals. Using Calvary's Mission Statement and Core Values as a foundation, the team identified five focus areas: Clergy/Staff, Membership, Community Outreach, Formation/Youth and Calvary Episcopal Preparatory.

Over the last year, the congregation has worked towards achieving goals supporting the focus areas. Some of the goals were extensions of work already underway, and some of the goals were brand new to Calvary. Progress was made in all areas; every focus area achieved at least one of their goals. Greg emphasized the successes resulted, not from the Mission and Vision Team alone, but from the collective support of the congregation pulling together towards the goals. The 2017 annual vestry retreat to be held in late January will be spent reviewing progress, refreshing goals and continuing to prepare Calvary for the future.

Parish Statistics

Fr. Paul reviewed the 2016 parish statistics found on page 27 of the meeting packet. Rev. Lecia then said a prayer for those who passed away in 2016, and she read their names.

Acknowledgement of Outgoing Vestry Members and Plans for 2017

Fr. Paul introduced Jewlon Morris as the 2017 Senior Warden. Fr. Paul and Jewlon then thanked, and presented gifts to, the outgoing vestry members: Eric Cain, Jim Grotte and Andy Martin. Jewlon then made some brief remarks about how he wants to serve Calvary through his new role as Sr. Warden.

Closing Remarks and Prayer

Fr. Paul recognized the current members of the CEP School Board, the Foundation Board and the Myers Endowment Board as well as Calvary's 2017 Council Delegates.

Rev. Lecia finished with a closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:21 AM.

Submitted by,

Greg Bethke, Recording Secretary

2017 RECTOR'S REPORT

“Sing unto the Lord a new song,

Sing unto the Lord all the earth.

Sing unto the Lord a new song.

Sing unto the Lord all the earth.

For God is great and greatly to be praised.

God is great and greatly to be praised!

(Copyright 1984, Integrity's Hosanna! Taken from Psalm 96)

Dear People of Calvary,

The above lyrics of a popular praise song at our 10:30 service remind us of several very important aspects of our life together as the Body of Christ. The first of which is simply to “sing” – or to worship together in celebration and thanksgiving to God for all he has done for us. Our common worship is the fountain from which all of our other ministries and activities flow. Regular participation in Sunday worship refills us with the Holy Spirit; which not only sustains us through the week ahead, but also inspires and empowers us to carry the message of God’s love out into the world. When we *sing unto the Lord* in one voice, our hearts begin to beat as one, and are more open to transformation by the Holy Spirit. John Brun, organist and Choir Leader at 8:00AM, and Will Mason, Worship Leader at 10:30AM, both do a wonderful job of selecting music and preparing their respective musical groups to lead us in song each Sunday. Come and sing with us – refill your spiritual tank with us every week!

Singing a “*new song*” also implies change, or transformation. This is my seventh annual report to the congregation of Calvary; and as I look back through reports of previous years, I am truly amazed at all of the *new songs* – all of the new opportunities for ministry and participation in the work of God - that we have *sung* together. We have systematically made improvements in our facilities that both enhance our use of the buildings and also make our campus more inviting to visitors. Beginning with the new sign on Thompson Road in 2012 and continuing with improvements in the church, parlor, restrooms, entryway, and offices, we have made things better – room by room, year by year. In 2017, we took on the kitchen, and thanks to the many contributors to that effort (listed on a separate page), we now have a safer and more pleasing place in which to prepare our shared meals.

“*Sing unto the Lord all the earth*” is an obvious call to God’s people to spread the love of God as far and wide and we can possibly reach. Thanks to the leadership of Tim Hillis and the Outreach Committee, the people of Calvary have many opportunities to *sing* about God to folks that may not have experienced his goodness and love. We *sing* of God’s provision when we respond to those who suffered loss from Hurricane Harvey. We *sing* of God’s love for children when we mentor children at risk through the Kids Hope program, support our partner school Long Elementary, provide a place for the YMCA to offer day camps for kids, open VBS to our community, sponsor Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, and support Calvary Preparatory. We *sing* of God’s desire to feed the poor when we work at the Preston Street garden, deliver food at Thanksgiving, and support local charities such as Helping Hands. We *sing* of God’s concern and care for those who are in need when we provide prayer and financial assistance to our neighbors who are struggling to survive and when we donate our blood to help sustain lives.

For God is great and greatly to be praised – Calvary received an unexpected Christmas gift last month that was so incredible and of such magnitude that the Holy Spirit clearly had a hand in it. The Board of the Henderson-Wessendorff Foundation, a local foundation that includes the estates of former Calvary members, Joe C. Wessendorff and Loise Henderson Wessendorff, decided to give Calvary a little more than \$500,000 – the amount needed to pay off the building loan we have held for two decades. The sense of relief that comes with the lifting of that heavy burden after so many years of laboring under its weight is life-giving, because it allows Calvary to consider future projects that would heretofore not been possible. When H-W Board member, Joe Robinson, announced this gift to us, he said that the Board was impressed by how active Calvary is in the local community. They had heard about many of the ways that we are helping people in need, and the Board appreciates Calvary’s willingness to collaborate with other local organizations that the Foundation also supports, like Fort Bend Recovers, Friends of North Richmond, and the YMCA. Therefore, they were happy to entrust Calvary with this sizable gift in order to enable us to do even more for the underserved in our community in the future. And it is with that understanding that Calvary gratefully receives their gift – recognizing that we are being entrusted to continue to do all that we can to be the light of Christ in our local community. Therefore I pray that this gift will not make us complacent, but will inspire us to share all the more what we know to be true – that *God is great and greatly to be praised*.

Calvary was able to accomplish many wonderful things in 2017 with the help of God and by the dedication of our members and our staff. I am grateful for all of you, and I particularly appreciate the leadership of those who serve on our vestry or as Board members or committee chairs. It is very fulfilling to witness our congregation, with its diversity of membership, all pulling together in the same direction for the common good. Thank you for providing such a good example of cooperation and faithfulness for others to follow.

I am honored to serve the people of Calvary as your Rector. I pray that together we will continue to seek God’s will for his church, and that we will have the courage to follow where he leads. I give thanks for each of you and look forward with you to hearing the *new songs* that Jesus puts in our hearts in 2018.

In the love of Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul" followed by a plus sign (+).

CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH PARISH MEETING
SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

It seems like only a few weeks ago, I had my first vestry meeting and I promptly went to John and Betty Jacobson and said, "I can't do this." At that time, I meant simply serving on the Vestry for three years would bite into a lot of time. A great deal of what I heard at the first meeting was way over my head and I struggled to follow the meeting, which Lisa Lemkowitz led with much ease and grace. I complained to the Jacobsons, and they patiently listened, but then John said this to me, "But someone has to do it." So, I started listening and learning.

When Paul asked me to be the Senior Warden two years later, I wanted to laugh. That idea was way up there on the list of hilarious things I have heard in my life. But he was serious, really serious! He asked me to give it some thought, and I politely agreed, knowing that NO thought was required, the answer was simply NO! I would watch then Sr. Warden Amber Zentis lead the meetings, and the more I paid attention the more I was convinced I was never meant to do that. I was ready to tell Paul No, when the Holy Spirit, for one of the few times in my life, spoke clearly to me and asked me the question, "Then why are you here?"

I can say after a year as your senior warden, it has been a great honor to have this unique position of serving God and God's people. It might be hard for some to imagine, but that first night in January as the people around that vestry table looked at me, I was consumed with fear. I had my notes, from the meetings Amber had led and I quietly called them to order, and they obeyed. So began the 2017 year for the Vestry at Calvary.

You had a wonderful group of people serve you this year. It has been a great source of joy to work with and get to know Terry Jordan your Junior warden, Gregg Bethke your clerk, Jason Kniss, Amber Zentis, bless her heart she returned for a 4th year, Scott McLemore, Leslie Amentini, Joyce Strimple, Dorothy Lyons, Betty Best, Roy Haley, and Oscar Lozano. To assure that Calvary always operated within the guidance of the Holy Spirit and represented the needs of people of this church, these people gave up their time, although many on the group were already committed time-wise to other ministries within Calvary Episcopal Church.

For me, the year started out with the Diocesan Council meeting in Galveston. The meeting was a glorious event and one of the many activities I'm looking forward to attending again this year. Preacher after preacher was preaching, teaching, leading and feeding us. And the food was good too! On the way back, Paul and I discussed the best of the talks we heard and that event, even though I knew I had to do talks at both services the next day, helped in more ways that I can tell you to give me the enthusiasm to serve you this year. I found as Senior Warden there were many things to do, which included attending the monthly Finance Committee meeting, sitting on the Endowment Board, along with other duties assigned to all Vestry Persons of the Day.

At the Vestry Retreat the Calvary Vision-Planning Support Team (CVPST), led by Greg Bethke efficiently reorganized our goals and plans under the headings of *Staff*, *Membership*, *Community Outreach* and *Formation*. In response to the theft of safe and keys, new security measures were put in place that eventually lead to the purchase of a safe, that is now securely bolted to the floor. Other surveillance methods are still being investigated that would not restrict the access of the building to members but would give us more information should there be further break ins.

The Finance committee started providing a monthly report of the Kiosk Transactions which provides information in terms of number of transactions, those using it who are pledgers and non-pledgers. Significant projects were completed this year, and the Junior warden will give more information regarding the major projects. The youth participated in a dynamic mission trip, which was followed up by the adult mission trip to Vinton, LA. The church, as a whole, responded in many ways to the flooding in the Houston area after Hurricane Harvey. The Thanksgiving Feast was a success despite last minutes setbacks and 800+ people were fed. The Bishop left us with a Charge to take Calvary beyond being a parish where everyone feels welcome. As he looked around, he felt that we have accomplished that critical step and he would like to see us move more along the lines of Evangelism and Invitation. Families were adopted for Christmas. The Flood had a financial impact on Calvary that is impossible to measure, but we did miss an entire Sunday of giving due to the flood. As we close the books on the Church Year, we know God has been very good to Calvary.

A privilege to serve you
Jewlon Morris

Calvary Annual Parish Meeting
2018 Jr. Warden's Report

I. Building & Grounds Maintenance

Maintaining this large campus is always a challenge, and this year was no different. Some of the most significant repairs included:

- Austin Street sidewalk replacement donated by the Randolph family
- Sprinkler system inspection and repair
- Hot water replacement
- A/C replacement in the Youth building
- Caulking around "Jesus" window
- Roof repair (following Hurricane Harvey where there was leakage in the bell tower)
- Tree trimming

On April 1, over 25 people helped clean and repair the church on the Annual Clean-up day. There was power washing, painting, polishing and repair of the pews, etc. A special thanks to the Cooley family on their support maintaining flower beds. Pre-emptive sand-bagging (and some prayers) helped prevent any serious flooding to the school during Hurricane Harvey.

II. Flood Control Project

Jim Grotte has led work to influence the cities of Richmond and Rosenberg to address chronic drainage issues from Rabbs Bayou. The cities jointly contracted Costello Engineering to update a drainage study of upper Rabbs Bayou which includes the area around Calvary Church. The engineering study was presented to both Richmond and Rosenberg city councils in December. The study included numerous recommendations including (1) building a retention pond in Rosenberg near the Richmond boundary, (2) improved drainage systems passing by the Calvary Church area, and (3) widening/deepening Rabbs Bayou downstream of Calvary Church, for the cities to consider in their future plans. Members of the building committee, Calvary School, and the Wessendorf Foundation were present at the Richmond Council meeting to show support on addressing this issue.

III. Capital Improvements – Kitchen Remodel

Calvary was again blessed with several "beyond the pledge" gifts that enabled a complete remodel of the kitchen which included:

- New, larger, and more functional birch wood cabinetry.
- New commercial anti-slip flooring.
- An additional oven and water spigot.
- Upgraded wall coverings, painting, new ceiling panels, and upgraded lighting.
- New commercial dishwasher.
- Various new kitchen tools.

Building & Grounds Committee

Terry Jordan – Jr. Warden
Jim Grotte
Frank Plut
Wayne Helbert

Thank You

This year, the Calvary's major remodeling project was the kitchen. We had to learn to live without it while construction was going on, but the final result was worth the inconvenience. Many generous members donated above their pledges to help us improve the safety and the usability of our now beautiful kitchen.

We thank:

Calvary Church Foundation
John & Pat Anderson
Ron & Betty Best
Gregory & Kathleen Bethke
Kate Brewer
Ruth Carrell
Tom & Kaye Carter
Steven & Yuliya Cherry
Roy & Carol Ann Christian
Carol Freeman
Betty Gorham
Christian & Irene Iversen
Terry & Beth Jordan
Glenn and Jeannette Kaminsky
Richard & Daphne Lane, III
John & Dorothy Lyons
Rebecca Maraman

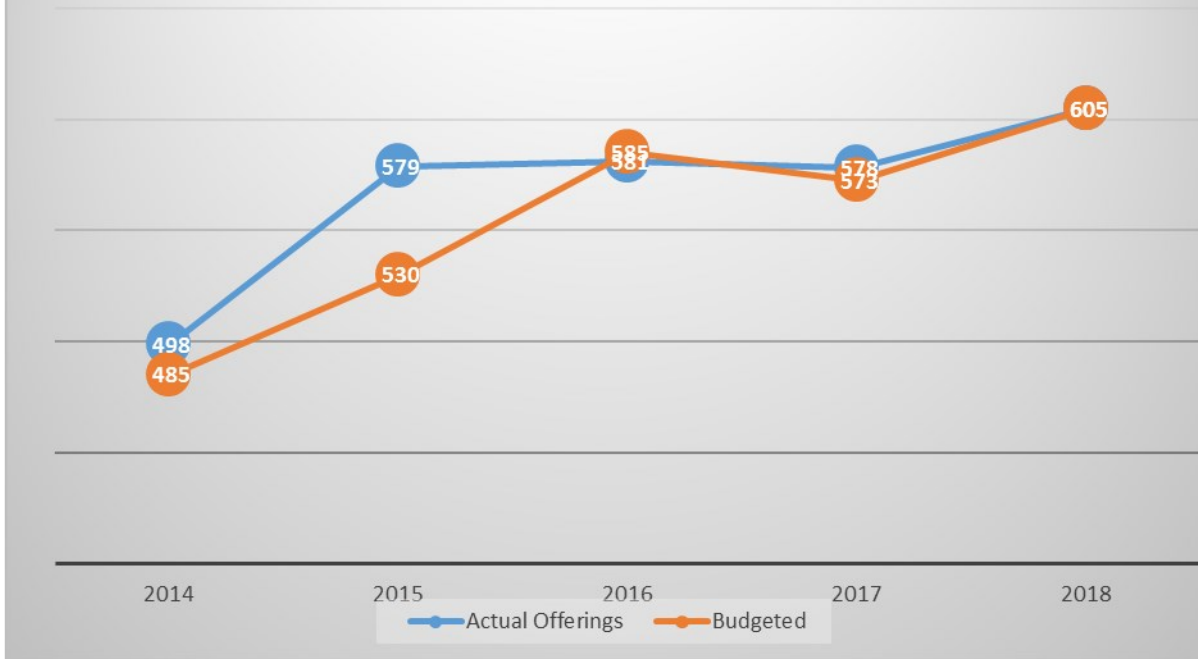
Andy & Tien Martin
Michael & Ruth McClelland
Wilbert & Vauna Mechura, Jr
Robert Numa
Soni & Priscilla Oyekan
Linda Paine
Sheila Phillips
Reb & Anne Scarborough
Karl & Carol Schleicher
Bill & Julie Schneider
Jimmy & Sheryl Smith
Ronald & Katherine Suttill
Lisa Whiting
Mike & Betsy Zanghi
Amber Zentis

Calvary Episcopal Church Year ending December 31, 2017

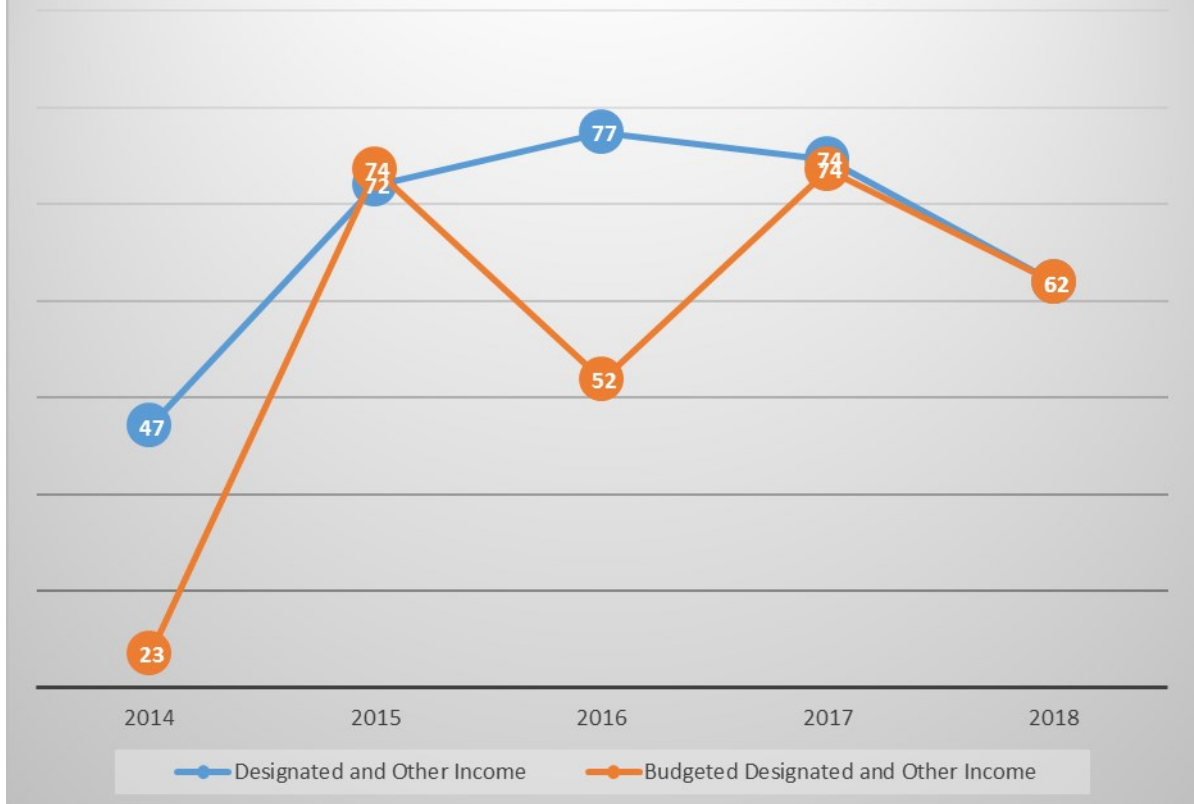
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Revenues				
Plate Offerings	\$ 61,702	\$ 68,880	\$ 60,000	\$ 50,000
Pledge commitments	519,415	509,311	512,500	555,000
Total Offerings	<u>581,117</u>	<u>578,191</u>	<u>572,500</u>	<u>605,000</u>
Investment Income	4	-	-	-
Church Usage	1,295	500	1,000	500
Designated Income	76,040	73,988	72,500	61,250
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 658,456</u>	<u>\$ 652,679</u>	<u>\$ 646,000</u>	<u>\$ 666,750</u>
Expenses				
Vestry Oversight				
Insurance	16,805	18,504	19,600	19,300
Office and Administration	36,319	37,501	39,950	38,400
Buildings and Grounds	77,922	81,736	74,880	80,580
Employee Compensation	342,261	352,431	339,963	361,151
Vestry and Stewardship	8,185	7,327	8,000	8,000
Finance Committee	14,315	13,749	14,575	4,000
Total Vestry Oversight	<u>\$ 481,491</u>	<u>\$ 511,247</u>	<u>\$ 496,968</u>	<u>\$ 511,431</u>
Mission/Outreach Ministry	70,080	60,608	60,550	58,950
Calvary Life Ministry	14,138	13,862	15,000	17,340
Worship Ministry	10,030	12,428	12,350	13,400
Formation/Spirituality Mnstry	11,858	9,440	10,050	10,000
Diocesan Obligations	46,400	49,541	49,541	53,834
Maintenance Escrow				
Depreciation				
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 648,313</u>	<u>\$ 657,126</u>	<u>\$ 644,459</u>	<u>\$ 664,955</u>
Net Total	<u>\$ 10,143</u>	<u>\$ (4,447)</u>	<u>\$ 1,541</u>	<u>\$ 1,795</u>
Current year - Principal Payments	\$ 10,143	\$ 8,219		
Next year - Preincipal Payments				
2016 Restricted funds - Capital Maintance				
2015 Excess Cash	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ (12,666)</u>		

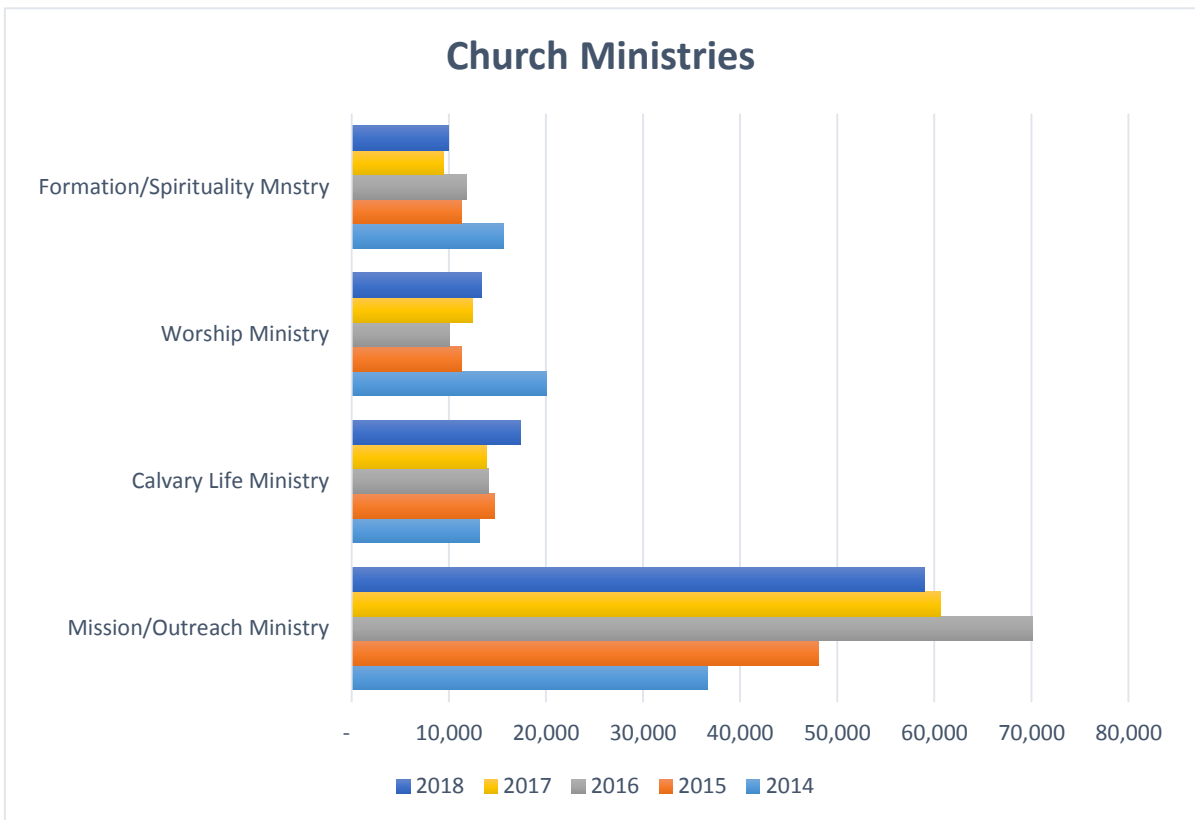
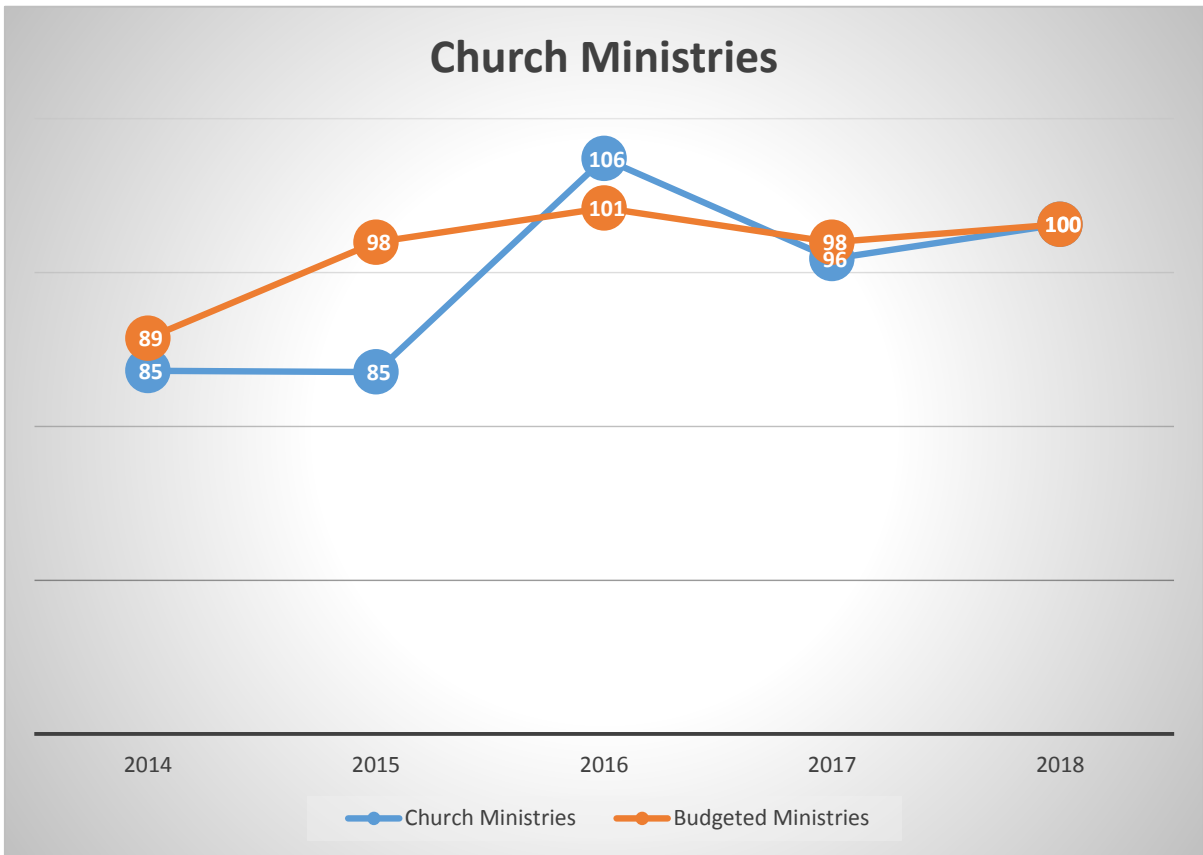
**Respectfully submitted,
Christian Iversen, Treasurer**

Offerings

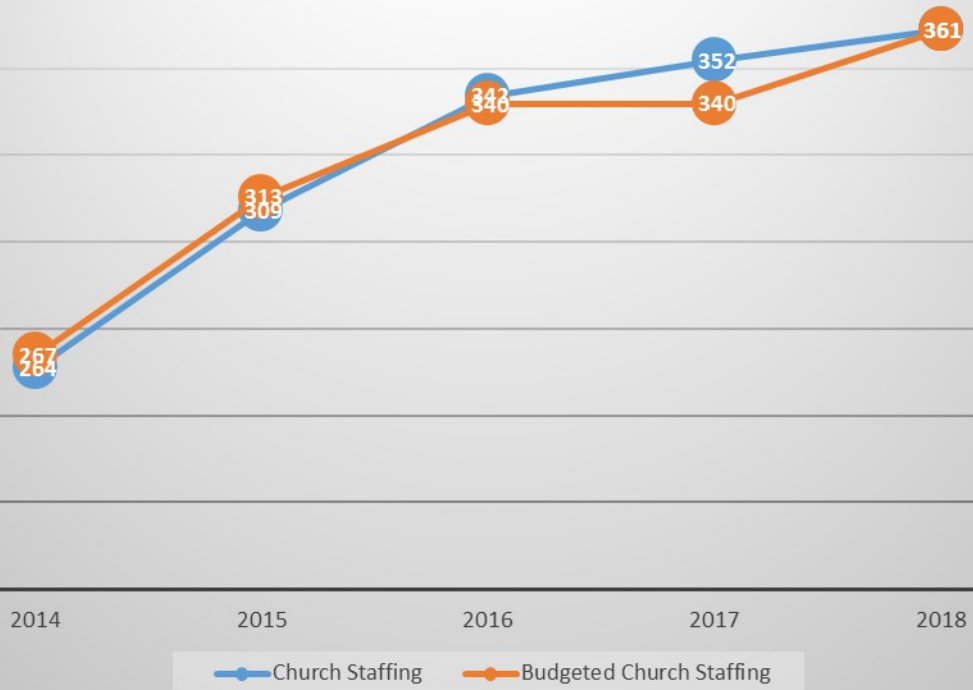


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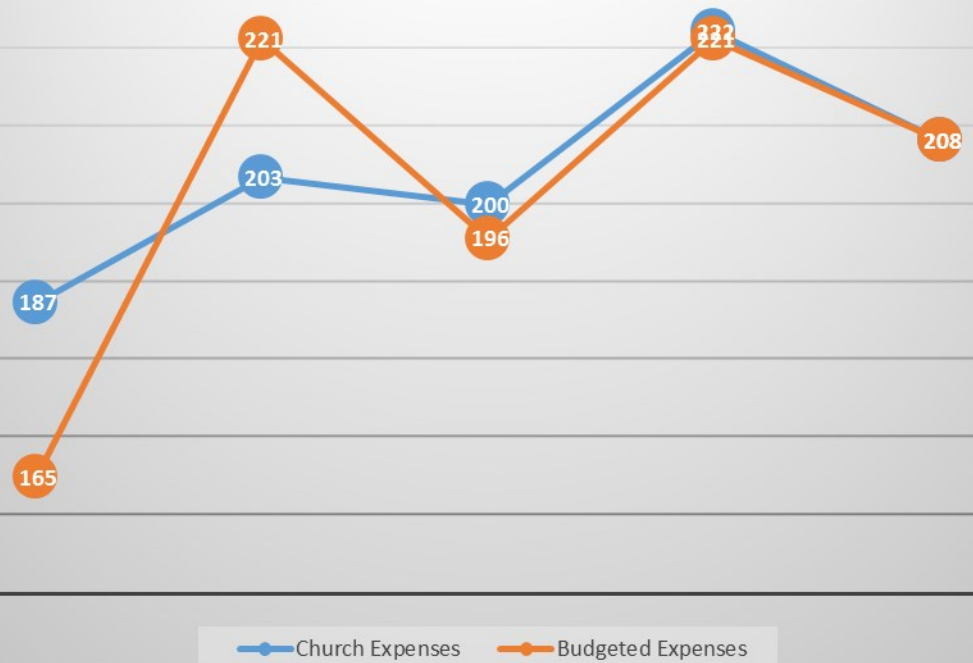




Staffing



Church Expenses



Annual Stewardship Report

This year during our annual campaign we've been strengthening our walk with Christ. Eric Cain, Dorothy Lyons and Bob Schorr inspired us by sharing their journeys of Walking the Way in hope and faith. Our guest speakers and weekly devotionals allowed us to see more clearly that Jesus is the way to abundant life. Jesus shows us the way through the practice of prayer, forgiveness of others, generosity in giving, and unconditional respect for all. This congregation's generosity is evident in how we all shared our time, talent and treasures during this past year. It truly represents your faithfulness and trust in our almighty God.

Blessings,
Kathy Haley

Stewardship Committee Members

Fr. Paul Wehner	Rev. Lecia Brannon
Amber Zentis	John Jacobson
Susan Grotte	Kathy Haley
Eric Cain	

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. James 1:17

Thank you to those who committed themselves to supporting the mission of Calvary Church in 2018:

	2018 Pledge	2017 Pledge	2016 Pledge	2018 New Pledges
General Fund	\$558,980	\$528,396	\$521,589	\$67,740
No. of family units	118	119	115	20

Mission and Vision Team
Report for the 2018 Annual Meeting

The Mission and Vision team spent last year refining Strategic Priorities and working towards making these priorities a reality. Planning for the year kicked-off at the 2017 Annual Vestry Retreat in late January. Using Calvary's Mission Statement as a guiding light, the Mission and Vision team, members of the vestry and ministry leaders consolidated our Strategic Priorities (i.e. vision focus areas) from five into three elements: Welcome and Embrace, Forming Disciples, and Into the Community. The group then defined what long-term success looks like for each of these elements:

Calvary's Mission statement:

Calvary welcomes and embraces all who join us in doing the work of Christ in our community

Strategic Priorities - Vision Focus Areas

Welcome and Embrace

Calvary is a loving church that attracts and welcomes all into a relationship with God and each other. All members are encouraged to use their talents in active ministry.

Forming Disciples

Calvary is a community that celebrates its life in Christ, providing many opportunities for spiritual growth as we share our faith.

Into the Community

Inspired by the Holy Spirit to serve God; we are the hands and feet of Christ in our community. We know our neighbors and are known by them. We provide opportunities for everyone to work together to restore relationships and build new ones.

Beginning with a workshop in mid-March, the entire Mission and Vision team then developed short-term goals (1 to 3 years) to support the Strategic Priorities. With many members of the parish participating in one or more activities, much progress was made throughout the year. Many of the accomplishments will be described throughout the Annual Meeting packet, but a sampling of the 2017 successes follow:

Welcome and Embrace: Enhanced communication within Calvary, including regular meetings of the Media Communicators team; increasing Calvary's marketing efforts outside of the parish, including several press releases; and reviewing and developing attractive programs for the parish.

Forming Disciples: Developed groups and programs for fellowship, study and discourse on Christian living, including Sunday school, Children's Chapel, and special topic studies such as methods of praying and how to be disciples.

Into the Community: Several outreach efforts, including Thanksgiving dinner, ACTION team, Habitat for Humanity, blood drive, Kids Hope, and many more that will be discussed elsewhere in this Annual Meeting packet.

With the New Year upon us, the Mission and Vision team will be refreshing our goals and making plans for 2018 to continue preparing Calvary for the future!

Greg Bethke

Calvary Episcopal Preparatory
Annual Parish Meeting Report
A Report on the 2016-2017 School Year
January 21, 2018

On behalf of our teachers and students, the following report to the church outlines some of the many accomplishments of Calvary Episcopal Preparatory during the 2016-2017 school year. The school community extends sincere thanks to Calvary church members who served on the School Board for their dedication to our students: John Anderson, Christine Bradley, Bill Burelsmith, our beloved and dedicated Dianne Duncan, Mark Fisler, Susan King, Jeff McClellan, Frank Plut, and Joe Robinson. We especially thank our Chair, The Rev. Paul Wehner, for his pastoral leadership and service to our school community.

Calvary Episcopal Preparatory enjoyed a year of many successes that includes academic and the arts, character and faith development and service to others. Credit for these successes can be shared by many: our school board, our faculty and staff, our many parent volunteers, the Calvary Episcopal Church community and most importantly, our outstanding students.

- Our school welcomes and embraces a diverse student population with 48% of our students coming from various ethnic and economic backgrounds. This includes our growing international population.
- Matriculation chapel welcomed 36 new Crusaders to our school.
- Private School Interscholastic Association (PSIA). CEP hosted and competed in academic, speech and the arts against 11 other private schools in the Houston area. As has become a tradition, we once again won our district competition, sending students to compete at the state level in 33 different categories.
- Although we enjoy a reputation as a strong academic school, we also celebrate the arts. We sent 32 middle and upper school students to compete at the Texas Thespians Festival in Dallas in all forms of theatre arts: with over 8000 students throughout the state competing in musical theatre, tech and crew and dramatic events. One of our middle school students, Paul Lazarou, qualified for and attended the nationals at The University of Nebraska this past summer. He was the youngest Texas soloist at the competition to win national recognition.
- Our girls' basketball team won the West Houston Christian Athletic Conference Tournament.
- For the first time since the economic downturn of 2008 we began the school year with the same number of students that we finished the previous year and have increased our enrollment numbers from last year.
- Applied for and received a \$500,000 debt-reduction grant that, with the additional cash flow, allowed us to give the largest pay increase for our faculty in 15 years; taking us from 65% of our local school districts salary to 75%. We also increased our pension contribution for each employee from 2% to 3%. Another result from this debt reduction was to alleviate the need to draw from our endowment.
- 0% turnover of faculty or staff this year.

- Exceeded our AGC goal by 12%.
- Our Annual Golf Tournament, with the continued support of many CEC participants, netted just under \$20,000.
- By consolidating and revising job descriptions in our business office, we were able to hire a chief operating officer which will give us stronger internal oversight as well as increasing our marketability and outreach in the community.

Calvary Episcopal Prep understands how important it is for parish schools to enjoy a positive relationship with the sponsoring church. CEP would like to sincerely thank Calvary Episcopal Church for their continued support and enthusiasm. A special thanks for the \$10,000 that has been donated annually from Calvary Episcopal Church to Calvary Episcopal Preparatory.

Respectfully submitted,

Malcolm Smith
Headmaster

Christian Formation 2017

Christian Formation- Looking Back

One of our newest efforts to forming strong Christians is **Sunday School Without Walls**. Life is very busy and Sunday School is not the priority it once was for many families as they just have to have some time to catch their breath. We want to get scripture into children's lives and everyone loves getting mail so with the help of Dianne Duncan we designed some cards to send out. We gave "The Storybook Bible" to children ages 4-8 and "The Path Bible" to children ages 9-11. Nearly every week I send out a lesson with a Bible Challenge. Children are invited to share with me their Bible Challenge and then pick out something from the Sunday School store. I have gotten very good feedback, even from the families of children who don't share with me their Bible Challenge. I feel like it has helped get Bible reading into homes, especially with the younger children.

For several years now, we have put a lot of emphasis on **Children's Chapel**. The children from preK-5th grade leave the service and attend a service of their own. This fall we began the Heart's Alive curriculum following the lectionary. We meet as a group, then break up to do a more in depth study in an age appropriate manner concerning the lesson that day. We have found this to be a wonderful way to reach more of our younger congregants.

One thing we have tried twice is having a multi-generational Sunday School called Mission Action Sunday. The first time, our mission was to make bags of summer time gifts like beach towels, pool toys and sunscreen, etc. for the families that have been helped by Abigail's Place. These are single parent families that have experienced intermittent homelessness for many reasons. Abigail's Place helps find them permanent housing. It turned out to be a lot of fun. Then our second one was to make some gift bags for our school teachers and staff. A whole different group of folks participated in this activity. I think we will try this again.

We celebrated Early Communion on November 12. The small, but very vibrant group of children went through 8 weeks of learning all about communion.

We have had some success with Bible study for High school and jr. high students, but would like to have much more involvement. Suzette Hillis, Kendra Mclemore, Tim Hillis and Craig Kambhu are already working hard to make EYC more exciting and inviting.

Christian Formation - Looking Ahead

We will continue with our three strongest formation efforts – Children's Chapel, EYC and Sunday School Without Walls.

This spring will have Sunday School. We have some wonderful plans for teaching all age children at the 9:30 AM hour. The older students will discover what Ephesians teaches us for living in today's world. The younger students will begin the spring Heart's Alive curriculum after a 3 week series on what Nature teaches us about being welcoming. We are have some special activities planned for later in the Spring.

We have exciting plans for VBS this year. It will be in the evening for the first time so we can have parenting classes. Four evenings of support, love and learning for the entire family with a party to celebrate on Friday. Mark your calendar for June 18-22!!

Parents and students 6-12th grade – Mark your calendars for YES and HAPPENING April 13-15. Deadline to register is April 3. It is a life changing experience for many young folks!!

Stay tuned for adult small group studies.

I am attending a Christian Formation conference this coming week and I am pretty sure I will be coming back with great ideas. I know Calvary is ready for the excitement of having a bigger vision and a greater outreach than ever before.

Christian Formation – Adult Education for 2017

Reading and engaging with the Bible was the focus of our Adult Education for 2017. We began the year with “Why Read the Bible?” Calvary, adults and youth, participated in a Survey Monkey on our bible reading habits. Our results mirrored a national survey by the Barna Group indicating the Bible is important to our faith, yet we aren’t reading the Bible. We explored translations and interpretations of the Bible through lectures by Dr. David Capes, New Testament Professor. Additional lessons included comparison of bibles, online resources and popular scripture verses misused from their original meaning and context.

Lee Strobel’s documentary, “The Case for Christ” was shown a few weeks prior to the release of the movie based on his conversion to Christianity. The story of his investigative work leading to his transformation and conversion to Christianity is a powerful affirmation to our faith.

Other lessons consisted of a video interview with N.T. Wright based on his book “Surprised by Hope”, and the variations of Psalm 23. A lending library of a selection of some theological books, along with poetry and best sellers were available for the summer and remain available.

Dan Bradley, Education for Ministry Mentor, presented author Donn Morgan’s book, “Fighting With the Bible.” There are portions of the Bible that are used against people much to Christians’ disdain. The author asked us to consider how the Bible is written from different points of view, some contradictory, while still speaking to all Christians.

Other lessons from this year included a presentation from Harbor Hospice, Mission Action Sundays for Abigail’s House and the Calvary Episcopal Preparatory teachers and dramatic presentations of scripture acted out by Calvary members.

Rev. Lecia and Betty Anne Taylor

Calvary Episcopal Church Foundation, Inc.

Report for Annual Meeting

January 21, 2018

The CECF serves as means by which parishioners may financially support the Church now and in the future to meet needs that cannot be met by the operating budget alone, and to provide additional support to the many outreach projects this Parish undertakes. Since receiving our non-profit status from the IRS in July of 2014, we have enjoyed our second full year as a functional organization, with a website presence on the Calvary church website (www.calvaryrichmond.org/foundation) and promotional brochures.

Current value of the fund at close of business Dec 31st - \$205,448.03 of which \$100,000 is corpus.

Grants Given:

- \$1502.00 – Camp Scholarships
- \$500.00 – Adult Mission Trip
- \$500.00 – Food for the Poor
- \$500.00 – Calvary Discretionary Fund

Deposits:

- \$20,000 – to the Heritage Fund
- \$15,000 - Memorial
- \$23,525 – Miscellaneous Memorials and Columbarium payments

Expenses:

- \$1351.88 administration and Columbarium expenses (including \$500 for tax return)

Board of Directors for 2017: Charlie King, John Ondrusek, Robin Garcia, Charlie King, Carlos Salinas, Lisa Lemkowitz and Angela Cooley. Charlie King and Robin Garcia roll off the board this year. Members may be elected to two full terms as per our bylaws.

Election of new Directors:

The following have been nominated to fill the 2 vacancies – each term is for three years:

John Ondrusek
Angela Cooley

Respectfully submitted,
Charlie King – President 2017

Supporting Calvary Episcopal Church, its ministries and the community it serves

Outreach 2017 Annual Report

INTO THE COMMUNITY

Vision – Inspired by the Holy Spirit to serve God; we are the hands and feet of Christ in our community. We know our neighbors and are known by them. We provide opportunities for everyone to work together to restore relationships and build new ones.

Our primary goal for 2017 was primarily to increase the number and variety of opportunities for our members to work within our community and get to know our neighbors.

Below are highlights in 2017 from some of our ministries.

- We are in our 3rd year of the **Kids Hope** program with our local elementary school Jane Long. We have grown to having 19 mentors and 19 prayer partners. We are also trying to utilize this relationship to determine if any of the families are in need of assistance with Harvey recovery.
- We continue to partner with First Baptist Church to help manage the **Preston Street Community Garden** in North Richmond. Prior to Harvey the garden donated almost 1,200 pounds of produce to helping hands utilizing just over 1,000 Calvary volunteer hours. Please also see the full Preston Street Community Garden Report for more details.
- We are working with St. Laurence Catholic church in Sugar Land on **Habitat for Humanity** houses. Calvary volunteers worked on one new build and six critical care projects. The priority for Habitat at this time is flood recovery. As such, plans for the next new home build have been postponed from spring to fall 2018. Our goal is for Calvary to contribute to the cost of sponsoring the new build project.
- Our **Calvary Action Team** worked on over 20 projects in 2017. Projects include minor home repairs or just helping fellow parishioners move to new homes. Many of the projects come from working with **Friends of North Richmond**. During their annual mission week Calvary built a fence for a disabled veteran and repaired walls and ceiling (after it fell in) for an elderly lady. We worked alongside volunteers from St. Mark's Episcopal Church on that project as well.
- We continue to volunteer at the local **Helping Hands** food pantry logging over 400 hours in 2017, our quarterly **Blood Drives** resulted in saving 324 lives this year, our **Adult Mission** trip repaired log homes for a veteran community in Louisiana, and we prepared and delivered over 800 meals for our **Thanksgiving Day Feast** utilizing over 300 volunteers. Please also see the attached reports on Blood Drives and Thanksgiving Day Feast after this report for more details.

We are blessed and have been blessed by all the work we have done in our community in 2017, but there is still a lot of work to be done to help those impacted by Harvey. Just as many did, Calvary sprang into action with immediate response of doing muck and guts, providing basic needs donations and even putting together flood recovery packets that Friends of North Richmond handed out door to door.

Now that Harvey recovery is moving into the repair phase, we have been discussing our longer-term strategy. We will continue working together with other organizations in our community. We are attending meetings with Fort Bend Recovers— a government, volunteer, and faith based organization - to stay in tuned with recovery efforts in our area. We are trying to form a drywall action team and continue to work with Habitat and Friends of North Richmond on recovery efforts as well.

We want to utilize the relationships that we have built in our community, like Jane Long elementary school, to find the "unheard" and "unseen" and then use our gifts to work with the Diocese and Episcopal Relief and Development foundation to identify a larger relief project for Calvary.

As we move forward we must realize that our ministry is all about making relationships within our community and to make this more about working WITH and not FOR our neighbors.

CALVARY OUTREACH

Send us out to do the work you have given us to do.....

OUTREACH	CURRENT ACTIVITIES / MINISTRY NEEDS	CONTACT
Habitat for Humanity	Help build a new home for our neighbors	Dan and Chris Bradley mdbradley05@gmail.com
Helping Hands 902 Collins Rd. Richmond, TX 77469	Volunteers needed for church food and clothing drives and Helping Hands site volunteers	Lois Essells lessells53@gmail.com (817)682-1314
Kids Hope	Mentoring students from Jane Long Elementary Mentors and Prayer partners needed. Training is required.	Chris Bradley
Adult Mission Trip	San Marcos Tx June 5 -10 Let us know if you are interested in going on the adult mission trip.	Lori Hoy lorraineahoy@yahoo.com
ACTION Team	Committed to short term outreach opportunities . Coordinating Harvey response.	Roy Haley roymhaley@gmail.com (281) 861-8172
Friends of North Richmond	Reaching out to the community of North Richmond through home repair and maintenance. Other opportunities include in-school student support, after school programs, literacy, GED completion and job readiness training.	Roy Haley roymhaley@gmail.com (281) 861-8172
Thanksgiving Meals on Wheels	Prepare and Deliver Thanksgiving Dinner	Molly Powell 713 252-5685 powellmolly@gmail.com
Christmas Adopt-a-Family	Sponsor a family for Christmas Give Christmas to a family in need.	Frank & Mary Ellen Plut 713-291-4597 pluto13@att.net meplut@att.net
Blood Drive	Quarterly Blood Drives.	Frank & Mary Ellen Plut
Community Garden	Beds available for anyone who wants to garden. Volunteers can come out to harvest veggies, weed beds or help with the trees! We appreciate your help	Kate Brewer 281-343-0440 kate@brewer.com Lois Whitehead 260-704-1596 lois.whitehead@gmx.com
Kairos	Prison Ministry Weekend retreat – Serve on a team for a weekend or participate on the off site team, cookie bakers or prayer partners.	David Essells 817-682-1314

CALVARY OUTREACH COMMITTEE:

Tim Hillis, Susan King, Mark Fisler, Roy Haley

THE PRESTON STREET COMMUNITY GARDEN REPORT 2017

Calvary Episcopal Church and First Baptist Church of Richmond continue their relationship in managing and maintaining the community garden. Both churches have made it their mission for the benefit of the North Richmond Community. The garden committee includes Dr. Jimmy Robertson of FBC who is the garden manager, assisted by Dan Bishop of FBC, and Kate Brewer and Lois Whitehead who are the leadership team from Calvary. Dan Bradley continues as caretaker of the orchard. Judy Holy and June Fryters are community members on the garden committee.

We held four work days in 2017. The first one was on Saturday, March 4th. Over 50 volunteers showed up to clean up and mulch the Bell Garden and to prepare the individual raised beds and the production beds for spring planting. A big thanks to Don and Lois Whitehead for providing a delicious lunch of hot dogs on the grill with all the fixings! Our second and third work days were the end of March and first of April when we spread bark mulch in between the raised beds. Most of our volunteers were high school NHS students. Our last work day was on Saturday, October 7th, when we cleaned up from the flooding from Hurricane Harvey and also prepared the beds for fall/winter planting. We had a good turn out from both churches, from Troop 1000 and from Austin High School NHS student volunteers who worked very hard weeding and trimming shrubbery and helping Dan Bradley with irrigation for the orchard.

A majority of the raised beds have been assigned to members of Calvary, FBC, Cornerstone Ministries and to individual residents of the Sugar Land/ Richmond-Rosenberg area who are dedicated to helping maintain the garden. From Jan. 1st to August 16th, 1,163 pounds of spring and summer produce were donated to Helping Hands and the Ft. Bend County Women's Center Shelter. Most of this was from the production beds and the orchard, however a lot was donated by individuals who grew their own produce in their raised beds. We thank them for their generosity in sharing with those in need!

In spite of Hurricane Harvey, we were able to continue to harvest summer vegetables and to then plant fall/winter produce. From August 18th to December 31st, we have donated a total of 173 pounds of vegetables to HH and the Shelter. The fall/ winter planting includes cauliflower, broccoli, green and purple cabbage and onions.

Special thanks to Mr. James Hippler, owner of J & N Electric, for donating his time to check out and repair electrical connections after the flooding from Hurricane Harvey.

With the support of Calvary and First Baptist Church and the dedication of church and community volunteers who work hard on a weekly basis, the garden will continue to serve the needs of the community of North Richmond.

Kate Brewer

ADOPT-A-FAMILY

The people and friends of Calvary Church adopted 42 families this Christmas season, including 139 children. Thank you to all who took part in helping bring Christmas joy to our neighbors (especially the little ones.)

Mary Ellen Plut

BLOOD DRIVE

We finished our 10th year of Blood Drives in 2017. We had with 68 whole blood and 40 automated donations for a total of 324 lives saved. Five new donors participated two being 16 years of age. I would like to thank all that donated during the year as the drives would not be a success without all of you.

The Blood drives in 2018 will be held on January 28th, April 29th, (T-shirt Sunday), August 5th, (Blue Bell Month) and November 4th (drawing for gifts for donors). So mark your calendars. Hope you will try being a first time donor this year or continue being a regular donor.

Calvary has been hosting Blood Drives for 10 years and we want to thank all of you for being a great group of donors. Over the 10 years we have had 985 donors who have donated 229 units of AX-Plasma, AX Red Cell Plasma and Double Red Cells along with 756 units of Whole Blood. This has resulted in 3,642 donations that were made available to recipients throughout the Gulf Coast area who might not have survived without your help. You should be proud of yourselves for making all of this possible. I along with Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center and the recipients want to thank you for giving the Gift of Life to so many people.

Frank Plut

THANKSGIVING FEAST

The Thanksgiving Feast put on by the volunteers at Calvary certainly was a success!

The project, that begins in early September with contact of school counselors, nurses and Meals-on-wheels executives and culminates in the delivery of full plated Thanksgiving meals on that holiday morning, was more blessed this year than ever.

Since our traditional sources of need have usually contacted and identified about 900 people who request a meal, we purchased supplies for that many. It was apparent by Sunday, Nov 19th, that fewer than 700 individuals were on our 2017 lists. So I requested that parishioners talk to friends and coworkers to seek out additional need. Many emails and phone calls later, we had over 800 very worthy recipients to serve for the 2017 Feast.

The Thanksgiving church service was well-attended and delicious meals prepared, served and delivered in record time. We served families from 4 area schools, MOW, Friends of North Richmond, various churches, a Rescue organization that helps victims of human trafficking, and many flood refugees who escaped the raging waters of Hurricane Harvey.

Many human interest stories and answered prayers were a part of this year's adventure. We hope next year you will be able to join the 300 plus volunteers whose combined efforts make this undertaking such a success.

Many Blessings,
Molly Powell

TROOP 1000

Calvary Episcopal continues to serve as Troop 1000's home base and platform to deliver on our mission to prepare young men to make ethical choices over their lifetimes. Boy Scouts develop character, citizenship, and personal fitness as they follow the Scout Oath and Law. This month we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the troop.

The past year offered our scouts amazing opportunities for growth and advancement. In the spring, we learned state history at Washington-on-the-Brazos, climbed and then rappelled off of a 40 foot cliff at Enchanted Rock, and canoed through the Piney Woods of East Texas. This fall's camping events were somewhat stymied by Hurricane Harvey, but our scouts responded with loads of volunteer time to help those in need. Week-long camping events included summer camp in the hot Davis Mountains of Texas, and high adventure treks based out of Barcelona to the Pyrenees and Mallorca.

January's camping trip was our coldest in recent memory, but the scouts used their skills and hiked to keep warm. In the coming months, the troop will participate in the Scouting for Food drive, rifle and shotgun shooting, fire-building skills, and more. Troop-wide summer camp this year will be in the Smoky Mountains of North Carolina, and our older Voyageur scouts will head north with their backpacks into the Canadian Rockies.

Eleven young men achieved the rank of Eagle Scout from Troop 1000 in 2017, and dozens more have learned skills and life lessons as they prepare themselves for the future while having fun along the way. Thanks for Calvary's support!

Scott Greene

CUB SCOUT PACK 1000

The Pack had a busy 2017. In the Fall, we recruited 21 new scouts ranging from 1st to 5th grade. We finished out December with a total of 59 active scouts.

The Pack achieved several awards from the BSA including on-time re-charter paperwork, the Summertime Pack Award, and several of our leaders were recognized at the Brazos District dinner. The Weston family received family of the year for their pack and district leadership and volunteering. Shawna & James Weston also received Brazos district Gator Awards. Walker Winter, Terryl Winter, and Andrew Konyha were recognized for their outstanding leadership.

The boys participated in several service projects throughout the year. Those projects include Scouting for Food in January, a clean-up project at Lake Livingston State Park in December, Volunteering at Lunches of Love over the summer, packing and delivering Thanksgiving meals through Calvary Episcopal Church on Thanksgiving day, and adopting 2 families with 5 children each for Christmas through Calvary.

Pack 1000's other activities throughout the year included: hosting a Pinewood Derby, attending the Monster Jam, participating in BSA coupon book sales and scout fair, continuing the Pack 1000 Flag program, participating in Scout Sunday at Calvary Episcopal Church, hosting their own Blue & Gold Banquet, an overnight at Nasa, attending day camp and resident camp, camping at Long Acres Ranch and North Lake Houston, spending the night at the Skeeters stadium, selling scout popcorn, and many other scout-related activities.

Shawna Weston

COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING

During 2017 a Communications Team was created to meet regularly and ensure that both Calvary members, school families and people in the surrounding community are informed about church activities. Internally, members receive *Calvary Life* and the Thursday e-blast. Suzette Hillis, our staff Communications Coordinator, is responsible for the weekly e-blast, updating the signage on Thompson Road, and keeping the website and our Facebook page updated.

Check out the new Calvary website!! This year the website has been a major project. Funded by the Vestry, and with donations above pledge from members, the website is getting a total facelift. The goals are to use a platform that is more robust and user friendly than the current one, and to have content and photos that reflect everything that constitutes parish life. A "Welcome to Calvary" section has been added, with simple navigation so visitors can find everything easily.

External communications has been an additional focus. Throughout the year, the *Fort Bend Herald*, *Greatwood Magazine* and *Fort Bend Christian Magazine* have featured stories and photos about activities at Calvary. We have taken limited paid advertising in two publications with circulations in geographic areas within easy driving distance to attract new members.

If you have church news to share or ideas for additional communications, please contact Suzette Hillis or Amber Zentis

LAY READER MINISTRY

END OF YEAR LAY READER MINISTRY REPORT FOR 2017

We currently have 12 licensed active Lay Eucharistic Ministers/Worship Leaders/Chalice Bearers in the rotation.

5 are on sabbatical due to health, working out of town, other ministries or personal reasons. Three of which are available to serve as Substitutes.

We have 12 Lectors that are actively in rotation. One is waiting for training that will be scheduled early this year.

2 Lectors are on sabbatical for health reasons.

I hope to get an updated roster with names and current contact information for Lectors and Lay Readers out soon.

We have a system in place for having the robes cleaned quarterly by Dry Clean Super Center on 359 in Richmond.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Doherty

NEWCOMER NOTES AND MORE...
2017 -- Year in Review
Anne Scarborough
Calvary Newcomer Coordinator

Looking back over 2017 we had a good year, with new faces joining our Calvary Family. I have almost completed six full years as Calvary's Newcomer Coordinator. I continue to be excited to share what Calvary has to offer—a family church connected to God and each other.

- We held a Welcome Rite during both services, March 5, to officially welcome 24 families/singles who had joined Calvary in the previous year. Our next one will be Sunday, March 4 – so if you have joined in the past year, save the date.
- On April 23 and Nov. 5, Fr. Paul and Sherry hosted Welcome Parties. New and Prospective members were invited to come and “get acquainted.” Twenty-two adult guests with seven children were welcomed at these parties, along with 17 members who helped “host” these fun occasions.
- We held our sixth annual Calvary Connection Weekend on May 12-13 with 23 attendees. This is a team led event of learning, fellowship and connection for new and old members. This weekend also counts for Confirmation preparation. Mark your calendars – the next one will be May 4-5, 2018.
- A big “Thank-you” to those who put on Calvary's welcoming face at the door and keep our service in order. The Cookie Ministry continues the welcome after the 10:30AM service with lemonade and cookies. Jam is given to first time visitors and homemade bread is delivered to their home the following week. Thank you to Ginger Jackson and her Bread Ministry team for baking and taking those 28 loaves.
- On June 4, Pentecost Sunday, we had a Baptism celebration, followed by our annual picnic. We invited Bishop Frazier and his Sanctuary Family Church to join us in the fun. A thank you to Jaime Garcia and his team for planning the event.
- In July, Amber Zentis lead two focus groups asking members what type of programs they would like to see in the future. Twenty members participated. They were asked to especially concentrate on Welcome and Embrace. The results were presented to the vestry. In general, most people wanted more events to ‘connect’ us to the new person and each other.
- Due to Hurricane Harvey Rally Day was postponed until September 10. There was high energy in the Parish Hall and we had 38 Ministries represented. As you can imagine, Outreach and the Care Ministry were popular tables. Thank you so much to the leaders who created displays and goodies to share.

FINALLY THE STATS! Since January 1, 2017:

We collected greeter cards or information on 48 visitors.

13 families/singles joined or rejoined Calvary (including the children—25 people)

2017 Parish Statistics

BAPTIZED

Emma Leigh Gaskamp
Elijah Thomas Hightower
Eli Stephanovich Cherry
June James Zahradnik
Jerrie Rose Cornwell
Terry Reynolds
Gerald Medel
Eli Ordaz

CONFIRMED

Maxwell Barragy
Andre Bellamy
Sam Haines
Madeleine Iversen
Cody Marek
Trampus Marek
Jennifer McCabe
Terry Reynolds
Micah Servantes

RECEIVED

Becky Bellamy
Diane Childs
John Johnston
Oscar Lozano

REAFFIRMATION

Christian Iversen

MARRIAGES

Brooke Todor and Jared Middendorf
Rachel Eklund and Matthew Barber

THOSE WE LOVE BUT SEE NO LONGER

Dianne Duncan
Gwen Cooley
Joyce Blaschke
Ronald Suttill
Jane Adams
Edward Nicholas Powell
Vernice Hollamon

NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS

Anthony, Becky & Andre Bellamy
Steven & Yuliya Cherry (Zoya, Yeva & Eli)
Diane Childs
Jan Conklin
Al & Lauri Cusick
Roger & Kay Hardee
Adam & Madison Lemkowitz
John & Teri Marrow
Julia Madden
Arlene & Ken Radel
Terry Reynolds
Danny & Susan Ridley
James & Tabitha Zahradnik (June)

Calvary Episcopal Church

Mission Statement: *Calvary welcomes all to join us in the work of embodying Christ in our community.*

Ministry Leaders

Acolytes	Lynn Kidida
Altar Guild	Irene Iversen
Bereavement Committee	Dorothy Lyons
Bread Delivery	Ginger Jackson, Anne Scarborough
Breakfast Team	Linda Paine
Bridge Group	Pat Anderson, Mary Ann Innes
Calvary Life Newsletter	Amber Zentis, Mark Duncan
Calvary Connection Weekend	Anne Scarborough
Children's Chapel	Leslie Amentini
Christian Education	Betty Anne Taylor, Rev. Lecia
Choir (8:00 AM)	John Brun
Confirmation Preparation	Reb Scarborough
Cookie Ministry	Anne Scarborough
Daughters of the King	Jeannine Hillis
Education for Ministry	Dan Bradley, John Lyons
Finance Committee	Christian Iversen
Foyers Groups	Amber Zentis
Greeters	Anne Scarborough
Kairos Prison Ministry	David Essells, Bob Watts
Kitchen Crew	John Lyons
Lay Ministers	Wendy Doherty
Outreach:	
Community Garden	Kate Brewer, Lois Whitehead
Easter Egg Hunt	Kathy Haley, Suzette Hillis
Blood Drive	Frank Plut
VBS	Betty Anne Taylor, Jeannine Hillis
Thanksgiving Feast	Molly Powell
Adopt-A-Family	Mary Ellen Plut
Action Committee	Roy Haley, Tim Hillis
Habitat for Humanity	Dan & Chris Bradley
Helping Hands	Lois Essells
Kids Hope USA	Chris Bradley
Friends of N. Richmond	Roy Haley
Adult Mission Trip	Lori Hoy
Parish Retreat	Susan Grotte
Pastoral Care	Janice Linsenmayer
Prayer Team	Betty Anne Taylor
POGS (10:30 AM)	Will Mason
Stewardship	Kathy Haley
Sound Board	Jim Kidida
Shepherd Groups	Rev. Lecia Brannon
Supper Club	Zahra Cook
Ushers	Susan King
Website	Suzette Hillis
Youth Group — EYC	Suzette Hillis, Kendra McLemore Craig Kambhu, Tim Hillis

Church Staff

Rev. Paul Wehner, Rector
Rev. Lecia Brannon, Curate
Kathy Haley, Financial Administrator
Celeste Davis, Parish Administrator
Betty Anne Taylor, Christian Ed Director
John Brun, Organist and Choir Director
Will Mason, Worship Coordinator
Anne Scarborough, Newcomer
 Coordinator
Suzette Hillis, Communications
 Coordinator
Sarah Minkert, Safeguarding
 Administrator
Jose Portillo, Sexton

2018 Vestry

Jewlon Morris, Senior Warden
Oscar Lozano, Junior Warden
Leslie Amentini
Betty Best
Roy Haley
Jim Kidida
Frank Lemkowitz
Dorothy Lyons
Missy Marek
Scott McLemore, Asst. Treasurer
Joyce Strimple
David Taylor, Clerk

Other Officers

Christian Iversen, Treasurer
Bill Daw, Chancellor