

Welcome to
CALVARY CHAPEL OF DOWNEY

We are excited how the Lord has blessed us over the last thirty years. Through the teaching of His Word and the proclaiming of the Good News, many thousands have had their lives changed, and have become productive and involved in the kingdom of God.

We believe in being an **Acts 2:42** Christian - consistently, steadfastly staying in the Word, in prayer, in fellowship and in taking communion. We also believe in body ministry:

"From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love." Ephesians 4:16

We hope this ministry booklet will encourage you to pray for these ministries and outreaches and involve yourself in what the Bible says is an addiction to the ministry of the saints. (I Corinthians 16:15)

Remember Jesus is praying for you as He did for Peter that your faith will not fail and that when you truly get converted, you will strengthen the brethren! (Luke 22:32)

To God be the glory for all that He has done, is doing and will do!

Your fellow-laborer and servant,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pastor [Name]", with a stylized flourish at the end.

We at Calvary Chapel of Downey desire to see the lost saved by the power of Jesus Christ. After receiving Christ as Savior, the goal of the church is to see individuals equipped for the work of service, in order that they may be of benefit to Christ and His body. With this goal in mind, we have established specific ministries to see this accomplished.

The following is a descriptive list of some of the ministries you can get involved with at Calvary Chapel of Downey. For further information about any of the ministries contained within this booklet, please consult the church bulletin or contact the church office Monday through Saturday.

If you would like to receive e-mail updates for special events, please send your e-mail address to:

ccd@calvarydowney.org

“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as you know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.” I Corinthians 15:58

CALVARY CHAPEL STATEMENT OF FAITH

Calvary Chapel has been formed as a fellowship of believers in the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

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 Spiritual.
Therefore: We remain flexible and yielded to the leading of the Holy Spirit to direct our worship.
- WE BELIEVE:** worship of God should be Inspirational.
Therefore: We give a great place to music in our worship.
- WE BELIEVE:** worship of God should be Intelligent.
Therefore: Our services are designed with great emphasis upon teaching the Word of God that He might instruct us how He would be worshiped.
- WE BELIEVE:** worship of God is Fruitful.
Therefore: We look for His love in our lives as the supreme manifestation that we have truly been worshipping Him.

Calvary Chapel Church Office	(562) 803-5631
Calvary Chapel Bible College	(562) 803-5621
Children's Ministries Office	(562) 803-5635
Calvary Chapel Christian School	
Jr. High/Elementary Office	(562) 803-6556
High School Office	(562) 803-4076
Independent Study Program	(562) 803-4191
Chapel Café.....	(562) 803-1478
Chapel Store.....	(562) 803-6431
House of Ruth Adoption Ministry	(562) 803-1477
Prayer Chain	(562) 946-PRAY
Sound Doctrine Radio Ministry	(562) 803-6501
Calvary Chapel of Downey	
Web site	www.calvarydowney.org
E-mail address.....	ccd@calvarydowney.org

ARABIC MINISTRY

This unique ministry presents the Gospel which meets the needs of our Arabic community. Services are held on Sunday and Wednesday evenings in the Bible College Conference Room. Childcare is available.

BECOMING ONE MARRIAGE MINISTRY

This is a specifically designed ministry focusing on marriage and the family. This ministry meets twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays for Bible study and fellowship. Becoming One also hosts annual events such as the Sweethearts' Banquet and Couples' Christmas Celebration, retreats, Family Campout, All Church Picnic and marriage seminars.

BIBLICAL COUNSELING

- **Biblical Counseling** is available by making an appointment through the church office. Women lay counselors provide biblical guidance for women of the body; pastors are available to provide guidance for the men or couples of the

to the Lord. Lesson #1 (of a 10-part series) can be obtained in the prayer room after each service.

- **Prayer Room Counseling** Trained prayer room counselors and pastors are in the prayer room after every service for prayer and/or spiritual direction.

CALVARY CHAPEL BIBLE COLLEGE-DOWNEY EXTENSION

The Calvary Chapel Bible College of Downey (**CCBC-DE**) is an extension program of Calvary Chapel Bible College of Murrieta, and is a ministry under Calvary Chapel of Costa Mesa, Chuck Smith. Students at **CCBC-DE** are working in three different programs: The Bachelor's Degree in Biblical Studies (for those with transferable general education credits), the Associate's Degree in Theology (for high school graduates) or the Certificate of Completion (for those who have not graduated from high school). To receive an application for admissions or to obtain general information about **CCBC-DE** contact the Bible College at the number found in the front of this booklet.

CALVARY CHAPEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Calvary Chapel Christian School (**CCCS**) offers quality Christian education from kindergarten through high school. Our school features a Christian philosophy of education, traditional phonics and math. We have qualified and dedicated teachers, daily Bible classes, weekly chapel, biblical integration into all subjects and family involvement in every aspect of the student's school life. Calvary Chapel is a member of the Association of Christian Schools International (**ACSI**) and our high school is accredited with both **ACSI** and the Western Association of Schools of Colleges (**WASC**). We are also a member of the California Interscholastic Federation (**CIF**) and we participate in **CIF** league sports. **CCCS** also provides an Independent Study Program for grades K-12th for those families interested in home schooling.

CHAPEL CAFÉ

Chapel Café is a ministry to the church and surrounding community. Our foremost purpose is to be a place of fellowship

WEB MINISTRY

Seeking to use the Internet as a tool to share the Gospel to the world, and further minister to the body here at Calvary Chapel of Downey. Visit our web site for general information regarding the church, school, ministries, applications, and upcoming events. www.calvarydowney.org.

WORSHIP MINISTRIES

We believe that an integral part of our worship and love of the Lord is to be expressed through various musical forms. Therefore, worship music is a very important part of each service and gathering. All gifts and talents come from the Lord, and we have a responsibility to use them for His glory alone. The worship ministries are here to lead the body in times of corporate worship, to encourage and build up those using their gifts for the Lord, and to train up new generations of worshippers of our Almighty God.

- **Downey Song** brings the original music we sing in the church into the hands of the congregation through studio and live recordings. God has blessed us with a recording studio to be able to bless people across the world with worship songs of our Wonderful Savior. All projects are available for purchase in the Chapel Store. Downloads are available at our website: www.downeyson.org.
- **Worship Fellowship** is a gathering of musicians and singers who are interested in learning more about worship and praise, and how to become a worship leader. We meet several times a year for a time of fellowship, instruction, prayer, and worship. Song resources and other materials are made available at each fellowship.
- **Worship Resources** are available in the Chapel Store by Special Order only. These include worship books of the songs we sing in the services, and learning tapes and/or CDs to practice along with.

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available in the Chapel Store.

- **Bringing You the Word** is a ministry to get God's Word into the hands of those who are ill or for some reason are unable to attend services. We have audiotapes of Pastor Jeff's messages, yours to keep (videotapes available for three days only). If you are in need of this ministry or know of someone from our fellowship with such a need, please call the church office.
- **Video Ministry** The video ministry provides access in the overflow room to services held in the main sanctuary. In addition, main services are recorded and can be purchased for personal use. Arrangements can be made to video weddings, baby dedications and other special events.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

- **Women's Prayer Meeting** is a gathering of ladies who intercede in prayer for the needs of the body of Christ as a whole and specific prayer needs for our church. Consult the church bulletin for days and times.
- **Ladies' Bible Study** is a weekly Bible study for women. This program is structured to include daily study at home, small group discussions, and a message to reinforce personal study. We meet September - May on Thursday mornings. Childcare is provided for infants to 5 year olds.
- **Raven's Ministry** is a group of women who put together baskets for spiritual and emotional encouragement to those who are terminally ill or bed-ridden in the hospital or home.
- **Women's Prayer Chain** provides an opportunity to join with other women to pray over the phone when needed, particularly in case of emergencies. Refer to the front of this booklet or the church bulletin for the prayer chain phone number.
- **V.O.I.C.E. (Victorious Overcomers In Christ Everyday)** This is a Christ-centered women's discipleship group for survivors of incest, rape, emotional, and physical abuse. The Word of God leads us by healing the wounds of the past,

provide gift items that are conducive to the Café atmosphere such as teapots, cups and saucers all made of fine China and all hand painted. We are a place to come and enjoy special events such as live music, birthday parties, banquets or just visiting with a friend.

"O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him." Psalms 34:8, KJV.

CHAPEL STORE

As a ministry to the church, the Chapel Store has a wide selection of Bibles, Christian books and music at discounted prices. We have gift items, greeting cards, as well as, audio/video tapes of our church services available for sale. In addition, video rentals are available. Our mission is to provide growth in our Lord Jesus Christ. *"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." II Timothy 3:16-17.* The Chapel Store is open daily. Call the store for hours.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

- **Children's Camps** is a ministry that provides an awesome opportunity for children to draw near to God in a setting apart from all the distractions they experience in day-to-day life.
- **Glad Scientist** is a Children's Evangelistic Outreach through the use of biblical science experiments, humor, and children's participation.
- **Mr. Henry** is children's worship brought forth in a unique format through participation and worship to the Lord.
- **Nursery** is our ministry where infants and toddlers are ministered to during worship services with prayer and gentle love. Nursery care is provided for Sunday morning, Sunday evening and Wednesday evening services.
- **Pioneer Clubs** is a program for boys and girls in a club

is during the months of September through June during Sunday evening services. Special events include: Mother/Son Outing, Mother/Daughter Tea, Father/Son Derby, Father/Daughter Outing, Missions' Night and Pioneer Clubs' Celebration Night.

- **Special Kids** is a Sunday school class, which specializes in teaching individuals who are developmentally delayed. Teaching is done in a simplified and loving environment; the students are encouraged to pray, worship and interact with each other. Ages vary from nine to forty-nine years. Some of the individuals are in wheelchairs and are non-verbal, physically or mentally disabled. Others may have Downs Syndrome, Autism, Cerebral Palsy or other forms of disabilities. Our teaching staff consists of 3 - 4 loving, dedicated adults who are faithful and committed to serving God's Special Kids.
- **Straight – Up Puppet Team** is a ministry designated to reach out to children in our community with a cast of hand-puppet characters to lead them in Bible-based themes, as well as, leading children to Christ.
- **Sunday School** is a time for Bible study through lessons, flannel graphs, activities, songs, and crafts for 2-year olds through 6th grade. Classes are provided during both Sunday morning and Wednesday evening services.
- **Vacation Bible School** is a week-long, half-day, summer harvest for children ages 4 years old through 6th grade. The program is combined with Bible lessons, songs, crafts, refreshments, recreation and outreaches to the entire community held during the month of August.

CHRISTIAN ESSENTIALS

This ministry is an eight-week series that meets on Mondays, 7PM-8:30PM in Rooms 103 and 104, with teachings on foundational Christian doctrines such as: The Deity of Christ, The Trinity, The Bodily Resurrection of Jesus, Repentance and Baptism. This series is designed particularly for new believers

this knowledge that we would use our gifts and talents to build up His body, *“for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.” Ephesians 4:12.* We pray that this fellowship would accurately represent Jesus Christ to those who come with a desire to be with single Christians/single parents-likeminded in their desire to know God better and grow in their relationship with Him.

SOUND DOCTRINE

Bringing the Word across the nation and around the world, taking the teachings from the sanctuary and putting them on the sound waves. Locally tune into **KWVE 107.9 FM at 5AM**, and over Calvary Satellite Network (**CSN**) - check listings for times.

SPANISH MINISTRY

The Spanish Ministry teaches the Spanish-speaking community using the Calvary Chapel style, which includes preaching/teaching book-by-book, verse-by-verse with contemporary worship. Childcare is provided for all ages. The Spanish Ministry meets on Sunday afternoons and Tuesday evenings. Consult the church bulletin for times and places.

USHERS MINISTRY

This is a ministry of men and women who have committed themselves to serve the body by keeping order in the sanctuary. The purpose of this ministry is to enable each person attending our services to have a learning experience free from outside distractions. Other areas of ministry are greeting and giving directions, parking lot security and parking assistance, as well as, assisting with special outreaches.

- **Greeters Ministry** This unique ministry is a vital part of the body; if you have a warm smile, a firm handshake and love people, we would like to have you greet and welcome our fellow brothers, sisters and visitors to church.

VISUAL/AUDIO MINISTRIES

- **Audio Ministry** seeks to provide an environment where everything spoken, sung, or played from the stage can be

NEW LIFE PRISON MINISTRY

New Life Prison Ministry reaches lives for Jesus Christ behind prison walls. Our work consists of ministering in state prisons, county jails, juvenile halls and youth authorities throughout California. In addition to this, we have two major tours a year to the East Coast and Mid-West, as well as two annual conferences in Northern and Southern California. There are many areas of ministry including correspondence, prayer support and visiting inmates. We meet Monday evenings at 7PM in the Mini-Chapel for Bible study, worship and encouragement.

- **CALVARY CHAPEL MEN'S HOME** - *"House of Jeremiah"*
- **CALVARY CHAPEL WOMEN'S HOME** - *"House of Esther"*

This is a '9-month' restricted program for men or women who desire a change after release from jail or prison. Our purpose is to rehabilitate through the regeneration of God's Word and structure in positive lifestyles. We also offer a 9-month substance abuse program. Contact the church office for more information.

SENIOR SAINTS

A ministry for single and married seniors serving the Lord. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month for a Bible study and on the 3rd Saturday of the month for a Potluck. This is a fellowship and service-centered ministry encouraging others to use their gifts to serve the body of Christ here at Calvary Downey. This ministry includes sponsoring the annual Summer BBQ, a Christmas Party, as well as other annual events.

SHIELDS OF FAITH This is a home-based fellowship support group for law enforcement personnel, firefighters and their families. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of every month. The issues that we have in common bring us together. Our goal is to grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, so that He may make us better vessels for His work. Childcare is provided.

SINGLES SERVING FELLOWSHIP This is a group of believers consisting of single Christians and single Christian parents. Our

are offered for FREE.

CHURCH WATER BAPTISMS

These are twice a year water baptisms for people to demonstrate their faith and commitment to Christ. *"Therefore, we are buried with Him by baptism into death, that as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection."* Romans 6:4-5 Contact the church for dates and locations.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- **Alternative Night (Harvest Celebration)** This ministry is a safe alternative to Halloween's trick-or-treating for the children in our community. Our emphasis is on celebrating the *Lord of the Harvest* with game booths, food and fun. We also feature a youth concert held in the South Sanctuary. It's all free.
- **Easter Celebration "Just for Kids"** is for children ages 4 to 6th grade. Worship and praise in remembrance of Jesus' Resurrection with special guests such as The Glad Scientist and Straight-Up Puppet Team is presented on the Saturday before Easter.
- **Freedom Celebration** (JULY 3 & 4) has been conducted at Cerritos College Stadium since 1998. We have hosted musical guests such as Crystal Lewis, Rebecca St. James, The Kry and Phil Keaggy. But more than anything, it has been an opportunity for the Gospel to go forth. Such speakers as Raul Ries, Greg Laurie and Miles McPherson have been used of the Lord to touch the hearts of many people. Our two-day celebration includes our musical guests and a special message from our guest speaker followed by a spectacular fireworks display. Admission and parking are free. Contact the church office for further involvement.
- **Good Friday Service** we gather at Cerritos College Stadium for a special message, music and communion.

COLLEGE & CAREER

This is specifically for those in college or those between the ages of 18-25. We meet weekly for Bible study, fellowship and worship. This fellowship also has various activities such as retreats, prayer meetings, group activities and participation in a shut-in ministry. There is a strong emphasis on evangelism and discipleship groups. Consult the bulletin for dates and times.

CONVALESCENT MINISTRY

The convalescent ministry reaches out with Jesus' love to those of all ages who are confined to hospitals or convalescent homes. Bible studies, worship services, and one-on-one ministry are all part of the focus of this outreach.

CROSSROADS (PRO-LIFE MINISTRY)

This ministry meets weekly to pray and discuss strategies for supporting pro-life issues. Support services provided by this ministry include sidewalk counseling, prayer meetings at family planning clinics, letter-writing campaigns and post-abortion counseling. Each year we sponsor a "Bike for Life" and "Walk for Life" to generate funds for the pro-life ministries. Contact Karyn Johnson in the House of Ruth for more information or if you would like to become involved.

EVANGELISM

- **Doorstep Ministry** is a "door - to - door" ministry composed of a handful of men and women who have a passion to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our neighborhoods. Join us each Saturday at 9AM outside the Bible College Conference Room. We meet for a quick breakfast, orientation time, and then go out into the surrounding neighborhoods knocking on doors and sharing the clear message of the Gospel with whoever is willing to listen. We usually return to the church by 1PM. You may return earlier. Feel free to come, observe and back-us-up in prayer until you feel confident to share. For more information contact the church office.

- **Men's Prayer Meeting** meets each Saturday morning at 8AM to pray for the various needs of the church. An important part of the men's prayer meeting is praying for the sick.
- **Men's Advance** is an annual weekend set aside for men to focus their attention on their relationship with Jesus.
- **Men's Bible Study** meets each Tuesday evening during the school year. This Bible study is designed for men to come together and grow in God's Word, in fellowship and accountability with one another. This is structured to include daily study at home.

MISSIONS

As a church, we believe in world missions and fulfilling the Great Commission (*as written in Matthew 28:19-20*) through evangelism, discipling, church planting and church development. We offer both short and long-term commitments to many different countries year-round. In addition, we have opportunities to get involved as "senders" through our close work with Operation Christmas Child. In association with Samaritans' Purse, every year we send thousands of gift-filled shoeboxes and the Good news of God's love to needy children all over the world. See the Missions' Alcove in the back of the sanctuary for more missions information.

MISSIONS PRAYER GROUP

There are many ways to be involved in world missions. A vital aspect of missions is prayer support. The missions prayer group meets for the purpose of interceding in all areas of missions. Consult the bulletin for dates and times.

NEW HOPE (ADDICTION MINISTRY)

New Hope is a Bible study program designed to help meet the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual needs of the whole individual in overcoming substance abuse and addictive compulsions. Solid biblical principles that aid in everyday practical living are strongly emphasized within the program. This ministry also reaches out to those whose lives are affected

spiritual gifts God has given you. For more information, pick up a flyer in the Information Room or church office.

HOSPITAL AND HOME VISITATION

This ministry is offered to the body. Pastors are available to visit and pray with those who are dealing with illness and to support their families. Contact the church office to schedule a visitation.

HOUSE OF RUTH ADOPTION MINISTRIES

This ministry is committed to helping the woman with an unplanned pregnancy to make positive choices regarding her child and her future. When adoption is her choice, House of Ruth has files of Christian couples that desire to adopt. While much of our work relates to adoption, we affirm that adoption is not right for every one. We encourage women to consider their resources for parenting as well, trusting that God has a plan for each woman and child.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER TEAMS

This prayer team is made of mature believers who have made a commitment to pray during each service. *“The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.” James 5:16b*

JUNIOR HIGH MINISTRY

The junior high youth group is an exciting, relevant ministry that deals with teenagers right where they are. Some of the activities include Bible studies, worship, games, group outings, camp outs and summer trips. All activities emphasize relationships both spiritual and interpersonal.

- **Spiritual Service Training** is the next step on how to apply what you know. This is an eight-week series that teaches you how to walk in the Spirit. Inductive Bible Study methods are taught along with topics such as, “How to know God’s will in your life” and “How to get involved in ministry.”

MEN'S MINISTRIES

- **M.P.G. “Men Pursuing God” Ministry** meets once a month for physical and spiritual feeding. We have breakfast and special guest speakers such as sports personalities to share

relatives of cult members reach out effectively.

- **L.A. for Jesus** provides food, clothing and blankets in addition to the Gospel message to the homeless in the Los Angeles area. Consult the church bulletin for date and times.
- **Prayer Walk Ministry** is to walk through various parts of the community as we pray. Consult the bulletin for a list of dates and times.

FOOD FOR FUNERALS

This is a ministry to our body, which provides food for families at the time of a funeral or memorial service. Contact the church office for more information.

- **Growing Through Grief** is a ministry which offers counseling and support groups for people who have experienced loss of a loved one. We also host yearly seminars. Contact the church office for more details.

FOOD PANTRY

We have a modest food pantry to help those “in need.” We are able to store dry and frozen goods. Donated goods from the body are greatly appreciated.

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

The high school ministry is a place where high school age young people can be taught God's Word, experience praise and worship with our high school praise band, and get involved in ministries, missions and on-campus ministries. In addition to our regular meetings at church, we offer discipleship groups, home Bible studies and many outside activities.

HOME BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIPS

Due to the dynamics that accompany large churches, we encourage you to get involved in small group studies. You will find that these small group studies provide the biblical model of worship, the Word, prayer, and fellowship, which will help you grow in your personal relationship with Jesus. These studies create an environment that nurtures “koinonia” fellowship while giving you an opportunity to use the