

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 worshipping Him.

WE BELIEVE that all the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, fully inspired without error in the original manuscripts, and the infallible rule of faith and practice.

WE BELIEVE that 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 that The Lord's Supper (Communion) is open to all believers.

WE BELIEVE in the personal, visible return of Jesus Christ to the earth and the establishment of His Kingdom; the resurrection of the body; the final judgement and eternal blessing of the righteous and endless suffering for the wicked.

REFERENCES

For further information on the Calvary Chapel movement and its doctrinal position, the following references are available in our bookstore:

Harvest, Chuck Smith's Amazing Story of Calvary Chapel and the Unlikely Leaders God Called, by Chuck Smith and Tal Brooke

The Philosophy of Ministry of Calvary Chapel, by Chuck Smith

Things I Learned From My Pastor, Biblical Principles of Ministry Taught by Pastor Chuck Smith, Calvary Chapel of Costa Mesa.



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To learn more information about Calvary Chapel and its ministries, please refer to the following brochures:

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Welcome to Calvary Chapel. Newcomers often ask what denomination our church is, and since we're not tied to any particular denomination, they want to know what we're all about. That's why we've put together this brochure—to help you get a little better acquainted with who we are and what we believe. While the following information may not answer all of your questions, we trust it will at least answer those that are most important.

A BRIEF HISTORY

Calvary Chapel St. Petersburg is associated with Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa in California, pastored by Chuck Smith. Chuck Smith founded Calvary Chapel in the late 60's during a time when most traditional churches were turning away the "hippies" of that era because of the length of their hair and the counter-culture lifestyle which they practiced. Driven by a burden for that generation, Pastor Chuck reached out to them with love and understanding without compromising Christian principles. A result of this outreach was the birth of the "Jesus Movement."

Thirty years later, with over 600 national and international affiliates, Calvary Chapels are still reaching out to the lost with the love of Jesus. They are best known for their strong emphasis on teaching through the Word of God (book by book, verse by verse) and the application of that Word to everyday life. High importance is also placed upon praise and worship, designed to put believers in a place of intimate communion with God and ready their hearts for His Word.

In April 1984 Danny Hodges became pastor of a small, young fellowship in St. Petersburg, Florida called Calvary Chapel. However, it wasn't until three years later, as a result of numerous visitors from other churches called

"Calvary Chapel," that Pastor Danny attended a pastors conference in Costa Mesa, California and was introduced to Pastor Chuck Smith and the Calvary Chapel movement. Feeling an immediate sense of being "at home" and grateful that God had led him to this fellowship of churches that upheld a simple, biblical philosophy of ministry and a well-balanced doctrine, Calvary Chapel St. Petersburg soon became an associate church of Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa. Since that time, God has continued to bless and increase the ministry of Calvary St. Petersburg. Pastor Danny and his wife, Wendy, consider it an honor and a privilege to serve this growing body of believers, together with their four children, Tanner, Hayden, Jairus and Audra.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Calvary Chapel St. Petersburg has been formed as a fellowship of believers under 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 their over-emphasis of the doctrinal differences that have led to the division of the Body of Christ.

WE BELIEVE that 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.

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; that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.

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 IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, who came forth from the Father and Son 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 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.

WE BELIEVE that 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, apart from works, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. When a person repents of sin and accepts Jesus Christ as personal Savior and Lord, trusting Him to save, that person is immediately born again and sealed by the Holy Spirit, all his/her sins are forgiven, and that person becomes a child of God, destined to spend eternity with the Lord.

WE BELIEVE that the only true basis of Christian fellowship is Christ's unconditional (agapé) 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 great place to music in our worship.

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 how He should be worshipped.

It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in his presence. All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. - 2 Corinthians 4:13-15