

Year in Review



CALVARY CHAPEL
ST. PETERSBURG

2024



A message from

Pastor Ryan Marr

As you look at this year in review, I want to thank my family, our church and God's grace for doing so many things at Calvary Chapel St. Petersburg. I have so many great memories. However, a good part of the year was dominated by the cracks, booms, and pops of many hurricanes.

My experience of hurricane Milton dominated a lot of my thoughts as a large tree had crashed through part of the house I was staying in. When the storm finally passed, I was incredibly thankful for God's provision and grace. But the task of cleaning up began, as the storm had left a massive impact on our community.

The storm became a powerful lesson in suffering and perseverance. Yet, even in those moments, we are reminded that God is always near, especially in times of distress.

Romans 8:26 says, *"In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans."*

In our efforts to clean up after the storm, we were blessed to have the support of Samaritan's Purse Ministries. They partnered with us, using our church building as their base of operations. Armed with semi-trucks full of equipment, they arrived with willing hearts to serve our community. Their efforts were crucial in meeting the needs of many—cutting trees, doing mud-outs, and helping in Jesus' name.

So, 2024 became a year of chainsaws and compassion, hurricanes, and love. Through it all, God was with us, and we trust that He will continue to walk beside us as we move forward. Let's come together with thankful hearts, reflecting on all that God has done for us and carrying the lessons into 2025.

Lord bless,
Ryan Marr



Mission & Vision

GOSPEL-CENTERED TEACHING

Before Jesus' ascension, He commanded His disciples to take His teachings and share them with the people of the nations. Jesus would then empower His disciples through the Holy Spirit. When the disciples were empowered by this Spirit, they traveled to share the news of Jesus' kingdom, His forgiveness of our sin through the cross, His resurrection and ultimately the defeat of the enemy. This news, the gospel, was the news that brought hope, change, and power over the darkness.

GOSPEL-CENTERED COMMUNITY

Community is a place where people gather as the church to sing, hear God's word, and to seek to work out the things we are learning in small groups. These are places where we can reflect and participate in what it means to be a community marked by the gospel of Jesus.

GOSPEL-CENTERED MULTIPLICATION

As we look to the future, we look at the work of the church in planting other churches, partnering to develop church leaders, and teaching Jesus' commands by bringing them to the heart of people throughout the world.

GOSPEL-CENTERED SERVING

Service is looking for practical ways to minister to people because of the gospel. Whether this is through bringing a meal to someone, helping them practically around in their home, or finding ways to serve the community, the gospel frees us to invest into others through acts of service.

Teaching

Biblical verse-by-verse teaching is the foundation of our church. This year, we invested in discipleship through Rooted Bible Studies, ESL classes, and practical courses to equip believers in their faith. From our weekend and mid-week studies through Matthew, 1 and 2 Samuel, and 2 Peter to practical classes on financial stewardship, we have seen God use these teachings to deepen our church family's faith and understanding of His Word.



Ladies Rooted Bible Study – Groups meeting throughout the week to study the books of Genesis, 1 Timothy, and Ephesians

Baptism Classes – Preparing believers for their next step in faith

ESL Classes – Helping non-English speakers learn the language while experiencing the Gospel

Financial Literacy Class – Teaching biblical stewardship and financial wisdom

Grace Marriage Classes – Equipping couples with biblical principles for a God-honoring marriage

Child Dedication Class – Helping parents commit to raising their children in faith

New Family Ministry – Hosted a parenting seminar with a national speaker and provided online resources for parents

Adult Bible Study - A dedicated group meeting every Wednesday morning to dive deeper into Scripture

Community



“SEEK” A Christmas Story – A special production celebrating the birth of Christ

Radical Summer Youth Events – Youth summer events including ice skating, bowling, Celebration Station, and fellowship nights

Ladies Fellowship Events – Large gatherings with food, fellowship, and encouragement

Co-Ed & Men’s Shuffleboard Fellowships – Fun and connection in a relaxed setting

Calvary Hangouts – Opportunities to build relationships in a casual environment

Beach Baptism and Fellowship – Celebrating new life in Christ with our church family

Living in gospel-centered community means coming together to worship, grow, and support one another. In 2024, our church family deepened connections through gatherings, holiday celebrations, and fellowship events.

Whether it was a game night, a concert, or a Christmas play, we saw friendships flourish and faith deepen in these shared moments.



Multiplication

The Gospel is meant to be shared, and in 2024, we continued expanding our reach through missions, outreach, and discipleship. Whether through baptisms, missionary partnerships, or ESL outreach, we remained committed to taking the love of Christ to the nations.



Calvary Chapel St. Petersburg, supported by faithful tithes and offerings, expanded its global presence to more countries in 2024.

Your generosity also sent a CCSP representative to support missionaries in Germany and the Middle East. We value our global partners and are committed to advancing the gospel.

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity. God is doing great things through you!

Supported Missionaries – Supported 9 missionary units across Africa, Europe, The Middle East, Asia, Southeast Asia, Melanesia, and India

Operation Christmas Child Outreach – Sending gifts and the message of Jesus around the world

ESL Outreach – Reaching the community with English classes and Gospel-centered relationships

Palm Sunday Beach Baptism – A powerful moment of faith and obedience, 45+ people baptized!

Missions Quarterly (Africa Update) – Hearing firsthand testimonies from Ken and Shiela Nelson of mission work in Tanzania

Serving

Jesus calls us to serve, and in 2024, our church family lived that out. From sorting Christmas gifts to mission support, we saw the hands and feet of Jesus in action. Whether through outreach or local ministry, our church continued to impact lives through service.



Men of Arms Ministry – Completing home repair projects and offering assistance to those in need



Samaritan's Purse Disaster Relief – Partnering to aid communities affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton through hands-on volunteer work, completing 745 work orders and celebrating 105 salvations



Skyview & Campbell Park Elementary Outreach – Provided welcome gifts for teachers and Christmas gifts for families in need

Christmas Outreach Sorting Gifts – Organizing and distributing gifts to bless families in need

Operation Christmas Child Outreach – Partnering with Samaritan's Purse to send Christmas gifts globally

Child Dedication Service – Supporting families as they commit their children to the Lord

Volunteer Spotlight

Meet Patricia Hodson

For 35 years—27 of them at Calvary Chapel St. Pete—Patricia Hodson has poured her heart into children’s ministry, primarily teaching 3rd–5th graders. Her passion for teaching and creativity has impacted countless young lives!



Last year, Patricia found herself facing a new challenge—an energetic, all-boy class that required a fresh approach. Instead of sticking to her usual methods, she adapted, embracing movement and interactive lessons. What seemed daunting became a joyful opportunity to grow alongside her students.

One of her greatest joys is seeing former students continue in their faith, whether through baptism, serving in ministry, or simply stopping by to share their stories.

“The time you put in to teach gives back abundant blessings.”

With our Calvary Kids ministry expanding—offering infants through fifth grade classes—we need more volunteers to invest in the next generation. If you have a heart for children, there’s a place for you in Calvary Kids!

Join us in shaping young hearts—sign up to serve today!

Thank you Patricia!

Calvary Kids & Preschool

Our Calvary Kids ministry blessed many families as we pursued our vision of helping children grow in faith and friendship. We are grateful for the opportunity to nurture children, teaching them about God's love through worship, building character, and fun with friends!



From VBS to family nights, we've seen God move in hearts. As we look ahead, we thank you for partnering with us in discipling the next generation through biblically-rooted, gospel-centered teaching. We eagerly anticipate how God will work in and through our kids this year!



Calvary
Kids Care
Preschool

Our preschool aims to nurture children and make social and emotional connections with each one while they are in our care.

As we share Christ's love, we love to see each one of them grow in their development and their knowledge of him. Our ultimate goal is that every family knows their value in God's eyes.

The Numbers

Online Message Views: 52,670

Visits to calvarystp.org: 52,392

Weekly Average In-Person Attendance: 726

Church Finances

2024 Budget: \$1,681,367

2024 Contributions and Other Income: \$1,828,974

2024 Expenses: \$1,767,092

2025 Budget: \$1,804,296

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The gospel of Jesus

is what produces faith, hope, and love, and is what allows us to be more like Him. Calvary Chapel St. Petersburg exists to **BE a movement of the gospel of Jesus for all people.**



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