

CONNECTING WITH CALVARY CHURCH

Updates on life at Calvary Church in Williams Lake, B.C.

Weekly Events:

Sunday Morning Worship

Join us Sunday mornings at 10:00am for our weekly worship service. In person or online!

Awaken Kid's Ministry!

During our Sunday service all children ages 2 - Grade 5 are invited downstairs to worship, learn and have fun together!

Monday Night Bible Study

Join us on Monday nights at 7:00 PM in the lower auditorium for an evening filled with engaging Bible study and wonderful connections. We are currently going through the book of Romans.

"Shield" Youth Ministry

Tuesday nights at 6:30pm is our youth night. For more information and to get a copy of the youth calendar, contact Pastor Brad.

Young Adults

Young Adults happens every second Wednesday, at 6:00pm. Contact the church office for details.

Wednesday Night Prayer

Wednesdays at 6:30pm, our prayer group meets in the lower auditorium. Come on out!

Ladies Bible Study

Our ladies bible study is currently on pause at the moment. We will inform you soon about when the ladies bible study will meet next. Thank you for your patience

Opportunity Lies Before Us

Thoughts from Pastor Monte

In a world that is often full of bad news, I love to celebrate the positive. I recently read a post by Brady Shear (a church social media/branding consultant) that was incredibly encouraging. He laid out the following stats:

- From 2008 to 2020, the percentage of American adults who identified as atheist, agnostic, or claimed no religion in particular increased from 21% to 34%. Since 2020, this trend has plateaued, and there are signs things are going in the other direction.
- U.K. Bible sales have nearly doubled from 2019 to 2024, with 25 times the growth of the previous 11 years combined.
- U.S. Bible sales have seen a 22% increase, with publishers reporting more first-time buyers than ever before.
- U.K. church attendance has risen from 8% in 2019 to 12% in 2024 (a 50% increase!).
- Gen Z's church attendance has quadrupled from 4% to 16% in that same time period.

His takeaway? For a long time, we have expected the world to be hostile towards faith, but that hostility is changing. We also need to be ready to change, as there seems to be a growing hunger, particularly with our younger generations.

To me, this means that we as a church should be looking at our youth and children's ministries with an increased awareness that they are reaching a generation that is increasingly responding to the Gospel and seeking spiritual meaning in a dark and confusing world. Young people are being taught that there is no absolute truth, that one's opinion equals truth. As Christians, we know this is a lie. It seems that our young people, maybe not knowing where the lie is coming from, recognize that opinion equaling truth is a falsehood. This is not only a cause for celebration but a God-given answer to prayer! We need to be ready as a church to go to the next generation and meet them where they are at with the good news of Jesus Christ, that there is right and wrong, that truth can be found. Let's pray that God would guide us to those who are ready to hear the Gospel!

Something to Think About

"If there were no tribulation, there would be no rest; if there were no winter, there would be no summer"

- John Chrysostom

"We delight in the beauty of the butterfly, but rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty"

- Anonymous

"A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows."

- St. Francis of Assisi

"There shall be eternal summer in the grateful heart."

-Celia Thaxter

"What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness.."

- John Steinbeck

"Every summer, like the roses, childhood returns."

- Marty Rubin

"Ah, summer – It's a time to hunt for insects, master handstands, practice swimming strokes, conquer trees, explore nooks and crannies, and make new friends"

-Darrell Hammond

"So I commend the enjoyment of life, because there is nothing better for a person under the sun than to eat and drink and be glad. Then joy will accompany them in their toil all the days of the life God has given them under the sun."

- Ecclesiastes 8:15



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News & Notes

Community Dinner

On the first Wednesday of every month at 5:15pm, we offer a free dinner in the lower auditorium. The next dinner is June 4th. This will be our last community dinner before we take a short pause for the summer months.

Senior's Village Service

Every second Sunday of the month at 2:30pm, our church hosts a service at the Retirement Concepts Seniors Village. If you are interested in helping out, contact the church for more information.

Summer Kick-off BBQ

Join us on June 22nd after the service as we host our annual summer kickoff BBQ. Burgers and hotdogs will be provided but we ask people to bring a salad to share. We encourage you to take an invite card and invite someone to church.

Live it Out- Kids Day Camp

Our kids day camp, Live it Out, is fast approaching, happening August 11th-15th. Registration will be open soon. We are still looking for volunteers. Please, if you are able to help out, talk with Pastor Daphne.

Summer Internship Positions

We are excited to have Paige join us this summer as one of our interns. We are still hiring TWO more paid intern positions for those ages 15-18. Contact Pastor Brad for more details.

Con-GRAD-ulations Graduates

A huge congratulations to all of our graduates this year. Well done. May God bless you as He guides you into this next season of life.



CALVARY CHURCH FINANCIAL UPDATE

Up to April 30, 2025

General Fund	Actual	Budget
Income:	\$140,629	\$112,278
Expense:	\$103,704	\$119,637
Missions Fund	Actual	Budget
Income:	\$6,130	\$4,800
Expense:	\$4,800	\$4,800

Ways to Give

e-transfer: giving@calvarychurchwl.com

in person: debit, cash, cheque