

# 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 Kids 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

Our Monday night bible study is on pause for the summer. We look forward to meeting again in September.

### "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

Our Young Adults Ministry is taking a break for the summer. We look forward to hosting again in September.

### 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

## An Authentic Love Versus Counterfeit Love

Thoughts from Pastor Monte

Mark 12:30-31- "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is, Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no other command greater than these."

As followers of Christ we are called to live a life that is to be counter to that of the world. That is because the world is attempting to provide a counterfeit of what God offers us. When I was younger I worked retail for many years. As part of my training I was taught that if one wants to identify counterfeit bills you need only to study and become familiar with the real thing, once you know the real thing the counterfeit will be obvious.

I think the greatest attempted counterfeit the world offers us in our day is "love." Love according to the world is reportedly free, welcoming and for everyone. But for one who has experienced God's true love you can see the counterfeit for what it is - restrictive and exclusive. The world's definition of love adheres to a strict obedience to current cultural trends or you will be punished/shamed in many ways as a consequence.

For Christians, this should be an obvious counterfeit as we have seen the example of true love as found in Christ. In Christ, we discover a love that doesn't demand adherence for acceptance but is rather transformational when encountered and embraced. As the Bible teaches us "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8) This realization moves from a counterfeit love that says you have to, towards an authentic love that makes us realize we get to! We realize that God loves us regardless of what we have done and we respond to that unconditional love with a trust, hope and faith that causes us to want to obey God and love others like He loves us! "But whoever keeps His word, truly in Him the love of God is made complete." (1 John 2:5)

As we enter into the depths of summer let us be examples of authentic love! Let us find ways to reveal the love of God to others, regardless of who they are, what they believe or how they love us. True love will always stand out and make people ask questions, which in turn will give us a chance to tell people about Jesus and the Good News of God's love!

## Something to Think About

"Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves."

– Romans 12: 9-10

"True love is an act of the will – a conscious decision to do what is best for the other person instead of ourselves."

- Billy Graham

"God's definition of what matters is pretty straightforward. He measures our lives by how we love."

- Francis Chan

"And self-sacrifice is what the Bible means by 'love.' While sin is possessive, love is expansive. Sin's characteristic is the desire to get; love's characteristic is the desire to give."

-John Stott

"Human love is directed to the other person for his own sake, spiritual love loves him for Christ's sake. "

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"Love is the active, working principle in all true faith. It is its very soul, without which it is dead. "Faith works by love."

- Johnathan Edwards



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## News & Notes

### Live it Out- Kids Day Camp!

Our kids day camp is happening August 11th-15<sup>th</sup> and registration is live. Sign up on our website at <https://calvarychurchwl.com/events/live-it-out-25>

### Seniors 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.

### Sunday Funday

Stick around after the service on July 20<sup>th</sup> for a FREE sundae! It's a great opportunity to connect and enjoy a sweet treat. Everyone's welcome!

### Chubb Lake Bible Camps

As Kid's and Teen Camp approach, please keep our campers and leaders in prayer as they prepare for an awesome week at Chubb Lake. Kid's Camp runs from July 6–11, followed by Teen Camp from July 13–19.

### Young Adults Camp

Young adults (18-39) are invited to register for young adults camp happening August 8-10<sup>th</sup> at Chubb Lake. It'll be a great weekend of fun, fellowship, and worship, with speaker Carter Froese. Don't miss it!

### Backpack Drive

From July 6<sup>th</sup> to August 17<sup>th</sup> we are doing a backpack drive for students in need. You're invited to bring a new backpack—filled with school supplies if you'd like—and drop it off at the church between these dates.

## LATEST UPDATES

### 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](mailto:giving@calvarychurchwl.com)

in person: debit, cash, cheque