JOHN & COURTNEY ANDERSON Oaks International — Omaha, Nebraska

I believe that everybody puts their ultimate trust in something. Many college students put their hope in their grades, their career prospects, their social lives, their romantic relationships, their athletic ability, their favorite sports team, or in the escape of drugs or alcohol. But the reality is that while many of these things are good, none of them are made to sustain our hope or trust. At the end of the day they will let us down, often leaving us broke, addicted, depressed, or in debt.

Jaxson figured this out the hard way. He was considering proposing to his girlfriend of four years when she suddenly broke up with him. He was devastated. One of his coworkers and fellow nursing students, Ryan, invited him to come to his Bible study and explore who Jesus is. Even though he didn't grow up going to church, Jaxson decided to check it out. He became incredibly hungry to learn more about God. Jaxson started going to church with Ryan and his parents, and Ryan sat down with him to walk through the message of the gospel. On Easter Sunday, Jaxson received Christ as his Lord and Savior, finding an eternal hope that won't disappoint!

Ryan has continued to help Jaxson grow in his new relationship with Christ, and now this new Christian is growing in his desire to help others know Jesus. This fall he and Ryan are planning to start a Bible study for other nursing students at Nebraska Methodist College so others can find the lasting hope they both have in Christ.

Attendance Report for Sunday 8/17/2025

Sunday School: 95 Morning Worship: 209 Evening: 64

Financial Report for the Week Ending 8/22/2025

Weekly Budget \$11,571.42 Year-to-Date Budget \$231,428.40 Income for the Week \$9,766.52 Year-to-Date Income \$211,524.81 Giving by Cash/Check \$7,099.00 Year-to-Date Expenses \$225,183.06 Electronic Giving \$2.667.52

Give electronically at www.CalvaryCR.org or by using the "Breeze" app.

Ministry Staff

Senior Pastor	k
Associate Pastor (Worship and Administration) Michael Fre	y
Associate Pastor (Youth Ministries) Matthew Slipp	y
Secretary/Bookkeeper	y

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-3:00pm, Closed on Friday

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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE AUGUST 24, 2025

Preparation for Worship Recorded Music

Welcome Pastor Michael Frey

Songs of Celebration (Hymn 522) "My Savior's Love"

"No Greater Love"

"Jesus, Son of God"

"Oh the Deep, Deep Love"

Prayer Kevin Powell

Scripture Reading (Philippians 1:1–11) Jim Allen

Song of Aspiration (Hymn 31) "Love Divine"

(Children Ages 3–Kindergarten Dismissed for Children's Church)

Message from God's Word Pastor Matt Slippy
"Prayers of the Bible — Paul's Prayer
for the Philippian Church"

Song of Consecration "The Power of Your Love"

Benediction Pastor Michael Frey

SUNDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES

CHURCH POTLUCK PICNIC AT MORGAN CREEK SHELTER

You all are invited to enjoy a picnic together tonight at the Morgan Creek Park Shelter. We have the shelter rented from 4:30pm to 8:30pm, and we will eat at 5:00pm. This year will be potluck-style. Please bring a main dish, as well as a salad or side dish if your last name begins with A–N or a dessert if your last name begins with O–Z. Please also bring your own table service and drink. Bring a game to play or just come and visit. The shelter is ADA accessible. Contact Rachel Stephenson or Paige Eastburn for additional info.

GRIEFSHARE Room 14

SALT & PEPPER RETIREES FELLOWSHIP

We will enjoy food and fellowship in the gym at 11:30am on Tuesday, August 26. Everyone please bring something for our "finger food buffet." Following our meal, we will head to the sanctuary for a presentation by Art Nichols about his adventures in Glacier National Park. For more information, contact Donna Voss or Nadene Roberts.

FALL CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We still have lots of need for help in the nurseries this fall during Worship Services. Please bless our church families with young children by serving in our Baby or Walker nursery. You can sign up at the Welcome Center. Contact Briana Horning or the church office for more info.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT BIBLE CLASSES (ABCs)

There will be no Sunday school, Adult Bible Classes, or Inner Mission on Sunday, August 31 (Labor Day weekend). Our regular Sunday school and ABCs will resume on Sunday, September 7 at 9:00am. ABCs will study the book of Ephesians. Recognizing the value of not only Bible study but also of growing in community with other followers of Christ, we want to challenge everyone to join a class. No sign-up is required.

AWANA BEGINS SOON!

AWANA starts at 6:00pm on September 3 with a hot dog supper in the parking lot. Kids ages 3 through 6th grade are welcome. Kids need to turn 3 by September 15 to join the club. Dues are still 25 cents. Parents can preregister their kids through the link on our church website (www.CalvaryCR.org) or by going directly to the registration form at: https://calvarycr.breezechms.com/form/d5bdc477. Contact Jeremy or Jen Crittenden for more information.

KOINONIA RIVER OUTING IN MONTICELLO

Young adults, join us for a river outing on Saturday, September 6. You can meet at Calvary at 8:50am to carpool or meet at the vehicle pickup lot in Monticello at 10am. It's a 6 hour float, so we should be out of the water at about 4pm. Contact Ty Slippy by Tuesday, September 2 to get further info, including pricing, and to sign up.

GIFT CARD BRIDAL SHOWER

Sydney Crittenden, one of Calvary's own, is getting married this fall! Please join us in blessing Sydney and Benjamin Coffman with a large collection of gift cards as they begin their new life serving the Lord together. Their card shower will run through mid-September. At the Welcome Center you'll find a decorative box where you can place your card. We know Sydney will be delighted to receive these gifts!

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Ladies, you and your friends are invited to enjoy dinner and fellowship at 6:30pm on Monday, September 8 at Cancun Mexican Grill, 365 33rd Ave SW. If you plan to attend, call or text Deb Gaeta (319-491-7720) or email djgaeta@q.com so she will know how many will be attending. If you want to come but need a ride, please let Deb know and she will arrange to have someone to meet that need.

POSITIVE IMPRESSIONS

Positive Impressions is scheduled for Saturday, September 13, 10:00am—3:00pm in Room 23/24. Invite your friends to join you in creating with rubber stamps or working on some other favorite craft project. This is an enjoyable and non-threatening way to spend time developing relationships and building bridges in order to make a positive impression for Christ on your unsaved friends and family members. Even the greeting cards or other crafts that you create for other people can be beneficial in making a positive impression on their lives. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Jeannette Frey (319-654-4260) and bring a snack or drink to share with the group.

MELANSON BABY SHOWER

Men and women, please join us at Calvary for a baby shower honoring parents-to-be, Joshua & Allie Melanson, on Saturday, September 20 at 10am. Joshua & Allie are registered on Amazon.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 24

9:00am Sunday School/Youth & Adult Bible Class

10:00am Inner Mission10:30am Worship Service

5:00pm Church Potluck Picnic at Morgan Creek Shelter

6:00pm GriefShare

Tuesday, August 26

9:15am MUMs Leadership Meeting

11:30am Salt & Pepper Retirees Fellowship

Wednesday, August 27

6:00pm Youth Leaders Meeting 6:30pm Adult Bible Study & Prayer