

JOHN & COURTNEY ANDERSON
Oaks International — University of Nebraska at Omaha

This month we took a group of 15 students to Estes Park for a fall retreat with 200 other Oaks students. It was an incredible weekend of worship and fellowship, and as we drove down from the mountains, one major theme from the retreat was sticking in our students' minds: they wanted to be more bold in telling their friends about Jesus.

Three days after the retreat, Mason, a new Christian we mentioned in our last update, invited his friend Carson to come to lunch with us. Carson grew up going to church, but his family had slowly drifted away from the faith. This summer Carson felt compelled to start reading his Bible, but he had been hesitant to put his trust in Christ. Mason and I shared a simple gospel illustration with him, and Carson chose to give his life to Christ on the spot!

Now I've been meeting with both Carson and Mason to help them get established in their relationship with God. Both of them have been hungry to spend time with God every day, and they're eager to help others know Christ and find the peace and joy they have in Him. As I was sitting on campus writing this update, Mason just came up to me to tell me about a spiritual conversation he started with someone in his kinesiology class fifteen minutes ago. He's getting bolder by the day!

Pray for God to continue to give our students boldness to share Christ with their friends, and for Carson and Mason's friend Ethan to be open to reading the Bible with them!

Attendance Report for Sunday 10/26/2025			
Sunday School: 113		Morning Worship: 225	Evening: 85
Financial Report for the Week Ending 10/31/2025			
Weekly Budget	\$11,571.42	Year-to-Date Budget	\$347,142.60
Income for the Week	\$9,698.73	Year-to-Date Income	\$311,008.19
Giving by Cash/Check	\$8,054.95	Year-to-Date Expenses	\$340,611.60
Electronic Giving	\$1,643.78		
<i>Give electronically at www.CalvaryCR.org or by using the "Breeze" app.</i>			

Ministry Staff

Senior Pastor Jay Jentink
Associate Pastor (Worship and Administration) Michael Frey
Associate Pastor (Youth Ministries). Matthew Slippy
Secretary/Bookkeeper. Marla Hoy

Office Hours: Monday–Thursday, 9:00am–3:00pm; Friday, 9:00am–12:00pm

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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
NOVEMBER 2, 2025

Preparation for Worship Marlene LeMont

Welcome Pastor Michael Frey

Songs of Celebration & Consecration (266) “My Hope Is in the Lord”
“Jesus, Our Lord and King”

Prayer Tom Dries

Ministry through Music Calvary Choir
"Communion with Jesus Paid It All"

Song of Aspiration **“Jesus, at Your Holy Table”**
(Children Ages 3–Kindergarten Dismissed for Children’s Church)

Message from God's Word Pastor Jay Jentink
"The Ordinances of the Church"

Song of Preparation “Behold the Lamb (The Communion Hymn)”

Communion Pastor Jay Jentink

Song of Celebration “Worthy Is the Lamb”

Benediction Pastor Michael Frey

TONIGHT AT 6:00PM

Ministry Training Electives

- ♦ Living by the Book
- ♦ A Lifelong Love

Youth Building
Room 23/24

- ♦ Twelve Extraordinary Women (teen girls)

Youth Building

Sonshine Singers (Children's Choir for Grades K-6)

Room 26

GriefShare

Room 14

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Ladies, you and your friends are invited to enjoy dinner and fellowship at 6:30pm on Monday, November 3 at Olive Garden, 367 Collins Rd NE. If you plan to attend, call or text Deb Gaeta (319-491-7720) or email djgaeta@myctl.net so she will know how many will be attending. If you need a ride, let Deb know and she will arrange to have someone meet that need.

(MOTHERS UPLIFTING MOTHERS (MUMs))

Our next meeting is this Tuesday, November 4, 9:15am-11:15 am. Childcare drop off at 9. We will be meeting in the gym for a delicious brunch, birthday cake kits, and a *Retrospective on a Long Life Well Lived* by Nadene Roberts. If you are a mom whose youngest child is in kindergarten or younger, you are welcome to attend this Christ-centered friendship group. Please join us to get to know other moms in our community and enjoy a well deserved break. Email crmums2019@gmail.com with any questions.

November Events: Glass and Resin Class on 11/11, Fun Station on 11/25

DARE2SHARE — DAY OF GLOBAL YOUTH EVANGELISM

Junior and Senior High students are invited to Dare2Share, a global day of evangelism training and opportunity with students all around the world! We will meet at our youth building at 9:30am this Saturday, November 8 and go to Faith Bible Church. We will return to our youth building at 7pm. The cost for this event is \$10 and includes lunch. The deadline to sign up is **today**.

POSITIVE IMPRESSIONS

Positive Impressions is scheduled for Saturday, November 8, 10:00am-3:00pm in Room 23/24. Invite your friends to come and spend some time together working on craft projects. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Kim Nelson (319-640-9856) and bring a snack or drink to share with the group.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

During this Thanksgiving season, if you would like to express your gratitude for God's gracious and faithful provision in your life by giving a special gift beyond your normal giving, you can use an offering envelope marked "Thanksgiving Offering" or select the Thanksgiving Offering fund when giving electronically. These gifts will be used to bless people in need in our community through the food pantry ministry managed by our friends at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church. They are planning to provide Thanksgiving dinners for 120 needy households, in addition to the normal assistance they make available throughout the year to people experiencing basic food needs.

GRIEF SHARE: SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Our GriefShare ministry will offer a special session on Sunday, November 23 from 6pm to 8pm, focusing on how to get through the holidays after the loss of a loved one. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

WOW — 100 YEARS!

The church family is invited to celebrate Nadene Roberts' 100th birthday! We will have an Open House celebration in the Calvary Fellowship Hall on Friday, November 28 from 2:00pm to 5:00pm. **No gifts, please.** If you aren't able to attend but would like to send a birthday greeting, you can send it by mail to 53 West Post Rd NW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405, or by email to ner12@msn.com.

SHARE THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS IN A SPECIAL DELIVERY!

The Deaconesses are seeking 8-9 families who would each adopt one family in need from our church to bless this Thanksgiving. We are asking you to shop for their Thanksgiving dinner items, place them in a box, and deliver it to the family between Saturday, November 22 and Monday, November 24. You will be provided with the names and contact information of your assigned family as well as a list of suggested items to purchase. You are welcome to add some of your family favorites as well. You also could add a homemade Thanksgiving card or picture to go with the box! This is a great opportunity to work together as a family to extend the love of God to brothers and sisters in Christ in our very own Calvary Baptist Church family! Please call or text Laurel Langholz to volunteer: (319) 270-5239.

REQUEST FOR FREEDOM FROM FRAGRANCES

There are people in our church family who suffer significant breathing difficulties, headaches, or other ill effects from the fragrances in lotions, perfumes, colognes, oils, etc. As a courtesy to your fellow worshippers, please refrain from using scented products when you are coming to church.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 2

- 9:00am Sunday School/Adult Bible Classes
- 10:00am Inner Mission
- 10:30am Worship Service (*Communion*)
- 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00pm Ministry Training Electives / Sonshine Singers / GriefShare

Monday, November 3

- 6:30pm Ladies Night Out at Olive Garden

Tuesday, November 4

- 9:15am Mothers Uplifting Mothers (MUMs)
- 6:30pm Deaconess Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 5

- 6:30pm Awana / Youth Group / Adult Bible Study & Prayer

Saturday, November 8

- 9:30am Dare2Share Event for Youth
- 10:00am Positive Impressions