

ELLIE GONÇALVES

WorldVenture—Serving the Deaf in Brazil

One of the biggest joys to share is that I am five months pregnant! We found out right before my hand surgery, and by God's grace I was still able to move forward with the procedure using only a tourniquet block on my arm, without any anesthesia. Baby girl is growing well and is expected to arrive around March 20.

I also have wonderful news about my health. After the surgery on my right hand, not only did the numbness and pain disappear completely, but the symptoms in my left hand also vanished. My doctor said this sometimes happens when the nerve on one side is relieved. This has been such an unexpected and encouraging gift. My lungs continue to be monitored, but the pulmonologist reassured me again that the small emphysema spots are stable and not a cause for concern.

Another joyful update is that I just finished recording the Advent devotions for the month of December, using *Let Earth Receive Her King* by Alistair Begg. I recorded everything in the new studio in our home, and what a gift this space has been. My prayer is that these video devotions would reach many in the Deaf community throughout Brazil.

The church plant continues to grow and surprise us. We're meeting new people, shepherding more souls, and asking God for deeper relationships and long-term discipleship.

Please keep praying for the sign language classes we plan to begin soon at the church and at the local school. Please pray for the right students, a sweet learning environment, and genuine, long-term fruit in the Deaf community and their families.

Attendance Report for Sunday 11/30/2025

Sunday Morning Activities Canceled Due to Weather / No Evening Activities

Financial Report for the Week Ending 12/5/2025

Weekly Budget	\$11,571.42	Year-to-Date Budget	\$404,999.70
Income for the Week	\$3,292.69	Year-to-Date Income	\$359,517.26
Giving by Cash/Check	\$1,255.00	Year-to-Date Expenses	\$383,797.61
Electronic Giving	\$1,627.00	November Interest	\$410.69

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

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 DECEMBER 7, 2025

Preparation for Worship	Recorded Music
Welcome	Pastor Michael Frey
Song of Anticipation (Hymn 172) "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"	
Ministry through Music "This Baby with Away in a Manger"	Sonshine Singers
Song of Meditation (Hymn 180) "What Child Is This?"	
Communion	Pastor Michael Frey
Song of Celebration	"Sing We the Song of Emmanuel"
Prayer	Jim Hale
Scripture Reading Zechariah 14:1-9 and Revelation 19:11-21	Don Winchester
Song of Celebration & Exhortation "Jesus, Our Judge and Our Savior" (Children Ages 3–Kindergarten Dismissed for Children's Church)	
Message from God's Word "The King Is Coming"	Pastor Matt Slippy
Song of Exhortation & Consecration (Hymn 174) "Lift Up Your Heads"	
Benediction	Pastor Michael Frey

TONIGHT AT 6:00PM

SONSHINE SINGERS PRESENT: *THE MYSTERY OF THE MISSING MANGER*

Everyone is invited to join our Sonshine Singers children's choir as a fun cast of characters seeks to solve "The Mystery of the Missing Manger." In the process, we all will discover why something's very wrong when the manger is missing from the Christmas decorations. Make sure that this delightful musical isn't missing from your Christmas celebrations this year!

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

We offer our condolences to Steven & Brianna Hagemeyer and family on the death of Steven's father, Chris, on Tuesday, December 2.

We offer our condolences to David & Paige Eastburn and family on the death of David's father, Bill, on Wednesday, December 3.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

During the Christmas season, we celebrate God's amazing gift to us of His Son to be our Savior. If you would like to express your gratitude by giving Him an extra gift beyond your normal giving to His work through Calvary Baptist Church, you can use an offering envelope marked for the Christmas Offering or select that fund when you give electronically. These gifts have been designated this year to bolster Great Commission ministry right here at Calvary Baptist Church and through our regular ministry partners.

A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION WITH THE CALVARY CHOIR

The Calvary Choir invites you to join them for a Christmas Celebration on Sunday, December 14, at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. There will be delicious goodies to enjoy as you and your friends and family gather around tables adorned with Christmas decorations. The choir will sing some Christmas music for you and also sing some traditional carols with you. It will be a festive evening celebrating the good news of our Savior's birth.

ARCTIC ADVENTURE

Junior high and senior high students are invited to attend the "Arctic Adventure," a winter retreat January 16-18 at Spring Valley Bible Camp in Muscatine, IA. They will enjoy biblical teaching and a whole lot of fun. Cost is \$100. **Permission slips and payment are due by December 14.** Contact Pastor Matt for more information.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Junior and Senior high students will be celebrating Christmas together on Wednesday, December 17, 6:30pm-8:30pm. Each student should bring a small gift to exchange and food/drink to share. Please invite your friends!

NURSERY SIGN-UP

It's time to sign up for nursery for January-March. If you already signed up for a regularly scheduled spot, you're already on the schedule. If not, please consider signing up today at the Welcome Center!

MOTHERS UPLIFTING MOTHERS (MUMS)

Last meeting of 2025! Join us Tuesday, December 16, 9:15am-11:15am for a Cookie Decorating Party! Childcare will be provided for children under 2, but all Little Sprouts 2+ will be with us in the gym making Christmas cookie memories. All ingredients and decorations will be provided, but be prepared to take lots of treats home! Email crmums2019@gmail.com with any questions. Merry Christmas!

BAKERS/DELIVERY DRIVERS NEEDED

It's the time of year again to find bakers in the congregation. The deaconesses are putting together Christmas cookie platters for our shut-ins. If you would like to provide some homemade cookies to fill the platters, or have a desire to be one of the elves who deliver them, please sign up at the Welcome Center. Cookies need to be taken to the church kitchen between December 14 and 16. Deliveries will take place December 17 or 18.

IMPACTLIFE BLOOD DRIVE

Save the date! Our winter blood drive will be on Monday, February 2. (The last date to donate and still be eligible for our blood drive is December 8.) To sign up or for more info, contact Nadene Roberts or visit bloodcenter.org.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

The Christmas Eve Service will be on Wednesday, December 24, at **4:00pm**. (Notice the earlier time.) This service will help set the tone for your family's Christmas celebration by beginning the evening with your hearts and minds focused on the Savior who gives us reason to celebrate. It is a wonderful occasion for inviting your friends and family who have not yet received God's gracious gift of salvation through faith in His Son, Jesus Christ.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

There will be no Sunday School, Adult Bible Classes, Inner Mission, or Evening Activities on December 21 or 28. The office will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 7

9:00am	Sunday School/Adult Bible Classes
10:00am	Inner Mission
10:30am	Worship Service (<i>Communion</i>)
4:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
6:00pm	Sonshine Singers Musical: <i>The Mystery of the Missing Manger</i>

Tuesday, December 9

9:15am	MUMs Leadership Meeting
11:30am	Salt & Pepper Retirees Fellowship
7:00pm	Trustee Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 10

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