

**BRUCE & LINDA THOMAS**  
**WorldVenture — Spain**

Thank you to all who have been praying for our visa application process as we prepare to serve in Spain. We drove to Washington D.C. for our appointments this week. Bruce's appointment was on Monday. The good news is that he had all the paperwork they asked for. The bad news is that it may take 3 months before we get a decision.

Linda's appointment was on Tuesday. While we expected the same results, her visa is different because she is not technically employed by WorldVenture. They requested an affidavit that we could not produce at that time, dismissed her application, and told her to make another appointment. As you may remember, making an appointment has not been easy.

We know that God is in control, and that nothing takes Him by surprise. While we are discouraged by this news, we continue to wait on God's timing.

Thank you for your prayers. Please continue to lift this matter before the Father.

**Financial Report for the Week Ending 12/19/2025**

Weekly Budget	\$11,571.42	Year-to-Date Budget	\$428,142.54
Income for the Week	\$10,051.10	Year-to-Date Income	\$380,876.77
Giving by Cash/Check	\$7,890.88	Year-to-Date Expenses	\$412,249.86
Electronic Giving	\$2,160.22		

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**Attendance Report for Sunday 12/14/2025**

Sunday School: 82    Morning Service: 157    Evening: 90

**Ministry Staff**

Senior Pastor . . . . . Jay Jentink  
Associate Pastor (Worship and Administration) . . . . . Michael Frey  
Associate Pastor (Youth Ministries). . . . . Matthew Slippy  
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**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**DECEMBER 21, 2025**

Preparation for Worship	Recorded Music
Welcome	Pastor Michael Frey
Songs of Celebration	(Hymn 182) “Angels from the Realms of Glory” (Hymn 181) Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”
Ministry through Music	Calvary Choir “Worship the Newborn King”
Songs of Celebration	“Hope Has Come” “Wonderful Counselor”
Prayer	Dale Pelton
Scripture Reading (Isaiah 9:1-7; 11:1-10)	Allison Seamans
Song of Celebration	“When the King Shall Come Again” (Children Ages 3–Kindergarten Dismissed for Children’s Church)
Message from God’s Word	Pastor Jay Jentink “Christ’s Coming Kingdom”
Song of Celebration	(Hymn 170) “Joy to the World”
Benediction	Pastor Michael Frey

## **NO CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS EVENING**

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### **CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY**

Please pray for Beth Patterson, whose husband, Tom, took his own life on December 11. Beth is a sister to Gary Hensch and Marlene Aswegan.

We offer our condolences to Steve & Judy Anderson and their extended family on the death of Steve's brother Jack's wife, Chris Anderson, on December 4. Please remember this family in your prayers.

### **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 to bolster Great Commission ministry here at Calvary Baptist Church and through our regular ministry partners.

### **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 and 28. The office will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day.

### **KOINONIA CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Young adults are invited to a night of joy, laughter, and fellowship on Saturday, January 3 from 6pm to 9pm in the youth building. Please bring a \$10 wrapped gift for the gift exchange. There will be games, food, music, and plenty of Christmas cheer — don't miss it! Let's celebrate the birth of the Savior together!

### **LADIES NIGHT OUT**

Ladies, you and your friends are invited to enjoy dinner and fellowship at 6:30pm on Monday, January 5 at Boulder Tap House, 4515 Westdale Pkwy SW. If you plan to attend, call or text Deb Gaeta (319-491-7720) or email [djgaeta@myctl.net](mailto: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 meet that need.

### **MEN'S MINISTRY BOARD GAME NIGHT**

Men, bring some of your favorite board games and a favorite snack to share and join us at the church at 5:30pm on Friday, January 9 for a fun evening of board games and fellowship!

### **SANDERSFELD FAMILY CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Join the Sandersfelds tomorrow, December 22 at 6:30pm at the Amana Performing Arts Center, where they will be sharing the gospel through music. Invite your friends! Freewill donations will be accepted.

### **SOUP POTLUCK WITH ELECTION AND WINTER Q.M.U.**

Mark your calendars now for an all-church soup and chili potluck dinner in the fellowship hall at noon on Sunday, January 18. Following the dinner, we will have our annual election of church officers along with our winter Quarterly Ministry Update.

### **MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT CARENETWORKCR**

CareNetworkCR urgently needs 9+ more ESL volunteers. Their next professional training is on January 9–10 at Veritas. If you feel called to build cross-cultural relationships or help neighbors learn English, please email Greg at [gregs@carenetwork.org](mailto:gregs@carenetwork.org). They also are looking for additional Call Center Representatives and assistants to help respond to community needs with compassion, prayer, and resource guidance. If you are gifted in listening, caring, or administrative support, CareNetworkCR would love to talk to you. Email Dawn at [wecare@carenetwork.org](mailto:wecare@carenetwork.org) for more information.

### **2025 CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION DEDUCTION**

For donors to receive a 2025 charitable contribution deduction, checks or cash in an offering envelope may be delivered to the church office or placed in one of the offering boxes located in the foyer by Sunday, December 28. However, checks that are written, mailed, and postmarked in 2025 will be deductible in 2025, even if they are not received until 2026. Electronic donations must be completed by 11:59pm on December 31, 2025.

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## **CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

Sunday, December 21

10:30am    Worship Service

Wednesday, December 24 — **OFFICE CLOSED**

4:00pm    Christmas Eve Service

Thursday, December 25 — **MERRY CHRISTMAS! — OFFICE CLOSED**