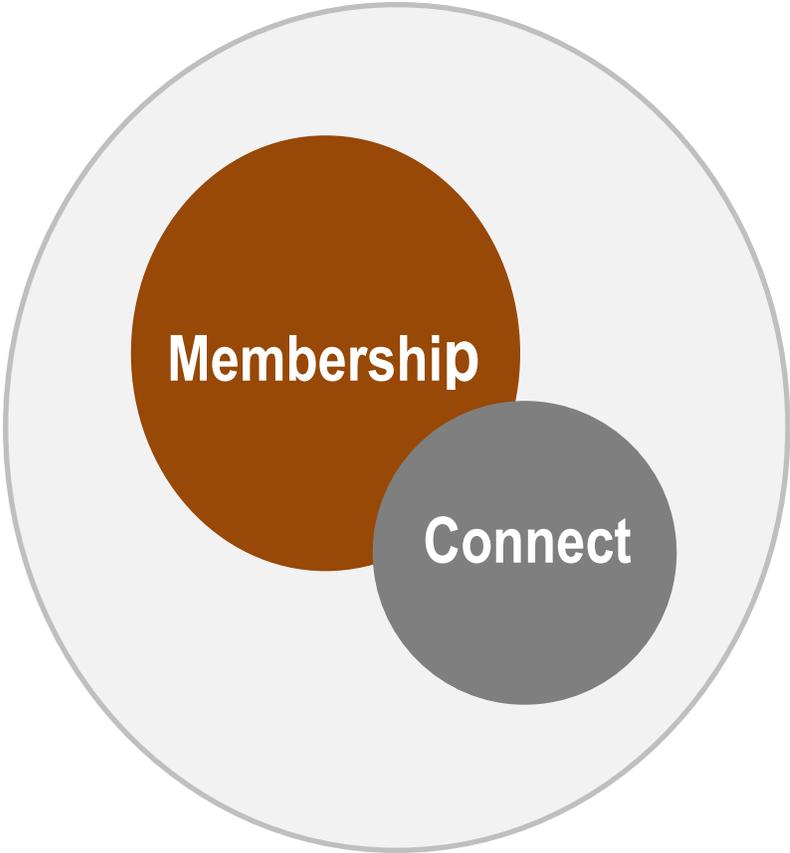


CALVARY FELLOWSHIP



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FOLLOWING JESUS IN SERVANTHOOD

The word “servant” occurs fifty-seven times in the New Testament. Sometime it refers to a person who has the official role in a household. But many times it refers to the role we are to assume as Christians. Also, “serve” occurs fifty-eight times in the New Testament. Get the picture? Serving is important in the Bible. Jesus said we must be last of all and servant of all. That doesn’t sound like all of the church members we may know. Many church members demand their preferences, their desires, and the way they’ve always done it. And Jesus said we are to serve. True joy means giving up our rights and preferences and serving everyone else. – *Thom Rainer, I Am A Church Member*



Fully God—fully human, Jesus took on the posture of a servant. He gave His life, even unto death, so others could experience salvation, peace, and restoration. Jesus said, “I am among you as one who serves. . . .”

All those who follow Jesus are called to serve in the same humility. The apostle Paul wrote in Philippians 2:5-8 ...

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Jesus told His disciples and us that whoever wants to be His disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow Him (Luke 9:23).

At the core of our old, sin nature is pride and selfishness. It’s our nature to want others to serve us rather than to be servants. As a new creation in Christ, humility, self-denial, and submission to the Lord and others begin to take over our heart and mind. For us this means joyfully submitting to Jesus as Lord, to the leaders He has placed over us, and to one another as we also serve whomever God brings into our lives. We do whatever He leads us to do, whenever He tells us, and wherever He wants us to do it.

So how do we make this change? The answer is found in Ephesians 5:18-21 as we look to surrender control of our lives to the Holy Spirit.

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Submit one to another as in the Lord.

Daily submission to the Spirit helps us bear the fruit of the Spirit - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23).

To be “filled” with the Spirit is to be controlled and empowered by Him – continually. This is a daily, if not moment-by-moment process of submission to the Spirit. Just as Jesus said that His followers must deny themselves, take up their cross daily, and follow Him, we must surrender control of our lives to the Spirit.

As we grow to live under the influence of the Holy Spirit, we will serve others, give generously, and share our faith rather than focus on getting what we want out of church.

At the moment of salvation, every believer receives supernatural spiritual gifts from the Holy Spirit for the purpose of glorifying God and building up the body of Christ. In chapter 2 we talked about how we are *Connected in Unity* within the church. In addition to this unity, there is also great diversity within the body of Christ. In 1 Corinthians 12 we are reminded that just as our physical bodies have many parts, each with a special function, so too the church has many members and every part is necessary and needed to work properly for good health.

What are some of your natural talents?

What are your passions?

Do you know your spiritual gift(s)? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, how has God gifted you?

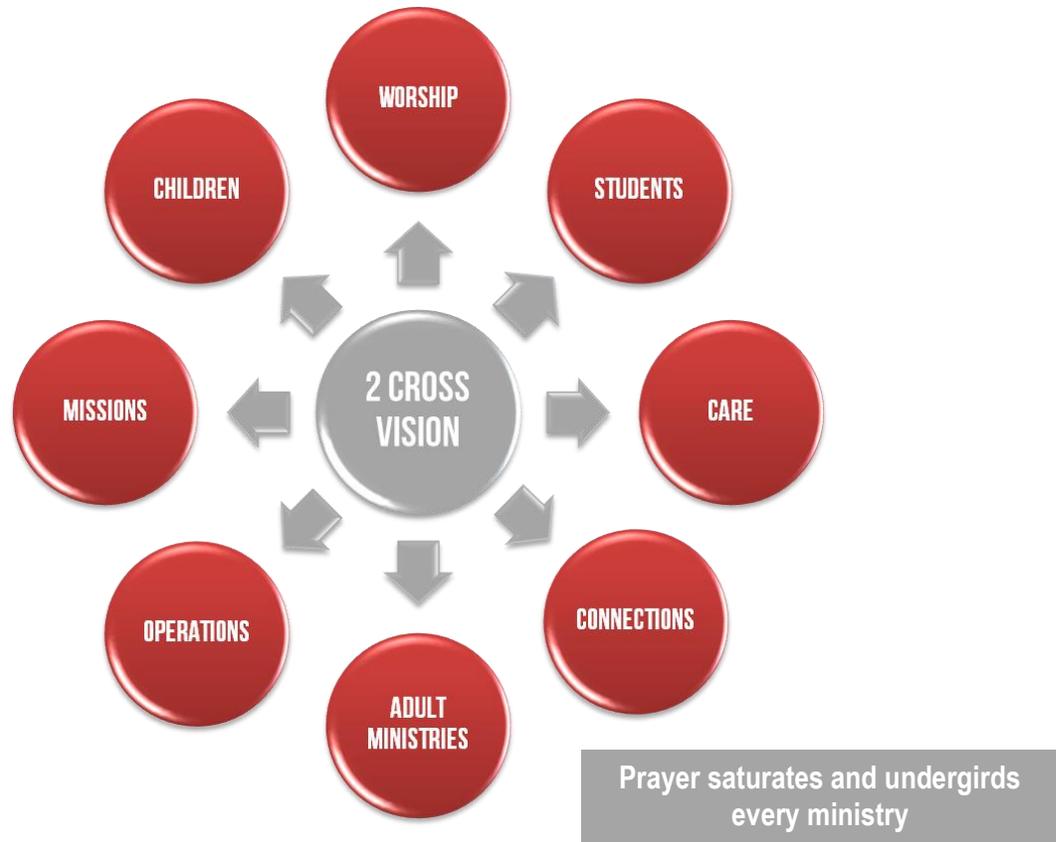
Check your primary gift(s) from the list below.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Encouragement | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer | <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Evangelism | <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership | <input type="checkbox"/> Wisdom |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Faith | <input type="checkbox"/> Mercy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (share below) |

To learn more about spiritual gifts, check out 2 books by Bruce Bugbee, *Discover Your Spiritual Gifts the Network Way* and *What You Do Best in the Body of Christ*.

As a member of the body of Christ and this local church, we are each called to a life of surrender, submission and service. What a joy when we serve in our area of passion and giftedness. As you complete your membership application, you will have the opportunity to identify the ministries that interest you. Here’s a big-picture view of opportunities for service at Calvary Fellowship. The next few pages provide more detail within each of these ministry areas. We are encouraged to serve within the walls of Calvary, in our local community and even in ways that support ministries reaching “the ends of the earth”.

CALVARY FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY MAP



As members of God's family, *Connected in Service*, we encourage all members to be serving in at least one area of passion and giftedness. We look forward to following up with you to help you get *Connected in Service*.

Calvary Fellowship Leadership

Lee Wiggins – Senior Pastor [lwiggins@cfdowningtown.com]
Pastoral Staff
Calvary Fellowship Elders

Prayer

Mike Edelman – Pastor [medelman@cfdowningtown.com]
Sunday Morning Prayer Team
Encouragement Team
Prayer Chain
Pastor Prayer Shield
Prayer Shawl Ministry
Pastors available for prayer each day [Pastor on Call]
Monday Night Prayer – Fresh Encounter

Children

Britt Price – Children’s Ministry Director [bprice@cfdowningtown.com]
Kidz J.A.M.
Nursery [Newborn – 2 yrs]
Preschool [2-5 yrs]
Elementary [K-5 grade]
Wednesday AM
Upward
Child Dedications

Worship

Brandon Klinger – Director, Worship Ministries [bklinger@cfdowningtown.com]
Worship Team (vocalists, instrumentalist)
Production
Technical
Creative Arts
Weekend Support
Guest Services
Greeters
Ushers
Parking Lot
Kitchen Ministry
Prayer Team
Counting Team
CD Ministry

Students

John Lawley – Pastor [jlawley@cfdowningtown.com]
Sunday AM
Student Center
Wednesday PM
Life Groups
Avalanche – Winter Retreat
Camp at Old Mill – Summer Mission
Twenty-Somethings (Young Adult)

Global Outreach/Missions

Bill Bateman – Pastor [bbateman@cfdowningtown.com]
Local Outreach
BACC
Lord’s Pantry
Chester County Women’s Services
Good Works
City Gate Missions
Local Missionaries
Global Outreach
Short-term Missions Trips
International Missionaries
Mission Inter Senegal – Church Planting
Moldova – Help the Children

Care

Bob VanArsdale – Pastor [bvanarsdale@cfdowningtown.com]
Grief Share
Divorce Care
Job Seekers [Employment Networking and Support Group]
Parents of Prodigals
Monday Night Prayer – Fresh Encounter
Single + Parenting
Blended Families
Financial Peace University
Helps Ministry
Funeral Assistance
Hospital Visitation

Adults

Bill Bateman – Pastor [bbateman@cfdowningtown.com]
Kim Flagg – Director, Connection Ministries [kflagg@cfdowningtown.com]
Stephanie Rousselle – Director, Women’s Ministry
Bob VanArsdale – Pastor [bvanarsdale@cfdowningtown.com]
Mike Edelman – Pastor [medelman@cfdowningtown.com]
Meet + Greet [New to CFC]
Membership Connect
Baptism
Small Groups
Equipping Seminars
Right Start: Pre-Marriage Preparation
Weddings
Newlyweds
Ventures
Women’s Ministries
Men’s Ministries

Operations

Jenna Smyth - Director of Communications [jsmyth@cfdowningtown.com]
Marty Klein - Director of Technology [mklein@cfdowningtown.com]
Administrative Team
Website
Information and Communication systems
Library
Debbie Avila – Controller [davila@cfdowningtown.com]
Dave McIntyre - Facility [dmcintyre@cfdowningtown.com]

Where are you most interested in serving? Where would you like to get more information regarding serving opportunities?

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

In addition to being good stewards of our time and spiritual gifts, God also calls us to be good stewards of our finances. In Christ's kingdom, we understand the purpose for earthly wealth is to invest it in eternal treasures.

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matthew 6:19-20)

The faithful use of our resources is not only commanded by God; it is an undeniable indicator of our spiritual health. Materialism, selfishness, greed, hoarding, anxiety over finances – all of these reveal that our trust lies not in God but in money. In the same way, generosity and faithfulness reveal that our trust is in God.

There were very specific giving instructions provided for Israel in the Old Testament. The tithe was a requirement of the Law in which the Israelites were to give 10 percent of the crops they grew and the livestock they raised. In fact, the Old Testament Law required multiple tithes—one for the Levites, one for the use of the temple and the feasts, and one for the poor of the land—which would have pushed the total to around 23 percent.

Under the New Covenant of grace, Christians are released from a legalistic tithing system. The New Testament nowhere designates a percentage of income a person should set aside, but says gifts should be “in keeping with income”. We look at the concept of the Old Testament tithe as a tutor to guide us in our giving as Christians under the New Covenant. The New Testament talks much about the importance and benefits of giving. We are to give as we are able. Sometimes that means giving more than 10 percent depending on the ability of the Christian and the needs of the church. It is our expectation that members of Calvary Fellowship will contribute faithfully to support the ministries of this church

In addition to the command to give, Scripture also addresses our motives and attitudes toward giving. Here are a few examples:

- Giving is to be generous, not stingy. (2 Corinthians 9:6)
- Giving is to be enthusiastic, not forced. (2 Corinthians 9:7)
- Giving is to be deliberate, not haphazard. (2 Corinthians 9:7)
- Giving is to be proportionate, not standardized. (1 Corinthians 16:2)
- Giving is to be discreet, not showy. (Matthew 6:1-4)

Above all, tithes and offerings should be given with pure motives and an attitude of worship to God and service to the body of Christ. “Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver”. Without question, giving based on the teaching of the New Testament is expected and should be considered a privilege of participating in the work of the kingdom.

Why is giving back to God financially so important to our spiritual growth?

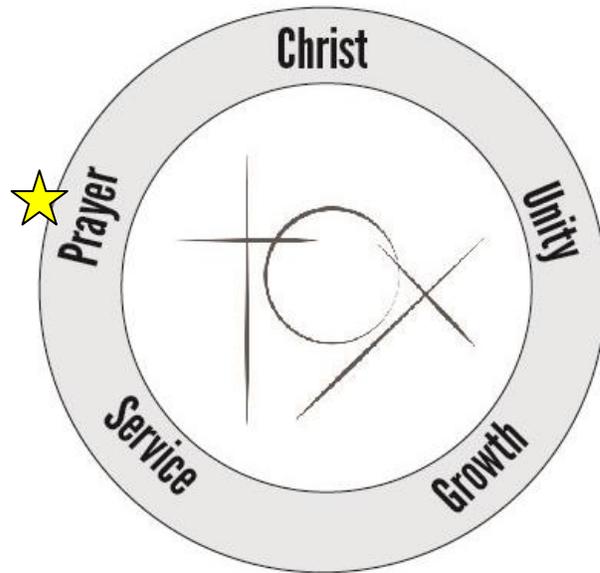
GENERAL FUND GIVING

The Elders of Calvary Fellowship establish a faith-based budget each year that is affirmed by the members. When you give weekly to the General Fund, you are supporting our staff, the operation of the church, ministry expenses, and local and international missions. We are pleased to offer you several convenient methods for giving your tithes and offerings, as well as other contributions.

- On the Weekend: An offering is received at each of our weekend services. Simply make your check payable to Calvary Fellowship.
- Secure Give Mobile App: Through this app you can use your mobile device to give with a credit card or set up an electronic automated transfer. Download the SecureGive app from your app store and search Calvary Fellowship.
- Bill Pay: Set Calvary Fellowship up in your bank's bill pay system. Using the memo line you can designate amounts to any of the 4 approved designations (General Fund, Mortgage, Missions and Helps).
- The Web Site: Simply logon to our website [www.cfdowningtown.com] and easily set up a one-time or recurring gift. By creating an account you will have access to schedule and change your giving. You may use a credit card or set up an automated electronic transfer.
- Electronic Fund Transfer: You can set up recurring weekly, bi-weekly or monthly automatic transfers of funds by requesting a form from Debbie Avila at davila@cfdowningtown.com.
- Mail: We welcome you to mail your contributions directly to our main office: Calvary Fellowship, Attn: Finance Department, 95 West Devon Drive, Downingtown, PA 19335.
- Stock Donations: If you would like to make a stock gift by electronic transfer, please contact Debbie Avila for more details.
- Foundation/Trust Giving: If you have a Charitable Foundation or Giving Trust, please consider making Calvary recipients of your funds.

If you have questions or need a giving number, please contact Debbie Avila in the Finance Department at 610.363.7171 x2138 or davila@cfdowningtown.com.

In the final chapter we will discuss how we are to be living *Connected through Prayer*.



Complete page 7 of you Membership Application at this time.