Calvary University New Student Orientation FA-19 & SP-20

2 Tim. 2:2 "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also".

Welcome to Calvary University and to the Christian Ministry Program – CM-099-O1 and O2

Every degree seeking undergrad student and certain Master degree students at Calvary University are required to do a certain number of Christian Ministries to graduate. The number of Christian Ministry credits required to graduate depends on the semesters you need to complete your course of study and the amount of credit hours, if any, that you have transferred in. For details please consult the student's "Christian Ministry Handbook", which can be found at http://www.calvary.edu/christian-ministires

What is the Christian Ministry Program?

It is where you do some form of Christian Ministry in a church, Christian organization or develop your own ministry.
You get to prayerfully choose your Christian ministries with some limited guidelines.
Each ministry needs to involve a minimum of 24 hours of ministry per semester.
(Summer ministries can be earned and recorded as a 1st or 2nd ministry in either the Spring or Fall semester.)

Every Student's 1st semester's Christian Ministry is a "Church Search"

Church Search: We give you this first semester to find a church home.

1. **Register for Christian Ministry:** CM-099-O1 (There is no fee for a Christian Ministry Credit)
2. **Attend 2 church services per week**: (Haystack can count as one of these services)
   If you have a church home already, just attend 2 services per week for this semester.
   If you need to find a church, we encourage you to visit as many churches as you need to find a church home.
3. **Complete a Christian Ministry "Church Search" Verification Form:** This is to verify that you have been faithfully attended 2 church services per week and will continue to do so throughout the rest of the semester. The form also asks for some general information and it includes a short self-evaluation section. You can turn this form in before or during your Debriefing Interview. The form can be filled out online or in paper form.
4. **Complete a Debriefing Interview:** Toward the middle of the semester, you will need to meet with the Christian Ministry Director for a Debriefing Interview. At that time you will be given important information on how to fulfill the rest of your Christian Ministry requirements for graduation. If on campus, there will be signup sheets outside the director's office that is located in the East Education building. It is the first office on left (room 112) as you enter the south entrance of the building. If you are an online/off campus student you can meet with the director by phone or in person (your choice).

Why do we have a Christian Ministry Program?

1. **Our Bible Accreditation Association Requires It** (ABHE-Association of Biblical Higher Education)
2. **To Help You in Your Personal Life and To Further God's Kingdom!**
   Our desire is that your Christian Ministry will help prepare you for life and future ministry, and also help you build a resume of meaningful ministry experiences and help you in confirming or deciding you academic major.
3. **It Is How Jesus Discipled His Disciples**
   Jesus spent time with several of His followers. First, He taught them, empowered them, questioned them and gently corrected them when needed. Then, He sent them out to minister. Our prayer is that God will use local churches, pastors, lay leaders, ministries, and Calvary's faculty and staff to give you the best discipleship experience possible.

How you can get the most out of your Christian Ministry experience? Fulfilling your Christian Ministry responsibilities gives you the opportunity to have a personal, God-directed training program. If you seek the LORD and choose your Christian Ministries wisely and prayerfully, it can give you experiences in several different fields of ministry that will better prepare you for God's purpose for your life.

We believe that the practical training received through your participation in the Christian Ministry program can be vital to your understanding of God's call upon your life. It can also help you put into practice what you are learning in the classroom.

We also pray that this will help you develop a pattern of faithfully seeking Him for all that you do.

A good spirit toward your Christian Ministry now can be one of the most helpful things you can do to receive the most from this program. Please look at the requirement of Christian Ministry as an opportunity to serve the LORD and grow in Him rather than just an obligation to fulfill. Our prayer is that you will experience the joy of ministry and the benefits of the Christian Ministry program. May you and those to whom you minister be blessed through this program! Blessings…Numbers 6:24-26.

Please Remember: Ministry is a privilege and it is an honor to be called by God and to serve HIM.

Additional Information:

Christian Ministry Fair – Attendance for the CM fair is required for on campus students. ☺

Date, Time & Place: Thursday, Sept 12, 2019 @10:45am-12:15pm in the Student Life Center
Purpose of Fair: To introduce and acquaint you to Churches, Pastors, & Ministries in the area.

Office location and Hours:

E. Education Building. Office 111 & 112
Tuesday & Thursday 8:00am-12:30pm ---Wednesday 8:00 am-11:00am & 12:00-12:30pm
Email: cmin@calvary.edu Phone ext. 1343

All of the Christian Ministry Department's important information can be found on Calvary's web page by hovering over the Student Development menu, and then click on Christian Ministries.

1 Cor. 4:2 "Moreover it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful."