

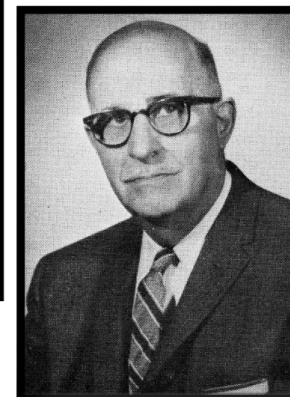
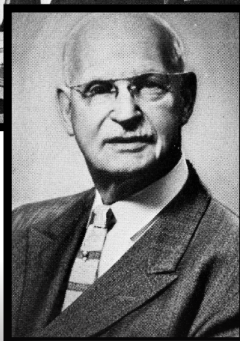
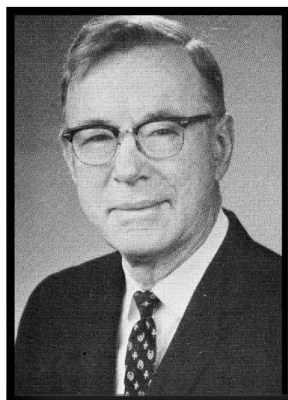
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Together in His Purpose

Left: Dr. F William May, Center: Dr. Walter Wilson, Right: Rev. Nye J Langmade, Top: Board of Trustees in 1967

As the Calvary University Board of Trustees Chairman, it is my privilege to share that the school President and Board are genuinely serving "Together in His Purpose" in the spirit of Philippians 2:1-4, and on the shoulders of great men who have gone before us. We can identify with Paul and the Philippians, in that our unity in Christ causes us to be encouraged by what God has done through CU the past 93 years, excited by what He is presently doing, and hopeful for His continued blessings in the future.

The CU Board of Trustees is unified and fully in support of our President,

Dr. Alex Granados. I can say this with total confidence because each Board member is committed to like-mindedness, having mutual love and respect for one another, resulting in serving in one accord. This is not to say that the Board is a rubber stamp for the President and Cabinet. Each Board member is a mature, committed Christian leader. However, since the Administration and Board serve together without strife or vainglory, and since each has high esteem for all others at CU, then joy is present, and God is pleased to bless! This is truly how we serve together!

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Together in His Purpose cont.

The adage, "the proof is in the pudding," dates back to at least the early 17th century. It simply means that the real value of something can only be fully determined by the results. Well, CU has a lengthy and substantial history of "preparing students to live and serve in the church and in the world according to the biblical worldview" (CU mission statement). Quite literally, more than 11,000 men and women have graduated from CU in just under a century, and were equipped as pastors, missionaries, educators, musicians, counselors, etc. I'm thrilled to be able to remind all of us that when it comes to CU, "the proof is in the pudding" in the lives of former and current students, and the forecast is very sunny for future students as well!

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Alumni, parents/grandparents of CU grads or current students, pastors of like-minded churches, other constituents: from the heart of a pastor whose own church has been greatly benefitted over the decades by the ministry of Calvary University, please join me and the Board as we support this great institution of higher learning. The Board recently completed a matching fund drive among members to show our commitment to the University. Will you join us? Let's all work "Together in His Purpose" by supporting Calvary

University in prayer and giving.
God bless you!

Vic Borden, Chairman of the Board

Alumni Report

Attending CBC (now Calvary University) changed our lives and gave us direction and purpose. When we came to Calvary, neither of us had a plan, but God did. Neither of us had a major in mind or an, "I've always wanted to be..." goal. However, through godly teaching and opportunities to grow, our hearts and minds were touched. Through Calvary the faith and theology that we already had from growing up in Christian homes became organized and focused and pointed us to the purpose God had in mind. Mentoring by professors, especially Dr. Wade Gladin, instilled in us a passion for reaching children and young people for Christ and showing them how to live with a biblical worldview.

The result of our years of involvement with Calvary has been over 50 years of service in Christian ministry, specifically of service in Christian school education. This included many years of training young people, mentoring teachers, and directing the activities of a Christian school for Paul, and training college students to teach



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Our mission is to prepare Christians to live and serve in the church and the world according to the biblical worldview.

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in Christian, public, and missions schools for Sharon. In addition, ministry in music, which was strengthened at Calvary, continues to play an important roll in our lives.

We wouldn't trade our education at Calvary for anything. We praise the Lord for what He has done and is doing in and through Calvary University.

Paul & Sharon Wieduwilt, Alumni

Student Life & Athletics

Students Return for 2025-2026 School Year!

Emphasized on the Calvary University webpage is the following, "preparing students to live and serve in the church and in the world according to the biblical worldview since 1932". What is involved in that? For the 2025-26 academic year, it means two specific points of emphasis.

The first area is the chapel theme chosen for 2025-26. The theme is, "Thinking Biblically About..." What we have seen often is a disconnect between life and doctrine. We are seeking to bridge that gap with the chapel series. Various speakers will be addressing how we think biblically about conflict, cultural hostility to our faith, counseling, patience, sex, homosexuality, the image of God, rest, ministry, possessions, and many other areas. Speakers include professors, pastors, professionals, and knowledgeable practitioners.

The year began with Dr. Gary Gromacki introducing the theme during Spiritual Emphasis Week (August 25-28) with messages on the what, why, how, and when of thinking biblically.

The second area is the implementation of The Green Bandana Project. Repeatedly we hear about the need for mental health awareness. Calvary's partnership with The Green Bandana Project moves us beyond awareness to equipping campus leaders to talk intelligently and empathetically



A student moves in Aug 15, 2025

about mental health issues, and to know which resources are available to support our campus community. The implementation of The Green Bandana Project highlights our commitment at Calvary University to care for the entirety of our campus community – physically, spiritually, and mentally.

Ron Sharp Dean of Students



Athletics

Welcome to another exciting year of Calvary University athletics! I am honored to serve as the new Athletic Director and men's basketball coach here at Calvary University.

We will be offering five sports this year, starting with volleyball this August with plenty of opportunities to catch the team at home this season. We are also piloting our first baseball team this fall, led by first year Head Coach Mick Simpson. The team will be playing home

games at nearby Satchel Paige Stadium this fall.

Our athletic program will also be re-launching our men's soccer program, led by first year head coach Marcus Wilkes. Come on out and support our men as they take on Manhattan Christian College October 1, at home.

Women's and Men's Basketball will officially start the preseason training and conditioning on September 22nd as they prepare for the season opener here at home on October 31st.

The women's team will be led by first year head Coach Cameron Coleman as they look to defend their regional championship title from last year. There are a lot of new faces on the rosters as well as new faces on the sidelines. Come out and support these hard-working student athletes and coaches as we prepare for an exciting time in Calvary athletics.

Matt Brown Athletic Director



Matt Brown, Athletic Director



The President's Corner

In a world so often marked by division, self-interest, and competition, the words of the Apostle Paul in Philippians 2:1-4 ring out as both a challenge and a calling to something better, something sacred. These verses are not only a reminder of what Christian community should look like; they are a roadmap for living together in Christ's purpose. This is why Calvary University prepares Christians to live and serve in the church and the world according to the biblical worldview. Calvary will always be an institution where students, alumni, faculty, staff, leadership, and steward investors form strong ties that bind us together in His purpose.

Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if any consolation of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility consider one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

Philippians 2:1-4 (NASB)

At the heart of this passage is a vision for unity—not simply being

in the same place or agreeing on every detail but being joined together in Christ with a shared purpose, grounded in love, humility, and mutual care. This vision is foundational for every believer and for every community that seeks to live as a reflection of the Kingdom of God.

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The Foundation: Encouragement, Comfort, Fellowship, and Compassion

Paul begins by highlighting what already exists in Christ: encouragement, love, fellowship in the Spirit, tenderness, and compassion. These aren't distant theological concepts; they are lived experiences for those who walk with Jesus. These shared experiences with classmates, alumni, faculty, and staff is how and why Calvary continues to be so impactful in our lives.

To be united with Christ is to be encouraged by His nearness and empowered by His grace. His love brings comfort that no earthly relationship or success can replicate. The sharing in the Spirit—*koinonia* in the Greek—speaks of a deep, spiritual fellowship that binds believers together in ways the world cannot understand. And His compassion and tenderness are not just to be received; they are to be passed on to others.

These gifts are not just blessings to enjoy individually. They are the basis for Paul's appeal to live in unity with one another. We are not called to unity through obligation, but through response—a response to what we have already received in Christ.

The Calling: Same-Mind, Same Love, United in Spirit

Paul then gives the charge: "Make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose." This isn't a call for uniformity or sameness in personality or opinion. Rather, it's a call to unity in Christ-centered purpose.

To be of the same mind means that we are pursuing the same goal—to glorify God and to love others as Christ has loved us. It means that

our personal preferences, ambitions, or backgrounds no longer divide us. What unites us is stronger: the love of Christ, the mission of the Gospel, and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

This unity does not happen by accident. It takes intentional effort, humility, and an ever-deepening relationship with Jesus. As we each draw closer to Him, we naturally draw closer to one another.

The Heart: Humility and Selflessness

Perhaps the most countercultural part of this passage is found in verses 3 and 4:

“Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility consider one another as more important than yourselves.”

These words challenge the very fabric of human nature. In a society that often promotes self-advancement, self-expression, self-protection, Paul calls us to a radical alternative: humility.

Humility is not thinking less of ourselves; it is thinking of ourselves less. It is choosing to see others through God’s eyes—as worthy of love, attention, and care. It means being willing to let go of pride,

preference, and position in order to serve one another.

“Do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others” doesn’t mean neglecting self-care or boundaries. It means rejecting a life of self-centeredness in favor of a life of Christ-centered community. When we begin to truly consider what others need—and act on it, we create a culture that mirrors heaven.

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The Example: The Mind of Christ

In the verses that follow (Philippians 2:5-11), Paul goes on to describe the perfect model of humility: Jesus Christ. Though He was God, He did not cling to His divine status but chose to humble Himself, take on flesh, and even die on a cross for our sake.

This is the mindset we are called to imitate. Christ’s humility wasn’t weakness—it was power restrained by love. His sacrifice wasn’t loss—it was the ultimate victory. When we

walk in this kind of humility, we are not diminished—we are elevated, not in the eyes of the world, but in the eyes of our Savior.

Living It Out: Together in His Purpose

What does it look like to live out Philippians 2:1-4 today?

It looks like serving without being seen, knowing that God sees.

It looks like listening before speaking, especially when opinions differ.

It looks like building up instead of tearing down, choosing grace over gossip.

It looks like sharing burdens, praying for one another, and offering tangible help.

It looks like laying aside entitlement and instead walking in gratitude and generosity.

When we live this way, our churches, families, and communities begin to reflect the heart of Christ. The world around us begins to take notice—not because we’re louder, but because we love better.

Conclusion: A Shared Joy

Paul began this passage by saying, “make my joy complete.” There is joy in unity. There is joy in humility. There is joy in living not for ourselves, but together in His purpose.

May we continue to walk this path—not out of duty, but in response to the love we’ve been given. Let us be of the same mind, full of compassion, and united in Spirit, serving one another and shining the light of Christ in all we do. Let us promote the ministry of Calvary University that fosters the development of intellectual and spiritual maturity, leadership potential, servanthood, and a sense of mission.

Dr. Alexander Granados
President



By the Numbers Financial Update

The theme of this issue of the Calvary Today is "Together in His Purpose."

I am reminded of a passage of Scripture in II Corinthians 8:1-7 where Paul reminds the church at Corinth of the example of giving by the Macedonian church. This church, though very poor, gave out of the abundance of their joy and were very generous in their giving. Paul is encouraging the believers there in the church of Corinth to join in with the purpose of supporting the believers in Jerusalem who were suffering.

"...for they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord..."

II Cor. 8:5 (ESV)

Each month at Calvary University we need to raise \$110,000 to meet our fiscal year's needs as our budget requires. We truly are grateful to each steward investor who gives joyfully and so generously as to meet our obligations. Yet, we are

still looking for those who would like to join in our purpose, continuing to educate this next generation of pastors, missionaries, and Christian school teachers.

Together we fulfill His purpose of serving in the church and the world. We would treasure your participation in this goal of fulfilling His purpose together in spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Randy Grimm Interim Chief Development Officer

2025 IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

2025 graduates tested

8%

above the national average in theology

ABHE BIBLE KNOWLEDGE ASSESSMENT



96%

of Class of 2025 involved in ministry

UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE 2025 SURVEY RESPONSES

70%

of 2025 graduates graduated with no debt

UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE 2025 SURVEY RESPONSES



46

graduates in the Class of 2025

Students from

34

states



and

12

countries

91%

of undergraduates receive grant or scholarship aid

NATIONAL CENTER FOR EDUCATION STATISTICS



11,270

alumni serving around the globe

Calendar of Events

OCTOBER

13-17 **Fall Break**
 16 **Planned Giving Seminar**
 29 **Day of Prayer**

NOVEMBER

26-28 **Thanksgiving Break**

DECEMBER

5 **Christmas Concert**
 15- Jan 9 **Christmas Break** (No Classes)

JANUARY

12 Spring Session Begins
 26-28 **Conference on Global Engagement**

FEBRUARY

6 Board of Trustees Meeting

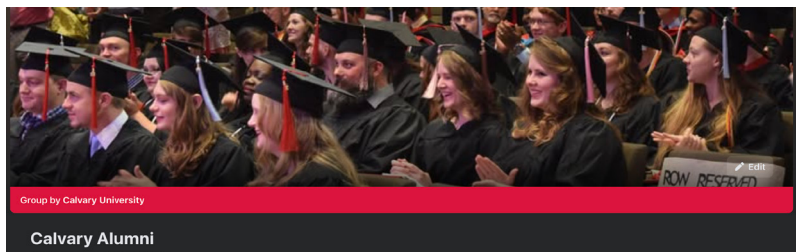
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Feast & Fund Live and Silent Auction, MARCH
Commencement, MAY

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Alumni Updates

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MARRIAGES

Haley Arneson (CU25) and **Ques Harris** (CU24) on June 7, 2025
Anna McKinney (CU25) and **Jonathan Schneeberger** on June 21, 2025
Austen David (CU24) and **Ryan Ulrichs** (CU25) on July 12, 2025
Christiana Cone (CU22) and **Patrick Simpson** on July 26, 2025
Brooklyn Warkentien (CU25) and **Jordan Gordon** (CU25) on August 2, 2025

DEATHS

CHARLES MAHLANGU (CA79) PASSED AWAY ON MAY 23, 2025.
CELIA KNIPMEYER (FORMER FACULTY) PASSED AWAY ON AUGUST 11, 2025.

If you have updates to share, please visit
calvary.edu/alumni and use the contact form to let us know what God has been doing in your life!

Staff Updates

NEW TO CALVARY

SARAH KING, DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

STAFF TRANSITIONS

DANIEL HUXMAN – IT DIRECTOR

JOLAYNE ROGERS – ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

AARON HEATH – REGISTRAR

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