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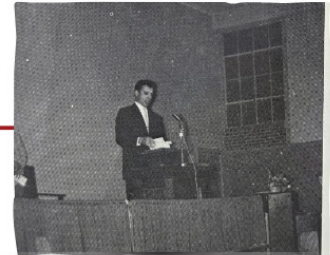
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GREAT IS HIS FAITHFULNESS

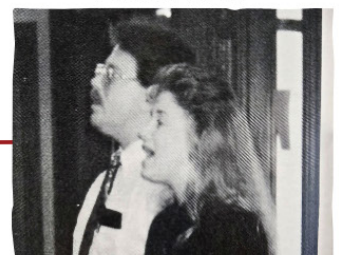
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Chapel years: 1945, Kansas City Bible College; 1956, Kansas City Bible College; 1961 Midwest Bible College; 1979 Citadel Bible College; 1982 Calvary Bible College, 1995 Calvary Bible College, 2007 Calvary Bible College, 2016 Calvary University.

VISION ISRAEL EXHIBIT & THE TORAH SCROLL FROM CALVARY UNIVERSITY

Auschwitz.
Treblinka.
Buchenwald.

These are just some of the concentration camps where six million Jews were killed in the Holocaust from 1938 to 1945.

The Vision Israel Exhibit on the Holocaust came to Calvary University on October 28, 2025. This exhibit displayed pictures from Yad Vashem – the World Holocaust Remembrance Center. The exhibit asked the question: The Holocaust – *How was it humanly possible?*

At Calvary University, students learn that antisemitism is a result of Satan's hatred of the Jews because the Messiah (Jesus) is a Jew who came to die on the cross for our sins and rise again.

At this event, Dr. Gary Gromacki presented the Torah scroll that belongs to Calvary University.



Unrolling of the Torah

Students were given the opportunity to unroll the Torah scroll and to see it for themselves.

The Holocaust – *How was it humanly possible?*

The Torah scroll given to Calvary University survived Kristallnacht (the Night of the Broken Glass) when the Nazis on November 9, 1938, destroyed 1,400 synagogues and hundreds of Torah scrolls. This Torah scroll was brought to Jerusalem by Jews who survived the Holocaust.



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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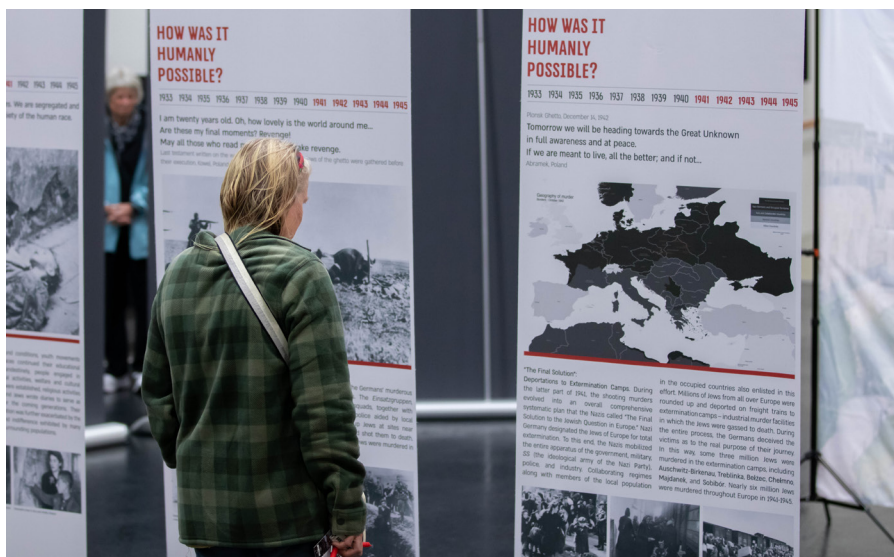
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It was purchased by Ken and Barb Larson from God's Ancient Library and donated to Calvary University on April 10, 2019.

The Torah scroll is a reminder that God has preserved His Word down through time in spite of antisemitism and world wars. ■

If you are interested in having Dr. Gromacki come and show the Torah scroll at your church, school, or Bible study, contact him directly at gary.gromacki@calvary.edu.

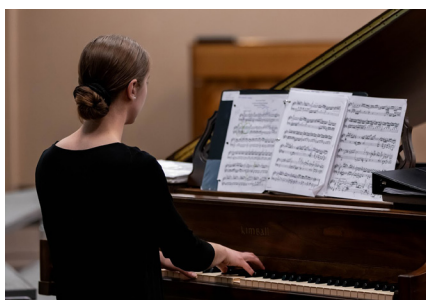


A guest views the Vision Israel exhibit on the Holocaust.

Student Life & Athletics

Student Life: Chapel on Mission *'Thinking Biblically About...'*

Preparing students to live and serve in the church and in the world according to the biblical worldview is the mission of Calvary University. Calvary University takes that mission seriously, as evidenced by the curriculum taught. Yet, teaching also occurs in other areas and disciplines in life.



Music students perform in Chapel.



Students in Chapel, 2025

That has been the focus this semester in chapel. We have sought to assist our students in "Thinking Biblically About..." a vast array of topics. This semester, our students have been challenged to think biblically about topics such as artificial intelligence, cultural hostility to our faith, education, and struggle among others. The theme will continue as an emphasis for chapels in the Spring Semester.

Additionally, this year's chapel emphasis has included the presence of General Music Recitals. This is an opportunity for students taking music lessons to perform in front of the Calvary community. The chorale has also participated in these recitals.

Whether hearing the Word taught, or singing His praises, the focus remains the same – we are seeking to prepare students to live and serve in the church and in the world according to the biblical worldview, regardless of where the Lord leads. ■

Ron Sharp Dean of Students



Athletics: *Volleyball, Baseball, Basketball*

The **volleyball team** has had an impressive season, finishing with a strong 18–11 record that showcased their consistency and determination. Their hard work paid off in the conference tournament, where they battled their way to an outstanding third-place finish.



Women's volleyball

The momentum continued as they advanced through regional play making it to the regional championship. Coach Jojo Wilkes has resigned her position at Calvary, and we are currently in the process of finding a new coach.

Our newest addition to Calvary, the **baseball team**, has been training hard



Women's basketball in action

and getting ready for their season in the spring.

The **men's and women's basketball** seasons are officially in full swing and they are already competing at a high level. Please check out our athletic schedules online at calvarywarriors.com. ■

Ruth Dougherty Senior, CU



Men's basketball

The President's Corner

Calvary University: A Legacy of Faithfulness

**"This I recall to my mind,
Therefore I have hope.
The Lord's lovingkindnesses
indeed never cease,
For His compassions never fail.
They are new every morning;
Great is Your faithfulness."
*Lamentations 3:21-23 (NASB)***

Calvary University, located in Kansas City, Missouri, stands as a testament to the enduring faithfulness of God. This truth is beautifully captured in the words of Lamentations 3:21-23 and echoed in the beloved hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness."

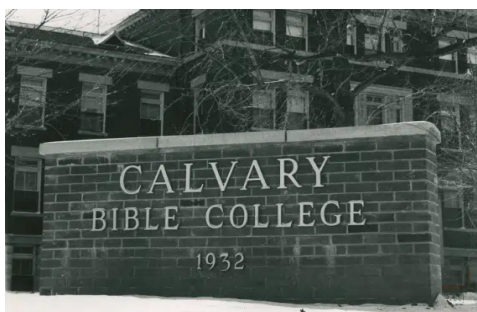
A Brief History of Calvary University

Calvary University's origins trace back to 1932, when two separate institutions (Midwest Bible College and Kansas City Bible College) were founded to provide biblical training during a time of global uncertainty. These schools merged in 1961 to form what is now Calvary University, with the mission of preparing Christians to live and serve according to a biblical worldview. A second merger took place in 1987 when Citadel Bible College of Ozark, Arkansas, joined Calvary.

Through the decades, Calvary has remained rooted in its commitment to the authority of Scripture, theological integrity, and academic excellence.

It offers programs in theology, education, business, counseling, and the arts which are all grounded in a strong biblical foundation. The school has continued to grow and adapt to the needs of modern students while maintaining its Christ-centered core.

"Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided. Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me."



Calvary University, founded 1932

Faithfulness Through the Years

Much like the biblical prophet Jeremiah's lament in Lamentations 3, written during one of Israel's darkest times, Calvary's history has not been without trials. From the Great Depression and World War II to cultural shifts and economic challenges, the university has faced seasons of testing.

Yet, in every chapter of its story, the unwavering faithfulness of God has been evident. Staff, faculty, and students have often echoed the words of Lamentations 3:22-23:

**"The Lord's lovingkindnesses indeed never cease,
For His compassions never fail.
They are new every morning;
Great is Your faithfulness."**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" – A Song of Endurance

The hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," written by Thomas Chisholm in 1923, was inspired directly by Lamentations 3:23. Its lyrics speak to God's constancy in every season: "Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath

President's Corner Cont.

provided. Great is Thy faithfulness,
Lord, unto me!"

This song has become a spiritual anthem for many at Calvary University, reminding the community that their confidence is not in fleeting success or human strength, but in the steadfast character of God.

Continuing the Mission

Today, Calvary University continues to educate and disciple students who will go on to serve in churches, schools, missions, counseling, and the marketplace. The legacy of faithfulness continues, not only God's faithfulness to the institution, but the faithful response of those who lead, teach, and learn here.



Conclusion

Calvary University's story is one deeply intertwined with the truth of Lamentations 3:21-23. It is a story not of human achievement, but of divine mercy which is renewed

each morning, sustaining each generation.

In a world of constant change, Calvary stands as a beacon of the unchanging faithfulness of God. ■

Dr. Alexander Granados, President

The 300 Campaign

Our theme for the final months of the year is, ***Great is His Faithfulness.*** "The 300 Campaign," is our end of the year campaign, raising much-needed funding for Calvary University. You might be asking yourself, "How do these tie together?"

Back in May, we asked our friends, alumni, and steward investors to help us meet a crucial need of \$500,000. God truly showed His faithfulness to Calvary University by supplying this need. It was amazing to see God's people step up and step forward, saying, "I will be a part of meeting this need."

We are asking once again for help to meet the \$300,000 goal.

Why do we have this need again?

There are several reasons we can mention, and many of you may be having the same issues - too many bills at the end of the month and not enough money to meet the needs.

I could make many excuses for why this is happening, but at the end of the conversation, the needs are still there, and they are real- \$12,000 to turn on the heat in our buildings, \$24,000 to repair the elevator, insurance on the property which does not decrease, and student scholarships promised to worthy students who need this assistance to help them stay in college. These are just a few examples.

Yet, in this season of thankfulness, a season of generosity and reflection on how God has been so faithful, would you join us as a part of "The 300 Campaign?"

Your gift can make the difference for so many students at the end of this year. Just designate your gift, "The 300 Campaign" either online through our website or by sending a check. God is truly faithful.

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and a blessed New Year from the Development Department. ■

Randy Grimm, Chief Development Officer

President's Dinner- A Recap

God truly blessed the 2025 President's Dinner! The event was held back on campus for the first time in several years, and it was a joy to welcome 258 guests into our Student Life Center (SLC).

We were especially excited to have alumni from 1975 and earlier who were attending as part of the 50+ Years Reunion. More than forty students also participated in the evening through serving the meal, singing in the Chorale, helping with parking, and sharing testimonies.



The Calvary Chorale sang under the direction of Dr. Haekyung An.



Dr. Granados gave the President's Address.

The theme for the evening was "Together in His Purpose," and we started out with a delicious dinner by Matthew's Catering. Following the meal, three Legacy Tribute Awards were presented to the families of Dale Sprague, Don Pearce, and Doug Langmade in memory of their support for Calvary University.

The Chorale sang two songs, and then we heard testimonies about how God is using Calvary in the lives of students Ruthie Dougherty and Matthew Flores.



Dr. Granados presented a Legacy Tribute Award to Jane DeMoss (Langmade CA70*) and Ruth Grimm (Langmade CA76*) in memory of Doug Langmade (MB51).

Dr. Granados gave the President's Address and encouraged the attendees to be united in supporting

Together in His Purpose.



Matthew Flores shared his testimony.

Calvary, so the school can continue to be used by God in the years to come. The offering went toward student scholarships, and the Lord provided over \$121,000 in gifts, pledges, sponsorships, and ticket purchases.

We are grateful for the opportunity to fellowship with friends and alumni and to see His faithfulness on display as we seek to continue training students to live and serve according to the biblical worldview. ■

Sara Klaassen, Donation Processing Clerk

Calendar of Events

DECEMBER

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

JANUARY

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

FEBRUARY

6 Board of Trustees Meeting

MARCH

9-13 Spring Break
27 **Feast & Fund Live and Silent Auction**

LOOK AHEAD:

Commencement, MAY

For more details, visit
calvary.edu/calendar

Alumni Updates

MARRIAGES

JOSIAH HACKMAN (CU24) AND **EMILY PARKER** (CURRENT STUDENT)

AUGUST 9, 2025

MATTHEW HAMMONDS (CURRENT STUDENT) AND **KATIE MCGEE** (CU25)

AUGUST 28, 2025

ZEB GREEN (CU20) AND **FAITH ROBINSON** (CU21) SEPTEMBER 6, 2025

DEATHS

DOUG LANGMADE (MB51) PASSED AWAY ON SEPTEMBER 4, 2025. He was the son of Nye J. Langmade, a founder and first president of Midwest Bible and Missionary Institute. In 1978, Doug became the head of the development department at Calvary Bible College, serving until his retirement in 1995. Doug was Interim President of Calvary in 1999. All of his and his wife, Miriam's (Nichols MB50*) children attended Calvary. Several of their grandchildren also attended, and a great-grandson began the fifth generation of Langmades at Calvary this fall.

HOWARD HEGNER (CA63*) PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 17, 2025.

RONALD MCHONE (CA75) PASSED AWAY ON OCTOBER 27, 2025.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

IN MEMORY OF **DOUG LANGMADE** (MB51):

TERRY & BEV JENSEN, MELVA MCINTOSH, EIDENE ANDERSON (CA11*)
DEAN & NORMA NICHOLS, TOM (CA67) & NINA (MANNING CA66) BONINE
RODNEY & BRENDA LEWIS, TIMOTHY (CA85*) & KAREN (BONINE CA92)
HANGE, ELDON & FRANCES TROTH, SKIP (CA96) & GINGER (CA15) HESSEL
BRIAN (CA82) & MARGARET (WILSON CA77) BATHKE, MICHELLE BROWN
JANICE SPRAGUE, BRAZIL GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP MISSION, TOM (CA87)
& CINDI ZOBRIST, GAYLEAN MILLSAP, JB ATKINS, ROBERTA SNYDER, LEE
JUDSON, ROSE HIRSCH, BRADLEY SHINN, DARRELL & STACEY DAHLMAN
JOHN BELL, TIM & SARA (GRIMM CA02) KLAASSEN, ROBERT (CA71) &
BARBARA (FELLOWS CA72*) KRACHT, VERN BABCOCK, PAUL (CA74*) &
CAROL (FELLOWS CA74*) CARPENTER, STEVE JONES, PHILLIP & MELODI
BREWER.

IN MEMORY OF **GILBERT & MARY LEE HAGLIN**:

LARRY (CA68) & DIANE (HAGLIN CA70*) MEHLHAFF

IN MEMORY OF **EULA MAE KEENER** (SHOOK MB54*):

DEBORAH VAN NOORD (KEENER CA83)

IN MEMORY OF **PAUL VAN NOORD**:

DEBORAH VAN NOORD (KEENER CA83)

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CONFERENCE on GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT
January 26-28, 2026

Generation Z: TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH



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KEYNOTE SPEAKER:



Ted Esler, Ph.D.
*President,
Missio Nexus*

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