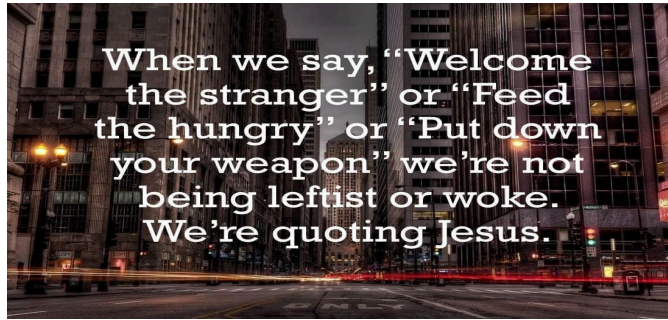


**Calvary Episcopal Church  
Annual Parish Celebration  
January 23, 2022**



Isn't it great to be loved!

Calvary Episcopal Church is a place where you can always come and feel loved and find someone to share His LOVE with.

Welcome to the annual parish meeting. This program is filled with reports about the past years' activities and the wonderful stewardship of our parish. We hope to share with you all the love that flows through the outreach, pastoral care, our school, our worship and our fellowship. Even with COVID, Calvary has taken care of business and our business is LOVE!

From January to June, we gathered safely and shared our stories of how our lives have been affected by the pandemic. How our families could not be together and how we missed the joy of being with friends. By sharing these concerns and thoughts, we were able to begin to bring back some of the pieces of the puzzle that had been missing for over a year. Our family, Calvary Church, came together and even though there are still some pieces missing, some of our church family, we are moving forward. We are moving on towards our mission of embracing all who join us in doing the work of Christ in our community. That sounds like LOVE to me.

From June through August, we rested but we also planned – and we planned big. Our annual parish picnic was a lot of fun, full of excitement and great fellowship – even in the rain. We started the Fall season off with enthusiasm and a spirit of excitement. 2021 may have started with dark clouds all around but we were going to go out in a different way. We are going out looking for LOVE.

September through December had us leaving 2021 in a blaze of glory. Calvary School opened full speed ahead with the largest number of students in over five years and the spirit of Calvary Church was flying high. Rhonda Fanning joined our team as a third-year student in the Iona program for ministry. She will be ordained next summer and begin her ministry in the Diocese of Texas as a Priest. Along with Rhonda's preaching and Nancy's teaching/preaching/ministry we have been blessed with great worship and spirit filled time with God. John and the choir, Will and the POGs, Reb and the sound team all have come together to bring Calvary Church together again. Lots of LOVE shared here.

We are not quite there yet, but we are pushing forward through sickness and sin to obtain mercy and grace. Jesus in our Lord – we know it and we show it! 2022 is going to be a good year all around and we will face the bad with the good, the hard with tenderness and the negative with the positive. The end result will be LOVE.

So, today, enjoy this annual meeting as we look to what God has planned for Calvary Church tomorrow.

Blessings and love to all,

Fr. Ralph+

## ANNUAL PARISH CELEBRATION

Calvary Episcopal Church

Sunday, January 23, 2022

Opening Prayer

Fr. Ralph

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Appointment of Recording Secretary

Susan Grotte

2020 Annual Parish Meeting Minutes Approval

Susan Grotte

Senior Warden's Report

Susan Grotte

Treasurer's Report

Christian Iversen, Treasurer

Outreach Committee Report

Roy Haley

Calvary Foundation Report - Elections

Betsy Zanghi

Rector's Report

Fr. Ralph

Acknowledgement of outgoing Vestry members  
Angela Cooley, Tim Hillis

Fr. Ralph

Recognition of New Vestry Members

Fr. Ralph

Greg Bethke, Nicole Cornwell, Rick Lane, Debbie Pohler

Additional Vestry Changes

Special Recognition

Fr. Ralph

Announcement of Wardens and Clerk for 2022

Fr. Ralph

Closing Prayer

Rev. Nancy

**Calvary Episcopal Church**  
**2021 Annual Parish Meeting Minutes**  
**January 16, 2021**

Fr. Ralph Morgan opened the meeting at 6:15 pm and led the congregation in prayer.

A booklet of 2021 reports was made available to meeting attendees. The booklet contained the minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting, as well as reports from the Rector, Sr. Warden, Jr. Warden, Treasurer, Head of School, and other committees and ministerial leads.

Dan Bradley was appointed recording secretary for the 2021 meeting. Dorothy Lyons moved to accept the minutes of the 2020 annual meeting. Roy Haley seconded, and the motion passed.

Sr. Warden's Report

Amber Zentis delivered a message of gratitude to the church, affirming that we have many things to celebrate. She expressed appreciation to the Vestry and Search Committee, and to Rev. Lecia Brannon, who loved and cared for us in her capacity as Locum Tenens. She thanked our awesome musicians for enriching our three worship services each week. She thanked the Care Team for helping us feel connected even when we were unable to gather together. She thanked the Outreach Team for finding new ways to carry our outreach work forward.

Amber recognized the Renovation Committee for completing a successful renovation in timely fashion, and applauded the Building & Grounds Committee for protecting our stained-glass windows. She thanked the Stewardship Committee for reminding us of God's gifts and bringing us together for a stewardship picnic. She thanked Beth Dow, our new Head of School, and the Faculty and Administrative Team of Calvary Episcopal Preparatory for making the school year possible during the pandemic.

Lastly, Amber expressed "gratitude beyond words" to Fr. Ralph and Terri Morgan for accepting Calvary's call, and to the Transition Team for making them feel welcome. She closed her report by thanking the whole church for its support during a challenging year.

Treasurer's Report

Christian Iversen presented the Finance Committee Report. He indicated that while pledges were down in 2020, expenses were also down as a result of operating limitations during the pandemic. As a result, we ended the year with a surplus of \$56,650, which has been allocated to restricted funds of \$5000 for technology, \$10,000 for organ restoration, and \$42,000 for capital maintenance. The Vestry has approved a 2021 budget that includes a deficit of \$35,616. In the event that additional pledging does not offset this deficit, Christian noted that restricted surplus funds could be redirected as necessary to meet the needs of the church.

Jr. Warden's Report

Oscar Lozano presented the Jr. Warden's Report. In spite of the pandemic, he reported that much had been accomplished in 2020. A grant was received from the Henderson-Wessendorf Foundation in late 2019 to upgrade the parish hall and protect the church's stained-glass windows. Although the grant did not cover the full amount of the work completed, additional gifts were received from generous parishioners, allowing the remodeling work to be paid in full, including the purchase of new furniture for the parish hall and solarium.

Anytime work is done on a beautiful old building like Calvary, additional needs are revealed. This was especially true of the stained-glass windows. Several needed to be repaired and termite damage was discovered around the Jesus window. In addition to these improvements, the bathrooms adjacent to the kitchen were also remodeled. Fr. Ralph's office was repainted and a new rug was installed.

Oscar acknowledged that Calvary's Sexton, Jose Portillo, has been very helpful in assisting him with repairs that would have otherwise hit Calvary's maintenance budget. He also thanked the Cooley family for everything they do to maintain our landscaping and keep our campus looking pretty. He thanked the people of Calvary for their generosity in making Calvary a great place to worship and for allowing him to be Jr. Warden these last three years. He also thanked Amber for her leadership, without whom we could not have made it through 2020.

### Outreach Committee Report

Roy Haley presented the Outreach Committee Report. After reading the outreach mission statement, he thanked the people of Calvary for helping to meet the needs of the community in a powerful way, in spite of covid. Calvary made a significant donation toward the construction of a new Habitat for Humanity home, which was completed in May for a family in Richmond. We collaborated with Attack Poverty and Sanctuary Fellowship Church to replace the plumbing for a nearby neighbor. We helped Friends of North Richmond and Helping Hands distribute 26,000 and 23,000 units of food, respectively. We donated school supplies to Jane Long and helped Family Promise feed four homeless families for a week.

Twice this past year, Calvary provided personal hygiene kits to inmates through our Kairos ministry. We saved 243 lives through our blood drives and blessed 133 children in 33 families through our Christmas Adopt-a-Family ministry. In three months alone, we washed 435 loads of laundry for 65 families through Laundry of Love. The Preston Street Garden contributed 1600 pounds of vegetables and 250 pounds of fruit to Helping Hands and the Women's Shelter. Kate Brewer and Lois Whitehead were recognized for their dedication to the garden.

Roy expressed his hope that Calvary can be more active in the community in the year ahead. If anyone is interested, the Outreach Committee is looking for a few new members.

### Calvary Episcopal Church Foundation

Betsy Zanghi, foundation president, presented the report on behalf of the CECF. The Calvary Foundation was created to serve as an additional means of supporting Calvary and its ministries. Nonprofit status was granted by the IRS in July of 2014. Funds come principally from bequeaths, memorial donations and columbarium payments. It also serves as a means of receiving matching employer gifts.

CECF gifts are granted via four separate fund categories. The Heritage Fund, which helps maintain and enhance the facility, contributed \$15,000 toward the parish hall remodeling project. The Youth Spiritual Formation Fund donated \$1190 for Camp Allen scholarships. The Outreach Fund contributed \$6000 to CEP. Because of covid, there were no opportunities to utilize funds from the Christian Discipleship Fund. In addition, two designated amounts from the previous year were disbursed in 2020. A \$25,000 bequeath was directed for scholarships for Calvary students to attend CEP, and \$20,800 was earmarked for parish hall remodeling. Foundation deposits for the year totaled \$6033 while administrative costs totaled \$705.

After thanking her fellow officers and directors, Betsy explained that she and Kathy Bethke had served partial terms and were eligible for full terms as per the foundation bylaws. Fr. Ralph

made a motion to accept 3-year terms for both Betsy and Kathy. The motion was seconded and received unanimous support.

### Rector's Report

Fr. Ralph is thankful to God for leading him to Calvary. He said he loves coming to work and is excited to serve with us. He was effusive in his high regard for all of his staff members. He said goodbye to Heidi Eland (who moved on to her dream job) and brought in Brenda Zatopek as Finance Assistant to work with both the church and the school. Kathy Haley has been named Parish Administrator and Special Assistant to the Rector – basically in charge of everything. He described Anne Scarborough as the best Newcomer Coordinator he has ever seen, and she will remain in that role. He described Suzette Hillis as gladly doing whatever she is called upon to do, working about 10 hours a week in Communications and then volunteering another 25.

Betty Anne Taylor has tendered her resignation as Christian Education Director as she and David plan to move to the Austin area in preparation for becoming grandparents. She will be missed! Fr. Ralph has served with Deacon Nancy Wilkes a few times and looks forward to working with her and benefiting from her leadership in the future as covid disappears. In the meantime, she is doing the most important job of taking care of David. We can expect to see her at Calvary on Tuesdays as she is able.

John Brun and Will Mason were described as beautiful musicians who love the Lord and give generously of their talents. They are a blessing to Fr. Ralph. The POGS bring joy to our worship. Our 8:00 choir members, while few in number during covid, sing like angels. Jose Portillo continues to take care of our campus and works really hard to keep things clean and orderly. Fr. Ralph also expressed his appreciation for the many volunteers at Calvary, both those who serve in the church and those who serve in outreach ministries. It is wonderful to have a church that loves to serve with such gladness.

What does the future hold? Fr. Ralph has no idea, but the word that comes to his mind is hope. A lot has been taken from us in the past year, but with faith, hope and Jesus Christ, we will get through this difficult time. He and the vestry have been planning a return of coffee hour and a brown-bag Lenten program, but these may have to be put on hold as covid numbers continue to climb. He hopes and prays that we will be able to have full communion soon, but we're not there yet. We may not be afraid for ourselves, but we are afraid for our families and for those around us, and we have to respect that. Fr. Ralph encouraged people to keep in touch and let the church know how you are doing. He cannot wait until we are able to pass the peace again.

Fr. Ralph expressed his deep appreciation for the tremendous welcome that he and Terri have been given, and for the many letters and emails of introduction they have received. He is thankful for everyone who helped with the transition. He emphasized how blessed we were to have Lecia and Amber here every day during the interim, and how blessed he was himself to have Amber and Oscar by his side when he arrived. He then asked his staff to come forward and assist him in presenting gifts to our two wardens. The whole congregation joined him in saying "thank you good and faithful servants." In closing, he announced to the church that Amber would continue in her role of Sr. Warden for another year.

### Recognitions & Announcements

Amber Zentis presented gifts to the outgoing Vestry members who had fulfilled their 3-year terms of service - David Taylor, Frank Lemkowitz, Jim Kidda, Missy Marek, and Oscar Lozano. Oscar, she noted, had served a fourth year as Jr. Warden during the interim.

Fr. Ralph introduced five new Vestry members – Paula Grossman, Debbie Helbert, Christian Iversen, John Johnston, and Philip Zanghi. Additionally, two Vestry members have asked to be released from their final year of service, Eric Cain because of covid concerns and the declining health of his parents, and Don Whitehead, who is moving with Lois to Indiana. Marian Briscoe and Bob Todor have therefore been asked to serve one-year terms. Altogether, there will be seven new Vestry members this year, out of a total of twelve.

Fr. Ralph noted that Beth Dow could not be present for the annual meeting, but was doing a wonderful job as the Head of School for CEP. He encouraged people to read her report and send her a note thanks for what she does for the school.

Fr. Ralph then presented John and Dorothy Lyons each with the Church Mouse Award. This new tradition will recognize someone each year who truly loves Calvary and loves the Lord and does what needs to be done without seeking recognition for oneself. Well done good and faithful servants!

Having already announced that Amber Zentis would serve another year as Sr. Warden, Fr. Ralph further announced that John Ondrusek would serve as Jr. Warden and Barb Ault would serve as Clerk of Vestry in the coming year.

Amber offered two final prayers to close the meeting, a prayer for our parish and a prayer for the close of the day. The meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.

Dan Bradley  
Clerk

## Senior Warden's Report

“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.”  
Thessalonians 5:11

2021 was a “building up” year. Fr. Ralph led us into the year taking joy in the fact that we could once again worship and have fellowship together. 2021 was a year to gather, for encouraging one another, and for adding new elements to supplement the full life we had known before 2020.

The annual meeting was a great indicator of the year ahead. It was a first for meeting in the Sanctuary after Saturday worship, and attendance and interest was strong. We remain a welcoming church as we embraced new members.

Your Vestry met in retreat in February to examine the true meaning behind our mission statement and core values, and accepted the task to think deeply about our community outreach initiatives.

Together we did our Lenten walk, worshipped through Holy Week, flowered the Easter cross, and celebrated Pentecost with one combined outdoor service and picnic.

We hosted three COVID clinics for church and school families.

June was a special time as Bishop Ryan formally installed Fr. Ralph as our Rector in his Celebration of Ministry, followed by Sunday worship including baptisms and confirmations. The Bishop also hosted a Town Hall meeting, and lunched with the Vestry.

June marked the end of my two and a half years of service as Senior Warden, as I joined the church staff, with Susan Grotte taking the baton. It has truly been a pleasure to serve.

Amber Zentis  
Senior Warden

We had a fun time at our potluck game night in July. Parishioners loved it and said we should do it more often. Our Rally Day was a great success with many sign-ups to help the various committees. It is a great way for our parishioners to get involved and get to know each other.

The annual Camp Allen retreat was held in October and the weather was perfect! We chose Campsite 3 this year which provided more space for activities. There was canoeing, horseback riding, swimming, hayrides and more. This is the first year we invited the parents from the school and we had four families join us. We hope more will join us next year!

Also in October we partnered with the Richmond Police Department to host Neighbors Night Out on the front lawn. The police department provided food, the fire department stopped by the church and school families as lots of neighborhood folks enjoyed an evening of fellowship.

Foyer groups started back up in the Fall where people meet in each other's homes or at restaurants for fellowship and fun.

Our Stewardship dinner was once again held at the Swinging Door in November and we had over 100 friends join us for great food and a fun evening.

Thanks to Bill Daw and his team, we were able to offer nearly 700 Thanksgiving meals. So many people came to help put the meals together and deliver them. What a wonderful outreach Calvary is able to do each year.



During Advent we were able to make wreaths and decorate ornaments and cookies. Thanks to Anne Scarborough and her team of elves! The Chrismon tree was beautifully decorated by our wonderful cross stitch group. Thank you all!

The church took on it's beautiful Christmas theme with the help of the Altar Guild and other helpers. Your time and commitment during this busy season is very appreciated!

As we swing into the new year, I wish you all a blessed 2022! No matter what happens, God is our stronghold and Calvary is there for you!!

Susan Grotte  
Senior Warden

## **Finance Committee Report**

We only received 84.3% of the 2021 Pledge Commitments, however we did receive 227.8% of the plate offerings that was budgeted. Therefore, our total revenue for 2021 was down 1.3% or \$8,057 when compared to the 2021 budget.

The operating expenses for church usage were up 2.1%. Ministries expenses were down 5.6%. The church was left with a net surplus of cash for 2021 of \$11,657

A 2022 deficit budget of \$22,647 was presented to and passed by the Vestry. The Vestry is comfortable with a 2022 deficit budget and believes that the deficit can be offset partly by the 2021 surplus, if necessary.

When comparing the 2022 budget to the 2021 budget there is a increase in total revenue of 9.5% or \$29,675. However, when comparing the 2022 budgeted "Total Revenue" to the 2021 actual (less Grant Income (PPE)) "Total Revenue" there was a decrease of 0.4% or \$24,834.

The 2022 budget shows a increase in operating expenses for church usage of 20.4% and a decrease in Mission and Outreach programs of 6.3% when compared to the 2021 budget. However, when comparing the 2022 budget to 2021 actual expenses, the operating expenses are up 3.6% and Mission and Outreach programs are down .7%.

In 2020 Calvary applied and received a PPP loan from the Federal Government for \$41,851, this was recognized as Grant Income (PPE) in 2021.

	<b>2021 YTD Actual</b>	<b>2021 Annual Budget</b>	<b>2022 Annual Budget</b>
<b>Revenues</b>			
Plate Offerings	\$ 136,700	\$ 60,000	\$ 70,000
Pledge Commitments	456,243	541,000	555,000
Total Offerings	<u>\$ 592,943</u>	<u>\$ 601,000</u>	<u>\$ 625,000</u>
Investment Income	66	-	75
Church usage	325	-	500
Grant Income (PPE)	41,418	-	
Designated Income	47,007	36,500	41,600
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<u><u>\$ 681,759</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 637,500</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 667,175</u></u>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Vestry Oversight			
Insurance	21,359	20,735	21,816
Office and Administration	39,761	38,650	43,200
Buildings and Grounds	94,074	78,800	80,140
Employee Compensation	330,126	339,684	360,345
Vestry and Stewardship	8,579	7,000	6,500
Finance Committee	7,677	6,500	7,500
Total Vestry Oversight	<u>\$ 501,576</u>	<u>\$ 491,369</u>	<u>\$ 519,501</u>
Mission/Outreach Ministry	64,979	67,050	65,785
Calvary Life Ministry	14,912	21,225	17,800
Worship Ministry	16,500	17,500	14,950
Formation/Spirituality Ministry	10,634	14,100	14,225
Diocesan Obligations	61,501	61,872	57,562
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u><u>\$ 670,102</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 673,116</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 689,223</u></u>
<b>Net Total</b>	<u><u>\$ 11,657</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (35,616)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (22,647)</u></u>

2022 Restricted funds - Capital Maintenance	11,657
<b>Total 2021 Restricted funds</b>	<u><u>\$ 11,657</u></u>

## **Junior Warden's Annual Report**

Our church and campus are in good condition for a facility that is almost 65 years old. There are always various pipes leaking, roof repairs needed as well as all the other typical household issues any family would have it is just on a larger scale. Kudos to Jose Portillo our Sexton, Oscar Lozano and Frank Plut for many of the repairs that were completed that we didn't have to hire a contractor to complete. I certainly appreciate the many times they completed repairs and corrected issues just because they happened to notice them. Thank you all so much. Additionally, I would like to thank Angela and Harrie Cooley and their employees who throughout the year have managed our landscape issues which includes trimming trees, rerouting drainage, and rehabilitating our sprinkler systems.

We have completed many projects this year including replacing the 50-ton AC that went out during the hottest part of the summer. We had to wait for some time due to the availability of the materials we needed to replace the units. We replaced the old unit with 2–20-ton units that are anticipated to be more energy efficient. This project cost us \$82000 fortunately we had most of the money in our Capital Maintenance fund that was established several years ago for just this reason. I would also like to thank the parishioners that donated monies toward this project as well. Speaking of air conditioning a parishioner donated a unit for the Solarium and should make this a more comfortable experience for anyone using the room. Our air conditioning contractor James and Nancy Hippler donated AC units for the youth building. When you see them, please thank them for their generosity.

We have added security cameras to the patio area and to the nursery. Speaking of electronics, we have added monitors behind the pulpit so the choir and the POGS may hear and see the service as we all do. You may or may not have realized how much technology there is for us to keep our church operating. Because of the large amount of technology, we must maintain, a Technology Committee has been formed and will inventory our present equipment, monitor replacement, and make recommendations to Vestry so more informed decisions can be made regarding technology issues. The old workroom has been converted into an office while the associate Rectors office was turned into a larger more efficient workroom.

There is at least one issue that is still pending. In the Sanctuary at the communion altar there is a foundation issue that will cost between \$60,000 and \$75,000 to repair. This issue will require us to have church either in the Family Life Center or the Parish Hall on at least two different occasions. While this issue needs to be addressed, we must accumulate monies to complete the project and schedule times when we can relocate our services with minimal disruption. I would like to thank everyone on the behalf of the Vestry for your generosity in helping Calvary to continue to be a beautiful and welcoming home to worship and partake of the loving fellowship we all enjoy.

John Ondrusek  
Jr. Warden

## **INTO THE COMMUNITY**

### **Outreach 2021 Annual Report**

#### **VISION**

*Inspired by the Holy Spirit to serve God; we are the hands and feet of Christ in our community. We know our neighbors and are known by them. We provide opportunities for everyone to work together to restore relationships and build new ones.*

#### **OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

Roy Haley, Tim Hillis, Susan King, Kathy Bethke, Rev. Nancy Wilkes

COVID has impacted all our outreach ministries the last two year, but they have all still been very active and have blessed many members of our communities.

As you read through the attached report put together by our faithful outreach ministry leaders, think about ways in which we can impact our communities even more, through these ministries, or new ones.

We invite all new ideas, and anyone interested in joining the Outreach Committee. Please contact Roy Haley – (281) 871-8172

#### **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

Dan & Chris Bradley

2021 proved to be a challenging year for Fort Bend Habitat for Humanity, as a result of covid restrictions, permitting delays and project costs. Nevertheless, FBHFH was able to participate in two projects. Both were single-bedroom, pier-and-beam homes for senior citizens. The first new home, sponsored by Christ United Methodist Church of Sugar Land, was completed last spring in Pleak. The second home, sponsored by Attack Poverty, was completed during the summer in Stafford, utilizing construction supervisors from St. Laurence Catholic Church of Sugar Land. Roy Haley deserves much credit for making this project happen, in terms of planning, resourcing and logistical support.

We hope to participate in two more new homes in 2022. In January, St. Laurence is breaking ground on a new build on Center Street in North Richmond. CUMC also plans to start a new build as soon as a suitable property can be acquired, probably this fall. The tentative plan is for Calvary to contribute to the next CUMC project with a tenth share of the sponsorship cost. The cost of new lots and the agonizingly slow permitting process is a major challenge for FBHFH in North Richmond. The timing of our first build at Hope Lane remains ambiguous. The continued focus of effort and resources in North Richmond is predicated upon the resolution of these ongoing issues.

Fort Bend Habitat's 5<sup>th</sup> annual "Blueprints, Boots & BBQ" will take place at Safari Texas Ranch on March 10. If you would like to join us at this year's gala, or if you would like to serve in some volunteer capacity, please contact Dan or Chris Bradley (281-770-6711 or [mdbradley05@gmail.com](mailto:mdbradley05@gmail.com)). Thank you, Calvary, for your financial assistance, volunteer support and prayers for Habitat for Humanity.

## **THE PRESTON STREET COMMUNITY GARDEN REPORT 2018**

Rick Lane

The Preston Street Community Garden was able to rebound after the 2021 late season freeze that decimated the citrus plantings and effected the total produced quantities of fresh produce. We did manage to harvest fifty pounds of pears and 1844 pounds of fresh vegetables that were distributed to Helping Hands and the Women's Shelter. Roughly ¾'s of the donations came from production beds with the balance donated from the 29 individual beds. In previous years 2-300 pounds of fruit were harvested off orchard plantings that are being replaced at present. Participation on the individual beds has been encouraging as we have not had vacancies. We have filled vacating gardeners from a waiting list and our budding relationship with Attack Poverty/Friends of North Richmond provided some gardeners from the targeted area. Emphasis is being placed to recruit gardeners from North Richmond and Britt Huggins with Attack Poverty has been given the lead on this project.

Garden Expansion is under way with the addition of ½ acre (north of garden) provided by the Henderson Wessendorf Foundation. Stumps have been removed and local business has pledged to do initial dirt work and leveling of the expansion. HW Foundation has agreed to provide fencing for the addition. Bids are being solicited. 1st Baptist Church of Richmond has agreed to continue their participation through 2022 with the same offering as in years past (\$1000). They have several volunteers that are core participants in garden activities. Calvary volunteers continue to contribute significant energy as well.

Community participation for workday weekends has been a highlight of garden activity. One weekend in the fall had nearly fifty people show up volunteering their efforts and sweat equity towards making the garden a true community endeavor. Other work weekends were well attended by the community with the Boys Scouts, Girl Scouts and numerous other church groups participating towards a successful outcome. Two workdays are scheduled for spring. February 26th and March 5th with a rain date of March 12th for makeup. Attack Poverty has been proactive in providing volunteer groups for workdays outside of the established ones in fall and spring. With the expansion there will need to be additional similar activities. Emphasis will be placed on additional initiatives like this to keep the garden Growing in Grace as we move forward in 2022.

### **FRIENDS OF NORTH RICHMOND (Attack Poverty Location)**

Roy Haley

Calvary Episcopal Church supported Friends of North Richmond's Mission Week by providing funding for them to purchase tents, food, and other supplies for the event. We also funded the kitchen cabinets for Attack Poverty's home rebuild project in Stafford for Mr. Flores.

Friends of North Richmond hired Britt Huggins to be a Community Garden Coordinator this year to help engage with the community with the Preston Street Community Garden – see report on the garden above.

There are many ways to get involved with Friends of North Richmond or other Attack Poverty locations like Friends of North Rosenberg. Below is an overview from Friends of North Richmond.

**Friends of North Richmond** is a location of **Attack Poverty**. Our mission is to strengthen under-resourced communities, such as the North Richmond area, through spiritual growth, education, revitalization, and basic needs. We are making a long-term commitment to this area that requires collaborative efforts with churches, local organizations, residents, and stakeholders committed to community transformation.

### **What We Do**

Our work is **HOLISTIC**. We understand the connections between: a decent place to live, a living wage job, spiritual health, quality education, child care, healthy families, basic and financial literacy, and access to health care for sustainability.

The driving force behind all this is **EMPOWERMENT**. We are all about giving people tools to help themselves break out of the cycle of generational poverty. It's about **DEVELOPMENT**, not charity; **DIGNITY**, not shame. Believing all humans are created in the image of God, we will always promote the dignity and worth of people and families.

### **Our current community-based program include:**

- **You Can Academy** | *a state-licensed after-school program providing a safe environment for youth to develop academically, socially, & spiritually*
- **After School Learning Pods** | *Small group homework help and tutoring for elementary students at our resource center*
- **In School Student Support** | *partnering with Pink Elementary through volunteering*
- **GED Prep** | *support for individuals that seek to earn their GED certificate*
- **ESL** | *a class to empower individuals as they learn to read, write, & speak English*
- **Computer and Technology Classes** | *assist adults with basic and advanced computer and technology skills*
- **Home Repair & Community Projects** | *supporting a safe environment for North Rosenberg residents*
- **Prayer Walks** | *walking and praying with and for the North Richmond Community*
- **Community Events** | *periodic events reaching out and connecting with our neighbors*

Please contact Roy Haley (281) 871-8172 if you want to get involved with Friends of North Richmond or other Attack Poverty locations/programs.

### **HELPING HANDS**

Lois Essells

Rosenberg-Richmond Helping Hands provides food, clothing, and short-term financial assistance to western Fort Bend County residents. In 2021, Helping Hands provided assistance to an average of 1903 individuals or 539 families per month.

Calvary assisted in Helping Hand's efforts in several ways.

- **Financially**-\$2000 budgeted funds and \$969 extra donated funds from Super Bowl of Caring.
- **Donating**-small amounts of non-perishable foods, many items of new underwear and socks during the August Drive, and loads of used clothing and linens.

- **Volunteering**-Three members of the congregation volunteer in food or clothing assistance.
- **Advertising**-Calvary's electronic sign has advertised 7 monthly food giveaways. Suzette Hillis programs the sign.

Thanks to each one who has helped in any of these efforts.

## **KAIROS**

Dave Essells

Calvary Kairos Ministry was limited this year to prayers and donations due to covid. We were able to hold a few Prayer and Share Sunday and Monday sessions with our Brothers in White (inmates) at the Carol Vance and Jester III locations. Our Calvary donations for ongoing Kairos ministries included a special donation sent to The Shirley Marie Wright Foundation. This April donation was for their Mother's Day Luncheon held for the Kairos Outside Spouses and significant others. The ladies who attended and their inmates genuinely appreciated this event held last May. Weekly Tuesday Kairos Prayer Meetings were held by Zoom which were supported by volunteers like myself and others on the Unit Advisory Committee. Calvary and Kairos decided to suspend and hold our budgeted funds until 2022 when we hope to resume at least a couple Kairos Weekends.

The members of Kairos and the Brothers in White would like to thank each of you members of Calvary for your donations, prayers and other support. The Hygiene kits and your support were really appreciated. We are looking forward to what God will do through Kairos during the rest of this new year.

## **BLOOD DRIVES**

Frank Plut

Blood drive attendance for 2021 was down from previous years which was understandable considering the Covid situation. We had a total of 92 donors contributing 106 units. This resulted in 318 lives being saved by Calvary Episcopal donors. I thank all of you for your dedication to this ministry and look forward to year 2022.

2022 will be our 15th consecutive year partnering with Gulf Regional Blood Center to host quarterly drives. Mark your calendars for the following dates. **February 6th, May 15th, August 7th, and November 6th.** I am looking forward to 2022 being a bigger year for donations and look forward to seeing you at the drives.

## **CHRISTMAS ADOPT-A-FAMILY**

Mary Ellen and Frank Plut

Raymond and Debbie Pohler

The need this year was great! We broke records on the number of children and families that our Calvary Family and Friends adopted for Christmas. We provided lots of toys, games, clothing and household gifts to 150 children in 49 families. In addition, we gave age appropriate Bibles for the children to share.

Calvary Families, Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts and Cub Scouts all brought joy to the children in our local neighborhoods. This year Wholesome Foods of Sugar Land was our on corporate adopter. With the help of generous financial donations and toys from our school, Calvary Episcopal Prep, we were able fully adopt all families.

The stories we hear, tell us that not only are we blessed but we truly receive much more than we give. The smiles and hugs from the children is all that one could want – a truly special and Merry Christmas.

## **THANKSGIVING FEAST**

Bill Daw

After a year's hiatus, we were able to put together a somewhat smaller, but just as effective, version of the Thanksgiving Feast. We were able to prepare and serve approximately 650 meals to at-need families and seniors in and around the Richmond/Rosenberg area. The people served came from the Fort Bend "Meals on Wheels" organization, local elementary and secondary schools, and a senior living facility. Covid restrictions may have somewhat lessened our numbers, but it did nothing to alter the enthusiastic pursuit of our mission to give thanks on Thanksgiving by providing meals to hungry Fort Bend seniors and families.

There were significant changes made based upon Covid protocols as well as simple logistical concerns. For instance, in the past, we had encouraged parishioners to cook turkeys and bring them sliced on Thanksgiving morning for the creation of the meals that were ultimately delivered. This year, we instead asked that parishioners donate/purchase already cooked turkeys; and contracted with a local restaurant, Clancy's, to have them cook and package all the needed turkeys. We picked the turkeys up from Clancy's on Thanksgiving morning. Our parishioners were more than generous, and well before Thanksgiving, had purchased all the turkeys needed. It proved to be a very efficient way of creating a safer and more efficient environment in terms of preparing the meals.

As is always the case, we had more than sufficient volunteers for the creation of the meals and delivery of the meals. While there were a few "glitches" and meals that were not ultimately delivered for a variety of reasons, overall, the outreach program was a success.

In the future, we are anticipating putting together a more robust committee that will involve marketing, (both from a location of families in need as well as volunteer perspective), food preparation (currently supervised by John Lyons), creating of maps for delivery, and clean up.

## **KID'S HOPE**

Chris Bradley

Over the past 7 years, Calvary has partnered with Jane Long Elementary School through the Kids Hope program, to mentor at-risk children. Jane Long's campus, which had been closed to visitors for a year and a half due to COVID-19 restrictions, reopened this fall. Four experienced mentors have resumed on-campus sessions with their students and two new mentors are finishing the last of the required training before they are assigned students.

Jane Long has more students they would like to match with mentors. If you are interested in mentoring an elementary student, please contact Chris Bradley.

## **LAUNDRY LOVE**

Rev. Nancy Wilkes, Deacon

The Laundry Love Initiative began about eighteen years ago in Ventura, California with a mission to wash the clothes and bedding of individuals and/or families living in poverty. There are now Laundry Love locations throughout the United States. You can read more about the initiative at [www.laundrylove.org](http://www.laundrylove.org).



Laundry Love seeks to bring economic relief by giving the individual or family the option to redirect funds toward food, medical, gas or transportation costs or other everyday necessities. From the infant to the aged, and across a broad spectrum of ethnicity, culture and personal story, Laundry Love strives to nurture the well-being of each person through intentional networking and friendship.

Due to the COVID virus, the Calvary Laundry Love ministry was not active the first quarter of 2021. However, in April through December, we helped 145 families by washing and drying 986 loads of clothes and bedding. Donations of quarters by the congregation and the volunteers who help on laundry day, make this ministry possible.

*Serve wholeheartedly as if you were serving the Lord, not men. (Eph. 6:7)*

## **ACTION TEAM**

Roy Haley

The Calvary Action Team was formed to help our parishioners, their families, and members of our community who are in need of assistance with minor home repair or clean up. This ministry has not been active since COVID and is in need of new leadership and members.

We did donate some funding to Calvary High School students for their trip to Peru. The kids helped on the Flores project (see Habitat for Humanity section of this report) by painting and picking up the debris in the yard.

## **FAMILY PROMISE**

Roy Haley and Tim Hillis

Family Promise provides meals and temporary shelter to homeless families by partnering with local churches. Through this partnership Calvary provided 50 meals for 12 families for a week in 2021.

Family Promise has asked Calvary to provide meals for families once a week per quarter in 2022. Below are the weeks we are assigned to provide meals this year:

March 6 - March 12

June 26 - July 2

September 11 - September 17

November 27 - December 3

We are looking for folks who would be able to help with this ministry. Please call Roy Haley if you are interested (281-871-8172).

## Calvary Episcopal Church Foundation, Inc.

Report for Annual Meeting

January 23, 2022

The CECF serves as means by which parishioners may financially support the Church now and in the future to meet needs that cannot be met by the operating budget alone, and to provide additional support to the many outreach projects this Parish undertakes. Since receiving our non-profit status from the IRS in July of 2014, we have enjoyed our sixth full year as a functional organization, with a website presence on the Calvary church website ([www.calvaryrichmond.org/foundation](http://www.calvaryrichmond.org/foundation)) and promotional brochures.

**Current asset value** of the Foundation at close of business Dec 31, 2021:

Edward Jones Advisory Solutions Fund	\$183,857.98	of which \$100,000 is corpus.
Edward Jones Money Market	<u>\$ 56,499.34</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$240,357.32</b>	

### Grants Given:

\$4645 From Heritage Fund for new altar candelabras and liturgical seasonal banners.

**Total \$4745**

### Designated Gifts Dispersed:

\$15,000 From Heritage Fund- a designated gift for the Jesus Window Restoration – as part of the larger stained glass restoration project.

\$512 From Youth and Spiritual Formation – from a larger \$7500 designated gift for Camp Allen Scholarships

**Total \$15,512**

**Deposits:** \$32,503 Memorials Gifts and Columbarium payments

**Expenses:** \$591.94 Administration and tax return

**Board of Directors for 2021:** Betsy Zanghi, Clayton Cooley, Lisa Lemkowitz, Kathy Bethe, Dennis Gorka, and Ron Best. Clayton Cooley was unable to fulfill the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of his term, and Charlie King has been approved by the Vestry to serve the remaining year of Clayton's year. Charlie will be eligible to serve 2 additional 3-year terms. Dennis and Lisa have completed their first 3-year term and are eligible to serve another full 3-year term.

### Election of Directors:

The following have been nominated to fill the 2 vacancies – each term is for three years:

Dennis Gorka

Lisa Lemkowitz

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Zanghi – President 2021

*Supporting Calvary Episcopal Church, its ministries and the community it serves*

**Calvary Episcopal Preparatory**  
**Annual Parish Meeting**  
**A Report on the 2020-2021 School Year**  
**January 23, 2022**

On behalf of our board, teachers and students, the following report to the church outlines some of the many accomplishments of Calvary Episcopal Preparatory during the 2020-2021 school year. The school community extends sincere thanks to Calvary church members who served on the School Board for their dedication to our students: **John Anderson, Bill Burelsmith, Steven Cherry, Mark Fisler, Kathy Haley, Jeff McClellan, Frank Plut, Joe Robinson, and Father Ralph Morgan.**

Calvary Episcopal Preparatory enjoyed a year of many successes that includes academic and the arts, character and faith development and service to others. Credit for these successes can be shared by many: our school board, our faculty, and staff, our many parent volunteers, the Calvary Episcopal Church community and most importantly, our outstanding students.

The 2020-2021 school year showed, more than ever before, the dedication, passion, and loyalty our teachers have to Calvary. When we welcomed back students in August of 2020, it was the first time we had students on campus since before COVID-19 closed school in March. Juggling between increased sanitation, temperature checks, virtual learning and in-person learning was no small feat. We feel eternally grateful for God's guidance and safety during this time! Along with COVID-19, we also prepared for a hurricane that didn't come and embarked on the worst freeze since the 1800s. But in the traditional Calvary way, we were able to continue with face-to-face instruction and virtual instruction for families whose children needed to stay at home, while maintaining minimal interruptions.

- Our school welcomes and embraces a diverse student population with 48% of our students coming from various ethnic and economic backgrounds. This includes our growing international population, including students from Vietnam, China, and Nigeria.
- Service to others is an important aspect of our school. Every grade and student participated in Service Learning, and at least one project for the year.
- Matriculation chapel welcomed 60 new Crusaders to our school in the fall of 2020.
- The middle school one-act play, *I Never Saw Another Butterfly*, won PSIA district and went on to be named One-Act Play State Winners. Calvary also earned Best Actress, 4 All Star Casts and 2 Honorable Mentions and a Tech Award for lighting.
- Calvary Thespian students competed at the Virtual State Thespian Festival and attended virtual workshops. Although students would prefer to be in-person for these events they worked hard and enjoyed their lessons. Calvary was pleased to announce that for the fourth straight year in a row, CEP was represented at the Virtual National Thespian Festival competition by Stacey Smith and her monologues "Jamie" from *Between Mars and Me* and "Sandra" from *What the Well-Dressed Girl is Wearing*.
- After cancelling the 2019 annual spring musical, *The Little Mermaid, Jr.*, was able to make its grand appearance.
- Two Middle School students qualified for the Houston Area Private School Honor Band.
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade students won the Wyland National Mural Contest. With their conservation themed mural based on our local Brazos River design, they took the prize for their age category and the mural is now on display at Long Acres Ranch.

- 56% of 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students placed above the 90% in one or more area on their PSAT tests.
- 57% of Calvary 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade students scored 95% higher than their peers in at least one subject on their nationally normed tests.
- Sports and Athletics were minimized due to COVID this year and used the time to build our athletic teams for competition in 2021-2022.
- Archery was one of our more active sports earning 2<sup>nd</sup> in State for Elementary Girls and 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in 3D Archery for Elementary Girls
- COVID quickly showed us the need for technology updates. During the summer of 2020, there were several technology upgrades including student issued iPads for Kinder -8<sup>th</sup> grade students and MacBook pros for all our faculty, server updates, and Wi-Fi wireless access points added.
- We had six students earn over 500 Accelerated Reader points, all earning the right to paint their favorite book cover on a ceiling tile in the library. If you haven't seen this artwork – check it out!
- Calvary earned one gold medal, and two silver medals in Scholastic Writing Competition.
- In the Scholastic Art Competition Calvary earned one silver medal and one honorable mention.
- Our Annual Golf Tournament, with the continued support of many CEC participants, profited just under \$50,000. \$30,000 of which went directly to student scholarships.
- Implemented Calvary C.O.R.E. (Crusaders Observing Rules for Excellence)
- Launched -ology days for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Allowing students to experience different -ologies monthly through a fun, creative hands-on learning approach and a partnership with Long Acres Ranch.
- The Calvary PTO hosted a virtual gala with families hosting celebration events. We want to thank the church members for their support and participation in our auctions! This year's CPTO gala grossed \$120,000.

Calvary Episcopal Preparatory understands how important it is for parish schools to enjoy a positive relationship with the sponsoring church. CEP would like to sincerely thank Calvary Episcopal Church for their continued support and enthusiasm.

## Annual Stewardship Report

*Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change life shifting shadows. James 1:17*

Every perfect gift! Our annual stewardship campaign invited us to consider what, from the bountiful gifts we receive, can we return to God and the furtherance of his kingdom. In Calvary fashion, we enjoyed our stewardship dinner and celebration with dinner at the Swinging Door, with inspirational remarks from The Rev. Patrick Miller.

Many thanks to our chairs David and Zahra Cook, and to the staff for their logistical support for mailings etc.

	2022 Pledge	2021 Pledge	2020 Pledge	2022 New Pledges
<b>General Fund</b>	\$507,096	\$421,368	\$509,796	\$56,830
<b>Number of family units</b>	104	91	115	15

**Newcomer Notes And More...**  
**2021 -- Year in Review**  
**Anne Scarborough - Calvary Newcomer Coordinator**

Looking back over 2021, we had “return to church excitement” amidst continued Covid concerns. We began the year with our reservation system in place, spaced out seating and cleaning protocols following our early service. We streamed most services for those still watching from home.

I have almost completed ten years as Calvary’s Newcomer Coordinator. I am still excited to share Calvary with visitors who now can come through our doors or connect with us online. As the Covid case lowered, we were able to begin to return to a more ‘normal’ Calvary.

- On March 7, we had a Welcome Rite and Luncheon for those who had joined in 2020-21. We recognized 12 families.
- Nametags returned in April 2021. We appreciate everyone’s effort to wear their nametags, as this helps newcomers feel more comfortable.
- On May 23, we returned to celebrating Pentecost with our celebration, picnic and Waterslides. The service and lunch were served inside in the Family Life Center, with games outside. We had a great turnout and the weather held off for us.
- As we looked forward to Bishop Ryan coming on June 27, a confirmation class was held for 9 participants on four Sundays. Thank you to Reb Scarborough and Fr Ralph.
- As summer approached, we planned two very popular social events - Calvary Night at the Skeeters and Calvary Game Night and Potluck supper. We had a great turnout for both events.
- In late August we had a very successful Rally Day – celebrating and showcasing 40 ministries. We had 6 new ministries and lots of new sign ups. We welcomed our new Handbell Choir and the restarting of our Foyer Groups.
- The Bread Ministry returned in August. Did you realize that besides giving visitors jam, homemade bread is delivered to those who visit Calvary? Thank you to Shirley Tijerina and Teri Mason who head up those ministries.
- Breakfast (following the first service) and Cookie Time (following the second service) returned in September. The Scouts are serving breakfast (egg tacos) on the first Sunday and the Youth have volunteered to make pancakes the third Sunday. In addition, Mary Lane is in charge overall of breakfast, and she could always use some more volunteers to get that fresh fruit, etc., put out on Sundays.
- We hosted a Welcome Party at the Morgan’s on November 7, for New Members and those who had been visiting. The vestry assisted in hosting and Kay Hardee held babysitting at church.
- On December 12, we decorated lots of sugar cookies to serve at the Band Reception that evening. We were excited to host the Rosenberg Symphonic Band, the CEP school band and the debut of our very own Hand Bell Choir. The music was great, and we had a wonderful turnout, with many people coming from the community. Thank you to the Cookie Decorating helpers and the Reception helpers.

**Finally the STATS!** Since January 1, 2021:

We collected greeter cards or information on 45 visitors.

18 Families/singles joined Calvary (including all ages – 41 people)

### **Sharing our Services on-line:**

In the beginning of 2021, we were averaging 140 views per week online. As the year went on and more people came back to church, the views went down to an average of 25 per service per week. Most funerals were broadcast live and many people across the country appreciated that service.

### **Welcome 2021 New Members**

John and Paula Badora

Mac & Anne Bennett

Carl & Melody Cartledge

Randell & Jamie Dukeminier

Bob & Christi Dunn (Emily & Nick)

Ross & Gina Elkins

Patrick & Amy Ernst (Audrey & Edith)

Priscilla Forkner

Amy Gresham (Colby Schulz)

Elliot Janota

Cynthia and Rudy Lara

Sonia & Tremon McGrath

James & Meagan Milford (Harrison, Mamie, Frances)

Aubrey & Pat Mires

Terri Morgan

David & Anna Qian (Rachel & Ethan)

Duncan & Nancy Reid

Stephanie Schwing

### **2021 Annual Report AV Ministry**

The AV Ministry Team at Calvary Episcopal Church supports and operates the audio and visual (A/V) systems and associated equipment during services and events at Calvary.

The primary focus of the AV Ministry in 2021 was threefold,

- get all the systems working,
- establish standard processes and procedures, and
- train as many as possible to operate the various functions.

We were successful in all three areas.

The need for live streaming challenged the team to produce consistent, high-quality videos (YouTube) of our Weekend Services, Weddings, Funerals, and special events. Through this effort we were also able to help the Choir, POGS, Priests and Lay Readers provide improved sound and video. One decision that helped a lot was to leave microphones, cables and music stands set up from week to week. A major project this year was to clean up the choir area as much as possible reducing the number of cables that are exposed and eliminate the large floor monitors. We replaced them with in-ear monitors. This action also improved the overall sound in the sanctuary.

We look forward to 2022 as more folks are being trained in the AV ministry. We plan on continuing to look for ways to improve the sound and adding an additional camera to enhance the worship experience both in person and online.

Respectfully submitted,  
Reb Scarborough  
AV Ministry Team Leader  
January 2022

## **Lay Reader Ministry Report For 2021**

We currently have 14 active Lay Eucharistic Ministers in the rotation. 11 are licensed and 3 have licenses pending. There are 17 active Lectors. There is one Lay Reader who has chosen not to attend church in-person currently due to the Pandemic.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wendy Doherty

## **Pastoral Care Team 2021 The Reverend Nancy Wilkes, Deacon**

The Care Team planned and facilitated a Service of Light and Hope the first Sunday of Advent and provided an Angel Tree. Anyone in the congregation, who wished to do so, could write the name(s) of departed loved ones on an angel and place it on the tree.

Card Ministry - During the year 137 greeting cards of Get Well Wishes, Thinking of You and Sympathy Cards were sent. Birthday Cards were also sent to all members.

The *Journeying through Grief* booklet program was available to eight participants this past year.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry continues to provide shawls to our clergy.

On Rally Day a number of parishioners signed up to assist the Care Team as we continue to provide meals to those recovering from illness or surgery, and to provide transportation for medical appointments. Not counted are the many phone calls or visits made to shut-ins, or those recovering at home or at facilities, which are made by the Calvary Care Team.

## **Children's Ministry Annual Meeting Report**

**Nursery is for ages birth thru Pre-school from 7:45a.m.-12:00 on Sundays or at other necessary times**

Our Nursery has had a facelift. We have new flooring, rugs, table and chairs and other upgrades to make for a welcoming environment for our youngest members. Our caregivers are trained and screened and up to date on their Safeguarding God's Children Credentials. They have been furnished with Calvary Logo T-shirts and name tags to help parishioners identify them as our nursery workers.

Extra safety measures have been put in place. We are now locking the outside doors at 10:45 to the Austin Street entrance during the 10:30 service to limit access street access and provide more safety for our children. We have new sign in sheets and info sheets for parents to fill out when dropping their children off in the nursery. The Vestry Person of the Day is checking in on the nursery often and providing the workers with cell numbers to reach them in case of an emergency or concern that needs immediate attention.

**Children's Chapel during the Sunday 10:30 service for children Pre-K thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Children's chapel resumed in September of 2021. We are meeting in the Conference Room after processing in from the Church during the "Gloria". Our curriculum is "Creative Ideas for Children's Worship" Year A B & C. It follows the Liturgical Calendar of the Episcopal Church, and the lessons revolve around the Gospel chosen for that week.

Our Chapel area is complete with an Alter, Cross and Candles. The children seem to appreciate having their own place to worship and learn about Jesus. We collect a weekly offering that the children enjoy taking turns presenting to the Alter in the church during the Offertory.

### **Children Sunday School is held Sundays between the 8:00-10:30 services for children Pre-K thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Sunday School resumed "In Person" in September and is being guided by capable volunteers committed to Christian Education for their own children and the Calvary family as well. Prayer is an integral part of our Sunday School Program as well as having fun and fellowships while completing related crafts.

During Advent our families participated in activities on various Sundays such as Advent Wreath decorating, Cookie Decorating, and making ornaments and preparing for our Christmas Eve Live Nativity Scene.

On Christmas Eve we had help from three of our JR. High group, musically accompanying with keyboard, voice, and sign language the congregation that gathered outside to watch our scene develop. We had Mary and Joseph, a real live Baby Jesus, Shepherd, Lambs, Wisemen and Angels **GALORE**. Many of our cast were out with COVID but over 20 showed up for a wonderful display.

### **EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) Annual Report**

EYC had many fun-filled activities in 2021. Our average attendance for 2021 was 10 youth, meeting every other Sunday. The Youth collected \$971 for Souper Bowl of Caring. In January the 12 youth and four leaders went to Brazos State Park for an overnight camping trip. Throughout the year the youth went roller skating, a mall scavenger hunt, two different concerts, took on the challenge of an Escape Room, and stayed at a beach house for two nights.

The youth group was involved in several volunteer activities such as collecting supplies and volunteering for the Rosenberg Animal Shelter. In September, Louisiana was hit by hurricane IDA and the youth collected supplies and then volunteered at the distribution center as goods were packed up to go to Louisiana. On the third Sunday of every month, you can find the youth group in the kitchen preparing breakfast (pancakes, sausages, bacon) for the church members.

We are delighted to welcome Will McClellan to the EYC leadership team. If you have any questions about Calvary's Youth Group (EYC) please contact Suzette Hillis at 281-342-2147 or [shillis@ces-richmond.org](mailto:shillis@ces-richmond.org).



## Troop 100 Report



This serves as a report of the activities and happenings of Troop 100 for the calendar year 2021.

2019 was the founding year for Scouts BSA Troop 100 for girls. Calvary Episcopal has served as the home base for this developing troop as well as the community of support vital to the longevity of the unit. The troop uses methods of scouting: outdoor programs, personal

growth, advancement, and adhering to the Scout Oath and Law as a means to fulfill their vision. Together they strive to be pioneers as the first ever troop for girls in the Brazos District; developing leadership, citizenship, moral strength and character to last over their lifetimes.

In 2021, despite the continuing concerns of COVID, our Troop was able to meet weekly, serve the community, and offer at least one outdoor event or campout each month. Following both Calvary and the Scouts BSA guidelines for health and safety, our leadership adjusted protocols as needed throughout the year to ensure we ran the best program possible under the everchanging circumstances. Our Troop built sleds on wheels to compete in a winter scout skills competition, inspired by the Klondike Gold Rush. During the competition, our scouts were challenged to display their skills in building fires without matches or fuel in windy conditions, treat cold weather related injuries using their first aid training, use a map and compass to race an orienteering course, build emergency shelters, and cook delicious food over campfires and coals.

Later in the spring we worked alongside many other troops from the Sam Houston Area Council to blaze a 5 mile trail at Camp Strake, in Coldspring, TX, that will be used for ATV adventures beginning the spring of 2022. Our experienced scouts taught our new and younger scouts a course on troop and patrol leadership on the banks of the Frio River at Garner State Park. After their hard work and teambuilding, they enjoyed paddle boarding on the river and some sand volleyball.

In July we traveled to Oklahoma for summer camp at Hale Scout reservation where scouts spent the week riding horses and learning to care for these beautiful animals, spent evening studying astronomy, earned their Snow Sports Merit Badge on a man-made mountain for skiing, paddled canoes and went white water kayaking, sang, swam, celebrated, and made tons of new friends. In August, the troop redirected their focus back to inside the Troop by focusing on communication, public speaking, and citizenship merit badges. The girls have created opportunities for each scout to present to their peers as well as larger groups of adults and leaders.

At the end of October, our Troop was asked to host a district wide event call Webelos Woods. This is an outstanding honor for an up-and-coming Troop! At this event, Cub Scouts attend to experience Scouting methods and build scout skills. Our girls planned all the details of the weekend from Friday night camp wide snacks to scout skills stations on Saturday, flag ceremonies, cooking competition, judging and awards for all stations, closing campfire ceremony, and experienced scout guides for all the younger scouts. The leadership skills they have developed over the year were put on display during this event and they did an exceptional job! We returned to Austin in November to compete a second year in the Highland Games

where our Troop placed first in many events like axe throwing, caber toss, boulder hurling, hammer throw, tug o'war, and wheat sheaf toss.

Troop 100 closed 2021 with 16 registered scouts and plans for five more to join after completing their Cub Scouts in January. We have a small, strong leadership team guiding, mentoring, and encouraging their path. The troop was awarded a Gold ranking in Journey to Excellence for scout development, training, service, and 147 camping nights. There were 63 merit badges earned among these scouts and 15 rank advancements, and 19 special awards. The young ladies have strategically planned their meeting time wisely to continue this path of advancement and skill building. Focusing on a life of selfless service, our 16 scouts provided 347 hours of service to our community in 2021! Additionally, five of our current scouts will have the opportunity to earn their Eagle Rank in 2022 and join their peers amidst the first females in history to reach this achievement.

Troop 100 is truly grateful for the support from Calvary Episcopal Church! You have helped us define our pathway forward as pioneers and provide us a consistent place to call home as we shape the lives of young people. - Angie Gardner



## 2021 Parish Statistics

### Baptisms

James Bradshaw  
Brian Bradshaw  
James Milford  
Harrison Milford  
Mamie Jane Milford  
Mary Frances Milford  
David Qian  
Anna Qian  
Rachel Qian  
Ethan Qian  
Colby Schulz

### New Members

John and Paula Badora  
Mac & Anne Bennett  
Carl & Melody Cartledge  
Randell & Jamie Dukeminier  
Bob & Christi Dunn (Emily & Nick)  
Ross & Gina Elkins  
Patrick & Amy Ernst (Audrey & Edith)  
Priscilla Forkner  
Amy Gresham (Colby Schulz)  
Elliot Janota  
Cynthia and Rudy Lara  
Sonia & Tremon McGrath  
James & Meagan Milford (Harrison, Mamie,  
Frances)  
Aubrey & Pat Mires  
Terri Morgan  
David & Anna Qian (Rachel & Ethan)  
Duncan & Nancy Reid  
Stephanie Schwing

### Confirmed

Carl Cartledge  
Susan Hugel  
Hogan Kniss  
James Milford  
Stephanie Schwing  
Christopher Windham

### Received

Amy Gresham

### Reaffirmed

Meagan Milford

### Weddings

Joyce Strimple and David Wells

### Those We Love But See No Longer

William Anderson  
Carolyn Bullen  
Jack Buttram  
Roy Cole  
Denny Dantimo  
The Rev. Margaret Foster  
Katherine Grotte  
Carol Hensley  
Alex Iversen  
Ann Kidida  
Louis Myers  
Soni Oyekan  
Chelo Palmer  
David Wilkes

## Calvary Episcopal Church

Mission Statement: *Calvary welcomes and embraces all who join us in doing the work of Christ in our community.*

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Canonical Ministries</u></b></p> <p><b>The Vestry</b> Executive Finance Building/Grounds Stewardship</p> <p><b><u>Calvary Episcopal Prep School Board</u></b> Fr. Morgan Chris Bradley, Pres. <b>Paula Grossman,</b> <b>Vestry Liaison</b></p> <hr/> <p><b><u>Building &amp; Grounds</u></b> John Ondrusek, Junior Warden Wayne Helbert Jim Grotte Frank Plut Oscar Lozano</p> <p><b><u>Finance Committee</u></b> C. Iversen, Treasurer Charlie King Susan Grotte, Senior Warden Scott McLemore Don Bagozzi Marian Briscoe Frank Lemkowitz Fr. Ralph Morgan <b>Philip Zanghi,</b> <b>Vestry Liaison</b></p> <p><b><u>Stewardship Committee</u></b> Calvary Staff <b>Philip Zanghi,</b> <b>Vestry Liaison</b></p> <p><b><u>Calvary Episcopal Church Foundation</u></b> Betsy Zanghi, President Lisa Lemkowitz, Treasurer Kathy Bethke Dennis Gorka Clayton Cooley <b>Susan Grotte,</b> <b>Senior Warden</b> <b>Fr. Ralph Morgan</b></p> <p><b><u>Special Projects</u></b> <b>Bob Todor,</b> <b>Vestry Liaison</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Office of the Rector</u></b></p> <p><b>The Staff</b> Rector Parish Admin Communications Worship Leader Organist/Choir Financial Adm. Newcomer Coordinator Children's Minister Special Projects Sacristan <b>Susan Grotte,</b> <b>Vestry Liaison</b></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Membership</u></b></p> <p>* <b>Website</b> Suzette Hillis</p> <p>* <b>Newsletter</b> Amber Zentis</p> <p>* <b>Marketing</b> Amber Zentis</p> <p>* <b>Fellowship</b> <b>Calvary Night Out</b> Tina Broussard <b>Parish Retreat</b> Susan Grotte <b>Parish Picnic – Open Foyer Groups</b> Lois Essells Kay Hardee</p> <p>* <b>Welcome &amp; Greeting</b> Anne Scarborough</p> <p>* <b>Hospitality</b> <b>Breakfast &amp; Cookies</b> Mary Lane Anne Scarborough <b>Bereavement/ Weddings</b> Dorothy Lyons</p> <p>* <b>DOK</b> Jeaninne Hillis</p> <p>* <b>Care Team</b> Rev. Nancy Wilkes</p> <p>* <b>Rally Day</b> Anne Scarborough</p> <p>* <b>Bridge Group</b> Peggy Clingenpeel Sheila Phillips</p> <p>* <b>Walking the Mourner's Path – Rev. Nancy Wilkes</b></p> <p><b>Debbie Pohler,</b> <b>Vestry Liaison</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Outreach Ministry</u></b></p> <p>* <b>Boy Scouts</b> Bryan Moss Angie Gardner Jim Kidda</p> <p>* <b>Cub Scouts</b> John Moore Jim Kidda</p> <p>* <b>Christmas Adopt-a-Family</b> Frank &amp; Mary Ellen Plut, Raymond &amp; Debbie Pohler</p> <p>* <b>Blood Drive</b> Frank Plut</p> <p>* <b>Community Garden</b> Rick Lane</p> <p>* <b>Easter Activities</b> Kay Hardee</p> <p>* <b>Helping Hands</b> Lois Essells</p> <p>* <b>Kairos Prison Ministry</b> David Essells</p> <p>* <b>Mission Trips</b> Youth: Suzette Hillis Adult: Open</p> <p>* <b>Thanksgiving Feast</b> Bill Daw</p> <p>* <b>Kids Hope</b> Chris Bradley</p> <p>* <b>Action Team</b> Roy Haley</p> <p>* <b>Habitat for Humanity</b> Dan &amp; Chris Bradley</p> <p>* <b>Laundry Love</b> Rev. Nancy Wilkes</p> <p>* <b>Friends of North Richmond</b> Roy Haley</p> <p>* <b>Family Promise</b> Roy Haley Tim Hillis</p> <p><b>Rick Lane,</b> <b>Vestry Liaison</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Youth and Formation</u></b></p> <p>* <b>Advent and Lent</b> Fr. Ralph Morgan</p> <p>* <b>Adult Education</b> Fr. Ralph Morgan</p> <p>* <b>Children's Ministry</b> Kay Hardee</p> <p>* <b>Children's Chapel</b> Kay Hardee</p> <p>* <b>Confirming the Connection (CCW)</b> Anne &amp; Reb Scarborough</p> <p>* <b>EYC (Youth)</b> Suzette Hillis Nicole Cornwell Will McClellan</p> <p>* <b>Safeguarding God's Children</b> Paula Grossman</p> <p>* <b>Shepherd Groups</b> Fr. Ralph Morgan Christian Iversen</p> <p><b>Debbie Helbert, Marian Briscoe and Nicole Cornwell,</b> <b>Vestry Liaisons</b></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Worship Ministry</u></b></p> <p>* <b>Acolytes</b> Tiffany Maldonado</p> <p>* <b>Altar Guild</b> Irene Iversen</p> <p>* <b>Flower Delivery</b> Dorothy Lyons</p> <p>* <b>Lay Ministry</b> Wendy Doherty</p> <p>* <b>Liturgy</b> Fr. Ralph Morgan</p> <p>* <b>Music</b> <b>POGS</b> - Will Mason <b>Choir</b> - John Brun <b>Handbells</b> - Paula Smith</p> <p>* <b>AV Ministry</b> Reb Scarborough</p> <p>* <b>Ushers &amp; Greeters</b> Anne Scarborough</p> <p>* <b>Sunday Prayer Team</b> Mary Katherine Maldonado</p> <p><b>Greg Bethke,</b> <b>Vestry Liaison</b></p>
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