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**Weekly Ministries**

Sunday Worship Service 10:00am

Monday Prayer Night  
7:30-8:30pm

Wednesday Prayer Walk  
2:00-3:00pm

By our standards, we’d call that a success story. In fact, many church leaders pray for that sort of open door. But not Ying.

Ying did the math and discovered that during his missionary career, he would only reach a few thousand individuals across China, at best. With a population of 1.4 billion, this would amount to a drop in the bucket.

More people needed to hear the Gospel, more lives needed to be changed by the love of Jesus. Instead of going by the 1s and 2s, they changed their strategy. Now, every person is a disciple who multiplies disciples. Every person is called to fulfill the Great Commission, lead others to Jesus, and start new churches.

You may remember a message in the DNA series from last year called “We are Disciple-Makers.”

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**Go, Not Come**

Several years ago, I had the privilege of inviting a man named Ying Kai to speak at a church leader’s conference we helped to start in Europe.

Ying Kai was a Christian church planter and missionary in Hong Kong and across other parts of China. He’s little known – because he’s perhaps one of the humblest individuals I’ve ever met. And likewise, you wouldn’t know much about him at first … that is, until you hear his story.

“My wife and I, together with our team, used to lead around 60 people to Christ every year,” he said. “And through that work we’d start one new church.”

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**CALVARY BOARD REPORT**

**Board Member Devotion**

*Being Grateful*

When asked "how are you?”, how do you respond?

You can say “I’m grateful!”— for the things we have: the love of Jesus never changes, being forgiven, family, friends, & blessings.

And ...we are also grateful for the things we do NOT have. For example, we are grateful to not have high blood pressure, to not have poor vision, to not need a walker, or to not need to boil my water for drinking. We are truly blessed ...and grateful!

“Always give thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” – Ephesians 5:20

**First Fruits Funds:**

Painting of exterior of church completed, painting of classrooms & hallways still in progress, and nearing completion.

**June 2021 Financials**

Income: $26,382.71

Expenses: $13,699.68

Net Income $12,683.03

(loss)

**Memorial Day:** Aiko Aoyama, Janice Ishimaru, Mary Lam

**Father’s Day:** Trisha Fong

**Deacon’s Fund:** Ted & Sue Yoneda

**In Honor of Gordy Wong’s Graduation from Law School:** Kevin & Susan Wong

**Birthday Offering:** Jim & Sally Tsunekawa (Nate Tsunekawa)

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## SPECIAL OFFERINGS

**Ways to Give:**

Generosity changes lives! John 3:16 says “God so loved the world that He gave…” Your generosity is living proof that God is still transforming lives today.

To stay up to date on your giving, you can: Complete an offering envelop and mail it back to the church.

**NEW: ONLINE GIVING**

Go to calvarystockton.church/give to set up automatic or one-time giving. It’s a safe, convenient and easy-to-use way to stay up to date on your giving!

Helpful tip: To practice good stewardship, please return unused offering envelopes and pens to the foyer after worship service on Sunday. Thank you in advance for your stewardship!

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| SUN | M | T | W | TH | F | SAT |
| 27  **Worship**  **Service:**  10:00am | 28  **Prayer Night**  7:30pm – 8:30pm | 29 | 30  CP Mailing    **Small Group:**  10:00am | 1  Weekly Email Newsletter  **Calvary Bowling**  7:00pm | 2  Office closed | 3 |
| 4  **Holy Communion**  **Worship**  **Service:**  10:00am  Happy 4th  of July! | 5  **Prayer Night**  7:30pm – 8:30pm | 6 | 7  **Small Group:**  10:00am  **Young Adult Game Night:**  7:00pm – 9:00pm | 8  Weekly Email Newsletter  **Calvary Bowling**  7:00pm | 9  Office closed  **Family Swim Party:**  3:00pm – 7:00pm  **Open Gym and Worship Service:**  6:00pm – 9:00pm | 10 |
| 11  **Worship**  **Service:**  10:00am | 12  **Prayer Night**  7:30pm – 8:30pm | 13 | 14  **Small Group:**  10:00am  **Catalyst Life Group:**  7:00pm – 9:00pm  **Calvary School of Theology:**  7:00pm – 9:00pm | 15  Weekly Email Newsletter  **Calvary Bowling**  7:00pm | 16  Office closed  **Open Gym and Worship Service**  6:00pm – 9:00pm | 17  **Calvary School of Theology:**  10:00am – 3:00pm |
| 18  **Worship**  **Service:**  10:00am | 19  CP Deadline  **Prayer Night**  7:30pm – 8:30pm | 20 | 21  **Small Group:**  10:00am  **Catalyst Life Group:**  7:00pm – 9:00pm | 22  Weekly Email Newsletter  **Calvary Bowling**  7:00pm | 23  Office closed  **Open Gym and Worship Service**  6:00pm – 9:00pm | 24  **Men’s Fellowship Breakfast:**  8:00am – 10:00am |
| 25  **Worship**  **Service:**  10:00am  **Membership**  **Class:**  1:00pm – 3:30pm | 26  **VBS:**  9:00am – 1:00pm | 27  **VBS:**  9:00am – 1:00pm | 28  **VBS:**  9:00am – 1:00pm  CP Mailing | 29  **VBS:**  9:00am – 1:00pm  **Calvary Bowling**  7:00pm | 30  **VBS:**  9:00am – 1:00pm | 31 |

**BIBLE TRIVIA**

- Who warned Paul of the plot against him?

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- Who was the governor that heard the council’s case against Paul?

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- What did Felix feel when Paul told him of Christ?

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- According to Paul, who is the head of the church?

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Answers from June’s trivia: Beersheba; 1,000 silver pieces; Ahithopheo; as a mourner

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Join us for fun and fellowship at

**Calvary Bowling**

Every Thursday Night, 7:00pm

at Pacific Avenue Bowl

Splish Splash!

**Family Swim Party**

Friday, July 9th

3:00-7:00pm

Spread the word!

**Vacation Bible School**

Monday through Friday

July 26-30

9:00am – 1:00pm

**phone:** 209-466-0221 **email**: [info@calvarystockton.church](mailto:info@calvarystockton.church) **website**: www.calvarystockton.church

 Go Deeper into God’s Truth at the

**Calvary School of Theology**

**Residential Day**

Saturday, July 17th

Learn what it is to be a member

**Membership Class**

Sunday, July 25th

1:00-3:30pm

**COMING UP @ CALVARY**

Don’t miss these exciting events! More information is available online and in service.

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## DEACON’S CORNER

* For the Mercy Ministry, Calvary outreach ministry, and Ron’s outreach ministry.
* Friend's daughter in a medically induced coma for asthma complications.
* Comfort for John's sister who is suffering from cancer.
* For Brian's friend, Julia. God's protection and guidance for her pregnancy.
* For Viet, healing for his kidney transplant.
* Conflict between Israel and Palestine.
* Safety for Jewish people in the U.S. dealing with anti-Semitic behavior.
* Continued prayer for:
* Healing prayer's for Charise's cousin Kathy, battling cancer.
* Healing for Steve and Joe.
* Healing prayers for Duane's recovery.
* Thank you, Tiffany, the Calvary Office Manager.
* Trisha gives thanks for her dad's retirement and birthday.
* Thank you for the healing of Kathy.
* For Dorothy's healing and recovery from heart surgery.
* Healing for Pastor's Grandfather, Chuck.
* Friend of Brett in need of spiritual healing.
* Healing for Dan's health issues, and for his daughter who is fighting cancer.
* For a friend, Chris, who was carjacked creating trauma for him and his child.
* For the future spouses of our children and grandchildren.
* Victims of crime.
* With the rise in crime, our country needs to return to God; Revival for our country.

The rummage sale will be returning on Saturday, August 14th from 9-11am. Please mark your calendars in advance. There will also be a bake sale. More details to about when and how to donate items will come soon!

- Submitted by Stephen Takemoto

## RUMMAGE SALE

Sunday School classrooms have been painted and as well as the hallway and restrooms! Another special thank you to our painter, Roy Faulkinbury for his hard work in improving the appearance of our church.

- submitted by Steve Takemoto

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## FACILITIES REPORT

“Open your mouth and taste, open your eyes and see how good GOD is.

Blessed are you who run to Him.” - Psalm 34:8

Submitted by Charise Masada

**Toiletry Ministry**

The Deacons are continuing the **Toiletry Ministry**. Personal hygiene items, such as soap, shampoo, lotion, toothbrushes, and toothpaste can be placed in the bin located in the Fellowship Hall. These items are donated to the Stockton Shelter for the homeless, Gospel Center Rescue Mission and Salvation Army.

Our prayers for God's blessings and guidance for Calvary, our Pastor and his family, the congregation, and Converge and all the Christian churches to be a light to the world. Revival for our country. Prayers that our country returns to following Jesus Christ.

This past month, Catalyst has been able to continue to alternate weekly between meeting in-person and online for our Wednesday night life groups. We were also blessed with the opportunity to meet Jane Nguyen who was visiting Stockton and was able to get involved with our young adult ministry in the time that she was here. Praise God for allowing this ministry to continue to reach people near and far from Christ with the love of God! As we look towards the rest of this summer season, we’re excited to see all of the ways God will be using this young adult ministry for His Kingdom purposes. We ask for your prayers as we truly seek to be the body of Christ for the youth and young adults in the city of Stockton this summer!

* Submitted by Brett Nakashima

## CATALYST LIFE GROUP UPDATE

In that message I challenged our church to rethink what it means to do and be the church in Stockton.

We can go on with the strategy of bringing others to church. And year by year, sure enough, this little church with a heart for Jesus will grow. Maybe, under God’s provision and willing, we’ll even become quite large. Perhaps, we dream of a day of seeing 1,000, 2,000 or even 5,000 people give their lives to Christ through the Lord’s work here!

But that wouldn’t reach Stockton – a city with over 300,000 people. We need to dream a bigger Gospel dream for our city, not of a few hundred or even thousand people. We need a dream that doesn’t stop until every person in our city has experienced, tasted, and responded to the life transforming message of hope and salvation through Jesus.

Through hearing Ying’s story, I learned an essential lesson about what it takes to reach Stockton with the love of Christ: **Go, not *just* come.**

The Christian faith is about the Christian mission to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Celebrating the Lord through worship on Sunday is God-honoring and great, but if our entire missional mandate is to ‘invite’ someone to church, where does that leave the Great Commission? Jesus said “go”, not come. What if instead of inviting someone to church, every year each person in our church went to their family, neighbors, or friends and led just one person to the Lord? Go, not *just* come.

This year, what if every person in our church discipled one other person who doesn’t know Jesus yet? You’d think ‘so what, we’re just a small church’. But our little church of 100 people takes up this challenge.

And after year 1, let’s say everyone we disciple gives their life to Christ. Year 2 starts, and we have 200 disciples. Now those 200 do it all over again – now at year 3 there are 400 disciples in our church. Now we repeat… year 4 – 800. Year 5, 1600. Year 6, 3200. By year 13, just over a decade from the date I write this – the entire city of Stockton would be followers of Jesus!

After six months of starting this vision, Ying saw 327 small groups and 4,000 newly baptized believers scattered across seventeen towns. Within twelve months, there were 908 house churches with more than 12,000 new Christians.

Exceeding in six months what he previously had dreamed of doing in his lifetime. Praise God that today, there are millions of believers in China because of the Lord’s work through Ying and other faithful missionaries.

This month I want to challenge you to rethink your Christian faith to fulfill the Great Commission by going to the places God has called you and sharing the Gospel.

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