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PRAISE THE LORD!

After much prayer, work, and a very long process, I would like to thank those in Session, the Pastor Search Committee and especially our Lord that Pastor Andrew and family are coming to Calvary

It has been a little over a year since Pastor Emi announced his decision to remain as an interim pastor and to seek another pastoral calling. Since that day, the Session has been working on different options in the pastor search process. After meeting, reviewing, and studying numerous denominations and pastor search organizations, we agreed to go with Converge. Converge is a Christian organization that supports and helps in networking a large group of independent Christian churches throughout the nation. Converge is the organization that assisted us in referring pastors and speakers for our pulpit. Pastor Larry Adams, Pastor Paul Root, Professor Randy Fujishin, and Pastor Chris Calvert were all referred to Calvary to support us in filling the vacant pulpit. Pastor Chris has been an answer to prayer in filling the pulpit, and leading and organizing the Calvary services especially during this Covid-19 pandemic lockdown.

In December 2019, a Pastor Search Committee (PSC) was established made up of Cori Kambara, Mary Nakamura, Trisha Fong, and me. We began the process of completing a Congregational church survey, and a PSC and Session survey, which helped us establish the type of pastor that would fit best for this church. Upon completing the Church's profile with Converge, we begin posting our pastor search request with numerous Christian organizations, including JEMS, Pastor.com, Church Staffing, Christian Jobs, and numerous Christian Universities and Seminaries. Many calls were made to different churches and pastors, encouraging pastors to consider Calvary as a possible church calling.

We received over 40 resumes, numerous phone inquiries, and emails from possible pastoral candidates. After reviewing the resumes the PSC selected six candidates to interview. After the interviews three candidates were selected to be interviewed by Session. Both the PSC and Session overwhelmingly voted for Pastor Andrew to be our primary candidate. There were no dissensions from either group. Pastor Andrew was referred to Converge as our nominee.

For part of the Converge's assessment for Andrew, he completed a personality test and a background review. Pastor David, the Converge liaison to Calvary, spent many hours discussing with Andrew his strengths and weaknesses, his vision, and goals as a pastor. From this a pastor profile was established for Andrew. Upon

completion of this process Pastor Andrew's profile was compared to the Calvary's profile, and Pastor David concluded that Pastor Andrew would be an excellent match for Calvary.

Upon Pastor Andrew giving a sermon for Calvary, visiting Stockton, meeting some of the wonderful people at Calvary, and much prayer, the Calvary Session asked Pastor Andrew to fulfill the calling of Lead Pastor at Calvary. Pastor Andrew accepted this calling and will be giving his first sermon as the Calvary pastor on June 7th.

Pastor Andrew and his wife Mariava were originally from Oklahoma, however in 2014 God called them to the mission field. They started working with Greater Europe Mission in 2015 and moved to the United Kingdom, where for four years they worked alongside local churches to teach and train in discipleship. In 2019 he and his family returned to the United States and began serving as a location teaching pastor for The Journey Church in Manhattan. He and Mariava have true hearts for our Lord Jesus Christ. He believes his ministry is to see a generation of disciples who make disciples by equipping and empowering people to engage this world with the Gospel. He and Mariava have a 2-year-old son Joshua and a child on the way. We are so excited about Pastor Andrew answering the call to Calvary. Thank you, Lord, and thank you all for your prayers and the much work given in this search.

Blessings in Christ,
Ron,
Chairperson, Pastor Search Committee

You Are Not Alone!

Your church family is here for you during this unprecedented time in our nation and world. At Calvary we always been known for our ability to pull together when something needs to get done. With the direction and oversight of Pastor Chris Calvert, your church leaders have been working on keeping us connected and rooted in Christ until we can meet again in person.

Leaders have made the commitment to stay in regular contact with every member and friend of our church to keep them informed about resources for Bible study, videoconferencing, devotions, and prayer groups. If you have not been contacted please let us know by contacting Brian in the office (209.466.0221 or email cpcstockton@yahoo.com), Ron Kuwahara (209.712.4207) or any Elder or Deacon. We may not have your most current contact information, so please provide your home and cell number and email address when you contact us.

The office will remain open until further notice. We need our administrative help more than ever as we try to get information out to you as quickly as possible. Brian is committed to being in the office during regular hours – Tuesday to Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. - so you may contact the office with any questions, needs, or concerns and he will contact someone who can help.

Check the church website (www.cpcstockton.org) and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/calvarystockton) for information. As you know, things can change rapidly and we are committed to keeping you informed.

Remember that the church is not a building, rather it is the people who make up the church. That's you. So even though we are approaching church and worship differently we are still the church and you are still part of it. You are not alone.

Use this slower-paced time to pray and read and study the Bible. Reach out to others with a phone call or note. This is a time for us to bond as Christ-followers as we learn and grow through this experience and learn to depend on the Lord for strength, comfort, and peace. We have an amazing opportunity to glorify God through this experience.

You are not alone. Your church family is praying for you.

Resources During Shelter-in-Place

Church Leaders: Your Elder or Deacon is your “go to” person for all things CPC. They will pray for you, encourage you and work to provide help if you need it. Expect to be in touch with your leader at least once a week.

Facebook and Website: Look to the church Facebook page and church website to keep you up to speed, connect and bring you spiritual resources. Be sure to “Like” the CPC Facebook page and post comments there that that will serve to encourage others.

Prayer Group Text: Ron Kuwahara has a text group where people can share prayer requests. If you would like to be in that prayer group or have a prayer request, please text Ron at 209-712-4207.

Online Church Gathering: We will continue to have our Sunday services on Zoom until further notice. Pastor Andrew shares God’s Word along with a short study and we spent time praying for the concerns of our church family. Please join us on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. You can download the Zoom app or sign in on the website after you create an account. There will be a new link to each weekly meeting that will be emailed and posted on the church website and Facebook page.

Here is a weekly agenda of what we will be posting and when on our website and Facebook page.

Monday: Daily devotional

Tuesday: Daily devotional

Wednesday: Daily devotional and weekly update.

Thursday: This Sunday @ Calvary! (Sunday Zoom invitation)

Saturday: Zoom Church Gathering reminder

If you have questions or need help, don’t hesitate to reach out to one of the church leaders, call or email the church.

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April Financials 2020

Income:	\$22,066.34
Expenses:	<u>\$11,553.68</u>
Net:	<u>\$10,512.66</u>

We would like to thank Pastor Chris and his wife, Michele for their commitment to Calvary during our pastor search. The guidance and support by Pastor Chris was very timely, he brought experience and organizational skills that we truly needed during our transition.

Pastor Chris filled in as a pulpit supply starting the end of January. Then, the dreaded Covid-19 virus changed our lives forever. In mid-March Sunday services or gatherings were closed down by the Federal government and Governor Newsom.

Without Pastor’s guidance and organizational skills, we wouldn’t have been able to continue to have Sunday services. He met with Session, Deacons and the Praise and Worship participants every Thursday, to make sure our Zoom broadcast looked professional.

We would like to extend our support and prayers to Pastor Chris and Michele in their search for a calling in the Seattle, Washington area. Please continue to pray for the Calvert’s that God has a plan on their future too.

In Christ,
Stephen Takemoto

Deacon's Corner



Deacon's on-going Outreach Project: Toiletry Collection Ministry & Canned food Drive
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We ask for healing prayers for Reverend Saburo Masada, Charise Masada, Janice Ishimaru and Jim Tsunekawa

A special thanks to Willie Low, Gary Low and Steve Takemoto for coordinating and conducting our first Dumpster Day. \$470.00 was garnered from this project and will be added to the general fund.

An additional 25 masks will be produced and kept at church. Monies from the Deacon's fund will be used to pay for the materials. Thanks again to all the ladies who have volunteered to help make these masks. Your time and talents are very much appreciated.

We'd like to acknowledge and thank Brian Kaneko for his additional duties and hard work from all of us here at Calvary.

On Sunday, May 10th, Steve Takemoto made the announcement that our pastor search had reached a milestone Andrew Phillips has been asked and has graciously accepted the calling to become Calvary Presbyterian's next pastor

Thank you, Jesus. You have heard and acknowledged our prayers

And God said, "Let there be light" and there was light. God saw that light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. - Genesis 1:3-4

Blessing,
Dave Furukawa

Many have asked how you can to continue to support Calvary with offerings and tithes while we are not meeting in person. Please mail your offerings to the church at 2343 Country Club Blvd., Stockton, CA 95204. Thank you for your continued support and God bless you!

What God hath Promised
"God hath not promised skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways all our lives through.
God hath not promised sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.
God hath not promised we shall not know,
Toil and temptation, trouble and woe.
He hath not told us we shall not bear,
Many a burden, many a care.
But God hath not promised strength for the day,
Rest for the laborer, light for the way.
Grace for the trials, help from above,
Unfailing sympathy, undying love."

"Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises." – 2 Peter 1:4

"Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could; some blunders and absurdities have crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day; you shall begin it serenely and with too high a spirit to be encumbered with your old nonsense."

"When negative thoughts try to invade your heart and mind, may you always know that Jesus is your "army" that will slay the dragon of negative thoughts! Praise be to God forever and ever!"

- Charise Masada

Special Offerings

In Memory of Pablo & Purificacion Menor

Richard & Janet Menor

In Memory of Miki Kagoshima

Katie Komure

In Memory of Elaine Low

Jack & Catherine Doo

Ken & Karen Natsuhara

In Memory of Sam Ishihara

Shizuko Ishihara

In Memory of Sue Ishihara

Shizuko Ishihara

In Memory of Frank & Frances Takemoto

Steve & Barbara Takemoto

In Memory of Yutaka Watanabe

Steve & Barbara Takemoto

In Memory of Philip Lee

Jim & Sally Tsunekawa

In Memory of Lou & Alice Tsunekawa

Jim & Sally Tsunekawa

In Celebration of Jean Sakoda's Retirement

Randy & Dee Olson

In Celebration of Tyler & Joyce's 1st Anniversary

Jim & Sally Tsunekawa

Birthday Fund

Jim & Sally Tsunekawa (Erin, Steven, & Trinity)

Deacon's Fund

Aiko Aoyama

Daisy Chew

Janice Ishimaru

Willie & Anna Low

Joyce Nakashima (for face masks)

Jim & Sally Tsunekawa

Ted & Sue Yoneda

Easter

Peter & Alice Fong

Steve & Barbie Fujinaka

Chris MacDannald

Richard & Janet Menor

Joyce Nakashima

Ren & Julianne Nakashima

June 2020

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Church Gathering on Zoom: 10:00 am	1 Daily Devotional	2 Daily Devotional	3 Daily Devotional & weekly update	4 This Sunday @ Calvary! (Sunday Zoom Invitation)	5 Office closed	6 Zoom Church Gathering reminder
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14 Church Gathering on Zoom: 10:00 am Graduation Slideshow on Zoom: 10:00 am	15 Daily Devotional	16 CP Deadline Daily Devotional	17 Daily Devotional & weekly update Get to Know Your Pastor Video Call	18 This Sunday @ Calvary! (Sunday Zoom Invitation)	19 Office closed	20 Zoom Church Gathering reminder
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Church office hours: Monday – Thursday: 8:30 am – 5:30 pm