2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Annual Report of
God's Faithfulness
in Our Church

CALVARY CHAPEL COSTA MESA

WE BEGAN 2020...

... not only with the expectancy of a new year but with all the hope the dawn of a new decade brings.

New beginnings meant seeking fresh vision, so we kicked off the year with a conference called Clarity. Our goal for the two-day event was simple: to rediscover Jesus together. From those early days of 2020, we developed plans, locked in schedules, and dared to dream what the rest of the year would entail. In all of our plans, we sought the Lord, but how soon we would be reminded of the words of King Solomon: *"A man's heart plans his way, but the LORD directs his steps"* (Proverbs 16:9).

As you go through the pages of this report, you will see what was to be and what actually took place. Throughout our 2020 calendar, events are crossed off and replaced by scribbles of new projects and initiatives. God redirected.

He redirected us to meet the needs of those who mourned, those who hurt, and those in hardship. He knew what was to come and what He would ask of our church.

And while no one could envision all that 2020 would unleash on an unsuspecting world, none of it surprised the Lord. The God we read about in the New Testament storms is the same God in our modern-day pandemic. And we have learned in a greater measure what we have always known—Jesus is with us through it all.

As 2020 draws to a close, the global crisis remains unclear, but despite that, may we see Jesus with even greater clarity and press in to the only One who remains unchanged.

Blessings,

Pastor Brian Brodersen

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JAN 20

JAN 3–4	Clarity 2020
JAN 5	Missions Day
JAN 6–9	Missions Conference
JAN 17–19	Widows' Retreat
JAN 19	Vision Sunday
JAN 26–FEB 1	Week of Prayer
JAN 31–FEB 2	High School Winter Retreat

FEB 20

FEB 2	Super Bowl Sunday
FEB 9	First Ever EQUIP Class
FEB 14–16	Married Couples Retreat
FEB 16	Choir Sunday with Ray Sidney
FEB 28	Calvary Schools Open House
FEB 28–MAR 1	Jr. High Winter Camp

Hannah Colt
On staff since June 2010

A CLEAR PURPOSE

Hannah Colt

Entering 2020, there was a buzz of hope in the air. The year started with our first ever Clarity Conference; Pastor Brian shared the mission, vision, and values the Lord had given to the church; and we dedicated the year with prayer and fasting. Our calendar was quickly filling with plans, service ideas, outreach events, and we were ready for what God had next … or so we thought. As 2020 comes to a close, I look back and see a clear purpose for all that God did, that we did not and could not have planned. In a year of tremendous loss, God gave to us exceedingly, abundantly above all that we could have asked for or imagined.

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VISION IN CHAOS

IN EARLY MARCH...

... when COVID news brought change every hour, we were tempted for a moment to react in fear and give in to the chaos. However, the church's mission had not changed, neither had its vision nor its core values. Just as a parent was still expected to parent through radically changing routines, the church was still expected to disciple, schools were still expected to educate, and the radio station was still expected to equip.

How could Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa continue to achieve its vision for Jesus renewal in Orange County and beyond in the face of the chaos?

We knew that an organization could not achieve its vision with its symbolic head in the sand, ignoring the pressing circumstances around it. We knew vision was not a laboratory experiment achieved in sterile separation. We knew that vision must engage; we knew we had to seek to answer the pressing questions in a way that was consistent with our values.

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However, we also knew that an organization could not achieve its vision if it was being tossed to and fro by the winds of changing circumstances. We knew achieving vision was never entirely subjected to the pressures of life. We knew that if we were going to achieve our vision, we had to subject whatever we faced to the Lord who graciously gives.

2020 brought us face to face with issues we had never faced, but the answers came when we remembered the things we already knew. And then, despite a year of chaos and confusion, the Lord again showed Himself powerful and faithful.

We were a **Jesus church**—committed to Jesus's words, works, and ways—when we marched in prayer and solidarity with churches from all over Orange County in response to the racial division in our country. We didn't lose our **Kingdom-Mindedness** as we partnered with Saddleback Church and the Power of One Foundation to provide groceries to 50,000 families. We remained committed to being a **Great Commission church** by supporting other churches through Calvary Global Network's "church relief fund" and by making sure our missionaries were sustained. When difficult global issues arose, like the dignity of black lives and the pandemic crisis, as a **Gospel-Centered church**, we sought to point people to Jesus from every passage of Scripture. All the while our leadership and staff pursued the Lord in prayer, depending on the **Spirit's empowerment** to guide His church. Those prayers sometimes led to decisions that required faith, like the decision to pay CCCM staff for six weeks, even if they were not able to come into work. And those prayers aided us as we navigated the COVID mandates that now required social distancing and wearing masks. But all the while, the **Lord faithfully filled this church with grace**.

WE MARCHED IN PRAYER AND SOLIDARITY WITH CHURCHES FROM ALL OVER ORANGE COUNTY IN RESPONSE TO THE RACIAL DIVISION IN OUR COUNTRY.

The chaos of 2020 did not put God on pause. Neither COVID, nor protests, nor an election could disrupt God's mission to renew all things through Jesus, and we can proudly say, in the face of the circumstances, **Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa has remained devoted to Jesus renewal in Orange County and beyond**.

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MAR 7	Men's Conference
~~MAR 13–15~~	~~When Leaders Lead~~
~~MAR 15~~	~~Choir Sunday~~
~~MAR 20~~	~~Paul Movie Night~~
~~MAR 21~~	~~Creation Science Fellowship~~
~~MAR 27~~	~~Parents' Night Out~~
~~**TRIPS** *All March and April trips canceled or postponed:*~~	~~Mission trips to Mexico, Peru, Dominican Republic, New York, North Carolina, and Israel~~ Student trips to Washington DC

Setting Up Church at Home:
- *Move Church Online*
- *Start Kids' Interactive Church*
- *Set Up Live Interactive Chat*
- *Daily Live Videos on Facebook*
- *Call Full Church Database*

REVISED CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

After careful consideration, the leadership of Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa has decided to move Sunday services to an online format only. For the next three Sundays (March 15, 22, & 29), we encourage you to stay home and take part in our services by watching online at live.cccm.com.

We feel the move is important as we want to play our part in keeping our church community safe. The Coronavirus (COVID-19) has now turned into a pandemic, and Governor Gavin Newsom has requested the cancellation/postponement of all meetings with more than 250 people. We trust in the sovereignty of God, but in light of this directive, we feel there is wisdom in complying.

Until further notice, we have set the following plan

SUNDAYS (Marc

- Sunday services will only
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  through the end of March.
- Children's Ministry will not be available on Sundays through the end of March.
- We will make Children's Ministry curriculum available to parents through live.cccm.com.
- Junior High and High School ministries will not gather, but are encouraged to watch the main service online and download the age-appropriate worksheet available on live.cccm.com.
- Our Spanish ministry will stream live on spanish.ccc
  Facebook page (link)

CANCELED

WHAT A YEAR

Dennis Kazarian

What a year 2020 has been! A never-ending pandemic, social unrest generated by systemic racism, and a contentious general election all in one. With all this going on, Pastor Brian has kept CCCM on an even keel, not allowing CCCM to veer to one side, where you find the worship of a political philosophy that idolizes a popular political figure, which has gotten some Christian's eyes off of our Lord and Savior. Nor has he allowed CCCM to veer to the other side, where fear and anxiety reign. With restrictions, lockdowns, easing of lockdowns, and back to lockdowns, CCCM has continued to provide the gospel to a hungry county, state, country, and world—all who are in search of that peace that only Jesus Christ provides. These obstacles have not stopped CCCM from being the church and proclaiming the good news using a variety of mediums—the Internet, radio, Drive-In Church, Church on the Field, social distancing (and all its forms), all while remaining compliant with the governing authorities to avoid provoking unnecessarily those placed in power over us and to be a good witness to our fellow neighbors (Titus 3:1–2). Our church has not only preached with words but in deed. My wife and I are grateful to be a part of such a work of God.

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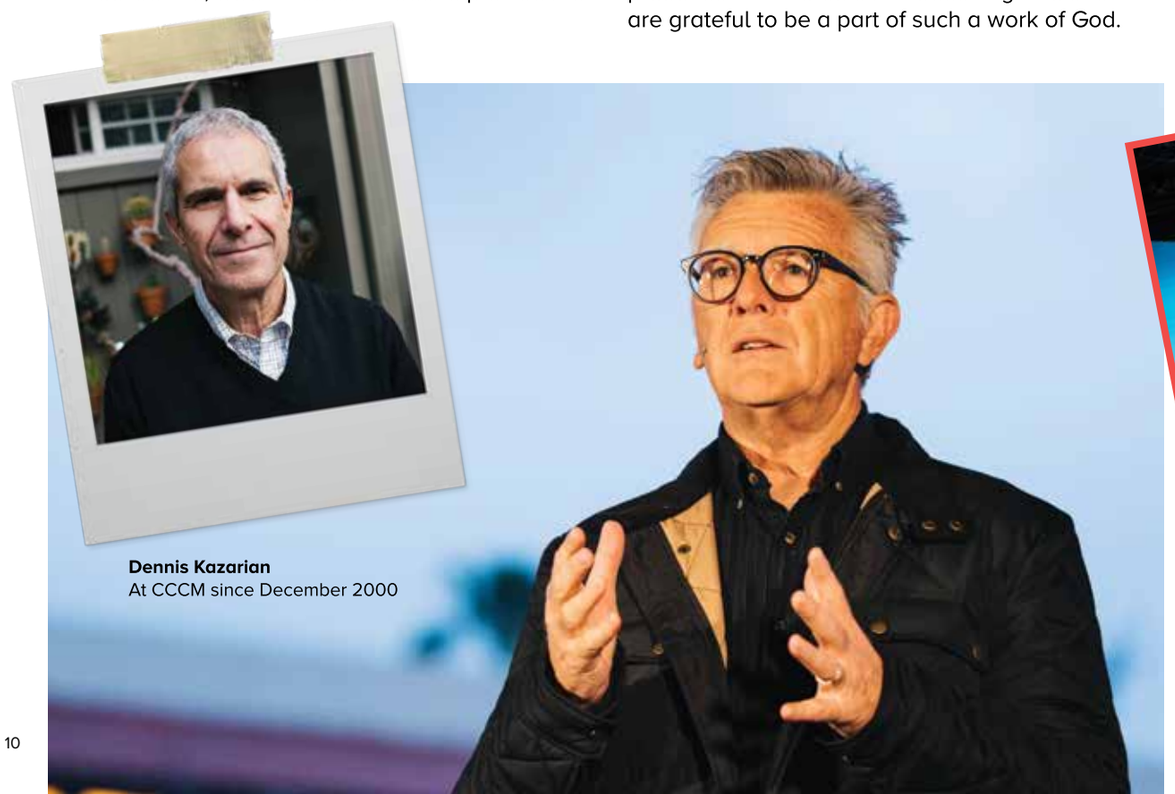

Dennis Kazarian
At CCCM since December 2000

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Easter Online

APR 5	Palm Sunday
APR 10	Good Friday Communion
APR 12	Easter on the Field, Egg Hunt, & Breakfast

New Initiatives:

- *Women Worth Knowing Podcast*
- *Pop-Up Pantry*
- *Meal Deliveries to Homeless Families*
- *Live at Home with Brian & Cheryl*

SERVICES

BEHIND THE SCENES

IT ALL HAPPENED SO QUICKLY.

One day we were gathering on campus for church services; the next day, everything came to a screeching halt. Governor Newsom's stay-at-home order in March radically altered how we would do church. In a series of crisis meetings, we scrambled to come up with a plan.

First, we would need to find a way to communicate to our church family that the place they gathered corporately to worship was now closed to in-person meetings.

WHILE THE FORM OF WORSHIP WAS CHANGING, GOD HAD STILL CALLED US TO BE THE CHURCH.

Second, while the form of worship was changing, God had still called us to be the church. The pandemic was forcing us to ask the hard question: what would that expression look like?

Thankfully, we've always had live streaming capabilities in place, but now we were shifting exclusively to an online-only church.

That first Sunday of the lockdown was strange. A handful of people who hadn't gotten the message of the closure showed up for the first service. Pastor Brian juggled the impossible task of trying to speak directly to the online audience while not ignoring the room. After that first service, we quickly realized we needed to close down the campus to the public to enable Brian to focus his attention on the digital community.

With that first hurdle out of the way, we quickly ran into another. The mandate allowed us to stream services from the church but only with a maximum of ten team members. With a worship team of seven and a production team of six, our numbers were well over the mandate. Our solution: to record the worship teams on Thursdays and roll that in on Sundays. During this time, we produced our live Sunday services with just eight people on the campus.

The Word was going out faithfully each week, but we also had to think about the presentation. What would it mean to speak to people, not in the pews, but watching in their homes? We quickly shifted

our stage on Sundays to reflect a living room feel, and for our Wednesday services, we placed Pastor Brian in his office for a more casual look. For several weeks we tweaked, added, and adjusted our format, trying to anticipate what our digital congregation was seeking.

WE PRODUCED OUR LIVE SUNDAY SERVICES WITH JUST EIGHT PEOPLE ON THE CAMPUS.

During that time, we resumed a few **services online**, including the Tuesday evening men's study with Pastor Craig Coffin, the women's ministry's Mark Challenge, and Pastor John Henry Corcoran's Thursday morning study.

Easter was challenging as it drove home the absence of our church family. Instead of being on the field for our traditional Good Friday service, we streamed a live service from an empty auditorium

with just speakers and our worship team. Our Easter Sunday service team was even smaller. And our Sunrise service saw Pastor Brian welcoming the dawn of Easter day outside in our courtyard.

Despite all the opportunities to engage with the church digitally, we sensed there was a growing clamor by some to get back on campus. So, unable to meet in person, we opted for the next best thing—**Drive-In Church**. Thanks to KWAVE, for two Sundays in May, we met in the parking lot—our first opportunity to connect as a church.

The following month, we were given the all-clear to resume in-person gatherings, albeit with greatly reduced numbers and strict safety guidelines. With a sanctuary that holds nearly 2,000, we could only allow 100 inside. For the rest, we placed them in eight other areas around the campus to watch screens. We were one church meeting in nine different places, but over time, that soon proved unfulfilling for many.

THE CHURCH ISN'T A BUILDING, IT IS A PEOPLE CALLED TO SERVE A LIVING GOD.

Church on the Field was born from a growing need to be a single congregation in one place worshiping together. For almost four months, we met on our softball field for Sunday services. The arduous setup and breakdown was a small price to pay for the ability to gather as a church each week.

But the long, warm days of summer soon gave way to the short and much cooler days of fall. By early November, it was clear that services on the field were no longer an option. So as we end the year, we once again find ourselves juggling a mix of meeting spaces around the campus. In the process, we now have a new, broader definition of what it means to meet as a church. Through it all, we are deeply thankful for the many resources the Lord has provided to enable us to adapt in this season of shifting sands.

The past few months have proven that the church isn't a building, it is a people called to serve the living God. Pastor Chuck had a saying: **"Blessed are the flexible"**; it's an understatement indeed; that adage has been truly put to the test in 2020.

20 MAY

~~MAY 2~~ Pure Worship Conference

~~MAY 15~~ School of Worship Night of Worship

~~MAY 15–17~~ Vintage Life Spring Retreat

~~MAY 15–17~~ Father Son Retreat

~~MAY 21–31~~ OPEN Israel Trip

~~MAY 22–24~~ High School Play

~~MAY 23, 30~~ Creation Fest Rummage Sales

Ways to Connect:

- New Digital Community Groups
- Chapel Store Opens for Curbside Pick-Up
- Drive-In Services
- Interactive Discipleship Series on Facebook

DIFFICULT CHANGES

As spring 2020 came to an end, it became clear that there were tough changes ahead for CCCM. At the outset of the pandemic, the decision was made to pay all 679 staff members their regular wage for six weeks, even if they couldn't come into work or work from home. It was the right decision, and one made trusting in Jesus who provides. But as spring's end approached, an even harder decision was required, one that again asked us to place our full trust in Jesus.

It is difficult but important to say—change is loss. Even change in the best circumstances can result in loss, but in 2020, the changes at Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa, accelerated by COVID-19, led to significant changes and layoffs of personnel. To truly reflect on 2020, it is important to look at the lows alongside the highs and acknowledge that this year's losses often feel like they loom larger than any gains. Yet even in loss, Jesus reveals His faithfulness—both His future faithfulness beyond the pandemic and that which preceded it.

Many of the staff laid off in 2020 made Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa what it is today. They were instrumental in building a foundation on God's faithfulness (the faithfulness that preceded), and the right thing to say is, "Thank you. Thank you for setting Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa on a firm foundation. The changes ahead will be built upon and influenced by the Lord's faithfulness and yours. It's true, 'He who calls you is faithful, He has done it!'"

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~~JUN 13~~ ~~Beachfest~~

~~JUN 15–20~~ ~~High School Summer Camp~~

~~JUN 29–JUL 2~~ Pastors' Conference in Murrieta
**Postponed and moved online*

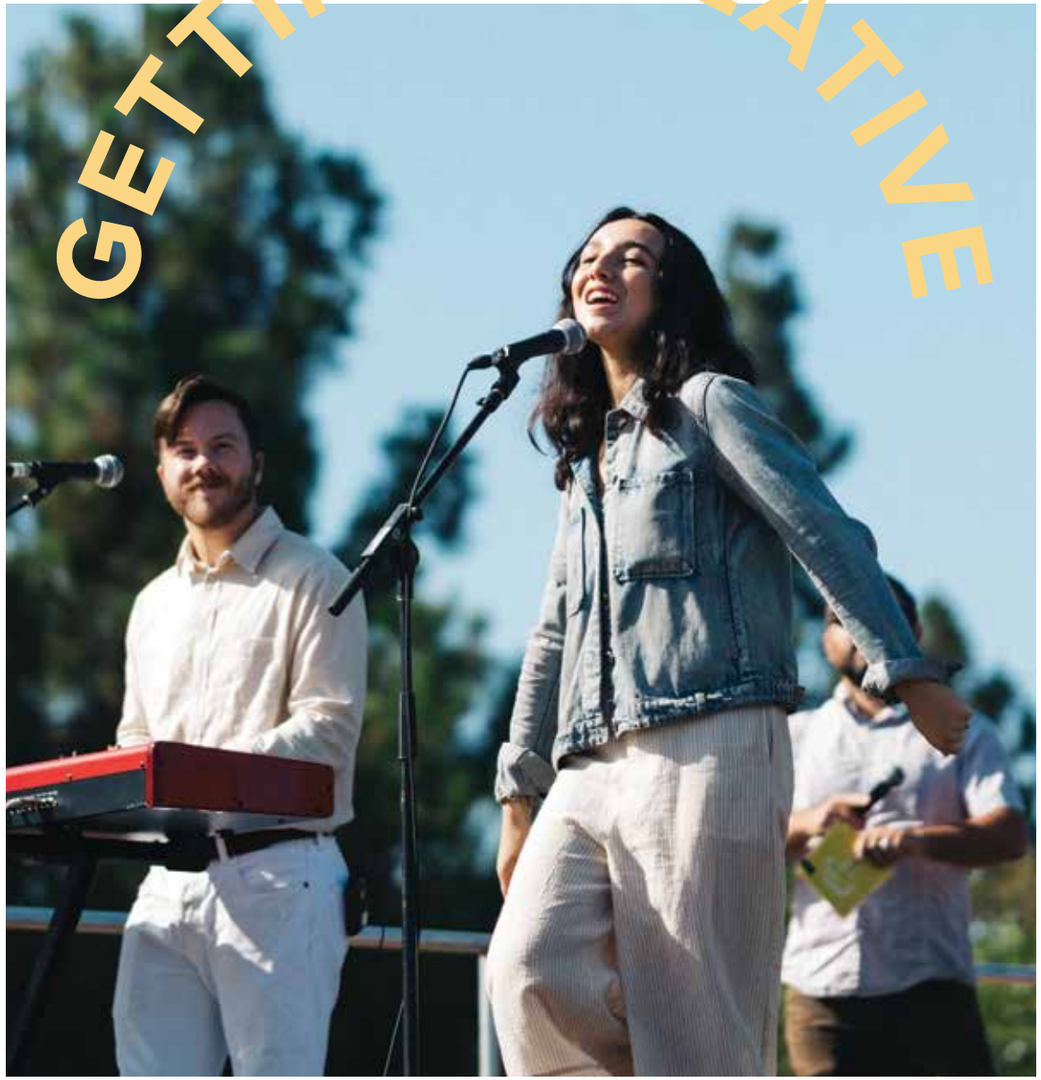
~~JUN 28–JUL 2~~ ~~All Church Retreat in Twin Peaks~~

Getting Back to Business:

- June 2: Offices Reopen
- June 6: Racial Healing Prayer Walk in Santa Ana
- June 7: EQUIP Online
- June 14: Church Reopen
- June 19: Mark Challenge Starts
- Tuesdays & Thursdays: Meal Deliveries
- Graduation Ceremonies: 8th Grade, HS, PSP

JUN

GETTING CREATIVE



THE YEAR 2020...

... has been a challenge for so many of us. Fear, uncertainty, lost jobs, and then the heartbreaking loss of loved ones hit us all unexpectedly. We as a church have not been exempt from this surprise year, as we have all had to shift our focus from in-person gatherings and ministry to online gatherings and other creative avenues. While this has certainly felt at times "out of control," we've seen God lead us with a mighty hand as we have humbly asked Him for direction to best care for and tend

to the people in our church family here at CCCM.

Many ministries that we could never have planned for came out of this season, and we are beyond thankful for the open doors the Lord has guided us into.

Through an initiative we called "**Project Connect**," our church staff was able to contact a number of people in our church's database. We connected with over 8,650 people in an effort to check in, encourage, and pray with our larger church family.

As we shifted to live online services, we were able to "**Worship at Home**" together. Thousands joined each week on our Facebook page, our YouTube channel, and our website. During this time, we began interactive online chats for those who needed prayer, encouragement, and connection. As a result, we were awestruck to see a number of people give their lives to Jesus for the first time through our online platforms.

We provided **daily videos** on our social

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media, which included:

- 54 story times (with our amazing children's ministry staff)
- 66 prayer times @noon (five days a week)
- 48 daily devotionals (with our pastors and leaders)

Additionally, our School of Worship students and staff crafted home worship videos to turn our hearts to heaven in song.

Pastor Brian and Cheryl shared several live videos from their home as an opportunity for people to get to know them (and their dog, Barnabas), as well as to ask live questions on marriage, their recommended reading, and several other topics.

When we were able to gather again in person, we celebrated on our campus, along with other churches from the Costa Mesa area, for an outdoor night of worship and prayer called **One Voice**. It was a

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unique opportunity to partner with other gospel-centered churches on a beautiful night; the Lord met us and renewed our spirits.

Our **Community Groups** provided smaller, more intimate gatherings, which were a mix of in-person and online or a hybrid of both. Our 17 groups discussed Pastor Brian's messages each week, and we grew together as we further applied God's Word to our hearts and lives.

We hosted three "**EQUIP**" classes, our new four-week training on what it means for you to personally engage in the mission of God. Nearly 350 of our church staff, volunteer team ministers, and newcomers joined us for these classes online and in person.

It has been both challenging and exciting to see all of this come to pass this year. Though many of these opportunities were certainly unexpected, we believe they have been brought to us by the hand of our good God. We look back and praise Him for His faithfulness in allowing us the privilege to lead and disciple our church family to know and love Jesus, and His people, through a difficult year.

JUL 20

~~JUL 13–17~~ ~~Vacation Bible School~~

~~JUL 17~~ ~~VBS Family Experience Night~~

~~JUL 13–18~~ ~~Jr. High Summer Camp~~

~~JUL 23–25~~ ~~Jr. Camp~~

~~JUL 10, 17, 24, & 31~~ ~~Summer Social~~

~~JUL 26–AUG 11~~ ~~Creation Fest Team Away~~

Back Together Again:
- Jr. High & High School Groups
- Active Hike Group
- Vintage Life Seniors Group

Dates to Remember:
- July 1: Midweek Services Resume
- July 4: Backpacks Collected for Victims of Human Trafficking
- July 19: Services Move Outdoors

AUG 20

JUL 29–AUG 16 ~~Europe Summer Missions~~

MID-AUG ~~Harvest Crusade Partnership~~

Dates to Remember:
- August 3–9: Vacation Bible School Online
- August 9: Church on the Field
- August 27: One Voice Worship Night

Drive-Thru Grocery Distribution Dates:
- August 15, 22, 29
- September 4, 26
- October 10, 17, 24, 31
- November 7, 14, 21
- December 5, 12, 18, 19

LOVING

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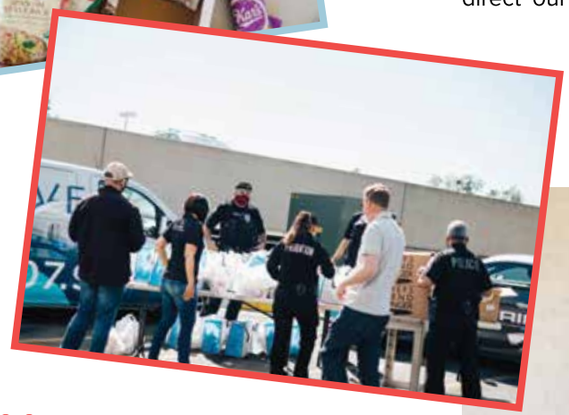

UNPRECEDENTED...

... may be the most overused word of 2020. The word has generally been used in a negative form, but with all of the difficulties that 2020 has brought, it also brought us "unprecedented" opportunities to serve our community and demonstrate the love of Jesus to those in need.

These opportunities began in April when we opened a pop-up community food pantry to help those who were struggling because of the lockdowns. This was our first step into the waters of inviting our community onto our campus to receive groceries. In the months ahead, working in partnership with Saddleback Church and Power of One, we saw tens of thousands of families drive through our property to not only receive groceries, but also to receive prayer. **Over a thousand people made professions of faith in Jesus, some for the first time—truly unprecedented!**

While these distributions were taking place, we also had a faithful team of servants cooking hundreds of breakfasts each week to support outreach to our local homeless community. Many in that team returned to cook **over 400 Thanksgiving meals for our church community**.

WITH ALL OF THE DIFFICULTIES THAT 2020 HAS BROUGHT, IT ALSO BROUGHT US "UNPRECEDENTED" OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE.

And with our entering yet another lockdown, we are hearing of unprecedented needs from local non-profits, and so we are partnering again with KABC and the Orange County Fire Authority on the Spark of Love Toy Drive. As the month of December ends, we expect that we will have distributed upwards of 30,000 toys to over 100 local agencies.

WE ARE THANKFUL FOR EVERY OPPORTUNITY WE HAVE HAD TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY IN THE NAME OF JESUS!

While these unprecedented times have caused many in the community to struggle practically, emotionally, and spiritually, the Lord has been so gracious to direct our steps to unprecedented opportunities to meet our community's physical and spiritual needs. We are thankful for every opportunity we have had to serve our community in the name of Jesus!

BY THE NUMBERS

1

44 volunteers stocked our pop-up pantry over 55 days for 165+ hours

2

3,000 turkey dinners distributed to 800 families during our Thanksgiving Drive-Thru; 41 professions of faith

3

30 Orange County families with at-risk youth provided with meals and staples during lockdown

4

70 social workers serving kids in the foster care system supplied with masks during lockdown when masks were unavailable

5

2,640 meals given to homeless families during lockdown

6

30,000 Christmas toys donated and handed over to 100 local groups for distribution to families in need in our community

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I just wanted to say thank you to the CCCM Thanksgiving Team for the four box dinners that I was able to give to four ladies in their 80s who don't get out much (if at all). One of them broke down and cried tears of joy. One said she has never had such a blessed Thanksgiving. They all asked me to thank you for your generosity in these chaotic times, especially for each one of them. Please thank everyone at Calvary who helped make this Thanksgiving very special for four very special ladies!!!

Blessings to you and yours,
Steve Briscoe

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, many families experienced a tremendous need for food and other basic necessities. To help alleviate some of these challenges, I worked with local non-profit organizations to host food distribution events and established a hot meal delivery program for individuals unable to leave their homes.

The faith community was especially receptive to this idea. Reaching out to Lance Emma, I am grateful for his leadership in facilitating my partnership with Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa. Over the past six months, you have met and exceeded the challenge, and your work has helped innumerable families.

I want to thank the leadership and congregation of Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa for being a critical source of support for Orange County families. Your work has truly made a difference and helped people endure an immensely difficult time.

Stay Safe and Healthy,
Andrew Do, Esq., Orange County Board of Supervisors

SEPT 20

~~SEPT 12~~ ~~Ball Gown Collection~~

~~SEPT 12~~ ~~Pirate's Cove Baptism~~

~~SEPT 25–26~~ ~~Rethink Conference~~

Resuming on Campus:
- Pre-K to High School
- Kids' Church
- Prayer Meetings
- OPEN Young Adults
- Spanish Ministry
- EQUIP

Add to Calendar:
- September 20: Bless Our Schools Sunday
- September 27: Final Colossians Study

OCT 20

~~OCT 6–16~~ ~~Cypress Middle East Conference~~

~~OCT 13–17~~ ~~Vintage Life East Coast Tour~~

~~OCT 17~~ ~~Moms in Prayer Event~~

~~OCT 31~~ ~~Car Show~~

~~OCT 31~~ ~~Glo~~

Calendar Dates:
- October 2: Women's Philippians Challenge Begins
- October 4: Psalms Series Starts & Community Groups Resume
- October 6: Men's & Family & Care Groups on Campus
- October 25: Shoebox Collection

GOSPEL FULL CIRCLE

Stone Perales
Back at CCCM
since June 2020

Stone Perales

Before COVID-19, my daughter and I attended church regularly in Irvine. When our church closed, we adapted by watching online services from home.

One Sunday, we were listening to Pastor Brian on KWAVE while he was broadcasting live outdoors from the baseball field. After months of sheltering at home, we drove directly to CCCM and joined the second half of the service in person!

My daughter and I have continued to attend each week and have become friends with many of the people there, including Pastor Jordan. He shared about an upcoming food distribution event at Madison Park.

From age 10 to 14, I lived across the street. At that time, Madison was known for gangs and drugs and played a heavy role in my dad's decline and former drug use. I broke away from home at age 14.

Hearing CCCM was going to be at Madison to serve the community was inspiring, and I felt an immediate tug on my heart to go and help. It is truly a full-circle moment for me to get a chance to give back to my childhood home.

FOR ME, 2020 HAS BEEN ABOUT GROWING AND REACHING OUT TO PEOPLE.

For me, 2020 has been about learning how to refocus my worries and anxieties into simple acts of service to others while building more meaningful relationships. Even the smallest acts of kindness can make all the difference for so many people.

WELCOME HOME

Jeffrey & Phoebe Minderhoud

Church means something different today to the Minderhoud family than it did at the start of 2020. For their entire marriage, they have attended church services, first at a Catholic church, then at a Baptist church. Phoebe always loved church. She loved the bells and decor at the Christian church in Vietnam where she grew up, and she loved the choirs at the Catholic church she attended after moving to the US.

CALVARY CHAPEL FELT LIKE HOME WITHOUT EVER HAVING VISITED.

Faith wasn't something Jeffrey took too seriously, but when his mother underwent surgery for cancer, Jeffrey decided to get baptized because he knew it would mean a lot to her. From the moment he was baptized, God did a supernatural work in his heart and life. He quit drinking, invested in his marriage, and for the first time, became a truly righteous man. Jeff started listening to KWAVE 107.9 FM daily in the car on the way to and from work Pastor Brian's messages resonated with him deeply. He even told a friend that Calvary Chapel felt like home without ever having visited.

Their church in Irvine closed during lockdown, and they listened to a lot of services online. Jeffrey introduced the family to CCCM, and Phoebe decided to come visit for the final Drive-In Service and check out the church. A week later, the whole family came on campus as it reopened for outdoor services in June. The very first thing Pastor Brian said was, "Welcome Home," and they knew the Holy Spirit had brought them here.

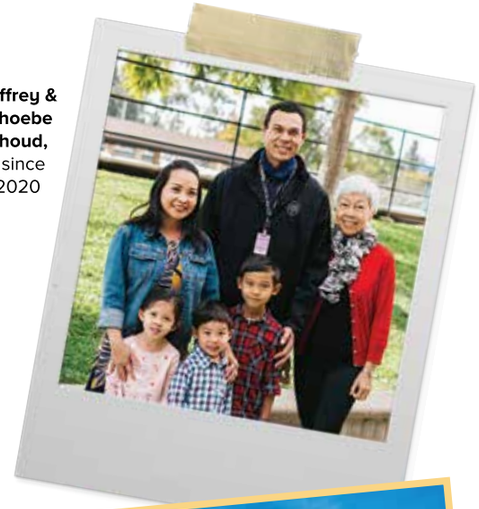
They kept coming back each week; they all noticed how much Jeff was growing in every aspect of faith. The whole family felt connected and welcomed. Their kids joined them in the main services until Kids' Church reopened where they have been flourishing, sharing what they have learned, and even talking about their faith boldly with those that they meet.

THE VERY FIRST THING PASTOR BRIAN SAID WAS, "WELCOME HOME."

Jeffrey has now joined the Kids' Church team and serves as a teacher to the next generation. They have brought their extended families and friends to visit, and Jeffrey's mother started joining them each week and serves with Phoebe at the food distributions.

They enrolled their kids in the K-6 school, which is a dream come true for Phoebe; she has wanted to put her kids into a Christian school before her children were even born.

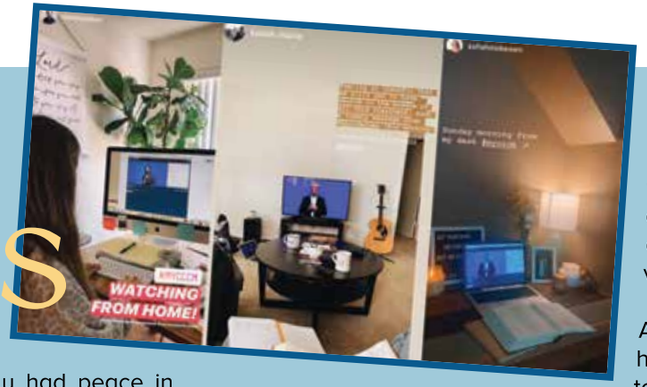
Jeff and Phoebe said, "We have been blown away by the growth we have seen, and Calvary has truly become our home and our church."



Jeffrey & Phoebe Minderhoud, At CCCM since May 2020

DIGITAL TRANSITIONS

Bethany Carlson



I have been searching for a church for three years. I went to countless services, but I never felt I belonged. At the beginning of 2020, I saw Pastor Jordan at Disneyland. I remembered him from 16 years prior when I attended Bible College in Seattle. I knew he had moved to CCCM, but I had been hesitant to visit; I had been run dry and was not hopeful that it would be my church, but I was out of options and knew there would be at least one familiar face there. I decided to attend a service on Sunday, March 10, and as soon as I stepped onto the campus, it felt completely right. I finally had peace in my spirit, and I knew I was home.

The very week I found the feeling of home at CCCM, the COVID-19 announcements started. Everything shut down. Just as I was ready for connection and community, it was being taken away. It would have been easy for me to recluse and pull back, but because the feeling of being home had been so strong, I wanted to fight for a church community, despite the changes. I had to intentionally choose involvement at a time when there was little to nothing to be involved in. I joined a couple of digital groups, met new people, and forged friendships. Connecting over video calls became normal.

As we came back to the campus, I didn't know how to connect in person anymore. It was hard to know if the people behind the masks were the people I had met in my groups. I realized that I had not had one-on-one conversations or individual connections. It struck me that there are so many layers to connecting and establishing communities, and I had almost forgotten what life was outside of the 2020 digital connections. It has been a day-by-day process. Some days definitely feel harder than others. There are days of not going anywhere, not seeing anyone. But instead of dwelling on that, I invest in my community and remember that God is always with us as I peel back the layers of building community.

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NOV 20

NOV 6–8	Women's Fall Retreat
NOV 8	Orphan Care Toy Drive
NOV 9–12	CC Worship Leaders Conference
NOV 15	Baptism
NOV 13–26	Mediterranean Cruise
NOV 26	Thanksgiving Potluck
NOV 27–28	Chapel Store Parking Lot Sale

Dates to Remember:

- *November 1: Church on the Field with Spanish Ministry*
- *November 3: Final Day to Vote! Voting Center Closes*
- *November 8: Church Is Back Inside*
- *November 14: Toy Drive for Local Community*
- *November 24-29: Chapel Store Thanksgiving Sale*
- *November 26: Thanksgiving To Go*
- *November 29: Advent Series & Small Business Christmas Pop-Up*
- *November 30: Christmas from the Heart - Women's Event*

DEC 20

~~DEC 5~~ ~~Women's Christmas Coffee~~

~~DEC 5–6~~ ~~Christmas Boutique~~

~~DEC 7~~ ~~Vintage Life Christmas Dinner~~

Daily Christmas Videos

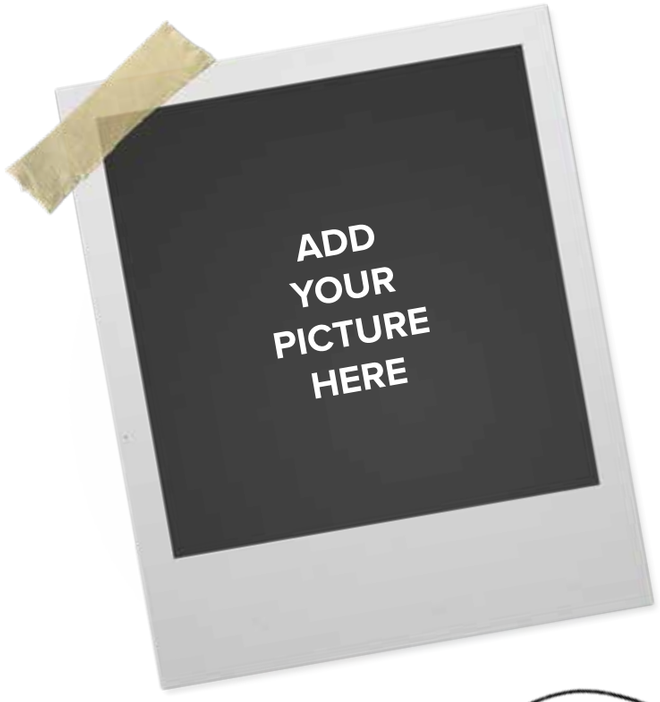
Add to Calendar:

- December 2: Christmas & the Gospel Series Begins
- December 16-17: Toy Distribution to Local Community
- Christmas Sunday: Last Advent Study & Kids' Program
- December 24: Christmas Eve Service
- December 27: Final Service of the Year

WE ALL
HAVE A 2020
STORY

WHAT'S YOURS?

A man's heart plans his way, but the LORD directs his steps.
Proverbs 16:9



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