



CALVARY CHURCH
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Calvary Student Ministry Volunteers

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Welcome to Calvary Student Ministries!

I appreciate your willingness to explore the wonderful possibility of volunteering in Student Ministries. The first step is always the hardest, so congratulations! Our desire in Student Ministries is to find committed, loving, and God-honoring adults willing to devote their time and energy towards caring for students in a way that draws them closer to God. We are not looking for the smartest, the holiest, the most popular or “coolest”, the best looking, the most Bible knowledge, or the funniest: the only prerequisites necessary is compassion, love for God and students, humility, and a desire to see God work in our area of ministry.

In the following pages, you will find more information about the different programs in our ministry, as well as how you can be involved in making them run effectively and to their fullest potential. While there are many different volunteer positions, varying in degrees of responsibility and amount of time spent volunteering, each one is just as valuable and necessary as the next. Whatever your comfort level or availability is, there is something for you in Student Ministries!

Volunteering in Student Ministries can be an extremely rewarding experience. There is great joy in witnessing and participating in the spiritual journey of a student, as you play a vital role in shaping and sharpening the mind and heart in a way that honors God. You have the opportunity to make a positive impact that could potentially be felt by many people for years to come!

Thank you for considering how you can be a part of Student Ministries. I pray that you will be able to find your place in our ministry. If I can answer any questions for you, please do not hesitate to contact me at steve@calvaryonline.org or 563-263-3367. Thank you again, and I look forward to working together in the name of Jesus for our students!

Sincerely,

Pastor Steve Ott

Middle School Ministry

Upon the successful completion of 5th grade, brand new 6th grade students enter into the world of peer pressure, puberty, and a long-lasting journey of self discovery. Our role in Middle School Ministry is to come alongside students in order to help navigate through the choppy waters of the pre-teen and teenage years.

We accomplish this by providing a strong biblical foundation, a faithful and committed presence, and a caring and loving relationship. In a time period characterized by drastic swings in all different directions, our constant, consistent, and Christ-like presence can be a steadying and impactful force for good. The following represents the current line-up of programs in Calvary's Middle School Ministry:

Epic

The primary program for Middle School Ministry has traditionally been Sunday Morning Sunday School.

Starting September 12th, however, Sunday Morning Sunday School will be known as "**Epic**," our new flagship junior high program. As followers of Jesus, we want to surpass the usual and ordinary faith and enter into a soaring, dynamic, end epic relationship with our Father in Heaven. Featuring musical worship, small groups, and games, Epic will also incorporate medium-sized teaching groups by grade level. Each teaching group will have its own curriculum, tailor-made to fit the maturity level and life experience of its members. Epic will still meet during the 10:30AM Community Hour timeslot.

Outbreak

A major feature of Middle School Ministry is the program "Outbreak." Outbreak is designed to be an outreach event for Middle School Ministry, and has traditionally met weekly on Wednesday nights. Next year, however, we will change the format and move to a once-a-month Friday night program. While Friday Night Outbreak will still feature the same message of love and hope found in Jesus, the games, prizes, and format will be super-sized. This will provide a viable, safe, and attractive Friday night activity for our junior high students. Friday Night Outbreak will be a two hour, once a month event starting October 1st, 2010.

Missions

A mainstay of Middle School Ministry has been the Chicago Mission Trip. Run through Center for Student Missions, Calvary has been sending a group of junior high students to serve in inner city Chicago for 10 years. The trip runs every other year, and is open to 7th and 8th graders.

Volunteer Opportunities

Ministry Team: The Ministry Team's primary purpose is to minister to the students in the ministry. Within the Ministry Team, volunteers will be a part of a teaching group for Epic, lead a small group during Epic, and be involved with planning and running Outbreak. Due to the size of the team, these tasks will be able to be shared.

Safety Team: The Safety Team will serve during Outbreak only. With an expected increase in attendance for Outbreak, the safety of our students is a primary concern. As a result, the Safety Team will act as a resource for both students and volunteers to assist in maintaining order and handling disciplinary issues.

Café Team: The Café Team will serve during Outbreak. The Student Ministry Center has been blessed with a fully functioning café, complete with fryers and a theater-style popcorn popper. We are proud to offer food at nearly at-cost prices, with the goal of making students' experiences at Calvary that much more inviting. The Café Team will run the café by preparing and selling food, as well as cleaning up at the end of the evening.

Senior High Ministry

High school represents a period of increased responsibility, change, exploration, and preparation for the future. Our role in Senior High Ministry is to help and challenge students to take the next step in growing their relationship with Jesus. We accomplish this by providing continued strong biblical teaching, a faithful and committed presence, and a caring and loving relationship. The challenges a senior high student faces are great, but by the grace of God, our students can graduate ready to serve God to the fullest! The following represents the current line-up of programs in Calvary's Senior High Ministry:

Nexus

Nexus is our large group program for Senior High Ministry. Featuring large group teaching, worship, and small groups, Nexus is a chance for students to connect each other and God. Traditionally, Nexus has met on Sunday nights, but starting this summer, Nexus will begin meeting on Wednesday nights at 7PM. Nexus serves as the starting point for all other Senior High Ministry activities, including small groups, mission trips, Missional Christian Team, and other events.

Missional Christian Team

New to Senior High Ministry, the Missional Christian Team (MCT) is a team of students, led by adult volunteers, that seeks to live out the call of Jesus to love God, love people, and make disciples. More than just leadership development, The MCT is designed to mold students with a passion to live out their faith into committed followers of Jesus, able to serve with proficiency and effectiveness. The MCT is split into three separate teams (Hospitality and Outreach, Nexus, Tech/Resources), with each team having one or two coaches serving as guides. The goal of the MCT is to give students a sense of ownership of the ministry, as well as to give an outlet for students to take part in ministry.

Missions

Mission trips are an important part of a student's spiritual journey, as the simple act of being immersed in ministry for an entire week or longer can pay enormous dividends. In the past, Senior High Ministry students have taken several trips to the country of Guatemala, where they have served by doing work projects and working with children. This trip will continue to be offered every other year during Spring Break for juniors and seniors. New to the program this year will be a yearly trip to Whiteriver, AZ, where we will serve on an Apache reservation. This trip will be offered in the summer to freshmen and sophomores.

Volunteer Opportunities

Ministry Team: The Ministry Team's primary purpose is to minister to students in the ministry. Within the Ministry Team, volunteers will lead a small group during Nexus, have the opportunity to be a part of the Nexus teaching team, and be involved with planning and running Nexus. This is a vital role, and truly allows for ministry to happen effectively and efficiently.

Café Team: The Café Team will serve during Nexus. The Student Ministry Center has been blessed with a fully functioning café, complete with fryers and a theater-style popcorn popper. We are proud to offer food at nearly at-cost prices, with the goal of making students' experiences at Calvary that much more inviting. The Café Team will run the café by preparing and selling food, as well as cleaning up at the end of the evening.

MCT Coaches: The MCT Coaches will serve as guides and instructors to students who wish to take part in the team. MCT Coaches will meet with students on their team and help them come up with ideas and strategies to best accomplish and reach the goals of the team.