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## 90 Years of Biblical Education

Calvary University is excited to welcome both incoming and returning students to campus. Josh Johnson, Dean of Men, and Jamie Franz, Dean of Women, have been working to facilitate a campus community rich with discipleship within the dorms.

Ephesians will be the focus for men's and women's Bible study groups this year, emphasizing the workmanship of Christ and how to understand one's identity in Christ. Students can also look forward to new campus improvements and updates. These renovations include new heating and air conditioning systems for the Pyramid Athletic Center and Conference Center, repair and resurfacing of the Student Life Center parking lot, equipment

upgrades and safety updates to the science lab, and—thanks to the 2022 Senior Class—a makeover of the Warrior Cafe. One of the most exciting campus improvements is the installation of new security cameras, ensuring the continued safety of students, faculty, and staff. There are a total of 288 students so far this year, 78 who are new, and Calvary University is eager to provide them with an enriching, biblical education. ■

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# Upcoming Events

## Business Leadership Roundtable FEBRUARY 6-7, 2023

Employee turnover is a huge problem in today's workforce, and management often struggles to find ways to retain high-performing employees. Christian businesses and church leaders can address this problem by investing in healthy workplace cultures. Calvary University is seeking to foster progress toward this objective with the emergence of its first Business Leadership Roundtable: "Turning the Great Resignation into the Great Retention!"

This event is designed to assist leaders in a broad spectrum of businesses and ministries by engaging in a conversation on how to move toward better employee retention. The roundtable will also provide an opportunity for business leaders to collaborate and discuss difficult questions. We are excited to see engagement and participation nurture a deeper involvement within our leadership community.

The main topic of employee retention will be broken down into six subtopics: ethics, communication barriers, dealing with difficult people in business, problem solving and risk management, toxic leadership, and dealing with change. Our hope is that our participants will grow in their understanding while addressing subjects such as employee engagement, talent management, coaching, and human capital analytics.

The goal of this conference is two-fold: First, that Calvary would be a place where leaders can engage

in strategic conversations with the biblical worldview in mind; second, that the participants will engage in developing materials and responses that seek to honor God. Ultimately, this inaugural event is designed to encourage Christian business owners and church leaders by addressing biblical leadership.

*If interested in leading a workshop during the conference, please visit [calvary.edu/blr](http://calvary.edu/blr) to submit a proposal by October 15, 2022.*

**Kara Adams**  
Staff Writer

## Conference on Global Engagement JANUARY 23-27, 2023

Calvary is again pleased to host over thirty missions organizations for our annual Conference on Global Engagement. The conference is an opportunity to pause and reflect on the ultimate mission that God left us here to accomplish as His Church.

The Great Commission is spelled out in Scripture no less than five times. Each one of the gospel writers includes a piece of Christ's last command to His Church before His ascension (Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:46-49; John 20:21; Acts 1:8). However, as important as these verses are for determining what the global Church and its local expressions are to be and do in the world, none of them contain as much emphasis as 2 Corinthians 5:11-21. This passage clearly explains the obligation of all believers to be involved as Christ's witnesses to a lost world that is far from God. Whether that is in your own neighborhood, across town, or across the globe, all Christians have a role to play in delivering God's good news to all people!

With this mission in mind, we

are excited to engage pastors, local church leaders, missions committee members and directors in the Conference on Global Engagement as we meet this year. One of the key ways we accomplish Calvary's mission of training men and women to live and serve according to a biblical worldview is by reaching back and serving the local church.

We are pleased to welcome as our chapel speaker for the conference, Dr. David Wilson, head of church relations at Avant Ministries, who will come with a wealth of knowledge  
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Our mission is to prepare Christians to live and serve in the church and the world according to the biblical worldview.

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and practical experience to share. Classes will be canceled on Tuesday and Wednesday as seminars from our various missions agency partners are offered. We also have a special track for pastors and local church missions leaders. Our Partnership Think Tank will take place on Tuesday, January 24 from 1:00-4:00; we hope that you will join us for a great time of learning and discussing how local churches, universities, and missions agencies can better partner together for raising up the next generation of missionaries.

We hope you can make plans to join us January 23-27, 2023! ■

**Dr. Joshua Paxton**  
Burnham Center for Global  
Engagement Director

## Dealing With Conflict Biblically

### Dr. James Clark

Dr. Clark graduated from Calvary Bible College in 1967 with a Bachelor of Science in Christian Education and a minor in Music. Over the next several years, he served as a Youth For Christ director, filled multiple chaplaincy roles, and served as a pastor for churches in both Minnesota and Iowa.

In 1993, Dr. Clark returned to teach at Calvary, having completed a master's and a doctorate degree in Biblical counseling, and started the counseling department for both the college and seminary. At Calvary, he served as an academic dean for eleven years, president for seven years, and is currently teaching as an adjunct professor.

Dr. Clark's journey in ministry began when he was just thirteen



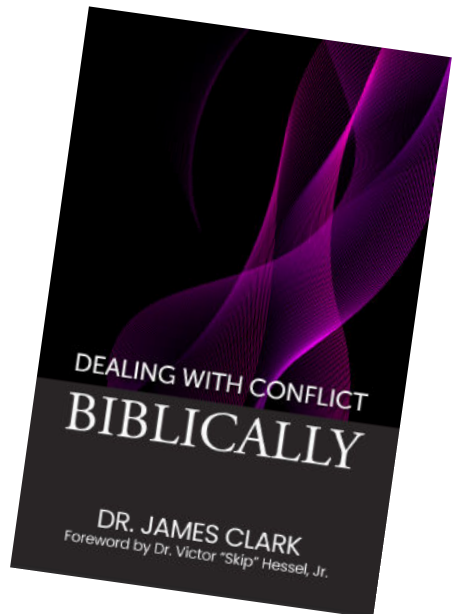
years old: "While attending a Youth For Christ rally in St. Louis, I felt called to ministry. My church gave me opportunities to speak and I preached two summers in churches in Michigan." During his time as a student at Calvary, Dr. Clark served for three years at Kansas City Youth For Christ as a club director, where he discovered his passion for counseling teenagers.

Dr. Clark saw the need for pastors and chaplains who truly desired to provide biblical counseling: "Being called to Calvary to teach counseling and head up a counseling center was a big step in my life; I loved assisting students in their counseling ministry." After retiring, Dr. Clark decided to share his experiences and insight, by writing *Biblical Counseling for the Church and Community*, published through Grace Acres Press.

His most recent publishing endeavor, now available from

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Calvary University Press, is *Dealing with Conflict Biblically* which contains wisdom distilled from his experiences dealing with many different types of conflict during his ministry. He states: "It goes without saying that conflict is everywhere. In my book, I present Biblical solutions to conflict, whether personal, interpersonal, emotional, social, or spiritual. How to deal with conflict is clearly laid out in the Bible, which is what I expound upon with illustrations and biblical examples."



Dr. Clark is excited about writing several more books to inspire people to find relevant solutions for modern society in the Bible. "Calvary University Press has great potential to inform people about Biblical material to help them in their understanding, knowledge, and growth in the Lord Jesus Christ!" Dr. Clark continues to enthusiastically pursue God's will in his life by seeking to serve through teaching, preaching, and writing. "I'm enjoying this phase of my retired life. As my physician said, God is not done with the Clarks yet!" ■

**Grace Murphy**  
Staff Writer



## Celebrating 90 Years of Community

As president of Calvary University, I am continuously interacting with our community and one of the common threads that I hear from alumni is that their days spent at Calvary were “the most transformative of their lives.” That brings me great joy. Alumni tell us that their time here is when their love for God, His Word, and His Church grew, here where lifelong friendships were forged, and here where spouses were met and families begun. Those who have attended here gain so much more than a mere education, they are transformed through life-on-life discipleship. Whether you attended five months, five years, or five decades ago, the day you got your diploma is not the last day we want to hear from you.

We want to hear your victories, we want to hear your

prayer requests, we want to be a resource for you. This is why we are revitalizing our Alumni Association, a place that exists to honor the heritage and traditions of Calvary and a place to build community among people who all share the same experience of being touched by this great school. Our Alumni Association nurtures alumni relationships and strengthens the culture of Calvary University by cultivating alumni ownership of its mission to produce graduates who practice biblical truth, service, and

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character development. You are part of the life-on-life connection that happens here at Calvary and your prayers, involvement, and financial support are a resource for us.

I have learned that good alumni relations benefits everyone involved: the alumni, the institution, the current students, and all the people the prior three groups go out to touch. When we support our alumni in their ministry, careers, and personal lives by providing networking opportunities and preferential access to on-campus expertise and facilities, they are likely to achieve positions of success and influence, which will in turn benefit our institution as they begin to give back. By helping Calvary University become bigger, stronger, and more successful, alumni are also enhancing the value of their own

degree qualification and ensuring that current students have access to an excellent and biblical education. Not only that, but our mission is to prepare godly men and women to go out and serve in the church and the world from a biblical worldview. Our graduates are not trained to go sit in an ivory tower, they go into the world carrying the gospel message.

My appeal to you is the appeal of Hebrews 10:24-25; "Let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day drawing near." I ask you to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, to assemble together, and to work to ensure that the mission of Calvary can continue to grow and expand.

What do we mean when we encourage you to love and good deeds?

We mean that alumni should be our most passionate advocates. Alumni are our greatest source of marketing. Historically, most of Calvary's incoming students were brought in by word of mouth and the trend continues strong today.

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Talk with the people you know about Calvary, send them our way, stay connected with us so that you are up-to-date with what is happening and come to our music, theater, and athletic events. We want to stay in communication with you, not just to provide you with information for recruitment, but for you to play a role in determining the future and continued development of Calvary. You are a resource for us! You have skills and experience that we need! Your interaction with current students is invaluable; you are great role models and are perfectly placed to provide practical support to our students as they start out on their careers.

We also mean that alumni should be our most loyal supporters. Your investments go a long way to support scholarships for students who are relying on God to provide the necessary funds. By giving to Calvary, whether financially or by giving your time, you are helping these students gain a priceless asset, a solid biblical education. Your contributions directly support Calvary's Annual Fund. We are a non-profit. That means tuition does not cover the cost of providing education to students. We need your gifts to support our regular programs

and initiatives, which allows us to look to the future and make plans to innovate and improve. Your gifts encourage others to give. When alumni contribute openly to their alma mater, it encourages other organizations and philanthropists to give as well. This helps Calvary to become an ever more popular and prestigious university, which increases the value of your degree. Not only that, but as you give to us, your ministry and/or your business gain good publicity, and good publicity never hurts! ■



*Alexander Granados*

**Alexander Granados**  
President

# The Steward's Pen



## Shrewdness and Faithfulness

*"Therefore if you have not been faithful in the use of unrighteous wealth, who will entrust the true riches to you?"*

This verse, taken from the parable of the unrighteous steward in Luke 16, is startling in many ways.

The unrighteous steward has squandered what belongs to the rich man and is about to be fired.

Desperate, he starts to settle the rich man's accounts by requiring far less than what was owed, further placing the rich man at a loss.

Christ then holds this unrighteous steward up as an example of shrewdness! Crucially, though, this steward is not an example of a far more important trait: faithfulness.

Faithfulness is what is required of us. Being faithful in whatever we do, no matter how small or insignificant, is rewarded—whether it be in financial assets, responsibilities, or wisdom. God is watching and He acts

on behalf of those who honor Him with the resources He has provided.

True riches, riches like redemption, grace, and sanctification come from Christ. However, in this parable, Christ makes it clear that He also expects faithfulness in how we handle temporal blessings. ■

**John McGee**

Vice President of Development



## Alumni Spotlight

### Dr. Jeff Rhoades

Dr. Jeff Rhoades recently published *The Bible, Dimensions, and the Spiritual Realm: Are Heaven, Angels, and God Closer than We Think?* addressing the reliability of biblical teachings on these subjects.

Jeff grew up in Raytown, Missouri and became a follower of Christ in his early twenties. Jeff was married, raising a newborn, and working full-time when he started attending Calvary. "The registrar didn't think I could take enough classes for a degree," Jeff recalls, "But I was new

to the Bible and wanted to take all the classes I could."

Jeff says that his ministry has been a "thousand steps of obedience," stating: "I never set out to be a pastor or a missionary, I set out to serve God." He affirms his education at Calvary was exceptional and that it molded his foundational understanding of the biblical worldview: "I was like a kid in a candy store for the first time. I soaked in the teaching. Little did I know that I would eventually go on staff full-time at Abundant Life Church as Outreach Pastor and then go to El Salvador as a missionary."

Jeff's heart has always been in evangelism and sharing the gospel. During his time in El Salvador, hundreds of men and women were led to Christ as he helped start several churches and build three



**Jeff and Paula Rhoades currently serve at a church in Topeka, Kansas.**

church buildings there.

"We also had baptisms in the rivers and pools. I remember we were baptizing several people, and one girl was physically handicapped but wanted to be baptized. We lifted her up out of the chair and carried her to the water, and I was baptized with her as we both went under."

Jeff wrote *The Bible, Dimensions,*

# Calendar of Events

## SEPTEMBER

- 8 – Christian Ministry Fair
- 29 – **President's Dinner**
- 30 – **Homecoming Events**

## OCTOBER

- 1 – **Homecoming Events**
- 7-9 – **Fall Theatre Production**
- 17-21 – Fall Break
- 24 – Academic Cycle 3 Begins

## NOVEMBER

- 23-25 – Thanksgiving Break

## DECEMBER

- 2 – **Masterworks Chorus**
- 3 – **Fall Acting Recital**
- 19 – Christmas Break Begins

## JANUARY

- 9 – Academic Cycle 4 Begins
- 23-27 – **Conference on Global Engagement**

## FEBRUARY

- 6-7 – **Business Leadership Roundtable**

## MARCH

- 6-10 – Spring Break
- 13 – Academic Cycle 5 Begins
- 17-19 – **Calvary Days**
- 17-19 – **Spring Musical**
- 31 – **Feast & Fund Auction**

## APRIL

- 21 – **Spring Concert**
- 21 – **Spring Acting Recital**

## MAY

- 6 – **Commencement**
- 8 – Academic Cycle 6 Begins

For more details, visit  
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and the *Spiritual Realm* to provide scientific and biblical evidence to show that heaven is a real place with dimensionality. "I've challenged my Sunday school classes to think of heaven as a separate or higher dimension. If God created our spacetime continuum, then He must be in a dimension separate from that which He has created." The book addresses how science supports the Bible's perspective on the reality of the spiritual realm.

When asked about what he is looking forward to in the future, Jeff says he plans to continue serving God with the gifts he has been given, as well as living out God's will for his life by obeying His Word. He plans to fulfill this mission by pointing his audiences to the truth found in God's holy Scriptures: "I will preach and teach the truth, because that is what the Holy Spirit uses to save souls and change lives." ■

**Grace Murphy**  
Staff Writer

## Alumni Updates

### MARRIAGES

- **LOGAN HISKEY (CU21)** and **AMANDA HARMAN (CU22)**, July 30, 2022
- **JARED MILLER (CU20)** and **KARA ADAMS (current student)**, August 27, 2022
- **SETH POUH (CU21\*)** and **ALICIA BEEM (CU21)**, May 26, 2022
- **CHRISTOPHER STOLBERG (CU18)** and **ABIGAIL TSCHETTER (CU22)**, June 4, 2022

### DEATHS

- **KENNETH ALT (CBC70)**, March 15, 2022 (age 58)
- **JAMES "JIM" VAN VELDHUIZEN (CBC75)**, March 2, 2022 (age 71)

### UPDATES

#### 1980s

■ **JOHN (CBC84)** and **DONNA (Merriam CBC84) HAYDEN** live in Evansville, IN, and have three adult children and six grandchildren. John hosts a Sunday morning music program on the Moody Radio Network and has accepted a position as Director of Groups and Men's Ministry at Christian Fellowship Church. John and Donna are excited to finish out their working years by investing in their local church. Donna teaches K-1st graders in Sunday School and subs at the church's preschool.

\*Non-degree-holding

## Memorial Gifts

### IN MEMORY OF HAROLD AND THELMA GRIMM

Wes and Julie Shoemaker

### IN MEMORY OF BILL KELLY

Pleasant Grove Bible Church

### IN MEMORY OF ALEX AND AMALIA STARZEW

Charles and Irina Stegner

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**SCHEDULE of EVENTS**

**Thursday, September 29**

6:30pm **President's Dinner**, Marriott Kansas City  
10800 Metcalf Avenue, Overland Park

**Friday, September 30**

9:30am **Alumni Reunion Groups**

11:00am **Departmental Panels**

12:00pm **Cookout**, Student Life Center  
512 Bong Avenue, Belton

7:00pm **Worship Night**, Outdoor Event Stage  
15812 Kensington Avenue, Kansas City

9:00pm **Warrior Madness**, Pyramid Athletic Center  
15812 Kensington Avenue, Kansas City

**Saturday, October 1**

10:00am **Alumni Brunch**, Student Life Center  
512 Bong Avenue, Belton

1:00pm **Volleyball Team vs. Alumni**, Pyramid Athletic Center  
15812 Kensington Avenue, Kansas City

3:00pm **Soccer Team vs. Alumni**, High Blue Wellness Center  
16400 N Mullen Rd, Belton

*"...let us consider how to stir up one another  
to love and good works, not neglecting to  
meet together..."*

**HEBREWS 10:24-25**

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Registration deadline: September 14