



# Calvary Baptist Church Mid-Week Update: March 30, 2022



## What Motivates Me?

Motivation intrigues me. Fear? Greed? Appetite? Love? Power? The list goes on. But specifically, what motivates me to give myself in service for Jesus? Two things come to mind. First, He literally died to pay a debt I could not pay so I could live with Him forever. The other, the untold blessings Jesus has for me as I surrender to Him and live fully devoted to Him. It is this second motivation I least understand or embrace.

“It would seem that our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased” (C.S. Lewis, *The Weight of Glory*).

Lewis captures it. God wants us to know joy unspeakable, supreme pleasure in Him, and untold happiness in this life through self-sacrifice of following and obeying Him. God is not a tyrant. He’s a loving Father wanting to bless beyond measure, to shower His children joy and purpose by “joining the family business” and engaging with His most magnificent endeavor since creation. He wants to bless His children as we engage in His plan for the nations. His blessings are absent, or minimal at best, for those who are drawn into the fleeting pleasures the world offers.

As Lewis states, we are far too easily pleased as humans. Let’s band together to enjoy “a holiday at the sea” with the pleasure, joy and happiness of seeing lives changed for eternity as we get on board with God’s agenda and experience the manifold blessings, joy, happiness and pleasure that comes with it. I want to embrace this motivation more. Will you join me?

*Pastor Joel*



## Please Excuse the Inconvenience

Please forgive the inconvenience as changes are taking place in the overflow area. We have to take things off the walls—bulletin boards, mailboxes—do the painting and reinstall them.

Also, we are evaluating the usage of mailboxes to determine how many to put back up. Since we are doing more and more e-mailing, the mail boxes are not being used as much. Be assured information that needs to be distributed will get to you.

Please be patient with us as we work through all these changes to create a life-giving family/fellowship/community environment in this space behind our auditorium.

The Trustees

## Weekly Giving

March 27 Offering: \$5,498.00

Needed Weekly: to Meet Budget: \$3,790.10

Average Weekly Giving: \$3,642.73