



Calvary's Worship Value:

WORSHIP, *the Magnification of the Lord our God*. Faithful individual Worship in a daily sacrifice of obedience to God, leading to inspiring corporate Worship to exalt God and experience Him in heart, mind and emotion...resulting in healthy spiritual and numerical growth. (Mark 12:30)

Our Opportunity:

This Worship Value is our overall goal and desire, but some are finding it difficult to participate in our current style of worship. Therefore, we want to enhance and enlarge the opportunity for those who now attend to worship more fully. Also, we want to reach more new people who can join us in our worship experience. To accomplish this, we would like to provide two different worship options in the Sunday morning schedule.

Our Goal:

➤ A more focused consistent style of worship for each Sunday service.

- Provide music and a message that is targeted more closely to the "*heart language*" of each person who attends. "*Heart language*" is that style, music and form of worship which allows each person to fully and passionately communicate in worship with our Lord.
- Avoid extreme experiences of music, volume, style and length which distract from some people's worship experience.

➤ A more unified worship for each service.

- We will combine our two current services into our first hour of worship. This will free up a new time for an additional service in the second hour of worship.
- As we combine together with one common voice in each of the two services, our hope is to worship in greater unity by providing the style that best allows each service to worship together. This will avoid worship elements, like song selections and instruments, which inhibit some from a full participation.

➤ Greater outreach opportunity.

- People like to have choices. Right now, we only will reach those who prefer our present style of worship. And at times, this style reaches too far in one extreme or another, so people do not know what to expect each service. This curtails the desire to invite a friend, because the style is deemed too inconsistent in the view of some attendees.
- By providing two different worship experiences, each worshiper will know what to expect each Sunday and be more willing to invite a friend as a result.
- Also, the new service will attract new people who have a preference for this additional worship style.

➤ **Expand our age parameters at Calvary.**



- This new worship service will create a new worship atmosphere that often attracts younger people. How great that our children, grandchildren and their friends will find a worship style that keeps them here at Calvary.
- This additional worship service, however, will not be exclusively a young person’s service. People of all ages will find a refreshing way to worship our Lord in each of the services we will provide.

Growth for our future. The next 75 years.

We must provide authentic and passionate worship experiences for all ages both today and for our future. As we celebrate 75 years of ministry at Calvary, we believe it is a healthy step to enhance the worship we now enjoy and add another opportunity to include new people who will help us grow our church for the future. As more find an opportunity to worship authentically in their own “*heart language*,” they will both stay here and new ones will join us in fulfilling our vision of worshiping our God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.

The Two Service Styles: Elements common to both services.

- The expositional teaching and application of the Bible.
- Sound theology faithful to Calvary’s doctrinal statement.
- Passionate and authentic worship to glorify God with a balance of music and message.
- Healthy participation and involvement of each person.
- Evangelistic zeal for Christ and the salvation of all who attend our services.

 <p>The First Service Distinctives</p>	 <p>The Second Service Distinctives</p>
<p>Sound volume and lighting that is consistently acceptable for the service and comfortable for participants.</p>	<p>Sound and room ambiance appropriate to the worship music/mood with a wider range of volume and use of lighting.</p>
<p>Blend of hymns and contemporary praise and worship songs arranged in a relevant style to include rhythm section, choir, orchestra, vocal team, various instruments.</p>	<p>Use of ancient and modern music arranged more for bands driven by guitar, drums, keyboard and a few vocalists; no choir or orchestra.</p>
<p>Creative and appropriate use of drama, testimonies, illustrations and personal response that apply to the message.</p>	<p>Creative expressions and responses to biblical truths allowing for personal response time with increased use of “sacred spaces”, artistic expressions, visuals, prayer stations.</p>
<p>A creative use of both presented and participative worship music.</p>	<p>Less focus on presented music.</p>

FAQ

Why not have this “second service” on a Saturday or Sunday evening?

We would not have the full complement of children and student ministry opportunities at that time. This would inhibit many younger families from participating. Also, if a family attended on Saturday evening, then there is a greater chance they would not return Sunday morning to either serve or be involved in the full life of the church family. It would create a more divided congregation. Keeping it all on Sunday morning at least allows everyone on our campus at one time to create more opportunity of involvement of healthy relationships.

Are we just becoming another “seeker service” where the Word is watered down?

No. One of the great distinctives common to both services is the hunger for the deep spiritual teaching of the Word. A shallow “self help sermon” is not what any in our leadership desires for our church and it is not attractive to the participants of either of our worship services. In our first sermon series starting January 8, we will preach through the book of Malachi. This is a challenging and confronting book designed for people who want a richer and deeper relationship with our Lord. This teaching is very different from a “seeker” type service.

Is this part of the “emerging church” or “post modern movement?”

No. We are not aligning ourselves with any other “movement.” Some will use those terms to mean different things, including, a weak view on absolute truth. At Calvary, we embrace the absolute truth of the full Word of God. And, each message preached will be a full biblical exposition from God’s word with relevant application in each service. Calvary has been known for teaching the truth of the entire Bible for 75 years and that will not change in this new service.

Why can’t we all just worship together and put aside any differences?

We have tried having the same worship style for many years, but are now recognizing that having just one worship style is limiting our ability to reach more people. After any given service, we get contrasting comments that the music was too much like “rock n roll” or it was too “boring, it was too loud or it was too soft.” These comments come out of the fact that people have different “*heart languages*” in which they can most effectively connect in worship. And,

Just as our Hispanic congregation worships in their Spanish language, and the Chinese congregation on our campus worships in Mandarin, we each have our own “language” of worship which allows us to passionately honor our Lord and fully connect with Him in worship. With two choices for worship we are able to fully participate in our worship style and still be on our campus together with the rest of the body. We look at this as having “unity without uniformity.” We are all unified in Christ and have different expressions of His Body to worship Him.

What if my ABF meets at the worship service time that I prefer to attend?

The leadership of Calvary will assist every ABF to find that right time and location for their class to meet. For example, if your ABF prefers to worship in the first service, and you are now meeting during that time, we will assist you in moving your ABF class to the second hour. Each class is free to choose the time best for worshipping the Lord and meeting as an ABF.

How will this impact our Student Ministries on Sunday morning?

Junior High will continue to meet in Fellowship Hall during the 8:45am service. They will continue to have acoustic worship, small groups, and a brief teaching time every Sunday.

High School will keep meeting in the Gym during the first service. They will now have a more acoustic time of music led by an excellent team of musicians and worship leaders. They will still have small groups and will be moving their class groups from Wednesday to one Sunday each month. Biblical teaching, interaction, worship, and quality programming will continue to be a priority for our High School ministry.

College will be moving to the 8:45am service and will be a more interactive program dealing with tough topics and difficult passages. Many college students will be serving within other ministries and some will choose to attend this service. We anticipate the Elevation service being the primary venue of worship for College students on Sunday mornings.

In between services we will be providing food (donuts, bagels, juice) to the Junior High, High School, and College students near the Worship Center to provide fellowship and encourage them to make their way to the Elevation service. We are looking for someone to coordinate this ministry.

What will be the appropriate dress for those on stage in the Elevation service?

We want to honor and respect God with our hearts, attitudes, and actions. The leadership desires to dress in a way that is wholesome, modest, and not a distraction. We seek to be authentic and respectful with our outward appearance, but realize that the Lord cares more about our hearts than our clothing. The primary leadership will address any distractions or issues on these matters.

Is this just another version of a "youth service," where we are moving the high school from the gym to the worship center?

No. While many of those who attend this service may be from the junior high to college age, many others who are planning to attend and serve come from all ages at Calvary. There are no age limits on either worship service. It is important that no matter what your age, each person worship in a style that fully allows them to love the Lord with all their heart, soul, mind and strength. This service is another style or form that many of all ages are drawn to because they can worship in a more meaningful way in it.

Since the time between services has been expanded by 15 minutes, how will the children be cared for between the first and second hour?

Yes, the service time for the second hour is moved back by 15 minutes so it will start at 10:45. The first service still starts at 8:45. We want our children to learn and grow whenever they are on our campus. Therefore, a new exciting ministry called "Bounce" will take place between the services. We thank our Children's Ministry staff and volunteers for this. "Bounce" is a change of scenery for two-service kids. It will be a fun place for them to learn and play with friends as they wait for their parents to pick them up after first service or as they wait for the second service to begin. We encourage all parents to stay for both services so you can worship in one and serve in the other. Or, worship in one service and attend one of our equipping classes to grow in your faith. Your children will be having fun and be learning while you are here.

When will this new worship plan begin?

We are planning to begin on January 8, 2006. This will allow us enough time to make the necessary changes, engage necessary support for both services and provide enough time to communicate the new plan.

Who will be the teachers in the new Elevation worship service?

In January and February, we will use a team teaching approach for the Elevation service. They will include the following:

Our Senior Pastor **David Mitchell**.

Eric Wakeling – Eric is the Pastor of Student Ministries at Calvary Church. He has been married to his wife, Bea, for 8 years and has a two-year-old daughter named Grace. He has been in full-time pastoral ministry for 12 years. Eric has a B.A. in Christian Education with a minor in Biblical Studies from Biola University and a M.A. in Christian Education from Talbot School of Theology. He will be finished with a M.S. in Educational Leadership from Cal State Fullerton in May of 2006.

Jeff Biddle – Jeff is the Pastor of Marriage and Family Ministries at Calvary Church. He has been married to his wife, Michele, for 15 years and has three children, Brooke, Joshua, and Scotty. He has been in full-time pastoral ministry for 15 years. Jeff has a B.A. in Psychology, a Masters of Divinity in Practical Theology from Talbot School of Theology, and is in process for a Marriage Family Therapist (MFT) degree from Pepperdine University.

Matt Davis – Matt is the Pastor of 5th/6th Grade. Matt has been married to his wife, Marilee, for 4 years and has a new baby named Noah. He has been in full-time pastoral ministry for 7 years. Matt has a B.A. in Christian Education and Elementary Education. He will be finishing his M.A. in Christian Education at Talbot in 2006.

Josh Matlock – Josh is the College Pastor of Calvary Church. He has also served as the Pastor of Young Adults during his 6 year tenure at Calvary. He has been married to his wife, Kristy, for 5 years and has two boys named Luke and Tad. Josh has a B.A. in Social Science from Biola and an M.A. in Theology from Talbot.