

Dreams

1. More joy in the church. Sermons promoting joy and emphasizing Christ's love for us no matter what we do. Enthusiasm by more than a few members. More inclusiveness between members. More of the ministerial staff reaching out to members to get to know them personally. More personal thank yous for what is done.
2. Dreams that Calvary will grow in diversity and become a truly multi-ethnic church to look like heaven will be.
3. I dream of a church that exhibits God's beautiful diversity in the people, both in the congregation, the staff, the ministry and worship.
4. Because of fewer people in the worship service, maybe go to one service for a while until we grow again.
5. Dream of seeing some people come back to Calvary who have not returned since the pandemic. Miss seeing them.
6. My dream for Calvary Baptist Church is that we will be a church that faithfully trusts, teaches, proclaims and shares the truth of the Word of God. My prayer is that God's Word will never be maligned in order to conform to the culture but we will boldly stand and bring Glory to God and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
7. We have a Memorial Garden at Calvary.
8. A church that cares for its congregation and community holistically, sharing God's love spiritually and through emotional needs and physical needs. Expand the work of Mission Health Lexington. Grow our partnership with other churches. Grow our reach beyond our programming.
9. A multi-cultural congregation.
10. Saturday evening worship. Outdoor worship. Other venues. Soup kitchen.
11. Sponsor an immigrant family.
12. An active ministry for 25-35 year-old single people and couples without kids! This group feels forgotten in a lot of ways and it shouldn't feel that way at church too!
13. To volunteer with the Wednesday Night crew to serve.
14. I would like to see us find more ways to get students interested in and involved at Calvary (they are only a block away).
15. Outreach campuses in neighboring counties. Children's center of performing arts in downtown Lex.
16. I want to discern how, as a Christian, to respond to the hatred and division being seen by those purporting to follow a Christ we don't know. I believe Calvary is perfectly positioned, indeed called, to help us live a true Christian life, rather than generic platitudes.
17. I dream of our church moving to a Bitcoin standard of money. There are many important reasons for this and it may be what to do sooner than is apparent to most, even if it is just taking the first step.
18. My dream is to be a more active member of the church and that God will give me strength to share God's work with others.
19. I dream that my husband will come to church and be open to Christ. That I'm given the words to speak to him and the patience to keep trying.
20. My vision/dream for Calvary is to have a place where others from around the world gather to go out and serve. I see Calvary hosting groups (and ourselves) that come to Lexington to do mission minded work. I envision something like Mission Arlington.
21. I dream of continuing to build deep bonds with friends here who already are and continue to be family to me and my family.

22. My dream is for a mission trip over a weekend maybe to Eastern Kentucky? I would love the opportunity to have a mission experience with my family (2 teenage youth!) and due to work I am just not able to go on Mission-cation but would love a similar experience.
23. My dream is that our church once more would have a college choir and a youth choir. Those age groups need to be involved in music.
24. My dream for our church is for it to be a church—much loved with members happy to invite people they know or not know to come. Where we freely express celebrations as well as our concerns.
25. Dreams for a healthy year ahead.
26. Continue to be a Christ-centered church.
27. To continue to help others with the blessings you have given me to do so.
28. To leave worship with several principles to inspire in week ahead.
29. To give the homeless a church to want to come and feel welcome in is my dream.
30. The dream I have been given is to be like Jonah. I may have my own ideas but it is God's will that must be followed instead. My ideas are my Nineveh; God may have other ideas instead. I pray that the church will seek God's will not our own.
31. That our church will examine the ways things have always been done in search of ways to address the needs of the community/the world now. Inviting new relationships and attendees. Revitalization. Share the Word and the message in a language that others are receptive to.
32. My dream is to see our church continue building our young kids and youth groups up. These are the future and we need to be getting some young adults and get these programs built back up. I miss seeing this church full and I don't like watching families leave who have been here for a long time.
33. Dreams of thankfulness to overcome a business closing. He gave me outside help and moral support.
34. For all of us to share with Christ's light being followers together in one body not try to do it alone. We can spread the Word of God as one and as a congregation to praise Him, bring others to Him and do His work together. Let Jesus shine in us always.
35. Kentucky winning their 9th National Championship.
36. Create atmosphere at CBC where all are welcomed. The church will be a place of belonging, serving and becoming.
37. That all will feel welcome in our church with no judgment—only love.
38. I would like to see the "O" put back in the ROC. The ROC is the perfect place for outreach. We need to take ownership and be the friendly face at the ROC.
39. My dream is for a teaching church one that takes us deep into God's word, verse by verse. Where we learn history, context and truly see God's heart.
40. As needs arise and God leads, I dream that one day we will occupy this block in downtown Lexington to serve God and minister to those with various needs.
41. In aspects of ministry, think like a small church.
42. Since we as Senior Adults have had our turn over the past 40 years to lead Calvary in the way we feel God telling us I feel that it is time to let the young people to lead our Church in the way God is guiding them. We have such fabulous young couples like (names omitted). Most importantly, the senior adults should support and encourage them.
43. An active downtown church that will glorify God and the world.
44. Men everywhere praying together, lifting holy hands.
45. Calvary to move forward and the entire congregation know where we stand on the issue that come up. Young adults and older adults supporting each other.
46. I dream of peace and justice in our world. I dream of a world where there is no hunger or war.

47. I envision our church ministering more to the homeless who are downtown and located near us. We spend \$ on a cop and watch ministry to keep them isolated from us. Jesus would have welcomed them, worked with them and shown them more love.
48. My dream of Calvary is that we will be a community of Christ-followers who will be open to all who come to us. That we will take our place in the downtown community as part of our purpose—to serve others; to love others with the love of God; and to seek justice for those who are not receiving it. That we will use our influence to break down systems that oppress others so that when people walk in our doors they know we follow Christ.
49. A more specific college ministry. A staff member dedicated to college ministry only.
50. Take a stance on social issues to make our values clear and known. More intentional in our inclusivity.
51. To love people unconditionally. To bring others into our church. To nurture our faith walk and keep growing. To share the faith with all.
52. My dream is that more of our African American brothers and sisters join our church.
53. My dream is that we lead our folks to be doers of the word. Teach our members how to speak God's word to our neighbors and our community. Dream is to make us more mission focused.
54. Remain strong under our new leadership and grow our membership.
55. Determine a calling to help those in need.
56. Full of young adults, single and married, growing and serving, joining the members already a part of this loving church.
57. My father was a very strong Christian leader in my church when I was a child. He was also very wise and insightful. Whenever there was a disagreement in the church, my father would say, "Compromise, compromise, compromise." He would always list pros and cons. In following his advice, I feel there should be a compromise between the conservatives and the liberals in our church on the homosexual issue. The conservatives should accept and affirm all homosexuals who enter our church and hold leadership positions. The liberals should accept and be understanding of the church policy to now have a homosexual wedding within the church walls and the head minister should not support their wedding. Hopefully this will solve the tensions in both sides until the situation resolves or evolves over a period of time. That is my dream! By the way, my father's home church in Louisville have fully endorsed homosexuals and is the main church for them in Louisville.
58. To be a church accepting to all and showing God's love to our community.
59. My dream for Calvary is that we take a good hard look at who Jesus spent time with and stop thinking that it was the church leaders but the people outside and we start loving those people and bringing them in to join us.
60. More local mission work for our church.
61. Financial security.
62. I dream that Calvary would finally be a welcome and inclusive place for LGBTQIA peoples. Another dream is that we would take justice work seriously. Support persons of color more. Speak up against injustice here in Lex, work with other churches to see Lex change. And a place that empowers our ministers and lay leaders for this good work without fear of repercussions.
63. Thriving Sunday School ministry for 25-35 year old singles/couples.
64. Dream of CBC giving refuge to people in displaced homes and rescue youths from the street of crimes.
65. A community of singing together.
66. Church take "the homeless survey" to truly understand this issue. (referenced in article by Ginny Ramsey in Herald Leader)

67. I have been thinking and praying throughout this season of visioning—and my words are not yet sufficient. I will try to send my thoughts later, if that is permissible.
68. An example of love for one another to whomever enters our doors.
69. I dream of Calvary being a place that would provide support and ministry to young professionals in Lexington. Being downtown, offering maybe a monthly time of breakfast/lunch and devotions for people from all denominations to gather and fellowship.
70. Calvary members give to meet the budget or exceed it always.
71. To be above the things of the earth. To be guidance to Christ through truth.
72. Reaching out to those who lose their jobs. Those who are unemployed and underemployed. More things to help them with what they need.
73. Continue to expand the missions opportunities in our community around. A full time minister of music leading an active choir program (preschool – senior adults) to worship and lead our church in worship through song. The sanctuary filled every Sunday with multiple generations, active and involved in the ministries of the church, Christian members and those seeking to know Him. An even more present ministry to the downtown business community.
74. Let's treat people with kindness and respect
75. A dream of fulfilling God's wishes for my life
76. God Family Duty
77. God (Christ) has given us peace and a clear vision for our retirement
78. How we can better do for our family and other
79. My dream is for our Sunday worship to include different kinds of music. Example would be the 1st and 3rd Sunday to be traditional worship and the 2nd and 4th Sunday to be contemporary worship. On 5th Sunday to be African American style of worship (like at Consolidated Baptist)
80. A dream of normalcy without Covid. Fellowship without fear. Peace and love.
81. To lead others to Christ
82. My Dream, for God to fill my heart with peace and love. To let go of despair and heartache. Make me a better Christian.
83. Church filled on Sunday
84. I dream of so much diversity that we don't even think about it. However, after Wednesday night discussion time, we need a lot of soul searching about what that means!
85. My dream for Calvary is for every member/participant to be involved in mission in some way. Thanks for asking.
86. CHRIST CENTERED Downtown Church *Focus on college students *Young families *Mother's Day Out *Outreach in our Lexington community
87. Be an outreach to people who do not know Christ as their Savior.
88. More intergenerational activities. During Covid, I got to attend Sunday School with Jim Humphrey and it was amazing.
89. Ministries that are fruitful and meet the needs of our community and congregation.
90. I dream our church will be filled with spirit and excitement. The pews will be filled with people.
91. Be a service-focused church:
 - a. -As soon as someone joins the church, we present some missions/service opportunities that they can immediately be plugged into
 - b. -In addition to a yearly monetary pledge, we expect each member to fill out a service
92. Don't be afraid to let people outside the church know we are here
93. I would like to see our church...
 - a. *Become more diverse
 - b. *Host more events in the community (outside church building that could be intimidating

- c. *Have every member develop a purpose at Calvary besides just attending church on Sunday
 - d. *Reach out to those in need (widows, elders, refugees, homeless, those in jail)
- 94. I love our church and I like what goes on in the church but to get more people in the church we need to create new pathways that focus on community. Through this we can share our Love of Christ.
- 95. That we would become more inclusive to the brown and black communities.
- 96. I dream of willingness to change and for us to truly believe in becoming a body of Christ for all people.
- 97. Be open to all
 - a. -more compassionate
 - b. -more alive
 - c. -more just plain joyful
- 98. To be a place to continue to learn how to be a better person/help our community.
- 99. More community outreach
- 100. A garden where we can put loved one's ashes and their name, DOB & death date - Memorial Garden
- 101. More young families and be a place they want to join and worship
- 102. A healthy and Holy family
- 103. I dream for Calvary to continue in the work it is doing for all especially young people
- 104. I dream that Calvary will become a church that cares more who God is that who we are. I dream that we will view everything through the lens of scripture because that's how God has primarily communicated with us. I dream that we would love God's word, love studying it and discussing it, and that we would seek to align our thoughts with those of God that we find in His word - no longer first considering our own desires, our politics, our cultural demands, our emotions, even our own perceptions and interpretations of the world around us. I dream that our service would stem from the overflow of God's grace in our lives.
- 105. I dream of a society where people care more for each other (especially those not like themselves) and for God's gift of the earth - and to act upon these feelings to improve life for everyone!
- 106. To forgive others for what they have done
- 107. To be more visible and influential to those who live and work downtown
- 108. Focus on winning souls to Christ
- 109. Celebrate our inheritance not emphasize over problems on equal level
 - a. -Praise more than seek forgiveness
 - b. -Continue to address change for the better of our own community through the gifts we have been given (entrusted with)
- 110. A church that is inclusive and welcoming A church that teaches A church that continues to dream and change and grow
- 111. A safe place for foster kids
- 112. Mission Stay-Cations rather than traveling. Partner with other churches to feed those in need in Lexington including college students
- 113. A church that is overflowing with people and worshiping God and praising the Lord
- 114. I'm not really sure exactly but I am going to college next year and I want you to pray I go to a college that is in God's plan for me.
- 115. My dream for Calvary is that it can be focused on matters of faith and how that should affect our culture, rather than following and being affected by our own culture.
- 116. Continue downtown acceptance for all

117. Calvary to draw young families with a passion to serve Christ and grow in faith and fellowship
118. Calvary would develop a set of core beliefs/fundamentals that we can put out to the public/others and what drives all our programs/works. Calvary would have a growing congregation - lots of children - all ages
119. I dream every seat is full, the way it was when I first joined. Compassion and friendship and revival.
120. A giving A growing A going Church
121. My dream for Calvary - each Sunday morning the worshipers would come into the sanctuary quietly and listen reverently to the beautiful music and quietly prepare their hearts.
122. A church that intentionally invites women and minorities to fill the pulpit now and then - and not just on days relating to children and youth.
123. I pray that we are a church that loves everyone in our city!
124. To be a teacher for others and to give to others
125. Activities that bring together all generations/Continued strengthened presence in our community/ Open doors for safe, fun activities for youth and young adults/ A place young people feel safe turning to God and His people away from violence and gangs.
126. 10 or 10:30 service / Early service music in late worship
127. A sanctuary full of people of all ages who love and support each other even if we have disagreements. Each Sunday the balcony and downstairs are full of young families who worship together.
128. Make use of the Limestone properties/More Calvary folks to make use of the ROC/The ROC be a place of recreation and outreach (see #2)/Summer Sunday School offer a few adult classes and people sign up the topic they want to study. Intergenerational (Gives usual teachers a break. Helps us meet others not in our age group.
129. Have more families with middle school students join our church
130. I dream of a church that is inclusive to all who desire to follow God. I dream of a church who seeks justice for all of the oppressed.
131. Having a good job that I find happiness in.
132. I dream of a loving community with open arms to everyone with no judgment
133. Stop Dreaming Start Doing I dream of a new fresh Calvary. One that is not afraid to move on to a more modern version of Calvary. A version that is welcoming not stuffy. Modern in music and missions that help a newness that attracts young families.
134. I dream that God will reveal his dreams for us to follow
135. Acknowledgment of inclusivity
136. Jesus picture on wall of Chapel. It is a compelling picture. Movie Music
137. Expand to a more vibrant college ministry. Large group of students filled with passion for Christ.
138. My dream for our church is to connect more as a whole and not just with our age groups
139. Thank you God, for bringing me back to my family and for blessings and happiness, for facing away from my sins and becoming the person you want me to be.
140. My dream is the pandemic to come to an end completely and for our church to grow in faith, membership and actions to help others.
141. I have prayed hard and forcefully for a reawakening, a revival, if you will our country to return to the Lord, a more Godly nation.
142. Christ said to take the message to all the people. With that message in mind I would like to see the church become more integrated with people from different cultures. As a mission oriented church this would seem to be a natural conclusion.
143. Some programs that will help and bless the newly divorced...to have a help thru Christ instead of the internet.

144. To have new and exciting programs to encourage young families to get involved
145. My dream for our church - Members focused on living for Christ, loving and forgiving each other. Members who will take the Great Commission seriously, passionately and fearlessly. My dream includes our effective outreach to the students and other schools. They are the future church.
146. I dream this is a church we may finally call home.
147. That Calvary would be a place for "the healing of the nations" - where reconciliation among people is realized, possible only in Christ.
148. More teenagers and children and programs that will attract them
149. That we would be nourished and fed by the love of God and invite/plant His word of hope/salvation in others.
150. Dare we dream that working women can come together to study the Bible. Working women have very little time and so many commitments. Maybe a Tuesday or Thursday after dinner virtual meeting time together - 45 minutes or even 30
151. I dream to be the best Veterinary Doctor God wants me to be I also dream I will never be discouraged. I dream God will make always better.
152. A good family. A part of Jesus
153. Dream that every person will be able to hear what happens during services. To provide for those with hearing difficulties.
154. My dreams are that to have a good family and a good life with Jesus.
155. My dream is for everyone to know God and understand what he wants us to do as a church.
156. Dream of a multi National and international church. A church where the direct manifestation of the power of God is felt. A healthy, holistic church living above and beyond limits. The we will truly project Jesus Christ.
157. Men everywhere lifting Holy hands in prayer. A place of refuge where everyone finds comfort.
158. Perhaps to have a youth choir that was so active in our past
159. I dream of a church with all races of people welcomed with opened arms.