

Two year update:

Today marks 2 years since our very first Sunday service and God continues to stretch the bounds further than we ever thought possible for our little church. In so many ways the words of 1 Cor. 2:9 have continued to come to pass, "But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."" We have seen such an enormous growth of ministry in our church, our community, and to the ends of the earth, just as Jesus promised in Acts 1:8.

In our church we have watched God move through discipleship in our ladies, men's, youth and children's ministry. As a church we ordained our youth pastor Taylor Farnesi this year after his many years of faithful service and ministry alongside pastor Ryan. Our youth and children's ministries continue to outgrow their spaces and we have added a brand new class for PreK-1st grades to alleviate the nursery and elementary classes of a huge overflow.

Calvary Sevier continues to be a place of rest, support, and light in our community. There is not a month that goes by that we don't host or participate in a community focused activity. The Youth Refuge has been averaging close to 30 each Friday night. We have hosted a number of refreshment and rest times during the parades and events. The church hosted its very first VBS this year and we had over 30 kids participate!

We had an impactful month of community outreach from July-August with our community service projects at Athenian Academy and at another church in our area helping to prepare their playground areas. Some of the ladies in our church helped organize a school clothes exchange to help curb the cost of shopping for school and we provided tons of school supplies to most of the area schools from Piute County to Sevier County. This month the Sevier Valley Youth Refuge will be hosting an event with Jay Schroeder to connect with local area business owners and leaders, youth and the football programs in our area.

In the last year we have launched a Sunday night service and a midweek Bible study in Piute County and a midweek Bible Study in Sanpete County. We are seeing so much fruit from our desire to see churches planted throughout central Utah. There is such a Spirit of unity among the local churches here. The pastors still continue to meet for fellowship and prayer on a regular basis and have even been invited to guest speak and fill the pulpit at one another's churches over the past couple months! We also hosted our first community Christmas Eve and Easter services with great success in the reaching of people with the message of Christ's unrelenting love.

Our missions vision has really come to life in the last year. Pastor Ryan was invited to the mission's conference at Calvary Spring Valley in February and took two couples with him to help impart a vision for our church missions. Following the conference we relaunched our Prayer Around the World nights, took a small team on our first short term trip to Mexico and recently sent out our first short term missionary Jesus Hernandez to the training center in La Gloria Mexico to be a part of the discipleship ministry there for 4 months. As a church Calvary Sevier has averaged more than 20% of its income going out to missions and outreach, one of our earliest goals and dreams being realized.

So as God continues allow us to be a light and a witness for Jesus from our Jerusalem, to our Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth we are full of expectation and excitement for what God has in store for this small but faithful, power filled gospel community church. Some of our biggest prayers are the continued strength of our leadership as everyone who pastors and leads at Calvary Sevier works a regular job and serves as a volunteer. Pray for God's provision and direction for a bigger and better space as we continue to stretch this little old building out completely!!! God is so good and so faithful to complete the work that He has begun. The fields are truly white (ripe) for harvest.

May God strengthen, fill, endue, and direct you with His mighty Spirit, to do the will of the Father in the name of His Son Jesus Christ.

Amen.