



**U-TURN
FOR CHRIST**

LIVES CHANGED
FAMILIES RESTORED
COMMUNITIES STRENGTHENED

EDITION

**MAY
2025**

PASTOR'S NOTES

"It came to pass in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And immediately, coming up from the water, He saw the heavens parting and the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove. Then a voice came from heaven, 'You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.'" – Mark 1:9-11

As we now journey into the gospel of Mark, we see Jesus being baptized. There are a few times in scripture where we see the Trinity before us in plain view, and the baptism of Jesus is one of those instances.

As Jesus is being baptized, the Holy Spirit appears in the form of a dove, and God the Father declares His pleasure in His Son. This moment serves as the perfect example for us to follow in making a public declaration of our faith through baptism. It's also a perfect example of what happens when we pray.

Notice what happens as Jesus is baptized and starts to pray. **Luke 3:21-22** describes it more, *"When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, 'You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased.'"*

I believe that if we want heaven to be opened to us, if we want to be filled with God the Holy Spirit, and if we want to hear God the Father say that He is well pleased with us, we ought to spend more time just like Jesus did—praying.



Pastor Gerry Brown

TESTIMONY FOR JESUS



BETHANY

My name is Bethany Hall, and I am 24 years old. Before coming to U-Turn For Christ, I was lost in a meth addiction and in a domestically violent relationship that almost cost me my life. After testifying against my ex, I heard the Lord calling to me, saying, "Come to me, and I will give you rest." In my grief, I ignored the calling and began using intravenous drugs, including fentanyl, to try to numb the pain and cope with the heartbreak I was feeling. I never knew I could feel so broken.

But God saw me in my brokenness, and through a family friend, I was told about U-Turn For Christ. I was reluctant to come but am now beyond grateful that I did. Upon my arrival, I was given a shirt with Matthew 11:28 on it. I realized the Lord was telling me that He was going to give my soul rest. During my time here, I have come to understand the vastness of God's love for me, and I now realize that I am worth so much more than I was allowed in my life.

Because of God, I now have hope for the future. Psalm 27:8 says, *"When you said, 'Seek my face,' my heart said to you, 'Your face, Lord, I will seek.'" That is the cry of my heart as I now serve my Maker, who has set me free. Galatians 2:20, Galatians 5:1, Matthew 8:19, 1 Peter 1:8-9.*

SUN RISE SERVICE

Easter Sunday was a beautiful time for family and friends to come together and recognize the sacrifice that Jesus made when He gave His life for us, when yet we were still sinners. The morning began as church family and loved ones came out to listen to an amazing message about the Power of the Resurrection, followed by a fellowship meal. It was a beautiful sight to see God's hand move as restoration took place in families and marriages, and to see mothers and fathers spend a joyful time together with their children. Glory be to God for His amazing grace!

He is not here, for He is RISEN... Matthew 28:6



YOU'RE INVITED

Join us on **May 23-25th** for an outreach mission trip down in Maneadero, Mexico, as we share God's love and put truth and love into action. Be a part of the church body as we help impact lives for the kingdom of heaven.

To sign up, or for additional information on Mexico Missions trips, please call **(951)943-7097**.



Join us for our Baptism Celebration on Sunday, **May 18th**, right after the service! We invite everyone to be part of this special day here at Calvary Chapel Romoland. Whether you know someone who is being baptized or not, make plans to celebrate on the front lawn as they publicly declare their decision to accept and follow Jesus.

Calvary Chapel Romoland, 27912 Adams Avenue, Romoland, CA 92585.

Opportunities to help us keep the ministry in motion...

- Our greatest need is prayer warriors. Men and women who diligently lift this ministry to the Lord.
- We are in constant need of hygiene products, toothpaste, soap and toilet paper.
- Shovels, rakes, tables, chairs, etc.
- Video cameras, cameras, audio equip.
- We are in need of new vehicles to transport the men and women.

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