

CALVARY DOWNTOWN OUTREACH



Inner City Ministry

Servant Guide

This guide has been prepared to provide some guidelines for those who desire to serve with us on the inner city mission field. This information will help equip team leaders to prepare missions groups, inform first time volunteers as well as those who have already been serving, and hopefully answer in advance many of the questions that are often raised in the midst of active service.

This guide is inclusive but not exhaustive. If you have any other questions prior to attending Calvary Downtown Outreach please feel free to contact us through our contact page. Also within this guide you will find directions to get to the outreach and where to park once you arrive.

We hope your time of service at Calvary Downtown Outreach will be a great blessing to you as well those we serve.

In Christ,
Mike Baumgart
Director

The Purpose Of The Ministry

- To point people to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ
- To raise up disciples of Jesus Christ by exhorting them to daily prayer and Bible reading and offering one on one discipleship opportunities.
- To provide environments for all those in the inner city to come and worship the LORD decently and in order, and receive solid Bible teaching and discipleship.

The Saturday Outreach Provides

- Free hotdogs, chips and drinks for all.
- Free Bibles, Tracts, and Christian Literature
- Prayer Request Box
- Referral to local Support Services
- Live Worship
- Weekly verse by verse Evangelistic Bible Study

The Order of Events

- 9:00 AM Setup main shade cover and auxiliary shade canopy and gazebos
- 10:00 AM General setup and food line preparation
- 11:15 AM Orientation & Prayer
- 12:00 PM Hotdog Bar-B-Q
- 12:30 PM Worship
- 1:00 PM Evangelistic Message from the Word of God
- 2:00 PM Prayer and counseling

- 2:15 PM Break down and storage of all equipment (till about 3:00 PM)

Information & Guidelines Cont'd.

- **THE ENVIRONMENT** - The outreach is in an inner city mission field ministry. We bring "church" to the people who have no church. The downtown area is populated with many homeless, poor and needy men, women and children. As with any missionary type ministry, servants will come face to face with some harsh realities of real life. For the most part the congregation is peaceful and very thankful for all that God is doing at the outreach. However, servants will occasionally be exposed to vulgar language, unsanitary individuals, erratic and unreasonable behavior, and occasional outbursts of hostility. Servants need to have a heart of compassion, understanding and forgiveness. Remain in an attitude of prayer and be prepared to watch God work through the most unusual circumstances.
- **CHILDREN & YOUTH** - We have no facility for child care. We do not recommend bringing infants. Small children will need to be constantly attended to by parents or responsible guardians. Youth are encouraged to serve if they are able to take direction and are willing to follow careful instruction.
- **DRESS** - Summer temperatures in Las Vegas get into the 110's during June, July and August. A sun hat is highly recommended as well as a personal water container and sunscreen. Winter temperatures can be surprisingly cold for the desert; a jacket and/or layers are recommended. Sensible shoes and conservative, functional clothing (especially for women) are suggested.
- **FOOD & DRINK** - We suggest that you partake of adequate sustenance before you arrive at the Outreach location. The work can be exhausting so you will need plenty of energy. The atmosphere is intended to be like a big picnic so please stay away from terms like "feeding the poor" or "homeless feeding" We want the servants and

the congregation to break bread together, but be sensitive to the needs of those who we are there to serve. If supplies start to run out we need to make sure there is enough for the people before partaking ourselves.

- **SERVING POSITIONS** - We have found from past experiences that food serving positions are best filled by those who have a true heart for service, an outgoing personality, and can stand on their feet for at least an hour at a time. We try not to have people with obvious health problems handling food. Only those people designated as servers should be behind the food line to reduce congestion and unnecessary confusion.
- **MONEY** - Our focus at Calvary Downtown Outreach is to minister primarily to the spiritual needs of people. However most members of the congregation are homeless. Servants will occasionally be approached for money for assistance with bus fare, rent, medicine etc. If this occurs, the servant should politely say "You will need to speak to the Outreach coordinator or Pastor after the Bible Study". As a general rule we do not provide financial help. However, we need to be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit. If you personally want to help someone financially, please get council first from someone in C.D.O. leadership before committing to anything so that you do not get taken advantage of by repeat offenders.
- **MEDICAL SITUATIONS** - If anyone is in need of emergency medical assistance notify a member of leadership immediately. For minor cuts and the like, a basic first aid kit is available. Please ask a member of leadership to assist you.
- **RESTROOM FACILITIES** - There are no public restrooms at the Outreach. However, we have permission for servants only to use the host church's facilities. All persons using the church's restrooms must be accompanied by a regular staff person. If approached by a member of the congregation for restroom use, please refer them directly to one of the Outreach leadership.
- **SANCTUARY** - We rent a parking lot of a church. That's the sanctuary. The entire Outreach, food services and Bible study is done outside in

the parking lot under temporary shade covers. We can use the inside of the church for prayer.

- **POWER & WATER** - We are currently renting a church parking lot and we have use of the power and water. We have a filtration system for good water.
- **CONFRONTATIONS/CONFLICTS** - If a situation breaks out on the property remain in an attitude of prayer, notify one of the leadership and stay open to the leading of the Holy Spirit. God will take what was meant for evil and use it for good.
- **HIGH WIND** - During the hot summer months, sudden strong gusts of wind resembling mini tornados (twisters) called dust devils will swoop down on the property. These are short lived but can be very violent. If one comes along grab something and hold it down!
- **BIBLE STUDY** - After the serving of the food is finished and our worship service has begun we move into an evangelistic Bible study. We ask all servants to join the congregation during the teaching of God's word. No cleaning or other distracting activities should be going on during the message. Out of respect for the teaching of God's Word do not engage in any conversations with individuals during the message. Instruct them to listen to the message and let them know that you will be glad to talk to them after the service. There will be no serving of food during the bible study. If there are late comers, please let them know that the serving line is closed until after the service.
- **TEAR DOWN** - Break down and storage of the equipment is the most labor intensive part of the outreach. We completely disassemble all the shade structures, stack 200+ chairs, wash and put away all containers and utensils, pack literature and dispose of trash within one hour. We need 10 or more people to stay and help with this process.
- **WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU TO THE OUTREACH** - A Bible. A humble heart of service, compassion for the needy and an of attitude of

forgiveness towards the shortcomings of others, a spirit of teamwork and helpfulness, and a willingness to pray with those who are in need. Also, a willingness to share your testimony and witness the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ with those that need to hear.

We know you will be blessed and we look forward to seeing you!

Map to Outreach and Parking

Setup begins at 9:00 a.m.

Outreach starts at 12:00 p.m. noon every Saturday

Holy Trinity AME Church
700 Lola Ave.
North Las Vegas, NV 89030

**From I-15 north take the
Lake Mead East exit
Turn left on 5th street
Turn right on McGovern
Go to second stop sign and
make a right on Christina.**

**Calvary Downtown Outreach will
be on the right hand side in the
back lot of the church.**

**Parking is located on the street
or in the northern most part of
the parking lot.**

