

Calvary

Calvary Baptist Church has 20:20 Vision

Calvary Baptist Church has been a visionary church from its earliest days, but even the most forward-looking church members probably didn't foresee the incredible growth that lay ahead when the church's doors first opened on September 19, 1919. Beginning with just 37 faithful members, Calvary's first location was on West Eighth Street in downtown Winston-Salem.

Decades later, church leaders moved Calvary to its present location on Country Club Road in western Winston-Salem. The 32-acre Country Club Road location, now known as Calvary's Central Campus, offers three Sunday services attended by several thousand worshippers each week. To commemorate Calvary's 90th anniversary in 2009, church leaders created a plan called "20:20 Vision *from Generation to Generation*" to guide Calvary's members toward the church's 100th anniversary in 10 years.

Calvary's members had been thinking about the future, including a second location, even before the 20:20 Vision plan was formalized. It was just a matter of when and where. The answer became clear when church leaders decided that a former warehouse on I-40 in Davie County would be ideal for conversion into a second church location. Called Calvary West, the new campus, which opened on Mother's Day in May 2009, can seat up to 1,150 worshippers and has been attracting about 600 people a week.

"We are blessed to be a large and growing church," said Al Fausch, Calvary's Director of Business and Financial Administration. "A church of our size has considerable financial needs, including a substantial annual audit. We've worked with Butler + Burke since 1989 and have recommended the firm to several fellow churches as well."

Jonathan Sizemore, Calvary's Assistant Director of Business and Financial Administration, echoed Al's sentiments, saying, "Butler + Burke has a high level of expertise in working with nonprofits that I haven't found elsewhere. It's not just audit work – they're good about answering financial questions for Calvary all year long."

To find out more about Calvary Baptist Church, including a video presentation on the 20:20 Vision plan, please visit www.calvarynow.com.