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WE WANT TO CHANGE EASTERN CONNECTICUT & NEW ENGLAND from being one of the least church-ed and under-evangelized regions of the United States to being one of the most vibrant and spiritually alive in the nation.

OUR TARGETED PRIMARY SPHERE OF INFLUENCE MAP

CT SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

NEW LONDON COUNTY: 274,150

MIDDLESEX COUNTY 165,562

WINDHAM COUNTY: 117,604

TOLLAND COUNTY 151,377

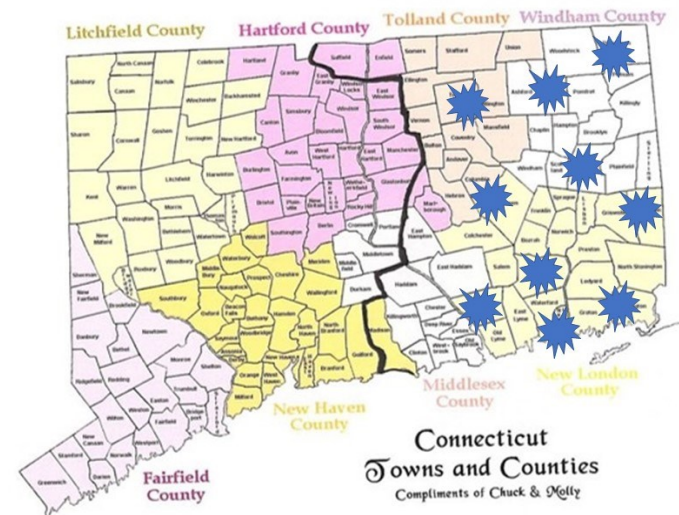
COLLEGE: 49,220

TOTAL TARGET GROUP: 708,693

TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS: (174,500)

HIGH SCHOOLS: (51)

TOWNS: 60



WE ARE LIVING IN A MISSION FIELD! WE NEED TO APPROACH OUR REGION LIKE MISSIONARIES

Countries we send missionaries to have a greater number of active Bible believing Christians than many of the pockets of New England, including our own region.

DESIRED VISION OUTCOMES:

Most Loved: A safe community environment for people to experience God in lifelong redemptive relationships

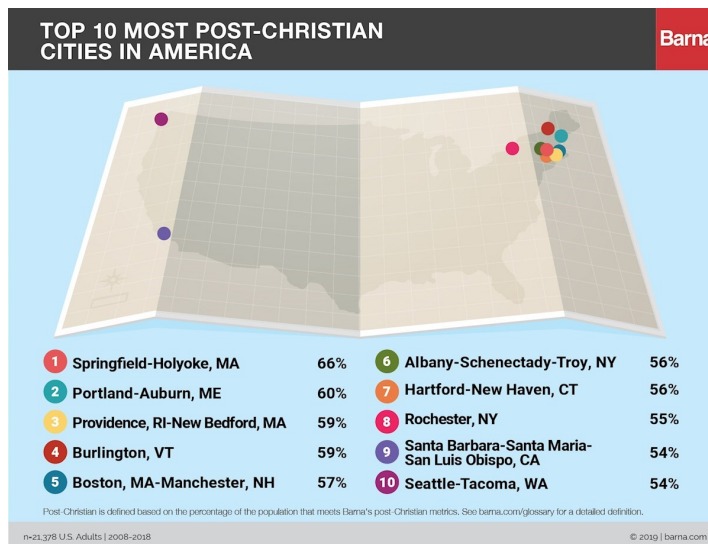
Best Taught: Cradle to Grave, Cover to Cover, Verse by verse teaching. *“It takes a Whole Bible to make a Whole Christian”*

Most Outreach / Outward Focused / Oriented: missions, others and evangelism focused

A Missional Congregation that is all in contributing our time, energy, money, and passion to reach Eastern Connecticut with the Gospel, leading people to Christ every week.

Hothouse of Leadership Development: continued development and deployment of emerging leaders

Multiplication of Locations and Church Plants: developing a scalable resource and support structure, easily transferred and standardized in various locations throughout Eastern Connecticut



Calvary Chapel in Eastern Connecticut



ADVENT 2022

December 5-30

Reflections on Jesus Coming

**JESUS THE CREATOR / MAKER OF HEAVEN & EARTH
COMES TO US!
Monday—Friday
Week of December 5-9**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, Isaiah 9:6-7

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end.

REFLECTION QUESTION: How many descriptions of Jesus found here?

TUESDAY, December 6 John 1:1,2 & 14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

REFLECTION QUESTION: How does believing Jesus is God impact your life?

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7 Colossians 1:16

"For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him."

REFLECTION QUESTION: How do "all things . . . hold together" under Christ?

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8 Hebrews 1:2-3

But in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.

REFLECTION QUESTION: What does Jesus show us about the nature of

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9 John 17:5

"And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began"

REFLECTION QUESTION: When was Jesus glorified in the presence of God?

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OUR VISION WIN, DISCIPLE SEND

OUR VISION IS EVANGELISM WITH A RESPONSIBILITY TO...

WIN A PERSON TO JESUS CHRIST

Mark 16:15 – *"And He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.'"*

DISCIPLE A PERSON IN JESUS CHRIST

Matthew 28:19-20 – *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."*

SEND A PERSON FOR JESUS CHRIST

Acts 1:8 – *"...and you shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth"*

**Jerusalem...Calvary Chapel in Eastern Connecticut*

**Judea...Eastern Connecticut*

**Samaria...New England and the United States*

**Uttermost Parts of the Earth...All areas of the world outside the United States*

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from being one of the least church-ed and under-evangelized regions of the United States to being one of the most vibrant and spiritually alive in the nation. We achieve through Win, Disciple, Send and partnering with as many like minded

**Together let's bring some people to Jesus
and plant some new churches!**

OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH

Calvary Chapel is a fellowship of believers in the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Our greatest desire is to know Christ and be conformed to His image by the power of the Holy Spirit. We are not a denominational church, nor are we opposed to denominations as such. We are opposed only to the emphasis on non-biblical teachings that divide the Body of Christ. We believe the true basis of Christian fellowship is God's love, which is greater than our differences. Without His love, we have no right to say we are Christians.

WE BELIEVE worship of God should be spiritual!
Therefore we remain flexible so the Holy Spirit may direct our worship.

WE BELIEVE worship of God should be inspirational!
Therefore we give a great place to music in our worship.

WE BELIEVE worship of God should be intelligent!
Therefore in our services, we emphasize Bible teaching so God may instruct us how He would be worshiped.

WE BELIEVE worship of God is fruitful!
Therefore we look for His (agape) love in our lives as the greatest evidence that we are truly worshipping Him.

The Scriptures teach us that Jesus is not a created being, but in fact the Creator from Everlasting to Everlasting. What was Jesus doing before He was born? He existed not only before time when the worlds came into being, but is from Everlasting to Everlasting, without Beginning and without End. Scripture says of Him that He is the Alpha and the Omega. He is the beginning and the end.



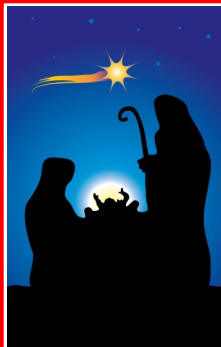
One of the new Pictures from the James Webb Telescope. The stars in the picture are not stars, but galaxies! They tell us there are 125 billion galaxies in the observable universe! The brown is gases are exploding into new stars. The One Who created this loves us and came to us!



From the smallest atom and molecule, to the things we see in Creation, to the ever expanding universe, Jesus created it all. He came to earth, born in a manger (the Incarnation) died on the cross for our sins, rose again on the

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**JESUS COMES AS THE FULFILLMENT
OF OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY
Monday—Friday
Week of December 12-16**



MONDAY, DEC 12 Messiah Will Be Born In Bethlehem

Micah 5:2 *But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.*

FULFILLMENT READ: Matthew 2:1-6

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13 Messiah Born Of A Virgin

Isaiah 7:14 "All right then, the Lord Himself will choose the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call Him Immanuel which means 'God with us.'"

FULFILLMENT READ: Matthew 1:20-23

WEDNESDAY, DEC 14 Messiah Tempted By Satan

Psalms 91:10-12 "No evil will conquer you; no plague will come near your dwelling. For He orders His angels to protect you wherever you go. They will hold you with their hands to keep you from striking your foot on a stone."

FULFILLMENT READ: Matthew 4:5-7

There are many Names, Titles, and Attributions in the Scripture of the Name of Jesus. Some have counted hundreds of names, we offer a few for reflection here

DOOR: (John 10:7) Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.

EVERLASTING FATHER: (Isaiah 9:6) For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

FIRST AND LAST: (Revelation 1:17) And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:

KING OF THE JEWS: (Matthew 2:2) Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

KING OF KINGS: (1 Timothy 6:15) Which in his times he shall show, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;

LAMB: (Revelation 13:8) And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

LAMB OF GOD: (John 1:29) The next day John saw Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

THE LIFE: (John 14:6) Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

LIGHT OF THE WORLD: (John 8:12) Then spoke Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that follows me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

WHAT DESIGNATIONS DO YOU USE TALKING TO / ADDRESSING JESUS?

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THE NAMES OF JESUS IN SCRIPTURE

ADVOCATE: (1 John 2:1) My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous

ALMIGHTY: (Revelation 1:8) I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

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AUTHOR AND FINISHER OF OUR FAITH: (Hebrews 12:2) Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

BREAD OF LIFE: (John 6:32) Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.

CHIEF SHEPHERD: (1 Peter 5:4) And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fades not away.

CORNERSTONE: (Psalm 118:22) The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.

COUNSELLOR: (Isaiah 9:6) For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

CREATOR: (John 1:3) All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.

WORD: (John 1:1) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

WORD OF GOD: (Revelation 19:13) And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

There are more than 300 Old Testament prophecies point to Jesus Christ and were fulfilled by Him in His life on earth. These include prophecies about His unique birth ([Isaiah 7:14](#)), His earthly ministry ([Isaiah 61:1](#)), and even the way He would die ([Psalm 22](#)).

READ THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15 Messiah Will Enter Jerusalem Triumphantly

Zechariah 9:9 – “Rejoice greatly, O people of Zion! Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem! Look, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious, yet he is humble, riding on a donkey – even on a donkey’s colt.”

FULFILLMENT READ: Matthew 21:8-11

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16 The Messiah Will Be Rejected By His Own People



Isaiah 53:1, 3 – “Who has believed our message? To whom will the Lord reveal His saving power? He was despised and rejected – a man of sorrows, acquainted with bitterest grief. We turned our backs on Him and looked the other way when He went by. He was despised, and we did not care.”

FULFILLMENT READ: John 1:10-11 ,John 12:37-38

READ ISAIAH 53 (prophesied around 700 B.C.)

Having read through the passage, re-read it again and see how many how fulfillments of the prophecy you can count in the earthly ministry of Jesus.

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**THE PURPOSE OF HIS COMING IN
THE EARTHLY MINISTRY OF JESUS**
Monday—Friday
Week of December 19-23



**MONDAY, DEC 19, TO DIE ON THE CROSS BRINGING
GLORY TO GOD AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN**

John 12:27 "Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? "Father, save me from this hour? No, it *was for this very reason I came to this hour.*"

REFLECTION QUESTION: Why would we say a crucifixion passage is Christmas scripture?

TUESDAY, DEC 20, HE CAME TO SAVE SINNERS

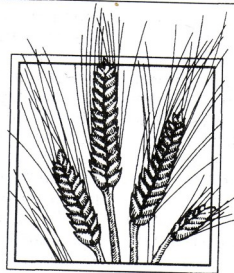
1 Tim. 1:15 Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ *Jesus came into the world to save sinners--of whom I am the worst.*

REFLECTION QUESTION: If Jesus came to save sinners, how about giving the best Christmas gift ever by praying for and bringing a "sinner" you know to church. Name them and pray them!

**WEDNESDAY DEC 21, TO GIVE US ABUNDANT
LIFE**

John 10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

REFLECTION QUESTION: In a month that is filled with material abundance and even excess, how many things can you name that as having abun-



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Just as Jesus came once to bring us salvation, forgiveness and eternal life, He will come again and put a final end to all sin and wickedness. He will set up and everlasting Kingdom with a New Heaven and a New Earth. There are 300 Second Coming prophecies.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29 Revelation 1:7-8

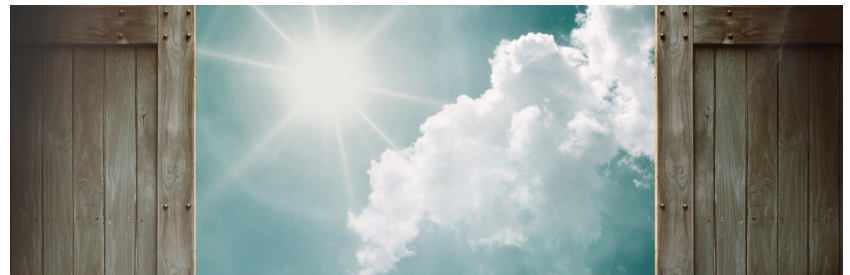
Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

REFLECTION QUESTION: How does this speak of Jesus existing pre-creation, came to live with us, and will come again?

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30 Revelation 21:1-5

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

REFLECTION QUESTION: Think about all of the things that happen when the New Heaven and New Earth come.



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JESUS IS COMING AGAIN!
Monday—Friday
Week of December 26-30

MONDAY, DEC 26, JOHN 14:1-3“

Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

REFLECTION QUESTION: If God created the world in seven days and Jesus has been preparing a place for us for two thousand years, what can we imagine it will be like.



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27 MATTHEW 24:36, 44

“But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

REFLECTION QUESTION: Since Jesus will come back—maybe soon—or we will meet in death. How should we be living our daily lives?

WEDNESDAY, DEC 28 Luke 21:34-36

“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

REFLECTION QUESTION: Another opportunity to ask how we should live.

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The Scriptures teach us about the Life and Ministry of Jesus and His purpose for Coming. Matthew sums up the ministry of Jesus as, “Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease

THURSDAY, DEC 22, TO TESTIFY TO THE TRUTH

John 18:37 *"You are a king, then!" said Pilate.*

Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

REFLECTION QUESTION: In an age where truth is rare and deception seems to be everywhere, what does it mean to us that Jesus testifies to the truth? Jesus in this passage also says He is a King. What does that mean?

FRIDAY, DEC 23 TO SEEK AND TO SAVE THE LOST

Matthew 18:11 **For the Son of man** is come to save that which was lost.

REFLECTION QUESTION: We should wonder out loud if we are being like Jesus and looking for those who are lost so that they too might be found.

OTHER SCRIPTURES FOR ‘PURPOSE OF HIS COMING’

SO THAT WE WOULD NOT PERISH, BUT LIVE

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

TO BE A LIGHT; RELEASE US FROM DARKNESS

John 12:46 I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.



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