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hen you think about church, such words that come to mind may be: God, scripture, beliefs, pastor, choir, prayers, etc. Those words do describe church life

but there is a lot more going on behind the scenes. That is where you will find Bernhard Klingenberg. He is the tech director at Calvary Church of Monterey. Since the pandemic hit, the church had to go full force online. That meant Bernhard's job gained a lot more importance. After talking to him about his job, it sounds like the church is in good hands. Let's go back in time a bit first, back when Bernhard was in college. He studied computer science and graphic design at Cal State Monterey Bay. Working as a church tech director wasn't really on his radar but when the opportunity arose at the church, he decided to go for it.



Mr. Klingenberg began by assisting the Pastor at the Sunday services. As time went by, there was a need for technological support and Bernhard knew he had the knowledge to help. He stepped up to the challenge and became responsible for online resources, the website, print material, and internet/phone systems. Over time this grew into a full time job, which Bernhard assumed in 2015.

Bernhard says he has learned a lot from this position. "Being the director gives you a lot of opportunity to work with people and have access to many resources" he says. He did have his educational background to lean on but much also had to be self-taught. Collaborating with professionals and many hours of research online has given Bernhard more expertise in the technology field. When Covid19 came into the picture, Bernhard knew he had to step up his game. It was very rough at the beginning, switching everything to an online platform. He had to figure everything out quickly; it was all riding on him. It appears Mr. Klingenberg was successful because Calvary Church is running smoothly with an online platform.

In the next 5-10 years, Bernhard sees himself continuing work for Calvary Church. Whatever he decides to do, the church seems to have a valuable member on their team.



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