

THE 147 PROJECT

A PLACE FOR PLAY AND FRIENDSHIP

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Calvary Chapel of Chelmsford has a house of worship at 131 Stedman Street, Units 11, 12, 13, and 14. The property, an industrial condominium, allows unrestricted use of the interior space for religious activities, but restricts outdoor space to vehicular parking. Calvary Chapel is prohibited from conducting worship services, religious classes, and/or religious fellowships in the parking lot or green space of 131 Stedman. The remedy has been to conduct outdoor religious activities (Baptisms, summer religious education, religious fellowships, children/teen/adult fellowship events) at off-site public or private venues.

The property at 147 Stedman Street provides a space adjacent to our house of worship in which to conduct outdoor religious activities. The property at 147 allows for outdoor worship services to include the sacraments of the preaching of the Gospel, Baptism, Communion, and Prayer. The outdoor nature of the property allows for candlelight prayer services. It provides a space for our "Summer Clubs" program which is comprised of an outdoor activity and a Bible class for children. The space allows for fellowship activities for adults, children and teens, all designed to foster community and relationships among fellow Christians. The space allows for the placement of a modest amount of outdoor recreational equipment (i.e. swing set, slides, jungle gyms), picnic tables, and grills.

The property at 147 Stedman allows for close proximity parking for the elderly and those with physical limitations.

The property at 147, modest in size (.51 acres), allows for the outdoor accessory functions adjacent to our house of worship. In traditional church buildings these functions would take place on the church lawn, green, or yard, but these accessory lands are prohibited usages at 131 Stedman Street. The property at 147 allows us to focus our religious activities at a single geographic location. In essence, 147 Stedman is the church lawn, green, or yard for Calvary Chapel Chelmsford.

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The property has been purchased, and we are moving forward to demolish the house/clean up the lot. We are in need of funds to purchase play equipment, picnic tables, grills, and a modest storage shed. If you desire to contribute to this project visit the giving page on our website: <http://www.chapelchelmsford.com/#/giving>

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View from Old Canal toward Stedman

