

LISTENING TO TODAY'S MESSAGE

Language Interpretation: During the 9:00 service, the sermon is interpreted into Mandarin and Farsi. At 10:45, the worship service is interpreted into both Korean and Arabic. Pick up a receiver at the Welcome Center (across from the main Sanctuary entrance).

Hearing Assistance: If you need hearing assistance, listening devices are available at the Welcome Center in the Crosswalk.

NEXT STEPS - GET CONNECTED

Whether you're new to the church or just ready to try something new, visit the Connection Point (across from the main Sanctuary entrance just inside the Gathering Place) following the service to take your next right step at Calvary.

PRAYER

Pre-Service Prayer | 8:30-8:50am | Room 255: Pray for our worship services with the morning's teaching pastor.

Boiler Room | 8:50-11:50am: Visit room 222 behind the Sanctuary to pray over every aspect of the worship service as the Holy Spirit leads, including staff-initiated requests.

BEYOND SUNDAY MORNING

We send out a reflection email each Tuesday to help you engage with today's message and apply it to your life all week long. Sign up at mycalvarygr.org.

SUBSCRIBE TO OUR EMAIL NEWSLETTER

Each Friday, we send a weekly email update on happenings around the church. Stay in the know - visit mycalvarygr.org, click on subscriptions and sign up for the *Calvary Church eNews*.

congregational care

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED PRAYER LIST

Helen DeVos Children's: Parker Carden

Butterworth: William Bok

Blodgett: Rick Hoeksema

Mary Free Bed: Rosalyn Perkins

If you have been hospitalized, or anticipate hospitalization, and would like to be added to the prayer list or receive a visit from a Calvary staff member, call the church office at 956-9377.

BEREAVED

We extend our Christian sympathy to Dave and Sheri DeGraaf and Zachariah DeGraaf at the homegoing of their father and grandfather, Larry Gene Poort, on August 16; to Herb Ritsema at the homegoing of his wife, Joan, on August 19; and also to Tim and Becky Caminiti at the homegoing of Tim's father, Dominic "Nick" Caminiti, on August 21.

THANK YOU

We thank GOD for all the cards, prayers and encouragement from the Elders, Calvary Family, and Staff during Ed's hospital stay and now

during a hopeful recovery and full restoration of Ed's kidney.

Ed & Ruth Vermurlen

INDOOR GREETERS NEEDED

We need three greeters, one Sunday per month. Extend a warm smile to welcome and direct those that may be running late. Helping folks past some awkward moments can help remove barriers that keep them from joining our church family. Contact Beka (rkennedy@calvarygr.org) to sign up.

NEED HELP WITH A PROJECT?

Hands of Jesus is a Calvary ministry which provides services without charge by skilled volunteers for fellow members who need help. The services include small electrical repair, internal painting, plumbing repairs, yard work, home cleaning for disabled, moving of an appliance or a piece of furniture, transportation to a medical appointment, carpentry, and other handy man projects. If you need help or wish to contact us on behalf of someone, contact Glenn DeMots (gdemots@comcast.net) at 454-0232. Additional volunteers are also welcome to join our team.

FOR THE RECORD • FISCAL YEAR 2018-19

	Projected Offerings	Actual Offerings	Surplus/ (Deficit)
Last Week	\$ 130,689	\$ 127,432	(\$ 3,257)
Fiscal YTD Sept. 1 - Aug. 18	\$ 7,819,272	\$ 7,502,301	(\$ 316,971)
Jerusalem Project		\$ 299,043	



A Godly Life

Godliness and the Promises of God
Titus 1:2

Jim Samra
Senior Pastor



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WE ARE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Weekly Focus

Missions & Outreach Fall Ministry Launch

Missions & Outreach is excited to give you a glimpse into a couple of the new ministries and opportunities coming your way this Fall.

First, we are launching a **new Chinese Ministry**. Do you know someone who speaks Mandarin, is a Chinese national living in West Michigan or is a recent immigrant from China? This ministry will focus on building community, caring for, and equipping this community, starting in September with meetings in the Gathering Place after the first service to discuss the sermon. Please be in prayer for this new ministry and direct anyone whom you feel would be a good fit to email Pastor Nam Kim (nkim@calvarygr.org) to get connected.

Second, **Language Café** is moving to Wednesday nights beginning September 11. From 6:30 – 8:00pm, we'll meet in the Gathering Place Café. This change will allow all of our international friends to come and enjoy food and fellowship through Wednesday Night Dinner prior to their time practicing conversational English with our volunteers. Please invite anyone you know who could benefit from practicing their English to Language Café. Questions? Email languagecafe@calvarygr.org.

opportunities for college students & young adults

College Live | Thursdays (Beginning September 5) | 7:00-9:00pm | Rm 208
Join our community of adults age 18-24 for a time of worship, laughter, learning and life-sharing. Like seeing your favorite band live, College Live offers authenticity, intimacy and exuberance to the journey of following Christ.

Free College Lunch | September 8 | 12:15-1:30pm | Gathering Place
The best thing about food is that it connects us to one another. The dinner table gives us time to connect and deepen relationships. College Lunch offers a time to not only feed our bodies but our souls by sharing a table.

Young Adults | Tuesdays (Beginning September 10) | 7:00-9:00pm | Rm 208
You're invited to our weekly gathering of 20 and 30 year olds. We are here to worship God, discover our purpose in Him, and to build meaningful and lasting relationships. Come join us as we strive to live the real life together and change the city of Grand Rapids for Christ! If you have any questions or would like more info please reach out to Mark Schaap (mschaap@calvarygr.org) Pastoral Staff, Young Adults.

coming events & announcements

Open Rehearsals for Worship Ministry Wednesdays, September 11, 18, 25 6:30pm | Choir Room

Choir, Orchestra, and Praise Band serve a key role in our worship services at Calvary. Open rehearsals will take place throughout September. If you are high school age or older and interested in joining, contact Christie (cthompson@calvarygr.org).

Calvary Equip: Prayer September 8 – October 20 10:45am-12:00pm | \$10 | Room 211

This seven-session course will focus on the wholeness and importance of prayer to a believer. We will discover what it means to pray according to God's will, to wrestle with God in prayer and more. Register at mycalvarygr.org by September 6.

Calvary Equip: Set Free in Christ Begins Sunday, September 8 6:00-8:00pm | \$10 | Room 251

This ten-session course is designed to help individuals understand who they are and what they already have in Christ. When an individual knows that their identity is in Christ, rather than in what they have done, they realize they are set free, or liberated in Christ, and they experience a reconciled relationship with Christ. Individuals can then live for God, not based on their performance, but on the truth that God loves them and they are a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17). A one-day workshop is included in the cost of the class and will be held on Saturday, November 2 from 9:00-4:00. Register at mycalvarygr.org.

Adult Bible Study - Three Opportunities

During the fall semester, we will study "Enabling Grace: Growing in Godliness through Titus."

Monday Night Bible Study
Mondays · 7:00-8:30pm
Begins September 16
Combines small group discussion with 30 minutes of large group teaching for both men and women. Small groups are gender specific.

Tuesday Morning
Women's Bible Study
Begins September 17
Tuesdays · 9:15-11:15am
Combines small group Bible Study discussion with large group teaching and testimonies in the Gathering Place. Free *Tuesday Kids* program is offered for children while moms are in the study.

Wednesday Night Women's Study
Wednesdays · 6:30-7:45pm
Begins September 11
On Wednesday evening while children are in Kids-N-Action, moms and working women come together for growth in God's Word, prayer, worship, and community.

Register online at mycalvarygr.org.

Wednesday Night Programming Begins September 11

Wednesday Nights at Calvary begin with Fellowship Dinner for all in the Gathering Place from 4:30-6:30pm (\$5). Following dinner there are activities for all ages to experience community, grow in faith and serve one another. See a full list of what's available at calvarygr.org/events.

this week at calvary

1 Taste of Calvary TODAY! | 10:15am-1:00pm | Gathering Place

Are you looking to get connected at this big church? Are you hoping to start this fall in a new volunteer role? Taste of Calvary is designed to give those who are newer, unconnected, or looking for a fresh start a taste of available opportunities to engage and serve at Calvary Church moving into the new ministry year. Enjoy an array of light breakfast options while you chat with ministry leaders and connect with other Calvary attendees following both morning services today.

2 Blessed2Bless Prayer Gathering August 26 | 7:00-8:30pm | Room 215

Gather with us for encouragement as we share how God is working through neighborhood, workplace and friend/family group Bible studies. This month, Laurie VanderKodde and Shirley Snoeyink will share how their study began and how God is continuing to impact women's lives through it. This is a great opportunity to be inspired or learn more about taking the next step of faith. Join us for encouragement and prayer. Questions? Contact women@calvarygr.org.

start serving this week

HELP MAINTAIN OUR GROUNDS

We are looking for volunteers that can care for a flower bed or planting area for the next two months. This is very flexible and based on your schedule. If you are interested in joining the gardening team, contact Dave (ddegraaf@calvarygr.org) at ext. 5073.

CONNECTING BEYOND THE BULLETIN

We produce a quarterly *Calvary Life* magazine with ministry updates, and faith-enriching articles. Pick one up at the back of the Sanctuary. We also share regularly on Facebook (CalvaryChurchGR) and Instagram (calvarygr) and would love to connect with you there. Find an archive of sermons, our events calendar, a staff email directory and more at calvarygr.org.

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