

## This Week at Calvary

- 1 Third Monday Missions Prayer**  
**February 20 | 11:30am | Room 140 (Entrance I)**  
 Hear updates from and pray for our missionaries around the world. Bring your lunch and join us!
- 2 GriefShare Workshop**  
**Begins February 21 | 6:30-8:30pm**  
 GriefShare is a 13-week grief recovery support group where you can find help and healing for the hurt of losing a loved one. Contact Regina Bilski ([rbilski@calvarygr.org](mailto:rbilski@calvarygr.org)) at ext. 3672 to register. Cost is \$20.
- 3 DivorceCare & DC4K**  
**Begins February 21 | 6:30-8:30pm**  
 This 13-week series will show you how to deal with the hurt caused by your separation or divorce. Childcare is provided and we also offer DivorceCare for Kids (DC4K) for children ages 5-12. Register at [calvarygr.org/events](http://calvarygr.org/events) or contact Claire Walker ([cwalker@calvarygr.org](mailto:cwalker@calvarygr.org)) at ext. 3613.
- 4 Financial Professionals Lunch**  
**February 22 | 11:30am-2:00pm | Room 208**  
**Register: [calvarygr.org/events](http://calvarygr.org/events)**  
 We want to come alongside and support those in the financial professions. Join us for a prayer luncheon hosted by Pastor Jim Samra. Enjoy community and pray with others who understand the unique joys and heartaches of the world of finance.
- 4 5th/6th: Silly Olympics**  
**February 24 | 6:00-9:00pm | Room 208 | \$5**  
**Register: [calvarygr.org/events](http://calvarygr.org/events)**  
 Do you love all those crazy youth group games we play on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights? Well, we thought we'd try playing games like that all night long! Here's your opportunity to go for the gold in several high profile events like the potato roll and the washer stack. Make your country proud! Snacks provided.

For a complete list of this week's events, use the QR code to the right to visit [calvarygr.org](http://calvarygr.org) or pick up a *Calvary Life* magazine. Note: AA meetings are not taking place at Calvary during Grace Beyond. Contact the church office for times and locations.



## Congregational Care

### Recently Hospitalized Prayer List

If you have been hospitalized, or anticipate hospitalization, and would like to be added to the prayer list, please call the church office.

**Butterworth:** Betty Near

**Blodgett:** Scott Bowman

**Mary Free Bed:** Joyce Draper, Dick Roeters

**Mercy Health Hauenstein:**

Shelley VanderKlok

**Prayer Chain:** If you need prayer, contact Don & Cindy Marrell ([cmarrell@calvarygr.org](mailto:cmarrell@calvarygr.org)) at 450-9622.

## FOR THE RECORD

	<u>Projected Offerings</u>	<u>Actual Offerings</u>	<u>Surplus/ (Deficit)</u>
Last Week	\$ 141,258	\$ 138,483	(\$ 2,775)
Fiscal YTD Sept. 1- Feb. 12	\$ 4,006,129	\$ 3,688,474	(\$ 317,655)
Open Door Project		\$83,992	

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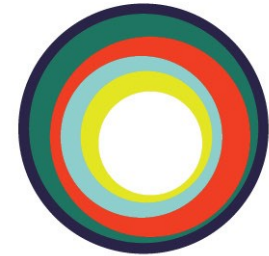
**February 19, 2017**

9:00am & 10:45am

### TODAY'S MESSAGE

Jim Samra  
 Senior Pastor

*Handling Disputable Matters*  
 Romans 14



**LIVING**  
 BY FAITH

## Weekly Focus: Open Door Project Update

Each year, we have the opportunity to give to our Open Door Project, a mission-focused offering developed with prayerful consideration. Typically, the Open Door Project is emphasized at the end of year. This year, because of the excitement of Grace Beyond, we've said less about it so far. The quiet, behind-the-scenes approach doesn't mean God hasn't been at work! Here are some of the things for which we are already praising Him.

Just this past week, one of our project partners, Horizons International, shared the following news: "Horizons Center in Tripoli, Lebanon, which was closed by the authorities is now open! After several months of closure, the staff are cleaning the place to ready it for the Grand Reopening." Please join us in praying for God to use this center's staff to meet the physical and spiritual needs of refugees in that city. Pray for our Christian brothers and sisters throughout Lebanon, where one in every four people is a refugee, as they welcome these strangers in the name of Jesus and share with them the good news of his salvation.

The centerpiece of the Open Door Project is the *West Michigan Friendship Center*. By God's grace, people from Calvary and other churches in our area are already developing a place where ethnic refugees, immigrants, and residents of our community can find friendship, genuine care, and welcoming community in the name of Jesus. The legal papers for tax exempt status are being prepared, and a team is searching for a location.

God is using Calvary's New Neighbors refugee program to open our hearts and minds to the nations He has brought right to us. As one Calvary volunteer said, "To us, they're no longer refugees - they are people with names, personalities, dreams and needs. We can barely understand each other so we laugh together at our foibles. They could be our neighbor. . . They are our neighbor."

In the coming weeks, we'll be sharing more. Until then, you can find details at [calvarygr.org/opendoorproject](http://calvarygr.org/opendoorproject). To become part of the project, you can designate Open Door Project on your giving envelope, text 294-0700 to give with the code "ODP", or give online at [mycalvarygr.org](http://mycalvarygr.org) selecting "Open Door Project."

## Coming Events & Announcements

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### Blessed2Bless: Evening Prayer Gathering February 23 | 7:00-8:30pm Room 152 (Entrance J)

Connect with other women and support the work that God is doing as we reach out to neighbors and friends. Susan Sorensen will talk about enhancing small group interaction.

### Heirs Together: Movie Night February 25 | 7:00pm | Chapel

The Heirs Together class invites you to view *The Insanity of God* with them. This film is the true story of missionaries Nik and Ruth Ripken. After the death of their son, this ordinary couple journeys into the depths of the persecuted church, asking the question—Is Jesus worth it? *Due to some graphic descriptions of abuse within the persecuted church, this movie is not recommended for children.*

### Widows Coffee February 28 | 6:00-7:30pm Room 108

Come enjoy fellowship with other widows over a cup of coffee. RSVP at [calvarygr.org/events](http://calvarygr.org/events).

Contact Kristen White ([kwhite@calvarygr.org](mailto:kwhite@calvarygr.org)) at ext. 5013 with any questions.

### 40 Days for Life

*40 Days for Life* is a grassroots, pro-life movement to end abortion through prayer, fasting, peaceful vigil, and community outreach. From March 1 to April 9, our community will take part in a *40 Days for Life* vigil on the public sidewalk in front of the Heritage Clinic for Women, 320 East Fulton Street. To sign up for vigil hours, visit [40daysforlife.com](http://40daysforlife.com) or contact [ybodell@instraspacedesign.net](mailto:ybodell@instraspacedesign.net).

### Freed-Up Financial Living Begins March 1 | 6:30-8:30pm Yellow House

Freed Up offers an opportunity to refine your monthly spending plan and reduce debt. Honoring God with your finances brings financial peace. Join us for this 5-week workshop. Register at [calvarygr.org/events](http://calvarygr.org/events).

### 5th/6th P.A.C. Attack March 5 | 12:30-2:30pm Room 208 | \$3

P.A.C.'s are a great way for students who only come on Sundays to make new friends. We will play dodge ball, eat pizza, hang out, and watch a movie! Register at [calvarygr.org/events](http://calvarygr.org/events).

### Merge (Ages 22-34): Bowling March 8 | 6:00-8:00pm | Ent A Cost: \$5

All skill levels are invited to spice up your Wednesday night with an

If you are visiting today, we are glad you are here. For information about our many communities, programs and events for all ages, pick up a copy of the quarterly *Calvary Life*, visit us online at [calvarygr.org](http://calvarygr.org), or stop by the Connection Point in room 215 (located in the east end beside the Chapel). We would love to meet you! If you need hearing assistance, listening devices are available at the Welcome Center.

evening of bowling, music, pop, and snacks. Register at [calvarygr.org/events](http://calvarygr.org/events) so we can reserve lanes in advance.

### Mercy and Hospitality: Lunch and Learn March 10 | 12:00-1:15pm Room 112 (Entrance F)

Find out about more opportunities to serve within the area of Mercy and Hospitality. Lunch provided. Register at [calvarygr.org/events](http://calvarygr.org/events).

### Apples of Gold Spring Session Morning Class: Begins Mar. 13 9:15am-12:15pm Evening Class: Begins Mar. 16 5:45-9:00pm

Are you a young woman with a desire to receive mentoring from mature women believers? The Apples of Gold ministry brings God's instruction into action through Bible study discussion, cooking lessons, fellowship at the meal table and mentoring relationships. Register for the 7-week class by March 3. Email [aogatcalvary@gmail.com](mailto:aogatcalvary@gmail.com).

### West Michigan Missions Forum Saturday, March 25 8:30am-3:30pm | \$25

Calvary Church is one of the sponsors of the fifth annual West Michigan Missions Forum being held at Fair Haven Church in Hudsonville. Join hundreds of others for this exciting event, with keynote speaker, Dr. Sid Webb of The Voice of the Martyrs. The event runs 8:30am-3:30pm and costs \$25 (lunch included); college students pay just \$15. Go to [globalimpactservices.org/forum](http://globalimpactservices.org/forum) for more information and to register.

### Free College Lunch Sundays | 12:15pm | Room 208

College students—this is a lunch just for you! Depending on the day we will have either home cooked meals or specially selected take-out—for free! Enjoy getting to know other college-aged young adults at Calvary. **Note:** College Lunch will be off for Spring Break March 5.