

HOLY WEEK

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April 9-16

FAITH STORIES: Palm Sunday Musical

April 9 | 6:00pm | Sanctuary

This is my story... This is my song... Praising my Savior, all the day long.

An evening of music and testimonies celebrating God's faithfulness in our lives. Join the Choir and Orchestra as we begin Holy Week together.

Maundy Thursday Service

April 13 | 7:00pm | Sanctuary

During our Maundy Thursday service, we will partake in the Lord's Supper, just like Jesus did on the night He was betrayed.

Good Friday Service

April 14 | 7:00pm | Sanctuary

Join us for an evening of reflection that commemorates the night when Christ bore the ultimate burden for us and was crucified in order to give us peace with God.

Easter Sunday Morning Worship

April 16 | 7:15, 9:00 & 10:45am

Easter is a celebration of Christ's victory over sin, fear and death and of the peace and new life we can find in Him. This is a family service. Nursery will be provided for birth through 35 months at the 9:00 & 10:45 services. No children's or adult classes will meet.

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,
Debbie Wisswell

Meijer Heart: Bob Koetsier

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

Lent

At Calvary, during Lent we emphasize the spiritual disciplines of prayer, fasting and giving as Jesus encouraged in Matthew 6. Lent provides a wonderful opportunity to do this together, as a church body. Join us on a Lenten journey examining sacrifice as an expression of faith – pick up a Lent Guide at the Sanctuary entrance or follow along online at calvarygr.org.

Bereaved

We extend our Christian sympathy to Jeannette & Jim Taylor and John and Steven Taylor at the homegoing of their mother and grandmother, Ann Eberhard, on March 15; to Gary & Sue McLain, Margie & Mike Brady and Kellie & Eric Plambos at the homegoing of their mother and grandmother, Doris McLain, on March 17; to Michele & Steven Pierson, Stephanie Pierson and Adam Pierson at the homegoing of their mother and grandmother, Mary McClain, also on March 17; and also to Eva and Bob Trudell and Mason, Alex, Zach and Lauren Trudell at the homegoing of their mother and grandmother, Patricia Jansheski, also on March 17.

March 26, 2017

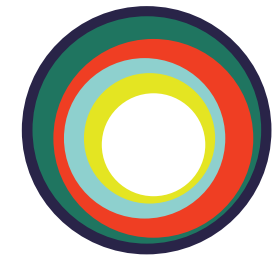
9:00am & 10:45am

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Jim Samra
Senior Pastor

Your Role in Missions

Romans 15



LIVING BY FAITH

FOR THE RECORD

	Revised Projected Offerings	Actual Offerings	Surplus/ (Deficit)
Last Week	\$ 139,943	\$ 128,887	(\$ 11,056)
Fiscal YTD Sept. 1 - Mar. 19	\$ 4,379,847	\$ 4,353,653	(\$ 26,194)
Open Door Project		\$ 94,379	

For further explanation regarding the finances of Calvary Church, visit calvarygr.org. Alternatively, this information is available in the Finance Office.

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Weekly Focus

Tanner and Kelsey VanOss

Today, Calvary Church has the privilege to commission Tanner and Kelsey VanOss to serve as missionaries to India with Christar. Tanner and Kelsey have been part of our church for just a few years, but their passion for unreached peoples and for the nation of India has been an encouragement to many, especially in our Young Adult Ministry. Throughout their time here, they have been training in Business for Transformation and women’s health care as well as culture and language acquisition skills. They have practiced making friends and reaching out cross-culturally through Neighbors International and the diverse community in their neighborhood.

Tanner and Kelsey, along with their little girl Lydia, will be traveling to India this Friday and spending the next few months learning the language and adjusting to the culture. Please join us in praying for God’s blessing on this time, for special Indian friends to help them make this transition well, and for clear direction for their ministry after language school.

West Michigan Friendship Center

In June 2016, many Calvary people were able to participate in the Legacy Conference about Missions, Muslims, and the Heart of God. One of the speakers, Pierre Houssney, is the director of a refugee center in Lebanon where, through a combination of meeting physical needs and boldly proclaiming the Gospel, they have seen over 850 Muslim Syrian refugees come to faith in Christ. As we discussed this tremendous ministry, we began to imagine how God might use a similar center to reach the 35,000 or more Muslims in West Michigan. As you will hear in the video today, God has given Calvary Church the assignment to help with the first stages of getting the West Michigan Friendship Center started. It’s much larger than us and will involve many committed churches and individuals from throughout the area. Yet we get to enjoy seeing Him work from the beginning to bring about a place of community and friendship for international newcomers in our city.

Take the Next Step

In our service today, we heard about God’s heart for the lost and some of the roles each of us could play in reaching them. If you have sensed God speaking to you personally, Calvary’s Missions and Outreach Department is here to help. You may want to know more about the West Michigan Friendship Center and get involved in early prayer efforts for it, learn how you can better share Christ with your own friends and neighbors, or explore short or long term work cross-culturally. Please join us at the front of the Sanctuary after the service, or contact us any time at missions@calvarygr.org, so we can walk with you on your journey of **Living by Faith**.

Coming Events & Announcements

Next Baptism Opportunity

Baptism is an outward expression of what God has done inwardly in a person’s life. To participate in our next baptism on April 16, contact Kristen (kwhite@calvarygr.org) at ext. 5013.

Golf Cart Update

Due to very low ridership and the availability of handicap parking spots, next week will be the last week the golf cart ministry will operate on Sunday mornings. Thank you to our volunteers for their service.

OASIS Monthly Luncheon

April 3 | 10:00am | Room 108 | \$8

Join us as Bill Burd, the Science Guy, shares with us. Punch Bowl begins at 10:00, with the speaker presenting at 11:00 and then lunch served at 12:00pm. Please make reservations one week in advance by calling Howard & Arlene Timmer (hrtakt@iserv.net) at 365-0728.

Pray With the Elders

April 4 | 6:15-7:15pm | Room 211

If you would like the elders to pray for you, please stop by. You are welcome to come unannounced, but if possible it would be helpful if you could contact Cindy Marrell (cmarrell@calvarygr.org) in advance so she can put you on the schedule.

Wednesday Night Activities Note

Due to Spring Break and Holy Week, there will no Wednesday Night ministry activities on April 5 or 12.

Flourish: Love That Waters the Soul Women’s Solitude Retreat

April 21 | 8:30am-2:30pm | \$10

Come into the presence of God and be refreshed, renewed and restored. This guided retreat will include times of solitude and teaching from the book of Hosea by Miriam Walsh. Register at calvarygr.org/events.

OASIS On the Go: Charlevoix

May 18 | 7:00am-7:00pm | \$107

Join other Calvary Church older adults for a day in Charlevoix. Tour includes: transportation; a tour of Earl Young’s Mushroom Houses; lunch at The Landing; tour of Castle Farms; coffee and sweet rolls on the morning of departure; taxes and gratuities for all group functions. See calvarygr.org/events for a registration form or contact Regina at ext. 3672.

Hands of Jesus Ministry

Hands of Jesus connects volunteers who have skills and a desire to serve, with fellow Calvary members who have a need. If you are willing to serve as a Hands of Jesus volunteer or if you need help with something (see services below), contact Glenn DeMots (gdemots@comcast.net) at 454-0232 or Bill Skinner (skinnerws@gmail.com) at 456-9296. Areas of ministry to include: Electrical Repair, Painting, Plumbing, Yard Work, Cleaning, Furniture Moving, Transportation, Handyman Projects and Carpentry.

WELCOME

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, 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.

This Week at Calvary

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Free College Lunch
March 26 | 12:15pm | Room 208B (Gym)

College students this is a lunch made just for you! Many Calvary groups provide an amazing home-cooked extravaganza for students (and we also order in food at times). Enjoy free food and get to know other college-aged young adults.
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Blessed2Bless Prayer Gathering
March 27 | 10:00-11:30am | Rm 152

Come connect with other women and support the work that God is doing as people throughout the church are reaching out to their families, neighbors, friends and co-workers. Kathy Zimmerman will share from her neighborhood Bible study experience about the opportunity to reach out to the nations. You do not need to be leading a neighborhood study to take part.
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Widows Coffee
March 27 | 10:00-11:30am | Rm 108

Come enjoy fellowship with other widows over a cup of coffee. Register at calvarygr.org/events. Contact Katy Lambert (klambert@calvarygr.org) with questions.

For a complete list of this week’s events, use the QR code to the right to visit 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.

