

This Week at Calvary

- 1 College Worship & Bonfire**
Thursdays in May | 6:45-9:00pm
2909 Cooks Meadow Drive
 Join us for an evening of lawn games, hot dogs and s'mores, and worship around the fire. Outgoing high school seniors welcome!
- 2 Neighbors International**
FREE Lunch and Learn
May 5 | 12:00-1:00pm | Room 112
 Learn more about Neighbors International, Calvary's ministry to international college students at this free lunch. Register at calvarygr.org/events so we can plan accordingly.
- 3 Merge Tulip Time Gathering (Single Young Adults 22-34)**
May 6 | 10:00am | Entrance H
 Spring has sprung! Come enjoy the tulips in beautiful Holland, MI. We will have lunch in Holland and tour the sights. An elephant ear and Klompen dancing may even be on the schedule. Please bring money for lunch and souvenirs. Register at calvarygr.org/events.
- 4 5th/6th: Amazing Race**
May 5 | 6:30-9:00pm | Room 108
 Race all over the city, completing challenges and solving clues that will take you to landmarks throughout Grand Rapids. This is a high energy game that everyone loves. End of night snacks provided. Cost: \$5. Register at calvarygr.org/events by April 28.

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.



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: Joyce Draper, Bob Sullivan

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

Bereaved

We extend our Christian sympathy to friends and family of Peter Schoolman at his homegoing on April 20; to Rick and Dianne Koprowski, and Paul and Julie Koprowski at the homegoing of their mother and grandmother, Nella Koprowski, on April 22; to Mary Miller and Debbie & Michael Cypher at the homegoing of their husband and father, Bill Miller, on April 24; and also to Mary Jo & Gary Berkenpas and Amy Dyk at the homegoing of their father and grandfather, Frank Dieleman, on April 25.

Thank You

I wanted to thank everybody for the expressions of sympathy and the beautiful flowers that were sent to me at the passing of my sister-in-law, Esther Van Zytveld. The kindness was so appreciated, particularly at a time like this.

Anne and Roger Bouwman

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in sending flowers in honor of our mom and grandmom, Ann Eberhard. It was a beautiful way to help celebrate her memory. The outpouring of love reinforced how many people she touched in her life.

The Ann Eberhard Family

April 30, 2017

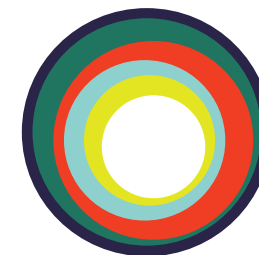
9:00am & 10:45am

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Tom Olsson
 Associate Pastor

Doxology of Praise

Romans 16:25-27



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	Revised Projected Offerings	Actual Offerings	Surplus/ (Deficit)
Last Week	\$ 144,512	\$ 140,585	(\$ 3,927)
Fiscal YTD Sept. 1-Apr. 23	\$ 5,097,838	\$ 5,058,440	(\$ 39,398)
Open Door Project		\$ 108,005	

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: Houston Short-Term Trip Recap

Our team of eight gathered for our first team meeting in late December with some anxiety about sharing the gospel door to door with unreached people groups in Houston, Texas. In the midst of our uncertainty, we focused on sharing the gospel in one minute, and our testimonies in under three minutes. In the months following, we also put ourselves through a crash course on Islam, including bridges to the gospel provided by Jon Shepherd our missionary partner, and even spent time going door to door locally. Unsure of the usefulness of these exercises, we focused on our trip goal of "obedience to the commands of Jesus", and hit the ground running the first day in Houston in March, immediately visiting two mosques during the call to prayer. That same day we began to engage in gospel conversations and quickly discovered the training we had was spot on!

In the days to follow, two by two, we determinedly knocked on approximately 350 doors, sharing the gospel hundreds of times and witnessing to people in stores and malls. We were exhausted but grateful to God for providing so many opportunities to share with so many Muslim people the good news of Jesus and how the Bible provides guidance and light.

The Lord blessed us as many heard the gospel for the very first time! Their reactions were priceless and filled us with joy. Another big blessing was God's display of sovereignty as He continually confounded meteorologists who called for rain the entire time. He allowed occasional sprinkling but it served to cool us as we were constantly on the move. The one day it truly poured, we again experienced God's sovereignty, as we were led to a nearby bookstore. The Holy Spirit's presence in that store, drew every team member into gospel conversations and two people professed Jesus as Lord! In all, four people placed their faith in Christ, one a (now former) Muslim.

Our missionary hosts, Jon and Kris Shepherd guided us and showed us other ways to reach Muslims with the gospel. Please pray for them and their three boys as they interact daily with their neighbors in Houston and desire to see them hear and accept a good, loving God.

Pray For Our Mission Teams Currently Serving

Pray for our India, Spring Mozambique and Tanzania mission teams as they travel to other countries being confident and joyful in spreading God's word. To follow these teams and write them some words of encouragement go to calvarygr.org/stmblog.

Coming Events & Announcements

Pastor Jim's Study Leave

Pastor Jim will be taking his study leave through May 29. The purpose of this study leave is to provide a block of time to pray, study and prepare for the next church year. Please pray for Jim while he is away, that it may be a fruitful time of hearing from the Lord. If you have a pastoral need during this time, please continue to contact the church office for assistance. Thank you for your support.

Calvary Church Elders

New Sermon Series Begins May

Next week we will begin a four-week series looking at the truth, forgiveness, justice and hope offered in the person of Jesus Christ. Together we will seek after what can only be found in Him. This is a great time to invite a friend who is restless and looking for greater purpose in life to join you at Calvary.

OASIS Men's Golf League Begins May 2 | 8:45am | \$30 Boulder Creek Golf Club

Come join a group of Calvary Church seniors every Tuesday morning for some good Christian fellowship and exercise. This isn't a formal golf league and it's open to golfers of all skill levels. Each week, we have a draw to determine foursomes for the week so it's a great way to meet new people. The draw is at 8:45am and the first tee time is at 9:00am. The cost is \$30 for 18 holes of golf with a cart. Questions? Contact Ken Kits at (616) 920-7045.

Women's Golf League

Begins May 2 | 9:00am

This informal group of golfers will meet Tuesdays through early September (weather permitting). Tee off is at 9:00am at Maple Hill Golf - 5555 Ivanrest Ave SW. The cost is \$14.75 to ride 9 holes; \$13.50 to walk. Email women@calvarygr.org for more info.

National Day of Prayer

May 4 | 7-8:00pm | Rosa Parks Circle

This day on our nation's calendar is set aside to pray for our country and its leaders. Join the church of Greater Grand Rapids for a time of united, fervent and expectant prayer for God to pour out His Spirit in power to awaken our city for His glory.

Mountain Movers Prayer Group

May 7 | 8:00-8:45am | Room 110

Beginning on May 7 and continuing the first Sunday of each month, a group will be meeting to pray for our missionaries and our key regions around the world. If you would like to be better acquainted with who we support, and in the know on how God is working, in order to support them in prayer, join us. No registration necessary. For more information, contact the Missions Office at ext. 5022.

Blessed2Bless Celebration

May 8 | 10:00-11:30am | Room 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.

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 date will be Blessed2Bless celebration of God's faithfulness! Pastries will be added to our traditional coffee as we share praise for all God has done since we began this journey together! You do not need to be leading a neighborhood study to take part.

Creatives & Communicators Mixer

May 10 | 5:00-6:30pm | Room 208

Calvary is gathering communicators and creatives together for conversation and encouragement. Whether you are an artist, a web developer or a marketing consultant, if you fit the category of communicator or creative this is an opportunity to meet with others in the church who share your passions and pursuits. In addition to connection, we'll provide post-work snacks, a faith story to inspire you, and opportunities for using your gifts and skills in the church. RSVP at calvarygr.org/events.

Text To Give

Did you know you can give via text message? Simply text the amount you wish to give, followed by the name of the fund - "General" to 616-294-0700 (for example, "75 General"). The first time you text to give, you will be asked for some basic information. Text "Funds," to receive a list of the fund names you can choose to donate to. Visit calvarygr.org/texttogive for more.

Missionary Housing Need

Over the course of the next few months we have several missionaries/families coming into town that will need housing. The need varies from a few days to several weeks. Please contact Chris (cdehaan@calvarygr.org) at ext. 5022, if you can help meet this need.