

weekly focus: language café

The Bible is full of invitations. In Matthew 11:28 for instance we are invited to come to God when we are weary and He will give us rest. There are people in our community that are waiting for an invitation from you. If you know someone who is learning conversational English, invite them to Calvary's Language Café. Volunteers sit in the Gathering Place ready to help non-native speakers hone their English.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Do I only invite attendees of Calvary to come to the Language Café?
No, all are welcome but clarify that we are not offering ESL.
- Do they have to be followers of Jesus to come?
No, but we are not going to hide our faith.
- Do I have to be there if I invite someone?
No, we have a team of volunteers.
- Do I have to let you know I invited someone?
No, we would appreciate a heads up but if you forget we will still be there.
- What are the days and times?
Thursdays from 6:30-8:00pm in Calvary's Gathering Place (Entrance B). Look for the signs with the coffee cup.
- How do I start a conversation with someone who does not speak English?
If you hear a different language being spoken, smile and say hi. A smile is universal for "welcome" and that is warming to the soul.

We can use you too! Volunteering is easy and fun. Let us know that you are interested by emailing us at languagecafe@calvarygr.org.

FOOD PANTRY & CLOTHES CLOSET TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO DONATIONS

As we transition the Calvary Care Ministry from the Yellow House to the main church building, we will not be accepting donations of food or clothing. Please watch the bulletin for when donations will resume. Questions? Contact Lynnell (lbok@calvarygr.org) at ext. 3510.

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 at 956-9377.

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

BEREAVED

We extend our Christian sympathy to Jerry and Susie Fouch at the homegoing of Jerry's mother, Jessie, on December 19; to Don and Cindy Marrell at the homegoing of Don's mother, Dorothy Pearson, on December 28; to Mark and Tina Worrall at the homegoing of Mark's father, Gary, on December 30; and to Frank DeBruin at the homegoing of his wife, Willie, on January 2.

PASTORAL STAFF UPDATE

As we begin 2018, we wanted to share that Pastoral Staff member Byron Dickey has accepted a new pastoral position in Ohio. Byron has served Calvary families faithfully for the past 10 years through roles in Calvary Students and Kids. We are excited for how God will use him in this next chapter. Byron and his family will be keenly missed.

FOR THE RECORD

	Projected Offerings	Actual Offerings	Surplus/ (Deficit)
Last Week	\$ 250,072	\$ 346,198	\$ 96,126
Fiscal YTD Sept. 1 - Dec. 31	\$ 3,064,934	\$ 2,845,285	(\$219,649)
Open Door Project		\$ 57,493	

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January 7, 2018

9:00am & 10:45am

The Parable of the Sower

Mark 4:1-20

Tom Olsson, *Associate Pastor*

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welcome

If you are visiting today, we are glad you are here. For information about our many groups, programs and events for all ages, pick up a copy of the quarterly *Calvary Life* magazine, visit us online at calvarygr.org, or stop by the Connection Point (located in the Gathering Place across from the main Sanctuary entrance). We would love to meet you! If you need hearing assistance, listening devices are available at the Welcome Center in the Crosswalk.

grace BEYOND

COMMITMENT SUNDAY UPDATE

It is with gratitude to God and to each of you that we share that we have received an additional \$4.5 million toward Grace Beyond. The first \$3.15 million was committed this fall as a seed for the December 17 Commitment Sunday and the remaining \$1.68 million was committed on December 17. Our current total giving commitment and cash received is included below. This includes giving committed after December 17.

Thank you for praying and for faithfully giving as the Lord directed you. When we look back at what has been given toward this project, it is amazing. You have sought the Lord, heard from Him and responded accordingly time and again.

God isn't finished with our Grace Beyond journey and we continue on as He leads. There is still an additional approximately \$2 million that needs to be raised to pay for the project in full. We trust that gives opportunity for those who have yet to prayerfully consider their role, or those who may join Calvary in the weeks ahead, to join the Grace Beyond journey. A journey that has brought each of us closer to Christ through His refining Spirit. Praise be to God!

GRACE BEYOND GIVING UPDATE

Total Giving Commitment to Date: \$ 26,712,042

Cash Received: \$ 19,825,789

coming events & announcements

Calvary Equip New Semester

Calvary Equip provides opportunities to learn faith-enriching practices. You will be equipped to live out what you are taught and engage more fully with what God is doing in and through His church in this place. *A full list of classes being offered this semester is at calvarygr.org/equip.*

Beginning today:

Prayer | 10:45am | Room 211

This course focuses on the wholeness and importance of prayer. Drop in and join us!

DivorceCare & DC4K (DivorceCare for Kids) Tuesdays | 6:30-8:30pm

DivorceCare is a 13-week seminar, led by people who understand the pain of separation and divorce, will help you recover from the pain of the past and look forward to rebuilding your life. DC4K is a special ministry to help children (age 5-12 years) heal from the hurts caused by the separation or divorce of their parents. To register, contact Dane Bjork (dbjork@calvarygr.org) at ext. 3149.

Young Adult Worship Night January 11 | 7:00pm | Room 208

Enjoy an all Young Adult Worship Night, ages 18-32. A great way to kick off the new year! A night of time spent together with snacks and passionate worship. Be sure to invite a friend!

Generation Rising (Ages 22-34) Brunch & Snowshoe

January 13 | 9:00am | \$10

Let's get together and have some brunch, then burn it off while snowshoeing at P.J. Hoffmaster Park! Register at mycalvarygr.org.

5th/6th P.A.C. Attack

Jan. 14 | 12:30-2:30pm | Room 208

We will play dodge ball, eat pizza, hang out, and watch a movie! Register at mycalvarygr.org (cost is \$3, payable at the door).

Hymn Sing

January 14 | 7:30pm | Chapel

Join us for an old fashioned hymn sing, led by Maury Lehmann.

Widows Monthly Coffee

Jan. 15 | 10:00-11:30am | Rm 108

Join us for fellowship with other widows over a cup of coffee. We are happy to welcome Stacy Armbruster this month to share with us about finding value in serving. To RSVP contact Katy Lambert (klambert@calvarygr.org).

Child Dedication Service

**January 21 | 5:00pm
Room 140 (Entrance A)**

Child Dedication services are an opportunity to commit your child(ren) to the Lord, with the support of extended family and friends. If you would like to dedicate your child(ren), contact Carla (calvarykids@calvarygr.org) at ext. 5067 by January 12.

this week at calvary

1 Special Sunday Night Service Master Arts Theatre Presents *The Book of Job* TONIGHT | 6:00pm | Chapel

It's one thing to read a story, it's another to watch it come to life in front of your eyes... come see what this ancient book has to offer.

2 Blessed2Bless Prayer Gathering January 8 | 10:00-11:30am Room 215 (Entrance C)

Women, gather for inspiration and prayer as we take steps of faith into our neighborhoods, workplaces, families & friend groups.

3 Monday Night Bible Study Resumes January 8 7:00pm | Chapel | \$10

Monday Night Bible Study is for men and women and starts again on January 8. Large group teaching time begins in the Chapel at 7:00pm followed by small groups made up of men or women till 8:30pm. A great opportunity for all ages, especially for those working who need an evening option. We are studying The Gospel of Mark. To register for the Winter Semester, contact Karen (kvanholstyn@calvarygr.org).

4 Study the Gospel of Mark in 2018! Women's Bible Study Resumes January 9 Tuesdays | 9:15-11:15am

Join other women this winter for growth in God's Word, prayer, worship and community. While mom is in Bible Study, our free children's ministry, **Tuesday Kids**, is a wonderful place for children birth to six years of age to learn God's truth in a loving atmosphere. Contact Donna (women@calvarygr.org) if you'd like to join the Winter Semester.

5 Grandparenting Prayer Group January 10 | 11:15am | Room 207

Join with other grandparents on the second Wednesday of the month to spend time encouraging one another and most importantly, pray for our grandchildren.