

weekly focus: christmas giving update

DÉGAGÉ: On behalf of the whole Dégagé family, we send our sincerest word of thanks to the many hands who gave generously of their time and treasure in order to bring the Heartside Christmas Store to life. Over 250 people in our community walked through the store and picked out gifts for their loved ones. Thank you for blessing your brothers and sisters in Christ!

Looking to engage further? We are in need of some early birds to help us for an upcoming fundraising event called WOOD AM-FM "Day of Hope." The event takes place February 9, 5:00am-12:00pm. Volunteers are needed to help answer phones and process donations. If you are interested, contact Holly (holly@degageministries.org) at 454-1661, ext. 212

URBAN FAMILY MINISTRIES: Our fifth Christmas Shoppe is complete! We were able to host 106 kids through the store to purchase items for their family and friends. One comment from a volunteer was, "Normally shopping for and wrapping gifts is my least favorite part of the holiday season. Today I look forward to it. Being a part of this ministry and shopping with kids who have so little is such a blessing. True appreciation and gratitude is shown rather than entitlement."

Then on Sunday, Calvary's Family Tree class tore down the kids store and set up the adult store. We helped 56 families purchase items for their family Christmas. Thank you for the hours of wrapping and the conversations you had with our families!

Looking to engage further? A huge need we have is volunteers for Super Saturday (held three Saturdays out of the month in the school year from 2:30-4:00pm). Visit urbanfamilyministries.org to find out more or contact Noelle Gable at ngable@urbanfamilyministries.org.

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

On January 22, 1973, the United States Supreme Court legalized abortion through the infamous case of Roe v. Wade. Join us as we pray for the over 58 million human lives lost to abortion in the past 45 years. Please also pray for the organizations that reach out to the hurting women in our community.

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 friends and family of Don Koopman at his homegoing on January 4; to Larry and Mary Molegraaf at the homegoing of Larry's mother on January 8; and also to Sara Tindall at the homegoing of her grandmother, Pat Witt, on January 9.

THANK YOU

We so appreciated the thoughtful prayers, cards and beauty of flowers sent in the passing of Terry's mother.

Terry & Nancy VanderKolk

NEW YEAR, NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Now is a great time to join choir and orchestra and we begin our new year. Contact Christie Thompson (cthompson@calvarygr.org) for more information.

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.

MISSIONARY PRAYER GUIDES

Missionary Prayer Guides are available at the Information Centers to guide you as you pray for our global and community workers throughout the month of January. You can also see a summary of prayer requests updated monthly at calvarygr.org.

January 14, 2018

9:00am & 10:45am

God Gives Spiritual Growth

Mark 4:26-34

Jim Samra, Senior Pastor

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RESTORED
READY
STORIES OF REDEMPTION

FOR THE RECORD

	Projected Offerings	Actual Offerings	Surplus/ (Deficit)
Last Week	\$ 123,212	\$ 110,787	(\$ 12,425)
Fiscal YTD Sept. 1 - Jan. 7	\$ 3,188,146	\$ 3,046,831	(\$141,315)
Open Door Project		\$ 59,043	

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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.

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:

The Path of the Disciple 9:00am | Room 211

This course will focus on the foundational aspects of the Christian faith and what it looks like to be a disciple.

Communicate Your Gospel Story 10:45am | Room 211

This course will concentrate on what the gospel is and how to share it with others. Participants will write and share their faith story and see how the gospel is interwoven with it.

Didn't register? Just show up!

Wednesdays:

Liberated in Christ 6:30-7:45am | Room 255 Two Sessions Offered

This course will guide participants in the freedom we have in Christ Jesus. More information at calvarygr.org/equip.

coming events & announcements

Generation Rising Resumes January 16 7:00pm | Room 208 | \$10

Generation Rising is a community for young adults, ages 22-34. Each week we engage in discussion, are challenged and inspired through stories and testimonies, and empowered and equipped to live into the fullness of God's calling on our lives. Join us as we dig deeper into the Gospel of Mark. Register at mycalvarygr.org.

Mozambique Short-Term Mission Trip Info Meeting January 21 | 9:00 & 10:45am Gathering Place

Interested in learning more about possible mission trips to Mozambique? Join us next Sunday. Trips would be tentatively scheduled for early summer and fall. Questions? Contact Natalie (nuecker@calvarygr.org) at ext. 5181.

Turn on the Light An Inspirational Evening for Women January 29 | 7:00-9:00pm Gathering Place (Entrance A or B)

Catch up with friends, enjoy delicious desserts and hear an encouraging word from Wendy Palau. Wendy and her husband Andrew have dedicated their lives to serving churches around the world through city-wide evangelistic outreaches. They will bring CityFest to Grand Rapids in September. Tickets are \$10 and available at mycalvarygr.org.

High School: Winter Retreat February 2-4 | Early Bird Cost: \$75 Register at mycalvarygr.org by January 16 to get early bird pricing

Join us for fun and get challenged to grow spiritually as we travel south to Gull Lake Ministries for Winter Camp 2018! This 3-day event is a great time to bring your friends who don't attend church.

Weekend to Remember Feb. 23-25 | Grand Rapids April 13-15 | Kalamazoo

Marriage is a lifelong adventure of growing together through every age and stage of life. The happiest couples are those who commit to learning skills that help them weather difficult seasons and deal confidently with relationship challenges. Make an investment in your marriage. Visit familylife.com to sign up, use code ccgr or cckzoo to save \$100 per couple on registration.

Needed: People Committed to Prayer

The Saturday Night Prayer Team (SNP) has several openings for people to pray. Each team member is scheduled to pray for a 1/2 hour from 8:00pm to 8:00am every Saturday night. We pray specifically for Pastor Jim, his family, and the Sunday services the next day. If you would like to receive more information about this wonderful opportunity to lift our pastor in prayer, contact Amber (amberkkoster@gmail.com).

this week at calvary

- 1 5th/6th P.A.C. Attack**
TODAY | 12:30-2:30pm | Room 208
We will play dodge ball, eat pizza, hang out, and watch a movie! Cost is \$3, payable at the door.
- 2 UNITED Monthly Parent Prayer**
TONIGHT | 6:00-6:30pm | Prayer Room
All parents of High School students are invited to join us for prayer as we lift up our students, leaders and the high school ministry. We meet every second Sunday of the month.
- 3 Hymn Sing**
TONIGHT | 7:30pm | Chapel
Join us for a hymn sing, led by Maury Lehmann.
- 4 Monthly Middle School Ministry Parent Prayer**
January 17 | 6:30-7:00pm | Prayer Room
All parents of 5-8th grade students are invited to join us for prayer as we lift up our students, leaders and Middle School Ministry at Calvary. We meet every third Wednesday.
- 5 High School: The Great Escape**
January 19 | 6:30-9:00pm | \$10 | Meet at Entrance D
Register at mycalvarygr.org by January 17.
The Great Escape Room® is an exciting Sherlock-themed escape adventure located downtown Grand Rapids. Their rooms are part scavenger hunt and part puzzle-solving. Our group must work together as a team to escape in only 60 minutes... will you escape?
- 6 College Ministry: Hockey & Hot Dogs**
January 20 | 6:00-10:00pm | \$12 | Meet at Entrance D
Register at mycalvarygr.org by January 19.
Come out for a night of watching the Griffins play hockey, while feasting on hot dogs!

sunday night service

6:00pm | Gathering Place

Sunday night services at Calvary Church are an opportunity to worship God in a unique, discussion-oriented setting. Join us!