

weekly focus: faith comes from hearing

Picture this: you are sitting down in a small room when they put a silver headset over your ears. A large microphone in front of you is on as you wait for the first songs to begin. This is how Sunday morning starts if you are one of our three Calvary attendees simultaneously interpreting the sermon into Farsi, Korean and Arabic. These interpreters have put in a lot of time to make sure they are prepared to speak the words of the songs and sermon to non-native English attendees. Did you even know this was happening every Sunday as you were sitting in your seat? Spread the word! Invite people to church - even if they are just curious about a Sunday service.

During the 9:00 service, the songs and sermon are interpreted into Farsi. At 10:45, the worship service is interpreted into both Korean and Arabic. Help your fellow attendees find the right place to pick up the receivers and the right channel to hear their language. Anyone needing interpretation can pick up a receiver at the Information Counter located near the entrance to the Sanctuary.

Help those needing assistance near you — receivers need to be on channel 13 for Farsi (the only language during first service), channel 3 for Arabic and channel 13 for Korean (the only languages during the second service). If you are new to Calvary, the people working at the Welcome Center are friendly and would love to help you! Find them stationed with receivers in the Crosswalk, just outside the main Sanctuary entrance.

“Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.” Romans 10:17

Calvary family, won't you join us in celebrating the diverse body of Christ that God is growing here?

Do you have a heart for missions? We have two trips leaving soon that need your support. In May, we have a team traveling to France. This is one of our family trips and includes all ages. Please pray for this team to grow in their faith and to be used by God to share the gospel. A little closer to home, we have trip leaving in June to serve in Detroit. This team is training to share the gospel with the least reached people in our area. Please pray that the people this team interacts with have open hearts.

Both of these teams are still collecting funds and would appreciate if you would consider supporting their trips prayerfully and financially.

- **France | Trip Dates: May 3 - 9**
- **Detroit | Trip Dates: June 24 - July 1**

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 Cindy Marrell (cmarrell@calvarygr.org) at 956-9377, ext. 5997.

BEREAVED

We extend our Christian sympathy to Barb Hondorp at the homegoing of her husband, Hank, on April 6; to Steve and Linda Hamlet at the homegoing of their granddaughter, Saraiah Hamlet, on April 11; and also to Maria Kocsis at the homegoing of her sister, Audrey DeLugt Winters, on April 11.

PRAY: TEAM IN POLAND

Please pray for two of the ladies from our congregation who are in Poland right now. Jeanne and Elaine are teaching at a woman's conference from April 18 through May 1. Through teachings and crafts, they will be encouraging these women in their faith. They would appreciate prayer for their safety as well as for the women to have open hearts and minds to the gospel.

April 22, 2018

9:00 & 10:45am

The Uniqueness of Jesus

Mark 9:1-13

Jim Samra, *Senior Pastor*

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READY

FOR THE RECORD

	<u>Projected Offerings</u>	<u>Actual Offerings</u>	<u>Surplus/ (Deficit)</u>
Last Week	\$ 149,250	\$ 53,597*	(\$ 95,653)
Fiscal YTD Sept. 1 - Aor. 15	\$ 5,122,957	\$ 4,927,217	(\$195,740)
Jerusalem Project		\$ 184,482	

*Actual offering amounts are low due to services being canceled on April 15.

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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.

this week at calvary

- 1 LUMIN8 (Kids Choir) Presents *In the Big Inning* TONIGHT | 5:00pm | Sanctuary**
When a group of baseball lovers come together for a friendly game and put a ball through the church window, they get a glimpse into the Bible's "Hall of Faith." Join LUMIN8 for a fun-filled night as we step up to the plate, swing for the fences and meet the heavy hitters in the Hall of Faith!
- 2 Calvary Kids: Adventure Night TONIGHT | 6:00-8:30pm | Gathering Place (Entrance A)**
Enjoy a time of food, fun and fellowship immediately following the LUMIN8 Spring Musical! We will have dinner (hot dogs), balloon animals, inflatable fun, photo booth, caricatures, air brush tattoos, and crafts.
- 3 Blessed2Bless Prayer Gathering April 24 | 11:30am-12:30pm | Room 215**
Women, gather with us for inspiration and prayer as we take steps of faith in our communities.
- 4 Foster Care Awareness Event April 26 | 6:30-7:45pm | Room 253 Register at mycalvarygr.org**
A training session for anyone at Calvary interested in doing foster care or providing support to families who foster.

sunday night service

6:00pm | Chapel

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

coming events & announcements

Continuing the Conversation: Women Serving as Deacons
April 29 | 6-8:00pm | Gathering Place
May 9 | 6-8:00pm | Gathering Place
May 17 | 9-11:00am | Room 208

Join Pastor Jim as he examines key biblical passages on the role of deacons in the church. Building off of our 2016-17 series in Romans, this will be an interactive time of teaching designed to continue the conversation on women serving as deacons. All are invited to participate. There are three opportunities to attend, each session will be the same.

This Week - Last Wednesday Night!

This is the last Wednesday night of the 2017-18 programming year. Our Wednesday Fellowship Dinner will be a block party. Join us for hot dogs, brats and hamburgers as we celebrate another great year.

Calvary Equip: What We Believe
May 5 | 9:00am-2:30pm
Register at mycalvarygr.org

This class is for anyone desiring to become a member of Calvary Church or wishing to review what we believe. Anyone age 12 and older is encouraged to attend. Lunch will be provided as well as all materials. Childcare is not available. Registration ends May 2.

40 Days of Life Vigil Update

Seven babies were saved (that we know of) from the 2018 *40 Days for Life Vigil* at our local abortion provider! Praise God and thank you for the those who prayed. Remember, we still need people (even if it's just once a month) to come down and pray with us. Abortions are done on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 8:00am-12:00pm.

thank you

Dear Calvary Family,
Since the death of my husband, Neil, you have indeed surrounded me as a family. Your love and caring have been shown in many ways and I am very grateful and humbled by your help and support. This is the best example of what a church family should be, and I thank you.

Sandy Hagberg

Dear Calvary Family & Staff,
Thank you is a very inadequate way to tell you what a blessing you have been to our family! The prayers, love, support, calls, visits and flowers - were bright spots on a difficult journey. God reached out and touched us in countless ways and we are so grateful! The funeral service and lunch were amazing! I had no idea what to do and you came alongside and carried me through it. I appreciate you all so much.

Bonnie Morrill

upcoming events for calvary students

There's a place for you in Calvary Students! Are you a student in 5th-12th grade? Join us in the weeks ahead at these special events, to connect with other kids your age and have fun.

Unless otherwise stated, please pre-register for all events at mycalvarygr.org. At MyCalvary you can also sign up (under *subscriptions*) to receive regular email updates from Calvary Students. Questions? Email sheetderks@calvarygr.org.

5th/6th: Amazing Race

May 4 | 6:30-9:00pm | Room 108 | \$5 | Register by May 2

Race all over the city, completing challenges and solving clues that will take you to landmarks throughout GR. This is a high-energy game that everyone loves. Snacks provided at night's end.

5th/6th: Slime Party

June 14 | 6:00-8:00pm | Room 208 | \$3

We will be celebrating the end of the school year by getting our hands dirty making slime and enjoying slime themed-games.

7th/8th: Friday Fun Day

May 18 | 6:00-8:00pm | Room 208 | \$3

Who doesn't like to eat yummy food and play dodge ball, basketball, video games, board games, crafts and more?! If that's not enough for ya, we'll also be playing a movie.

7th/8th: Pets on the Patio

June 8 | 6:30-8:00pm | Room 208 | Free | No Registration Required

Invite a friend (and your pet) and join us on the patio for smoothies! We'll hang out, play some games, open the gym and celebrate the start of summer. Note: If you are planning on bringing your pet, a parent or guardian must be present.

High School: Halftime

Wednesdays | 3:30-5:00pm (Through May 30) | Gathering Place | Free

Connect with fellow high school friends midweek to enjoy snacks, games, and exciting conversation. No need to register.

High School: Guys'/Girls' Night | May 19 | 6:00-9:00pm

More details to come.

These nights are designed for students to hang out with other guys or girls from the youth group while enjoying a unique night in Room 208 or out on the town.