

## calvary students: short-term missions

Each summer Calvary students serve locally and across the country, as we partner with various ministries on mission trips. The work and ministry that takes place on these trips is beneficial to the church planters and community, but these trips are also a place of tremendous growth for students – spiritually, mentally, and emotionally. This summer 100 middle school and high school students will take part in several different Calvary short-term mission trips:

- **Fifth and sixth graders** will once again spend a few days right here in Grand Rapids serving our community through organizations such as Dégagé, Alpha Women's Center, Urban Family Ministries, and many others.
- **Seventh and eighth graders** will travel to Kalamazoo to engage with the community through acts of service, evangelism and support to local churches.
- **High school students** will spend a week in Madison, Wisconsin reaching out to the homeless population in unique outreach opportunities such as Habitat for Humanity, homeless shelters, food banks and more.
- A different group of **high school students** will visit Bay City and connect with one of Calvary's former Pastoral Residents, Marco Salazar, and his new church plant, Radiant Church. They will assist Marco and Radiant Church in their current ministry as well as spread the love of Jesus in the community.

More than anything, these students need our prayer support. Join us in praying for team unity, for wisdom and energy for leaders, for students to come home strengthened in their faith, and for God to work powerfully as they serve. Pray also that these experiences would be the beginning of a life of service and witness for the Lord.

Each student is responsible to raise support to go on these trips. If you would like to help offset the costs and contribute financially, you can go do so at [mycalvarygr.org](http://mycalvarygr.org), under mission trip giving.

**Questions?** Contact Samantha 956-5161.

### Pray For the France Team

Please pray for Calvary's short-term mission team who traveled to France May 3, and will continue serving through May 9. The team is working with our missionaries, the Gaylords, to engage with the community and initiate spiritual conversations through hosting a town festival. Pray that this team grows in their faith and is used by God to share the gospel.

## 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.

**Butterworth:** Linda Hamlet, Emo VanBuren

**Metro:** Mary Bendull

**Mercy Health St Mary's:** Dale Dieleman

**PRAYER CHAIN:** If you need prayer, contact Cindy Marrell ([cmarrell@calvarygr.org](mailto:cmarrell@calvarygr.org)) at 956-9377, ext. 5997.

### BEREAVED

We extend our Christian sympathy to Sonja & Rick Yeates at the homegoing of Sonja's father, Vernon William Meyer, on April 11; to Maxine Shephard at the homegoing of her husband, James, on April 26; and also to Kay and Al Griffin at homegoing of Kay's father, Alden Sneller, on April 28.

### CLOTHES CLOSET NEEDS KIDS' CLOTHING AND HANGERS

Calvary's Clothes Closet is in desperate need of children's clothing and children's hangers. Please drop off at the east end of building under the Clothes Closet Donation sign.

### BLESSED2BLESS PRAYER GATHERING

**May 21 | 7:00-8:30pm | Room 215**  
We will continue to gather for inspiration and prayer as we take steps of faith into our neighborhoods, workplaces, families and friend groups.

**May 6, 2018**

9:00 & 10:45am

*Obstacles to Greatness*

*Mark 9:38-50*

Tom Olsson, *Lead Pastor*

**RESCUED  
RESTORED  
READY**  
STORIES OF REDEMPTION

### FOR THE RECORD

	<u>Projected Offerings</u>	<u>Actual Offerings</u>	<u>Surplus/ (Deficit)</u>
Last Week	\$ 149,250	\$ 156,624	\$ 7,374
Fiscal YTD Sept. 1 - Apr. 29	\$ 5,421,457	\$ 5,251,901	(\$169,556)
Jerusalem Project		\$ 187,879	

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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](http://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.

## coming events & announcements

**Continuing the Conversation: Women Serving as Deacons**  
Wednesday, May 9  
6-8:00pm | Gathering Place  
(Limited childcare available.  
Register at [mycalvarygr.org](http://mycalvarygr.org))

Thursday, May 17 | 9-11:00am  
Room 208

Join Pastor Jim as he examines key biblical passages on the role of deacons in the church. This will be an interactive time of teaching designed to continue the conversation on women serving as deacons. All are invited to participate. Each session covers the same material.

The church elders believe God is leading Calvary to further explore opening the role of deacons to women. This change would require a congregational vote. We need your engagement as we move forward! Please be in prayer that God would lead and direct our church. There will be a time at each session for Q&A. We look forward to your participation in this conversation.

**Calvary Equip: Freed Up**  
Begins May 16 | 6:00pm | Room 260  
Do your personal finances need a tune up? Having trouble keeping to a budget? Do you need help making a budget? Need help getting out of debt? Freed-Up can help you in all those areas of finances and more. Sign up at [mycalvarygr.org](http://mycalvarygr.org) or contact Jakob ([jjackson@calvarygr.org](mailto:jjackson@calvarygr.org)).

**Being One: God's Design for Marriage**  
May 17 | 7-8:30pm | Room 108

Whether you are preparing for marriage or are already married, this seminar is helpful for understanding God's blueprint for marital union. Being One is open to anyone but required for couples marrying at Calvary church. Register at [mycalvarygr.org](http://mycalvarygr.org) or contact Lynnell ([lbok@calvarygr.org](mailto:lbok@calvarygr.org)) at ext. 3510.

**7th/8th: Friday Fun Day**  
May 18 | 6:00-8:00pm | Room 208  
\$3 · Register at [mycalvarygr.org](http://mycalvarygr.org)

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.

**Choir & Orchestra Finale Concert**  
May 20 | 6:00pm | Sanctuary

Join the choir & orchestra for an evening of worship as they present their favorites songs from this year!

**Women's Golf Begins May 22**  
9:00am | Maple Hill Golf

This informal group of golfers will meet Tuesdays, through early September (weather permitting). Sign in at 9:00am – be ready to play at 9:15am. Cost is \$13.75 to walk and \$15 to ride. Questions? Email [women@calvarygr.org](mailto:women@calvarygr.org).



### One West Michigan

Calvary Church is joining with other churches to serve our community through *One West Michigan* ([onewestmichigan.org](http://onewestmichigan.org)). A major problem in our community is affordable housing, so *One West Michigan* is providing opportunities for people to learn and to serve through neighborhood clean-up projects.

To register yourself, your family, or your small group to help on Saturday, May 19, 9:00-12:00, contact Chris Hall ([chall@iccf.org](mailto:chall@iccf.org)) or Jacqui Block ([jacqui@wjhousing.org](mailto:jacqui@wjhousing.org)).

Then let Natalie Uecker ([nuecker@calvarygr.org](mailto:nuecker@calvarygr.org)) here at Calvary know; she can send you tips on how to pray for the neighborhood as you clean.



## this week at calvary

**1 Generations at Prayer**  
May 9 | 11:15am-12:15pm | Room 207

Join with us on the second Wednesday of the month to spend time encouraging one another and most importantly, in praying for our grandchildren.

**2 College Ministry Worship & Bonfire**  
Thursdays through May 24 | 7:00-9:00pm  
4120 Pettis Ave NE (If Rain: Rm 208)

Join us for an evening of lawn games, hotdogs and s'mores, and worship around the fire. Outgoing high school seniors welcome! Bring a lawn chair or blanket.

### NOTE: No UNITED or Parent's Prayer Next Week

Due to Mother's Day, High School Ministry will not meet for UNITED or Parent Prayer on May 13.

### Ramadan Prayer Guides

From May 15 to June 14 over 1.8 billion Muslims around the world celebrate Ramadan, a month of fasting. This is a window of time where people have increased openness to spiritual matters. The *30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World*, is an international movement that calls the church to make a deliberate but respectful effort to pray every day during the month of Ramadan for our Muslim neighbors. Every year they create a guide that contains stories from all over the world and tells about the needs and concerns from families within Muslim cultures. It aims to let the love of God for Muslim people direct your prayers for Muslim families and encourage you and your family to reflect that love to those around you.

The prayer guides are available today through June 10 at the Connection Point and Chapel Information Center.