

equipping the church to be merciful and hospitable

**A FREE ADOPTION AWARENESS EVENT WITH JASON JOHNSON
OCTOBER 25 | 7:00-9:00PM | GATHERING PLACE**

In the world today, more children need homes than there are homes available to welcome them. In particular, loving Christian homes are in short supply. We often focus on the global orphan crisis, but in our own community of Kent County, there are 1000 children entering the foster care system each year. The goal of foster care is to reunite children with their families, however some children end up staying in the foster care system eventually becoming eligible for adoption.

Psalm 10:14 says:
"But you, God, see the trouble of the afflicted;
you consider their grief and take it in hand.
The victims commit themselves to you;
you are the helper of the fatherless."

As God is himself helper to the fatherless, he has called us to join him in this work. Calvary Church has responded by encouraging, equipping, and embracing families who feel called to foster or adopt.

**TAKE
your
NEXT
step**

Whether you are already a foster care or adoptive family, are considering getting involved somehow, or are just curious, your next step is to learn more. **Forever Hope, Calvary's Foster and Adoption ministry, is hosting a unique opportunity to take this next step.** Jason Johnson, a writer and speaker who encourages families and equips churches in their foster care and adoption journeys, will be with us October 25. Join us for an inspiring evening with a short time of worship, a message from Jason, dessert, and an opportunity to get connected. Meet others walking this journey at Calvary, learn the important role we can all play in supporting families who foster or adopt, and find local agency representatives who can answer questions and help you go further. Register at mycalvarygr.org to attend this free event.

Ready to take your next step? Visit the Connection Point today to sign up for this event and speak with representatives from Forever Hope.

Missionary Christmas

Take part in blessing our missionaries! Throughout the months of September and October, please give to our annual Missionary Christmas offering. Through your generosity, our missionaries receive a love gift with no strings attached to use for whatever they need the most. To donate, indicate Missionary Christmas on your check or on the Giving Envelope and drop it in the offering plate. You can also donate online at mycalvarygr.org or by texting GIFT to 616-294-0700.

congregational care & opportunities

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED PRAYER LIST

If you have been hospitalized, or anticipate hospitalization, and would like to be added to the prayer list, call the church office at 956-9377.

Blodgett: Tom Williams

Butterworth: David Durning

BEREAVED

We extend our Christian sympathy to Dana and Ben Kowalski at the homegoing of Dana's mom, Dorothy Askaw, on October 9.

HELP MINISTER TO KIDS MIDWEEK

Calvary offers two opportunities during the week for moms with small children, Tuesday Bible Study (9:15-11:15am) and Calvary MOPS (1st, 3rd, 5th Thursdays, 9-11:15). Would you serve by rocking a baby, reading a book to a preschooler and/or supporting our children's teachers? We welcome you even if you can only serve once a month or for a limited time. Contact women@calvarygr.org.

OPEN POSITION - FACILITIES STAFF

Calvary Church is hiring for a full-time staff position in the Facilities Department. If you feel God is calling you to serve Calvary in this manner, contact Chris DeHaan (cdehaan@calvarygr.org) at 956-9377, ext. 5160.

SERVING OPPORTUNITY: AFFORDABLE HOUSING

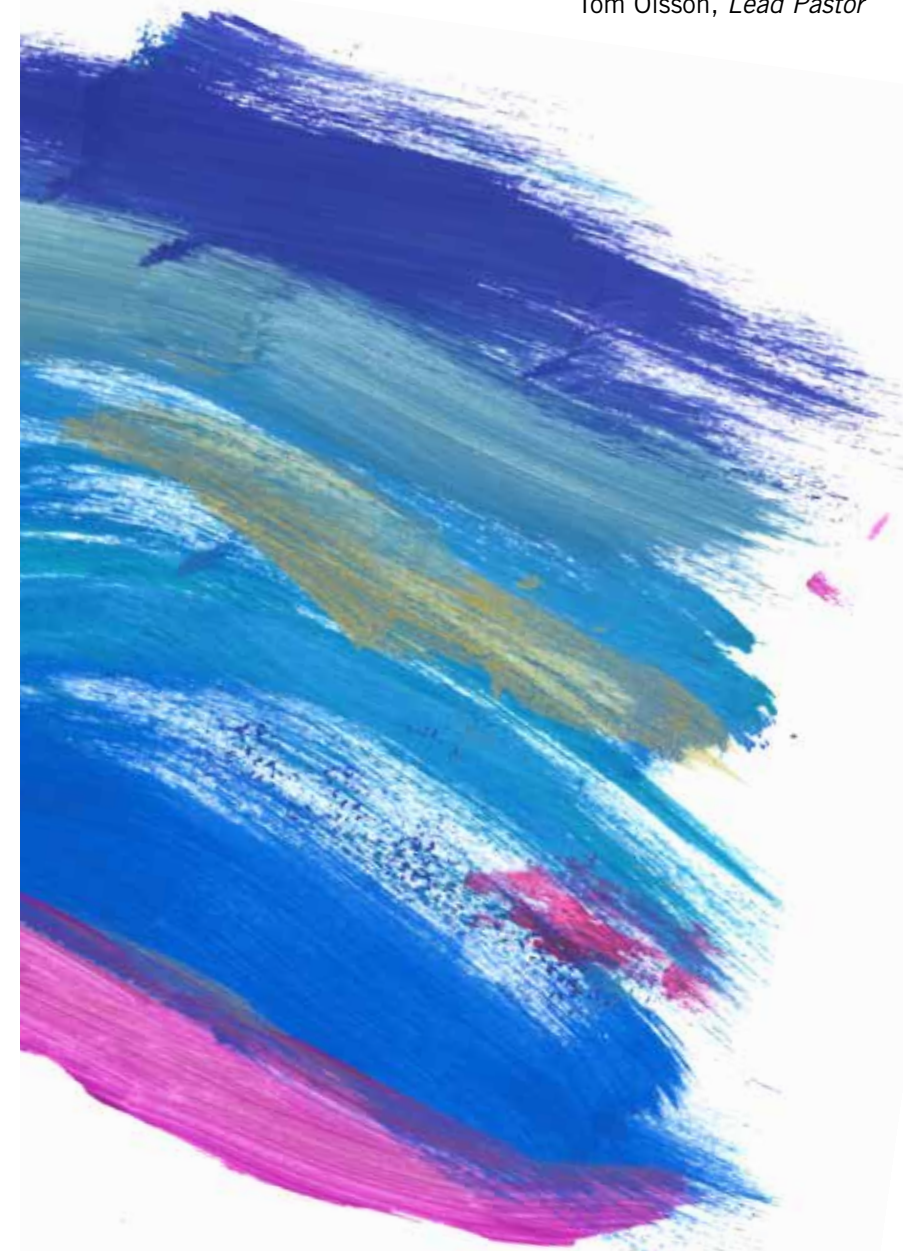
Calvary Church is working to live out the gospel call to seek justice for the oppressed (Isaiah 58) and embrace the needs of our fellow Grand Rapidsians through our outreach opportunities. One opportunity we have is to provide a home to a local homeless family. We are working with Family Promise's Partners in Housing to renovate a manufactured home for a family in our community. When completed, this will allow them to experience stability and create a sustainable home environment for their family. If you want to help renovate, donate or learn more about Partners in Housing, contact Natalie Uecker nuecker@calvarygr.org to get involved.

October 14, 2018

9:00 & 10:45am

*True Beauty
Isaiah 3:16-4:6*

Tom Olsson, *Lead Pastor*



FOR THE RECORD • FISCAL YEAR 2018-19

	Projected Offerings	Actual Offerings	Surplus/ (Deficit)
Last Week	\$ 147,254	\$ 166,785	\$ 19,531
Fiscal YTD Sept. 1 - Oct. 7	\$ 872,469	\$ 810,566	(\$ 61,903)
Jerusalem Project		\$ 9,678	

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Isaiah

THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

Communion will be observed in this morning's service. If you are in need of gluten-free bread, it is available at the back of the Sanctuary. An offering will be collected for Calvary's Benevolence Ministry following our time of communion.

LISTENING TO TODAY'S MESSAGE

Language Interpretation: During the 9:00 service, the sermon is interpreted into Mandarin and Farsi. At 10:45, the worship service is interpreted into both Korean and Arabic. Pick up a receiver at the Welcome Center (across from the main Sanctuary entrance).

Hearing Assistance: If you need hearing assistance, listening devices are available at the Welcome Center in the Crosswalk.

PRAYER

Pre-Service Prayer | 8:30-8:50am | Room 255: Pray for our worship services with the morning's teaching pastor.

Boiler Room | 8:50-11:50am: Visit room 222 behind the Sanctuary to pray over every aspect of the worship service as the Holy Spirit leads, including staff-initiated requests.

NEXT STEPS

Has God identified a way that you can serve the church? Are you looking to take a next step but don't know where to start? Visit the Connection Point (across from the main Sanctuary entrance just inside the Gathering Place) to talk with someone today! Serving is a great way to get to know others at Calvary and use the gifts God has given you. You can also sign up to serve anytime at mycalvarygr.org.

BEYOND SUNDAY MORNING

Isaiah Reading Plan: For the Isaiah series, we are providing a reading plan to help the congregation prepare for the upcoming message each week. **Reading For the Coming Week:** Isaiah 5 & John 15:1-17.

constitutional updates

As a response to God's leading and a desire to better align our constitution with Scripture, the elders are proposing three updates to Calvary Church's Constitution: 1) Strengthen and clearly define Calvary's definition of marriage; 2) Allow women to serve in the role of deacon; 3) Move the annual congregational meeting and board start date back by one month.

You are invited to gather with others in the Gathering Place to learn more about these updates and ask questions of the elders:

- October 25 at 12:00pm (led by Jim Samra)
Please register at mycalvarygr.org for this session only.

A full marked-up copy of the Constitution with all the proposed changes can be found at the Welcome Center outside the Sanctuary or online at calvarygr.org/about-us/church-leadership. To learn more about the background behind women serving in the role of deacons, visit calvarygr.org/womenasdeacons. Here you will find teaching from Pastor Jim Samra and an extensive FAQ document. This teaching is also available on DVD at the Welcome Center.

**Vote & Gathering
October 28 | 6:00pm | Gathering Place**

Church members will vote on each of these three updates. In addition, we will spend time in prayer, worship and enjoying dessert together. If you are unable to attend, absentee ballots are at the Chapel Information Center.

this week at calvary

1 Church Building Closed - Monday & Tuesday
The church will be closed Monday & Tuesday for the Calvary Church staff retreat. If you have an urgent spiritual need, contact 956-9377, leave a message and our on-call staff will be in touch shortly.

2 Calvary Equip: Five-Week Membership Class - Two Options!
WEDNESDAYS | 6:30-7:45pm | Begins October 17
SUNDAYS | 10:45am-12:00pm | Begins October 21
Have you been wanting to become a member of Calvary Church? Already a member, but would like to review what we believe? This five session class is open to anyone wanting to explore what Calvary Church believes. It is a pre-requisite for membership, but we encourage anyone who wants to become more familiar with what we believe to take the class. The class is open to anyone 12 years of age or older.
Register at mycalvarygr.org

coming events & announcements

Fall Retreats for Students & Young Adults
Retreats are a great way to connect at church - building the foundation of lasting, encouraging relationships through shared experiences. This time away gives a chance for everyone to break out of their routine and experience worship and the Bible in a fresh light.

**Middle School 56: October 19-20
Pine Ridge Bible Camp | Cost: \$60**
Register at mycalvarygr.org by October 17.

**High School: October 26-28
Center Lake Bible Camp | Cost: \$90***
Register at mycalvarygr.org.

**Young Adults: October 26-27
Gull Lake Ministry Center | Cost: \$85**
Register at mycalvarygr.org.

A scholarship fund is available to help students attend retreats and ministry events who may not financially be able to at this time. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please note "Student Scholarships" on the memo line of your check. If you are in need of a scholarship, contact Samantha (sheetderks@calvarygr.org) prior to registration.

Calvary Equip: A Man & His Story Begins October 24 | 6:30-7:45pm Room 265 | \$10
Understand how your past shapes who you are today and enjoy God's best for your future. Register at mycalvarygr.org.

Calvary Equip: The Path of the Disciple Begins November 7 | 6:30-7:45pm Room 256
What is the meaning of discipleship? What does it look like to practically follow Jesus? This course will consider these questions and others and will focus on the foundational aspects of the Christian faith. Register at mycalvarygr.org.

OASIS Senior Adults: Super Sleuth Night October 26 | 6:00pm | Gathering Place
A night of fun, great food and the opportunity for your friends and neighbors to hear the life changing message of the gospel. Come investigate a crime with Master Arts Theatre! Tickets are \$5 and available today following the service on the east side of the Gathering Place. You may also contact Courtney (choekwater@calvarygr.org) at ext. 5652 during the week.

CONNECTING BEYOND THE BULLETIN

We produce a quarterly *Calvary Life* magazine with ministry updates, and faith-enriching articles. Pick one up at the back of the Sanctuary. We also share regularly on Facebook (CalvaryChurchGR) and Instagram (calvarygr) and would love to connect with you there. Find an archive of sermons, our events calendar, a staff email directory and more at calvarygr.org.

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