

jerusalem project - training residents

The Jerusalem Project Steering Committee, formed in early 2018, is tasked with helping Calvary Church be more intentional and systematic in planting new churches, strengthening existing churches, and training residents for ministry. Today in our service we are highlighting the pastoral residency piece of this project.

For more than 15 years we have had the opportunity to pour into several individuals as they have grown in both knowledge and experience of what it takes to lead in ministry. Many of these people are now serving the Lord throughout our city, across Michigan and beyond. Currently we have three full-time residents at Calvary. Each of them are engaging in ministry throughout the church as well as being mentored by church leadership. Join us as we pray for them and watch with anticipation to see what God has in store for their future!

Our hope is that you would prayerfully consider how God might want you to be involved in giving to the Jerusalem Project as we continue to serve, equip and build his church in West Michigan and around the world. Give online at mycalvarygr.org, text your \$ amount and "JER" to 616-294-0700, or use the giving envelope next to your seat. Thank you.

welcome missionary family: the poggemillers

Dwight & Melissa Poggemiller; and their children, Dwight Luke, David Christian, Lydia Joy, & Annalis; serve with Greater Europe Mission (GEM) in Timisoara, Romania. They focus on disciple multiplication, together with their Romanian partners, to have an impact for the Kingdom locally, regionally, and to the ends of the earth. The Lord continues to raise up Romania as a missionary sending nation. Dwight & Melissa and their family have also been engaged with the refugee community, sharing Christ with many coming to Europe the last three years. As a family, they have opportunities to impact with the Gospel Europe-wide as Dwight leads GEM's Training and Development team, training new GEM workers and national partners. To God be the glory for all they have had a chance to be a part of in serving the Lord, together with the Calvary Church family, since 2001.

No College Lunch Today

Due to the Thanksgiving Feast tonight, there is no college lunch today.

congregational care

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.

Butterworth: Ken Schumacker

URBANA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This year we are excited to have a group of thirty young adults and high school students join us as we go to Urbana. Urbana is a five day missions conference in St. Louis where

these young people will learn more about what God has for them in His global mission. If you would like to partner with this group, you can donate to the project fund (just drop your checks in the offering plate and mark that it's for Urbana) and pray for them as they prepare for the conference starting December 27.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR

Christmas Giving

With jingle bells ringing and turkey cooking in our ovens, our challenge this Black Friday is to remember our Local Outreach Partners. Their Amazon Wishlists are up and running and with all the Black Friday deals on Amazon, would you consider blessing those whose need is great this Christmas? We've been asked to focus on items such as socks, slippers, warm shirts, etc.

TAKE
your
NEXT
step

Links to each wishlist are at calvarygr.org/christmasgiving. Once you add an item from the list to your cart, go to check out, and their designated shipping address will be listed at the top of your available delivery addresses. Click on their address and finish the transaction. The item you are giving will be sent directly to our Local Outreach Partners. Thank you for your generosity!

FOR THE RECORD • FISCAL YEAR 2018-19

	Projected Offerings	Actual Offerings	Surplus/ (Deficit)
Last Week	\$ 141,554	\$ 126,830	(\$ 14,724)
Fiscal YTD Sept. 1 - Nov. 11	\$ 1,597,339	\$ 1,487,756	(\$109,583)
Jerusalem Project		\$ 17,303	

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November 18, 2018

9:00 & 10:45am

God is My Salvation

Isaiah 12

Jim Samra, Senior Pastor



Isaiah

TODAY at calvary church

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

Are you looking for a way to invest in others at Calvary? Consider serving as your next right step. Opportunities including caring for kids, assisting with laundry, handyman tasks and much more. Visit the Connection Point (across from the main Sanctuary entrance) following the service or see mycalvarygr.org to take your next right step at Calvary.

BEYOND SUNDAY MORNING

We send out a reflection email each Tuesday morning to help you engage with today's message and apply it to your life all week long. Sign up at mycalvarygr.org (your email subscriptions are found under My Profile).

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 13-14 & 1 John 2:3-3:10.

coming events & announcements

College Pajama Party
November 30 | 8:00-11:30pm
Room 208 | \$2

Come in your most stylish PJs and enjoy movies, popcorn, board games and pizza in a cozy atmosphere. The most fun set of pajamas wins a prize. Register at mycalvarygr.org.

High School: AirTime
December 7 | 7:00-9:00pm | \$10
3665 28th St. SE (Centerpointe Mall)

"Engineered for fun. Powered by music." This is AirTime's motto, and whether you're dunking on their tallest hoops, hurtling over an opponent's dodge ball, jousting, or simply seeing who can jump the highest, you'll discover that this trampoline park lives up to its design. Join us! Register at mycalvarygr.org.

Young Adults: Christmas Soiree
December 8 | 7:30-10:00pm
1000 E Beltline Ave NE

Gather with us at Meijer Gardens as we enjoy an evening filled with delicious hors d'oeuvres and explore the gardens. We'll celebrate the season together, semi-formal style. Tickets (\$12) are available at

mycalvarygr.org through December 7 (no refunds).

Christmas at Calvary Presents
"Welcome to Bethlehem (Pennsylvania)"
December 14 at 7:00pm | December 15 at 3:00 & 7:00pm

Christmas is a time for joy and bringing hope to a hurting world – which is what the staff at the Bethlehem Inn strives to do every day of the holiday season for its guests! Throughout this musical, the theme of hope shines through as various characters in the story face difficult, real-life circumstances. From a couple struggling financially, to a teenage runaway needing help when she finds herself homeless, *Welcome to Bethlehem* encourages us to remember a timeless truth...“when it seems you just can't go on, there's always hope.” Tickets are \$5 and available online at calvarygr.org/christmasatcalvary. You can also purchase tickets in the Worship Ministry Office (Entrance G) on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00am-2:00pm.

constitutional updates - survey results

The results of the member survey regarding the three potential constitutional updates are as follows:

1. Definition of Marriage: Total Votes - 543
YES - 534, NO - 9
2. Women Serving as Deacons: Total Votes - 528
YES - 391, NO - 137
3. Moving Annual Meeting: Total Votes - 531
YES - 526, NO - 5

Thank you for your participation. If you have ongoing questions, contact elders@calvarygr.org. The elders will be communicating next steps as we move toward a congregational meeting in Spring 2019.

this week at calvary

1 Thanksgiving Eve Service & Potluck

November 21 | 6:00-7:30pm | Gathering Place

Celebrate Thanksgiving with your church family. Calvary will provide the main dish and dessert. We ask that you bring a side dish to serve 12. This is a great opportunity to share your favorite salad, casserole, or stuffing, with your church family. Even if you can't cook, pick up a package of rolls at the store! During the potluck you have an opportunity to share in a time of thanksgiving to our Lord. In order to help us plan accordingly, register at mycalvarygr.org by November 20.

2 Church Building Closed

November 22 & 23

The church building will be closed Thursday and Friday due to the Thanksgiving holiday. If you have a spiritual need, please call (616) 956-9377. A staff member is always available.

advent begins december 2

The church calendar begins its year with Advent: a season of expectation and waiting that stretches from the fourth Sunday before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. Calvary provides an advent guide for those looking for a weekly practice by which to walk through this season with greater intentionality. This guide follows key individuals through a portion of their biblical narrative, observing their obedience to God in bringing about His ultimate plan of redemption. Each week also asks you to consider how their stories impact your own. Throughout Advent, you will see how God redeems pain, blesses obedience, and provides for us as we wait on Him - and ultimately how He fulfills all His promises in Jesus. You can print the Advent Guide cards at home (calvarygr.org/advent) or pick up a copy of the Guide in the back of the Sanctuary beginning today. This is the same Advent Guide provided in 2017.

This year we will also be using our Reflect email to consider how to look at our messages in the Isaiah series in light of Advent. We send out this reflection email each Tuesday morning to help you engage with today's message and apply it to your life all week long. Sign up at mycalvarygr.org (your email subscriptions are found under My Profile).

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.

