

# imagine yourself a sender

“Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God.”  
Philippians 4:16-18 ESV

In Missions & Outreach we truly believe that **we all have a role**. Last week in the bulletin we looked at the role of the *discipler*, and this week we’re looking at the role of the *sender*.

As a sender, you are being invited to partner with those going on short-term mission trips by funding their work. Whether you are able to give a lot or a little, through your collaboration with trip participants God is able to do new things in our community and our world. It is a significant way that you can connect with people at Calvary that you may not already know. And as you give, we trust that God will bless you and enrich you abundantly (2 Corinthians 9). Know that as each of us plays out the role God has called us to, we are enabled .

**To give to short-term mission trips, visit mycalvarygr.org.** For more information on all available short-term mission roles, contact Natalie Uecker (nuecker@calvarygr.org) at ext. 5181.

**REMINDER:** If you are interested in participating as a member of a 2019 short-term mission trip, fill out the panel below and take it to the Connection Point. We would love to meet you and offer you a small gift in return.

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Specific region of Interest:

Africa    Asia    Europe    America    All

Note (anything specific or details you would like Missions to know):  
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# 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.

**Mercy Health St. Mary's:** Betty Walker

## BEREAVED

We extend our Christian sympathy to Carol and Duane Hamilton and Lisa Marker at the homegoing of their mother and grandmother, Marion Stuart, on January 8; to Bern Stadt and Bonnie and Tom Visser at the homegoing of their wife and mother, Marilyn Stadt, on January 11; to Doug Herrman at the homegoing of his wife, Karen, on January 13; and also to friends and family of David Luby at his homegoing on January 15.

## THANK YOU

Thank you for all the prayer and cards as we celebrate Shirley's life. All the support from OASIS, Pastor Bruce, and his wife Debbie meant a lot.

George Wieringa

## PRAY WITH THE ELDERS

**February 5 | 6:15-7:15pm | Room 211**

The elders meet for prayer on the first Tuesday of the month. If you would like the elders to pray for you, please stop by. You are welcome to come unannounced, but if possible it would be helpful if you could contact Cindy (cmarrell@calvarygr.org) at ext. 5098 in advance so she can put you on the schedule.

## GRIEF SHARE

**Begins February 5 | 6:30-8:30pm  
Room 251**

A 13-week support group for those grieving the loss of someone close. To register or receive more information, contact Leslie Iverson (liverson@calvarygr.org) at ext. 3623.

**January 20, 2019**

9:00 & 10:45am

*The Hope of Heaven: Life With God*

Revelation 21:1-7

Malcolm Gill  
Sydney Missionary  
& Bible College



## FOR THE RECORD • FISCAL YEAR 2018-19

	Projected Offerings	Actual Offerings	Surplus/ (Deficit)
Last Week	\$ 130,401	\$ 112,420	(\$ 17,981)
Fiscal YTD Sept. 1 - Jan. 13	\$ 3,430,974	\$ 3,218,172	(\$ 212,802)
Jerusalem Project		\$ 171,124	

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# Isaiah

## TODAY at calvary church

### TODAY'S GUEST SPEAKER

Malcolm Gill is married to Tamara and the proud father of Annabel, Adam, and Zara. A native of Australia, Malcolm enjoys time at the beach, eating mangoes, camping with his family, and watching cricket. When not doing these things he can be found teaching Greek, New Testament and Preaching at Sydney Missionary & Bible College in Sydney, Australia. Malcolm has travelled and ministered in nearly 40 countries and most recently devoted time to training Pastors in Nepal, India and the Pacific Rim. He holds a Ph.D in New Testament Studies from Dallas Theological Seminary where he formerly taught in the Pastoral Ministries department

### 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.

### 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](http://mycalvarygr.org) (your email subscriptions are found under Subscriptions). **Isaiah Reading Plan For the Coming Week:** Isaiah 30 & Psalm 20.

### 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.

## coming events & announcements

### Explore Calvary

**Today | 10:45am | Room 211**

Explore Calvary is a five-session class to learn more about Calvary. Last week was our first session, a quick overview of our church. Join us for today as we move learn together what it means to worship, fellowship, equip & serve here at Calvary Church.

### Isaiah Bible Study - Volume 2 Available

Many in the church are beginning Volume 2 of Calvary's Bible Study, *Revealed: Seeing the LORD through the Imagery of Isaiah*. Copies of both books are available for a donation (\$10 each) in the Library. Join us as a part of your personal study or even as a small group!

### Calvary Equip: Disciple Makers:

**A Training in Making Disciples who Multiply**

**Sundays, Beginning January 27**

**6:00-7:30pm | Room 252**

When Jesus called His disciples, he said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matt 4:19). That first generation of disciples were made up of simple, hardworking, uneducated people. Yet, in their lifetime, they turned the world upside down for the Kingdom of God. In this eight-week training, you will be equipped with simple, reproducible discipleship tools that have been field-tested and proven in making disciples who

make disciples around the world. Be equipped to "turn the world upside down" for the Kingdom, beginning in Grand Rapids and stretching to "the ends of the earth"! Facilitated by Jon Shepherd. Register at [mycalvarygr.org](http://mycalvarygr.org). Questions? Contact Karen ([kvanholstyn@calvarygr.org](mailto:kvanholstyn@calvarygr.org)) at ext. 5173.

### High School Winter Retreat

**February 1-3 | Cost: \$100**

Come and "chill" with us at this year's Winter Retreat as we return to Gull Lake Ministries for a refreshing weekend full of fun, games, deepening community, and opportunities to be encouraged in our faith together. Scholarships are available. Register at [mycalvarygr.org](http://mycalvarygr.org). Questions? Contact Samantha ([sheetderks@calvarygr.org](mailto:sheetderks@calvarygr.org)) at ext. 5161.

### Generation Rising: Ice Breaker Festival

**February 2 | 10:00am-4:00pm**

Generation Rising is a community for young adults (22-34). Join us as we head to South Haven for the Ice Breaker Festival. We'll enjoy sampling chili, watching cardboard sledding, and watch some brave individuals participate in a fish fling. Register at [mycalvarygr.org](http://mycalvarygr.org).

### NEXT STEPS - GET CONNECTED

Are you looking for a way to invest in others at Calvary? Consider serving as your next right step. Opportunities include: assisting in the care and maintenance of Calvary's facility, prepping freezer meals, stuffing bulletins and much more. Visit the Connection Point (across from the main Sanctuary entrance) following the service or see [mycalvarygr.org](http://mycalvarygr.org) to take your next right step at Calvary.

## this week at calvary

### 1 Mozambique Short-Term Trip Info Meeting

**Today | Room 251 | 12:30pm**

Join our Mozambique Advisory Team and missionaries Lucky and Sonnet Mnisi, to hear about 2019 trips. New to missions? Invite a friend or a member of your small group to join you in exploring this together!

### 2 Third Monday Missions Prayer

**January 21 | 11:30am | Room 114**

Gather to hear updates about and pray for our missionaries around the world. Bring your own lunch and join us in Room 114 (Entrance G).

### 3 Older Adults: OASIS Fitness Fridays

**Friday | 1:00-3:00pm | Meet at Entrance D**

If you're young at heart and looking to stay fit with friends, join us! From 1:00-2:00pm, you can walk the church or play pickleball. And from 2:00-3:00pm, you can walk the church, play pickleball, or participate in Zumba for Seniors, working on flexibility and cardio. Questions? Contact Courtney ([choekwater@calvarygr.org](mailto:choekwater@calvarygr.org)).

# 2019 prayer challenge

## PICK A GROUP & PRAY

What would it look like to increase the heavenly volume of Calvary's prayers even more? What impact could our prayers have if every single one of us got involved? Visit [calvarygr.org/prayer](http://calvarygr.org/prayer) to review your opportunities, sign up for more information at [mycalvarygr.org](http://mycalvarygr.org).

**Boiler Room Prayer**  
Sundays | 8:50-11:50am  
Room 222 (Behind Sanctuary)  
Contact: Cindy Marrell  
([cmarrell@calvarygr.org](mailto:cmarrell@calvarygr.org))  
at ext. 5098

TAKE  
your  
NEXT  
step» Pray over every aspect of the service as the Holy Spirit leads, assisted by a request sheet composed by staff. Open to all, come and go as able.

### 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](https://www.facebook.com/CalvaryChurchGR)) and Instagram ([calvarygr](https://www.instagram.com/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](http://calvarygr.org).

