loving calvary's global workers

Looking for a tangible way to let our Global Workers know they are loved? Come to the Connection Point and pick up the newest cards for your carabiners and pray for our missionaries!

Calvary has 48 Global Workers and throughout the months of February and March we are highlighting our workers by creating and printing "cards" that you can collect each Sunday at the Connection Point. The Connection Point is located directly across the Crosswalk from the Sanctuary. Following the worship service you can pick up the cards and carabiners, designed to help you partner with our Global Workers through prayer.

The cards from previous Sundays will also be available, so don't feel like you've missed out! Just come to the Connection Point and we will take good care of you. Then keep collecting the cards each Sunday.

The Gift of God is eternal and so is his love for us. And as our Global Workers are working to share this message in places not always open to the message of Christ, we would like to make sure we are covering them with our prayers, care, and coming closer as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Our prayers for you are that you always feel the love of God. "But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved."

Missionary Prayer Guides

We are very sorry for the delay in the February Missionary Prayer Guides. Due to the days that the church has been closed for snow, they have not been able to be printed until now. Thank you for your patience. The February Missionary Prayer Guides are now available at the Chapel Information Center to guide you as you pray for our global and community workers.

prayer tip

Pray expectantly. Prayer becomes a mere ritual when we're not looking for answers. Jesus invites us to expect God to work.

"Ask and it will be given you. Seek and you will find." Matthew 7:7

As part of our 2019 Prayer Challenge, we're sharing prayer tips like this each Monday on our social channels. Find Calvary on Instagram & Facebook for more!

congregational care

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED PRAYER LIST

Meijer Heart:

Steve Hadersbeck, Gary Longworth

Butterworth:

Nancy Bowman, Beulah Davis

Mary Free Bed: Bonnie Larsen

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.

BEREAVEMENT

We extend our Christian sympathy to Jerry & Kathy Wittingen at the homegoing of Jerry's father, Boyden Wittingen, on January 28; to Gladys Ramsey and Rachel and Jordan Underwood at the homegoing of their mother and grandmother, Betty Jane Menetta McLean, on February 4; to Wayne and Pepper Meulendyk at the homegoing of Wayne's brother-in-law, Ron Sanford, on February 9; and also to Karen and Pablo Rigueiro at the homegoing of Karen's mother, Esther Kregel, on February 12.

THANK YOU

We deeply appreciate the prayers, flowers, cards, hugs and expressions of sympathy during the passing of our mom and wife, Marilyn Stadt. Thank you to Kristen White for her gracious guidance in putting together our Remembrance Open House. It's such a blessing to have a caring church community.

Bern Stadt Tom & Bonnie Visser

The Deacons would like to thank those who contributed to our Benevolent Ministry offering last Sunday. We collected \$19,978.

FOR THE RECORD • FISCAL YEAR 2018-19

	Projected Offerings	Actual Offerings	Surplus/ (Deficit)
Last Week	\$ 137,320	\$ 115,996	(\$ 21,324)
Fiscal YTD Sept. 1 - Feb. 10	\$ 3,966,416	\$ 3,710,214	(\$ 256,202)
Jerusalem Project		\$ 185,131	

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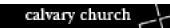
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February 17, 2019

9:00 & 10:45am

Leading People From Death to Life Isaiah 34-35

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.

NEXT STEPS - GET CONNECTED

Whether you're new to the church or just ready to try something new, visit the Connection Point (across from the main Sanctuary entrance just inside the Gathering Place) following the service to take your next right step at Calvary.

Are you looking for a way to invest in others at Calvary? Consider serving as your next right step. Opportunities include: offering care to Calvary Kids, maintaining Calvary's facility, and assisting with administrative tasks in the church office. Visit the Connection Point following the service or see mycalvarygr.org to sign up and serve.

PRAYER

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

Boiler Room I 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 (your email subscriptions are found under Subscriptions).

Isaiah Reading Plan For the Coming Week: Isaiah 36-37 & 2 Kings 18-20.



coming events & announcements

Calvary Equip: The Marriage Parable February 27 – April 10 | 6:30-7:45pm | Room 256 | \$15

Whether you are single, dating seriously, engaged, or married, discover God's intention for making Christ visible to others. Participants will explore God's purpose and design for marriage and what it looks like to display the gospel in your relationships. Class is led by Mason & Kim Sherrill. Register at mycalvarygr.org.

Communicate your Gospel Story February 27 – April 10 | 6:30-7:45pm Room 252 | \$10

Many Christians have a difficult time putting the gospel into words. They may have heard it, and experience the transforming power of it in their lives, but when asked to explain it, they struggle. This six-session course will concentrate on what the gospel is and how to share it with others. Participants will write and share their faith story and see how the gospel is interwoven with it. Register at mycalvarygr.org.

Flourish - Event & Workshops for Women Event: Friday, March 1 | 6:30-8:30pm Workshops: Saturday, March 2 8:30am-12:00pm | Gathering Place

Come together with other women for an evening of inspiration, worship, testimonies, delicious desserts and an encouraging word from author Brenda Yoder. The evening will also feature a panel discussion with Calvary women who have experienced intentional life-on-life mentoring.

On Saturday we have two workshops with Brenda, along with a time for coffee & fellowship in between. Life With Balance (8:30-10:00am) will draw from her book Balance, Busyness & Not Doing it All. From 10:30am-12:00pm, Brenda will equip moms with practical and biblical tools on when to hold on and when to let go in all the stages of parenting in Loving & Letting Go. These principles are applicable to spiritual mothers, too, for those who nurture, mentor, or are caregivers!

Register at mycalvarygr.org. Attend the Flourish event & workshops for \$15. A la carte pricing also available.

2019 prayer challenge

This year we're challenging everyone at Calvary to find a group & start praying! Visit calvarygr.org/prayer to review your opportunities, sign up for more information at mycalvarygr.org.

Third Monday Missionary Prayer Third Monday of the Month | 11:30am-12:30pm | Room 114 Contact: Susan Mangione (g.mangione@comcast.net)

Bring your lunch and join us to hear updates and pray for our missionaries around the world.



this week at calvary —

What We Believe: Membership Class
Sunday, February 17 – March 17 | 10:45am-12:00pm | Room 207
Wednesday, February 27 -March 27 | 6:30-7:45pm | Room 251

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. Register at mycalvarygr.org.

Third Monday Missionary Prayer February 18 | 11:30am-12:30pm | Room 114

Bring your lunch and join us to hear updates from and pray for our missionaries around the world.

Middle School Parent Prayer February 20 | 6:30-7:00pm | Prayer Room

All parents of 5th-8th grade middle school students are invited to join us for prayer as we lift up our students, leaders and the Middle School Ministry. We meet every third Wednesday in the Prayer Room (Room across the hall from the Prayer Garden).

Middle School 56: Big Splash
February 23 | 12:00-3:00pm | Calvin College Spoelhof Fieldhouse | \$5

Are you ready for summer yet?! Come join us as we swim and play like it's summer time! But a pizza party first! Register through February 21 at mycalvarygr.org. Questions? Contact Samantha at ext. 5161.

Open Position: Young Adults Pastor

Calvary Church has an opening for a Pastor to Young Adults. Interested parties should submit resumes to Chris DeHaan (cdehaan@calvarygr.org).

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.