

## encouragement from calvary's missions & outreach department

We wanted to give all of you some encouragement. Our reason for highlighting the Global Workers at Calvary was so that everyone had the opportunity to engage with our Workers through prayer and also to create an awareness of the Workers themselves.

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too (your Global Workers), that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ... Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity" (Col 4:2-3, 5). Not only have we seen youth and adults excited to pray for our Global Workers but we have been witness to a revival of spirit as people open up to their own missionary field "making the most of every opportunity."

Seeing the faces of individuals and families on your Global Worker Cards should help all of you to feel more connected to those we are supporting each month. Our hope is that when the Global Missionaries are here at Calvary you will visit them at the Connection Point. In the bulletin we will let you know when our Global Workers are here on home assignment, so keep an eye out for those notices. We are their spiritual family. Come and support them as brothers and sisters in Christ.

"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word." 2 Thess 2:16-17 Only two more weeks of new cards for you to pick up (after this Sunday), keep coming to the Connection Point- blessings on you.

## opportunities to serve

### Certified Plumbers Needed for Affordable Housing Initiative

Our two manufactured homes are at a stand-still because they need plumbing help. Are you a certified plumber? Do you have a heart to help families trying to break free of homelessness? Calvary's Affordable Housing Team needs you! If interested, please contact Natalie (nuecker@calvarygr.org) at ext. 5181 or sign up at mycalvarygr.org.

### Volunteer with Calvary's Prison Ministry

Serve either in an area prison or at Kent County Jail's worship service one Sunday a month. Be part of the worship team (music), read scripture, or pray. You will work with your team leader to coordinate when you serve and any dates you are unavailable. Sign up and find more details at mycalvarygr.org.

## congregational care & updates

### RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED PRAYER LIST

**Butterworth:** Linda Hamlet

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.

### BEREAVED

We extend our Christian sympathy to Steve and Bonnie Lasater, Peter and Shivani Lasater, and Courtney Lasater, at the homegoing of their mother and grandmother, Jeanne Williams, on March 2.

### OPEN POSITIONS

Calvary has two openings for part-time Ministry Assistants, supporting the work in Calvary Kids & Calvary Care respectively. Those with strong administrative and organizational skills and experience are encouraged to submit resumes to Chris DeHaan (cdehaan@calvarygr.org).

### WELCOME NEW PASTORAL STAFF

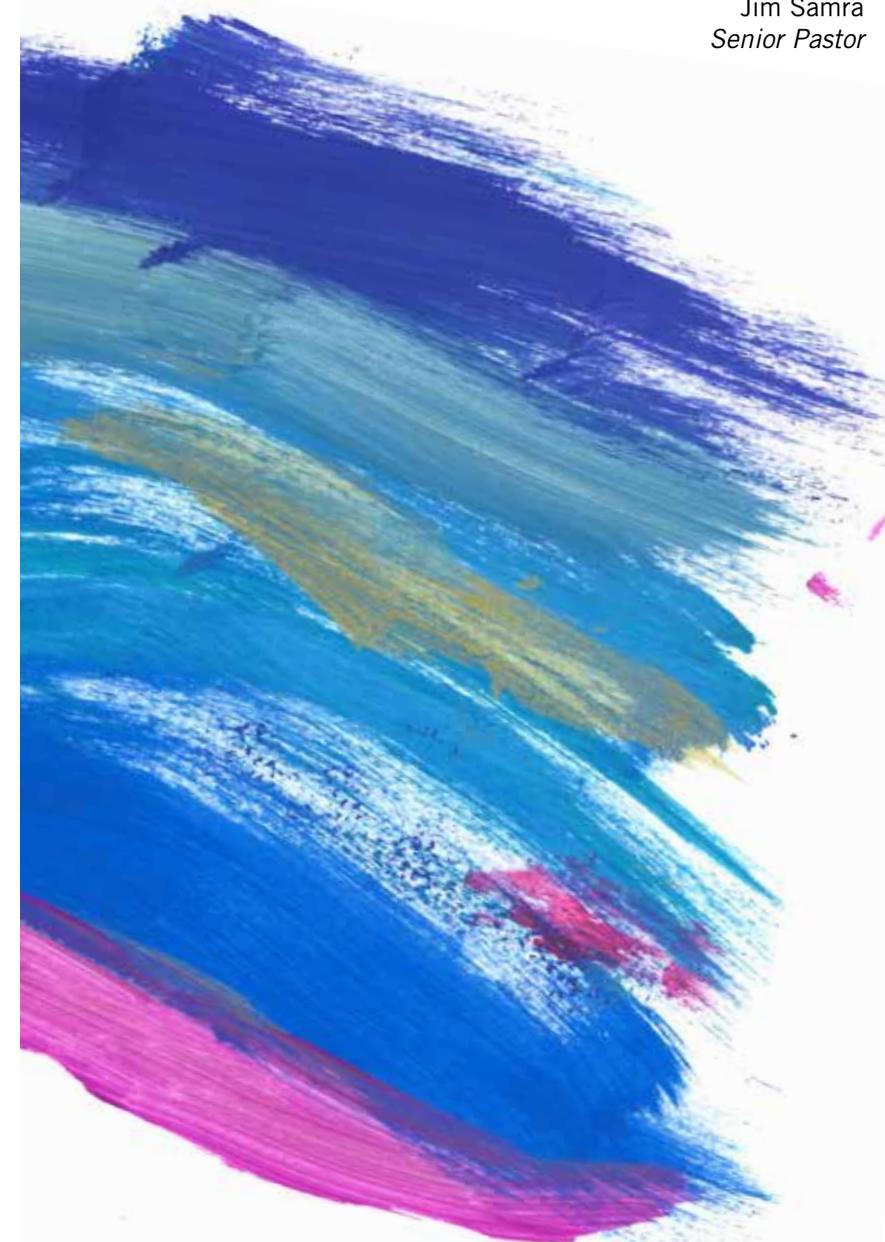
The Elders of Calvary Church have approved the hiring of Josh Warren as Pastoral Staff, Calvary Care. Josh and his wife Anna have two children and have been a part of Calvary since 2007. Josh comes to Calvary with a background in counseling and will begin on March 25.

March 17, 2019

9:00 & 10:45am

Healed From Death  
Isaiah 38

Jim Samra  
Senior Pastor



### FOR THE RECORD • FISCAL YEAR 2018-19

	<u>Projected Offerings</u>	<u>Actual Offerings</u>	<u>Surplus/ (Deficit)</u>
Last Week	\$ 152,606	\$ 161,481	\$ 8,875
Fiscal YTD Sept. 1 - Mar. 10	\$ 4,546,268	\$ 4,302,322	(\$ 243,946)
Jerusalem Project		\$ 196,921	

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# Isaiah

LENT - SHARE YOUR PRAISES

As a church family we want to bring a sacrifice of praise to the Lord in this season. Each Sunday we will take the gratitude and adoration that has welled up in our souls through our daily prayers of examen and pour it out in praise to our Lord. Use the praise cards included in the Lent Guide to express your gratitude to God for the ways you experienced His presence over the past week. Then tear out your card and bring it to church with you. Boards are posted in the Gathering Place and outside Room 208 on which you can pin your praises. May we be encouraged by this demonstration of God's presence in our community.

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.

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER

Pray for our worship services with the morning's teaching pastor, Sundays from 8:30-8:50am in room 255.

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 Week of March 18: Isaiah 39 & Luke 12:13-34

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.

coming events & announcements

Journey - New Adult Sunday Class Begins March 24 | 10:45am | Rm 264

Adult Sunday Classes at Calvary are for people committed to engaging more deeply with the Bible and pursuing authentic biblical community. Journey is a newly formed multi-generational group of individuals and couples beginning to meet weekly, next Sunday. If you are seeking a community to grow alongside in this season, join us!

Seder Meal: April 18 6:00-8:30pm | Gathering Place | \$15

For our Seder meal, we will be walking through Jesus' time with His disciples in the Upper Room, gaining a better understanding of the Seder meal (Jewish Passover), allowing us to more appreciate the meaning of the Lord's Supper. Registration is limited to 300 people and advanced registration is required. Questions? Contact Christie Thompson at ext. 5615. Register at mycalvarygr.org.

Next Baptism Opportunity Easter Sunday Baptism is an outward expression of what God has done inwardly in a person's life. It is a powerful way we can bear witness to God's resurrection power. If you'd like to be baptized, contact Kristen (kwhite@calvarygr.org) at ext. 5013.

Olives & Coffee Relaunch

Jim and Lisa Samra recently re-launched their joint ministry website, Olives & Coffee. The site is a central location for the many ministry resources they have developed over the years so that the information is easily accessible for the Calvary Church family, but also the wider Christian community. Check it out at olivesandcoffee.com.

High School: Senior Photos

We are accepting senior photos through April 15 to include in the summer issue of the Calvary Life. Email photos with the full name of the student and their high school to sheetderks@calvarygr.org.



Boiler Room Prayer - Sundays | 8:50-11:50am Room 222 (Behind the Sanctuary - Choir Loft Side) Contact: Cindy Marrell (cmarrell@calvarygr.org)

Visit room 222 behind the Sanctuary and pray for the worship service in progress. Come for a minute or an hour to bless the morning. Open to all!

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.

2019 prayer challenge

this week at calvary

- 1 Third Monday Missionary Prayer March 18 | 11:30am-1:00pm | Room 114 (Entrance G) Join us to hear updates and pray for our missionaries around the world.
2 Middle School Parent Prayer Third Wednesday | 6:30-7:00pm | Prayer Room All parents of 5-8th grade middle school students are invited to join us for prayer as we lift up our students, leaders and the MSM ministry. We meet every 3rd Wednesday from 6:30-7 pm in the Prayer Room (Room across the hall from the Prayer Garden).
3 March Madness March 21 & 22 | Starting at 11:00am | Gathering Place Watch as much or as little as you can handle of the first round action of 2019 March Madness in a fun, family-friendly environment! Invite friends & co-workers to join you. Lunch and dinner will be available (donation suggested).
4 OASIS (Young at Heart): Fitness Fridays Meet at Entrance B & join us! From 1-2pm: Walk the church or play pickleball (Gym); from 2-3pm: Walk the church, pickleball (Gym), or Zumba for Seniors (Choir Room - flexibility and cardio).
5 Middle School (5th-8th Grade): 3 Mile Project Meet/Pick Up: 3 Mile Project (3050 Walkent Dr. NW) | \$5 Invite a friend and join us for an afternoon of zany fun! Take the ninja course, shoot some hoops or play video games, we'll have the entire facility to ourselves. Whether you are an active student in MSM or haven't been to an event all year - you are invited to join us. All are welcome. Register at mycalvarygr.org through March 22. Questions? Contact Samantha (sheetderks@calvarygr.org).

Widows Ministry - Date Correction

A March 24 Widows Luncheon was advertised in error. Our next event will be April 10 at 4:00pm. Questions? Contact Courtney at ext. 5652.

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.

welcome Добро пожаловать! bienvenido i mirepritur BEM VINDA 환영 مرحبا بكم WE ARE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!