

global worker update

Abraham and Sarah (not their real names) are Calvary's Global Workers in Israel. They have planted churches that worship in three different languages and have started an addiction recovery ministry, as well as a network of evangelical churches throughout the nation. Today we wanted to share a story from their recent newsletter because we thought it would help you as you pray for all the Christians who are facing challenges due to their faith in Christ. Below you will read an update about one of the churches.

"The congregation in the south of the country that was facing severe opposition has had many answers to prayer. One of the most important is what we asked you to pray especially for: That the Lord would raise up young Israeli leaders to help in the work. The Lord moved to leave a very solid congregation in the North, and move to the South to devote themselves to this work! They are fluent in both Hebrew and Russian, so they can also reach the many Russian speakers in the area.

The congregation was also granted permission to meet in their building once again; the constant demonstrations and harassment have ended. In addition, after they confronted the head of a newspaper about printing falsehoods, no more negative articles have been written.

After being scattered and laying low for some time, a brave core group of about 20 adults and 8 children are meeting regularly in their building. Many in the city are asking them about their faith and there are many opportunities to share! The area has both a large Hasidic population and many Russian speaking immigrants. The rabbis continue to tell the people to avoid the believers, but many with a religious background are hearing the Gospel. Some see the truth, but are held back by the power of tradition. The leaders asked us to pray according to Luke 24:44-45 that Jesus would open their understanding to see the fulfillment of all the things written about Him "in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms." They said, 'The real work is done on our knees!"

opportunities to serve

Volunteer with Calvary's Prison Ministry

Exhibit the power of the Gospel to transform lives. 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. Sign up and find more details at mycalvarygr.org. Questions? Contact Lou DeGraaf (ldegraaf@calvarygr.org) at ext. 3618.

congregational care & updates

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

PRAYER LIST

Meijer Heart: Regina Bilski

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 the friends and family of Jack Huizenga at his homegoing on April 4; and also to Bob Koetsier; Bob & Mary Koetsier; Don & Carol Koetsier; Sharon & Earl Jenkins; and Shirley Koetsier at the homegoing of their wife, mother, sister and sister-in-law, Pat, on April 19.

THANK YOU

We are grateful for the love and support shown to us after the death of Bruce's dad. We are especially thankful for Pastor Bruce Huseby's ministry to our extended family and to us personally. We recently received your gift of beautiful flowers and thank you for that expression of love.

Bruce & Rika Diephouse

Thank you Calvary Church for the flowers and cards upon the homegoing of Frances Downing. Fresh flowers are always a pick-up and the notes of encouragement were very special to her family.

Ann Fick

We would like to express our thanks to the congregation for the many cards, prayers, expressions of sympathies, and the beautiful floral arrangement sent to us at the homegoing of Mary's dear mother, Lyda Tamminga. They were all very much appreciated.

Ed & Mary Geskus

We'd like to thank everyone for your thoughts and prayers for our family over the past year. With the nature of our daughter's illness, we never had a moment where the doctors said, "She is healed." But we also can't deny that Bryanna is a walking miracle—our daughter was near death and she not only survived, but is doing well. So we chose this last week, the anniversary of her first hospitalization, to stop and give praise and ask that you continue to pray for her continued health. Thank you.

Janyre Tromp

FOR THE RECORD • FISCAL YEAR 2018-19

	<u>Projected Offerings</u>	<u>Actual Offerings</u>	<u>Surplus/(Deficit)</u>
Last Week	\$ 154,328	\$ 158,281	\$ 3,953
Fiscal YTD Sept. 1 - Apr. 7	\$ 5,158,414	\$ 4,872,702	(\$ 285,712)
Jerusalem Project		\$ 214,098	

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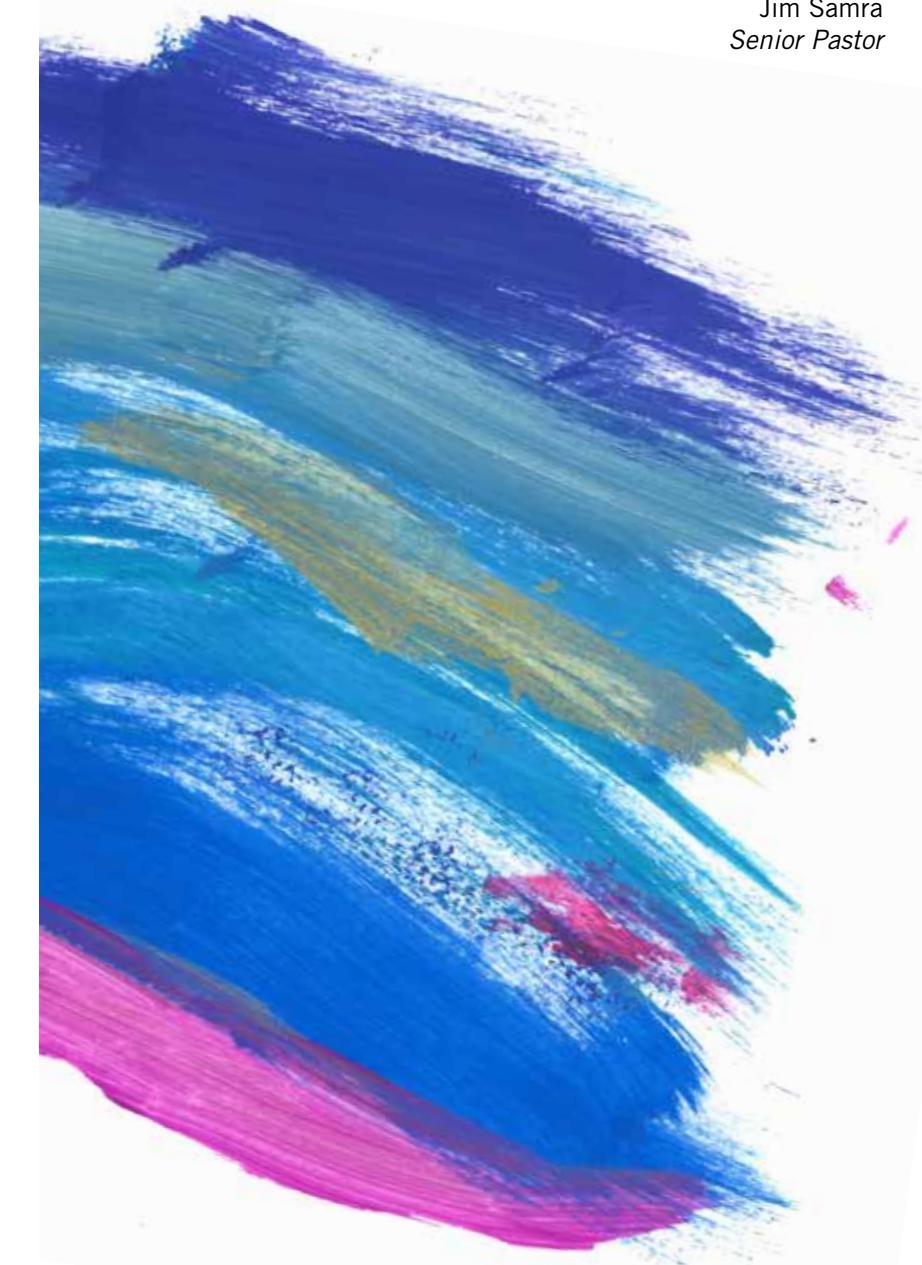
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April 14, 2019

9:00 & 10:45am



Isaiah

The Arm of the Lord
Isaiah 52:13-53:3

Jim Samra
Senior Pastor

TODAY at calvary church

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. **Isaiah Reading Plan For Week of April 15:** Isaiah 53:4-12 and Psalm 88.

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 - 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.

SUBSCRIBE TO OUR EMAIL NEWSLETTER

Each Friday, we send a weekly email update on happenings around the church. Stay in the know - visit mycalvarygr.org, click on subscriptions and sign up for the **Calvary Church eNews**.



coming events & announcements

Easter Sunday

April 21 | 7:15, 9:00 & 10:45am

Celebrate the peace and new life we can find in Jesus because of His victory over sin, fear and death. Nursery will be provided for birth through 35 months (at 9:00 & 10:45). No children's or adult classes meet on Easter. Breakfast will be available in the Gathering Place from 7:30-9:30am.

Invite a Friend to Join You at Calvary

Are you inviting a new person to Calvary Church, maybe for Easter? Great! We have created cards with information on Calvary Church to help visitors know what to expect at Calvary on Sundays. The cards explain that there are two services, with several different language interpretations. There is also information on our ministry for kids and students. You can find a small quantity of these cards available in the Connection Point.

Middle School 78 Spring Retreat:

Believe Conference

April 26 - 27 | Holland, MI | \$65

Believe is a high-energy weekend event in Holland. We will spend a night at a hotel and attend **Believe**, a conference structured specifically for middle school students and packed with powerful worship and teaching from God's Word. This year's theme is identity, and we will be exploring the questions, "Who am I?" Don't miss this awesome weekend! Register at mycalvarygr.org with questions.

Men's Breakfast

April 27 | 8:00am | Gathering Place | \$5

Come fellowship, eat some breakfast, and hear from a fellow member of the Calvary family.

LUMIN8 Kids Choir Presents:

Back to the Cross

April 28 | 6:00pm | Sanctuary

The LUMIN8 Kids Choir presents **Back to the Cross**, a musical blast-from-the-past, with a life-changing message. Through a series of time-traveling escapades, our intrepid gang of time-jumpers goes on a wild ride, immersing themselves in strange times and cultures (including the totally tubular 1980s, the roaring '20s, the Wild, Wild West, and even the Garden of Gethsemane!). In the end they make a discovery about the importance of the Cross and the message of the Gospel.

Town Hall Meeting

May 5 | 6:00pm | Gathering Place

The Elders of Calvary Church invite you to a Town Hall meeting to discuss proposed changes to the church constitution. The constitutional updates cover a new deacon structure, women serving as deacons, strengthening our definition of marriage, and moving the church's Annual Meeting back one month, as seen last fall. At the Town Hall meeting we will summarize the changes, provide copies of the updated constitution for your review and input. In addition, we will address any questions you have on these updates. Please contact elders@mycalvarygr.org with questions.

Job Openings

Calvary's Facilities Team is looking for part-time evening employees to clean and set rooms two to three nights a week. Submit resumes to Chris (cdehaan@mycalvarygr.org).

holy week at calvary

Note: During Holy Week we create space to remember the last week of Jesus' life on earth. Regularly scheduled programs take a break to allow you extra time to reflect and pray in preparation for Easter.

1 The Crimson Gospel

TONIGHT | 6:00pm | Sanctuary

Experience God's redemptive story of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus with the Calvary Church Choir and Orchestra.

2 Praying Throughout Holy Week

April 15 -19 | 7:00am-9:00pm | Chapel

Throughout Holy Week you have the opportunity to further identify with Jesus during the final week of his life by spending extended time in prayer. Stations will be available in the Chapel for you to reflect on the benediction verses from our Isaiah series and connect with the Lord.

3 Seder Meal

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

This event is closed as registration is at capacity.

4 Good Friday Service

April 19 | 7:00pm | Sanctuary

Join us for an evening of reflection that commemorates the night when Christ bore the ultimate burden for us and was crucified in order to give us peace with God.

TAKE
your
NEXT
step»

Widows Ministry

Contact: Courtney Hoekwater

choekwater@mycalvarygr.org

If you commit to pray for this ministry, you will receive an email once a month with requests to pray over.

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

2019
prayer challenge

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 mycalvarygr.org.