

planting churches



As we have been highlighting each area of the Jerusalem Project this month, another key component of the project focuses on church planting. We are currently working with three churches. God continues to display His faithfulness through the work of these churches. Calvary supports and encourages them as they work at establishing themselves in the communities God has called them to serve. Calvary elders serve as advisors on each of the church plant leadership teams. Calvary staff offers administrative help as needed. Calvary also provides financial assistance for a time so the church can grow and establish their ministry without the pressures and worries associated with finances.

Stop by the Connection Point for a list of ways you can encourage and bless our church plant families this summer. Members of the Jerusalem Project team will be there to share with you some of the great things God is doing at Paupers Chapel, Sanctuary Church and New Heart Church.

Below are some specific donations you can provide to help Sanctuary & New Heart in this season. A list is also at the Connection Point.

SUMMER PICNIC WISH LIST

- Hair chalk
- Temporary tattoos
- Bubbles
- Buckets
- Sponges
- New flip flops
- Plates
- Napkins
- Gift cards to Meijer, GFS, Sam's Club, Costco (for purchasing ice cream, hamburgers, hot dogs, buns)

ACTIVITY BOX WISH LIST

- Pipe cleaners
- Pony beads
- Yarn
- Large buttons
- Stickers
- Lacing Cards
- Water Pens
- Paint with water books
- Felt squares

You can also join us in praying for our church plants by signing up for the Jerusalem Project prayer group. By signing up at mycalvarygr.org, you will receive monthly prayer emails with specific requests from our church plants as well as other Jerusalem Project requests.

CALVARY CHURCH SHORT-TERM MISSIONS

This week Calvary teams are serving in both Tanzania and Mozambique. Please pray for God to be glorified and the local church to be encouraged by their service. Pray as well for safety, unity, and effective ministry for both teams.

congregational care

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED PRAYER LIST

If you have been hospitalized, or anticipate hospitalization, and would like to be added to the prayer list or receive a visit from a Calvary staff member, call the church office at 956-9377.

BEREAVED

We extend our Christian sympathy to Sandy Hagberg at the homegoing of her father, William Milbourn, on May 6; and also to Mike and Kathy Still, and Cheryl Still at the homegoing of their mother and grandmother, Marguerite Still, on May 13.

construction news

Take note: the southbound East Beltline to West I-96 entrance ramp is currently closed and scheduled to remain closed through October. In addition, in early June, eastbound I-96 will be closed at Leonard Street for approximately five months while the existing westbound I-196 bridge over eastbound I-96 is removed and the new eastbound I-96 bridge is completed. Traffic will be detoured onto southbound US-131 to eastbound I-196.

A list of alternate routes is available at calvarygr.org. Be sure to plan some extra time into your schedule when making your way to and from church this summer. We appreciate your patience as MDOT makes these improvements.

FOR THE RECORD • FISCAL YEAR 2018-19

	Projected Offerings	Actual Offerings	Surplus/ (Deficit)
Last Week	\$ 137,829	\$ 167,886	\$ 30,057
Fiscal YTD Sept. 1 - May 12	\$ 5,897,056	\$ 5,625,826	(\$ 271,230)
Jerusalem Project		\$ 239,505	

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May 19, 2019

9:00 & 10:45am

The God Who Carries You
Isaiah 46:1-4

Tom Olsson
Lead Pastor



Isaiah

TODAY at calvary church

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.

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.

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 May 20: Isaiah 47-48 & 1 Peter 1

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

College Worship & Bonfire Thursdays in May | 7:00-9:00pm 1040 Fairfield Ave NW

Join us for an evening of lawn games, hotdogs and s'mores around the fire. High School seniors welcome! Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. In case of rain we'll meet in room 208.

Women's Golf Tuesdays | Saskatoon Golf Course

Join women from Calvary Church (and guests) on Tuesday mornings this summer. 9:00am for registration, coffee and fellowship. Consider mentoring new golfers at 9:30am. Golf starting at 10:00am. Lots of flexibility and room for all skill levels. Louise Cerling is coordinating but contact women@calvarygr.org with any questions. No signup needed, just show up.

Isaiah Bible Studies Available

Our Adult Bible Studies have had a great year of study through *Revealed: Seeing the LORD Through the Imagery in Isaiah*. Since our Sunday sermons will be in Isaiah throughout the summer months, we would like to extend the invitation to you to go through the study on your own. Copies are available in the Library for a \$20 donation (for both volumes).

Support Student Missions

We have 75 middle and high school students going on mission trips this summer. Each student is responsible to raise support to go on these trips. If you would like to help offset the costs, you can do so by making a donation to our Student Mission Fund; specify the fund on the memo line of your check or your giving envelope. You may also text-to-give by entering your giving amount followed by the code "STUDENTS" (e.g. 50 STUDENTS) to 616-294-0700.

Pray For the Muslim World

From now through June 4, over 1.8 billion Muslims around the world celebrate Ramadan. This is a window of time where people have increased openness to spiritual matters. Prayer guides at the Connection Point or Chapel Information Center.

First Steps: Tour Calvary Church June 2 | 10:45am | Connection Point

Would you like to understand Calvary a bit more before committing to anything? Come to First Steps at Calvary Church! We will provide you with some useful information on Calvary & then walk you through the building. All are welcome!

TAKE
your
NEXT
step»

**Intercessors / Prayer Chain
Wednesdays | 6:45-8:00pm | Room 212**

Contact: Cindy (cmarrell@calvarygr.org) at ext. 5997
Open to anyone interested in praying for Calvary Church, its congregation, pastors, staff, volunteers and programming. Meet weekly to pray over emailed requests. Submit requests to Cindy.

This year we're challenging everyone at Calvary to spend more time in prayer! Visit calvarygr.org/prayer to review your opportunities.

2019
prayer challenge

this week at calvary

- 1 Choir & Orchestra Finale
TONIGHT | 6:00pm | Sanctuary**
Join the choir and orchestra for an evening of worship as they present their favorites songs from the past year!
- 2 Third Monday Missionary Prayer
May 20 | 11:30am-1:00pm | Room 114 (Entrance G)**
Join us to hear updates and pray for our missionaries around the world.
- 3 Church Office Closed
May 23 | 10:00am-5:00pm**
Due to a staff community building event, the church office will be closed on Thursday. If you have a spiritual need, a staff member is always available. Contact 956-9377, leave a voicemail and someone will be with you shortly.

church constitution vote

Member Meeting | June 9 | 12:15pm | Sanctuary

All Calvary Church members are invited to vote on the revised Calvary Church constitution, following the second service on June 9. We will gather in the Sanctuary at 12:15pm. Final copies of the proposed constitution will be available by next Sunday, May 26 for distribution to the congregation.

At calvarygr.org you can find a recording of the most recent Town Hall Meeting as well as FAQs about the deacon reorganization and women serving as deacons. If you have any questions about this process, don't hesitate to contact the elders (elders@calvarygr.org). We look forward to hearing from you.

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*.

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.

