

# 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.

## 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).

## 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](http://mycalvarygr.org), click on subscriptions and sign up for the *Calvary Church eNews*.

## congregational care

### RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED PRAYER LIST

**Helen DeVos Children's:** Parker Carden

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 Kaylyn Hamlin at the homegoing of her husband, Bob, on August 11.

### THANK YOU

Thank you for the beautiful flowers, cards, and prayers when our father passed away.

Don and Roberta Keena

### HELP MAINTAIN OUR GROUNDS

We are looking for volunteers that can care for a flower bed or planting area for the next two months. This is very flexible and based on your schedule. If you are interested in joining the gardening team, contact Dave ([ddegraaf@calvarygr.org](mailto:ddegraaf@calvarygr.org)) at ext. 5073.

### OUTDOOR GREETERS NEEDED

We need three outside greeters, one Sunday per month. Extend a warm smile to welcome those that may be running late. Direct people to Calvary Kids or help them find a spot to sit in the Sanctuary. Helping folks past some awkward moments can help remove barriers that keep them from joining our church family. Contact Beka ([rkennedy@calvarygr.org](mailto:rkennedy@calvarygr.org)) to sign up.

## FOR THE RECORD • FISCAL YEAR 2018-19

	Projected Offerings	Actual Offerings	Surplus/ (Deficit)
Last Week	\$ 130,689	\$ 129,959	(\$ 730)
Fiscal YTD Sept. 1 - Aug. 11	\$ 7,688,583	\$ 7,373,076	(\$ 315,507)
Jerusalem Project		\$ 294,426	



AUG. 18, 2019  
9:00 & 10:45am

# A Godly Life

Godliness  
Titus 1:1

Jim Samra  
Senior Pastor



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WE ARE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

# Weekly Focus

## Devote Yourselves to Prayer

This is the final in a three-week focus on prayer looking at the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:9-13. The first week, we saw God as high and lifted up and as our loving father. We saw prayer as a way of nurturing the relationship with our Abba, of giving Him reverence and praise, and of learning to delight in Him as He delights in us.

Last Sunday, we were reminded this is all God's kingdom and we get to partner with Him by asking, "Your will be done on earth." This not only tells us how to pray but also assures us that God's answer will be in our best interest because it's His good, pleasing and perfect will.

This week we are focusing on how we serve a God who speaks to us. What better way to spend our time but by praying through a portion of God's Word. Read a few verses, stop on the one that catches you, and ask the Lord about the verse. Sit quietly for a bit to see if the Spirit prompts you to pray for someone (Psalm 5:3). We so often skip the waiting. *Practice giving the Spirit time.*

When Jesus taught His disciples to pray He also said, "Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors." How utterly amazing that our sins are forgiven! How challenging to us to not harbor unforgiveness! We must live in continual confession and forgiveness. If we ask, God helps us identify what to confess and who to forgive, so nothing festers and gets in the way of our relationship with him.

We would love to have everyone at Calvary participate in a prayer group. Learn more about available opportunities at [calvarygr.org/prayer](http://calvarygr.org/prayer). Or sign up for one of our many prayer email lists at [mycalvarygr.org](http://mycalvarygr.org). If you'd like to talk with us further about prayer, contact Cindy Marrell ([cmarrell@calvarygr.org](mailto:cmarrell@calvarygr.org).)

## coming events & announcements

**Taste of Calvary**  
August 25 | 10:15am-1:00pm  
Gathering Place

Are you looking to get connected at this big church? Are you hoping to start this fall in a new volunteer role? Taste of Calvary is designed to give those who are newer, unconnected, or looking for a fresh start a taste of available opportunities to engage and serve at Calvary Church moving into the new ministry year. Enjoy an array of light breakfast options while you chat with ministry leaders and connect with other Calvary attendees following both morning services.

**Blessed2Bless Prayer Gathering**  
August 26 | 7:00-8:30pm | Room 215

Gather with us for encouragement as we share how God is working through neighborhood, workplace and friend/family group Bible studies. This month, Laurie VanderKodde and Shirley Snoeyink will share how their study began and how God is continuing to impact women's lives through it. This is a great opportunity to be inspired or learn more about taking the next step of faith. Questions? Contact [women@calvarygr.org](mailto:women@calvarygr.org).

**Open Rehearsals for Worship Ministry**  
Wednesdays, September 11, 18, 25  
6:30pm | Choir Room  
Choir, Orchestra, and Praise Band serve a key role in our worship services at Calvary. Open rehearsals will take place throughout September. If you are high school age or older and interested in joining, contact Christie ([cthompson@calvarygr.org](mailto:cthompson@calvarygr.org)).

**Calvary Equip: Prayer**  
September 8 – October 20  
10:45am-12:00pm | \$10 | Room 211

This seven-session course will focus on the wholeness and importance of prayer to a believer. We will discover what it means to pray according to God's will, to wrestle with God in prayer and more. Register at [mycalvarygr.org](http://mycalvarygr.org) by September 6.

**Adult Bible Study - Three Opportunities**  
During the fall semester, we will study "Enabling Grace: Growing in Godliness through Titus."

Monday Night Bible Study  
Mondays · 7:00-8:30pm  
Begins September 16  
Combines small group discussion with 30 minutes of large group teaching for both men and women. Small groups are gender specific.

Tuesday Morning  
Women's Bible Study  
Begins September 17  
Tuesdays · 9:15-11:15am  
Combines small group Bible Study discussion with large group teaching and testimonies in the Gathering Place. Free *Tuesday Kids* program is offered for children while moms are in the study.

Wednesday Night Women's Study  
Wednesdays · 6:30-7:45pm  
Begins September 11  
On Wednesday evening while children are in Kids-N-Action, moms and working women come together for growth in God's Word, prayer, worship, and community.

Register online at [mycalvarygr.org](http://mycalvarygr.org).

## this week at calvary

- 1 Third Monday Missions Prayer**  
August 19 | 11:30am | Room 114 (Entrance G)  
Join us to hear updates about and pray for our missionaries around the world.
- 2 Calvary Kids Challenge Camp**  
August 21 | 6:00-8:00pm | Outside Entrance J  
Calvary Kids Challenge Camp is for children that have completed kindergarten through fourth grade. Come and climb a 40-foot rock wall and conquer an inflatable obstacle as well as team building challenges at Calvary Church outside near Entrance A. We will also learn how Gideon trusted God when he faced a giant army and met the challenge of facing his fears. Register online at [mycalvarygr.org](http://mycalvarygr.org) by August 18.
- 3 Men's Fall Kickoff**  
August 21 | 6:00-8:30pm | Gathering Place  
Wherever you are in your faith walk, God has a vision and plan for you! Enjoy a time of encouragement as we kick off a new ministry year with worship, BBQ, and great fellowship!
- 4 OASIS (Older Adults): Bike & Breakfast**  
August 23 | 9:00am-12:00pm | Paul Henry Trail  
Weather permitting we will bike the Paul Henry Trail to Caledonia starting at the west parking lot of East Kentwood High School, entrance is off Kalamazoo Ave. Questions? Contact Al Barton ([bicycleal@gmail.com](mailto:bicycleal@gmail.com)) at (586) 822-5814.



## 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](http://calvarygr.org).

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