



# Connections

JULY / AUGUST 2015



Forming Community, Transforming Lives, Reforming Our World

## Recounting God's Faithfulness: Amazing Progress Toward Our 2020 Vision

By Tony Reynolds, Elder



Members and friends of Calvin, Session wants you to know how grateful they are to see how God, in his goodness, has shepherded us through some difficult times with staff changes in the last year.

We acknowledge that we have endured a time of uncertainty and waiting on God for things "believed in, yet unseen" as we said good bye to beloved and talented staff—Ray Riese, Kimberly Crispeno, Danny Reding, and Josh McCorkle. We are very grateful for their service.

But in God's time, God has been faithful to bring us new staff or expanding the roles of familiar faces at Calvin. It is nothing short of miraculous to see ALL the places where God has blessed us in the midst of our sadness and uncertainty. The Session wishes to thank the congregation, and indeed the staff themselves, for soldiering on through this stressful time.

It's instructive to note that we're in the middle of a process which began over two years ago with the development of a new Vision and Mission statement for Calvin and adopted by Session, summarized as *Forming Community, Transforming Lives, Transforming Our World*.

The full Vision and Mission statement became the basis of "Vision 2020"\*\*, an allusion not just to keen sight, but to being future-focused. Through implementation of this vision we seek to bring Calvin Church into the future as a healthy, Christ-centered fellowship intent on serving the Lord and his kingdom. At

this time last year, I don't believe any of us really knew *how* God was going to lead and direct us, but we're very grateful to *now see evidence* of God's leading as we've developed new job descriptions and sought just the right people to fill those positions.

Part of our process has been to develop a church staffing model to fit the changes occurring in the size of our church and community demographics—changes that are also occurring within the larger Church across our state, nation and even the globe. We've sought to balance service to the members of our congregation, and the broader community of Shoreline/Edmonds, with a clearer focus on our global efforts where, and with whom, we are having the most impact.

To this end, we've added these new people to our staff:

1) **Music Director, Valerie Grissom**  
Valerie has brought energy and creativity to a shared vision of what worship can be in our fellowship. I believe there is wide agreement that the music programs at Calvin have benefited from her dedication and ideas, even in the short time she's been aboard.

2) **Minister for Congregational Care, Matt Carpenter**  
Matt is a gifted pastor and counselor who has been able to leverage his gifts and calling to serve not just our seniors, but in many other ways as well. We are indeed fortunate to have him. He is a tremendous

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**LIFE TOGETHER BBQ**  
Sunday, August 2, 11:15 am,  
after worship  
Fellowship Hall

Simple picnic food of hamburgers, hot dogs, and watermelon provided by Calvin. Rain or shine, come enjoy the fellowship!

**LIFE TOGETHER  
MARINER GAME**  
Sunday, August 23, 1:10 pm  
vs. White Sox @ Safeco Field

Sign up for tickets on Sunday at Calvin Welcome Center or online at [www.calvinpc.org](http://www.calvinpc.org).

Payment due with reservation—  
by Sunday, August 2.

\$12 per ticket for all ages.  
Seats not assigned but together in section 333. Tickets distributed at Calvin, August 9-23. Transportation on your own.

**Backpack Day!** Free backpack for kids 14 and under!

# OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Loving people to Christ through actions and words

## Jeremy and Maria Chase Family Returning to US For a Year

**Jeremy and Maria Chase** will be returning to the U.S. with their family on July 12, 2015, for a year. This Calvin-sponsored missionary family has served in Cambodia for almost 10 years.

As you can imagine, 10 years in a developing nation like Cambodia adds significant stress in addition to the usual challenges of life and work. Because of this, they will kick off their time at a counseling center for cross-cultural workers called **Link Care** in Fresno, CA, for four to six weeks.



They will then make their way to Kirkland, WA, by **September 15**. While in the Pacific Northwest, they hope to reconnect with family and friends, help their three kids get to know their passport country better, work, attend school and pursue new supporters to build a stronger financial base for returning to Cambodia. They will not be able to return to Cambodia without full financial support.

### Opportunities to show our love and care

How can we at Calvin Church continue to show our love and support for the Chases while in the States? First of all, we can **pray**.

- for a smooth and swift adjustment to a new time zone, culture, place and schedule as they enter the program at Link Care in Fresno.
- for housing and transportation from Fresno to Waldport, OR.
- for hearts that are ready to say goodbye and hello well.
- for the capacity to learn and grow as servants of God, spouses and parents.
- for God's will regarding Jeremy getting a job from September 15 onward.
- for good friendships for their children.

We can also **help with needs**.

- airline miles to help with travel.
- a good phone/internet solution.
- gift cards for groceries and gas while living in Kirkland.
- coupons for park/educational outings.

If you can help with any of these items, contact **Steve and Keiko Whalen** at 206-542-7548 or see **Jan/Warren Wilkins** at Calvin.

Those of us who know the Chases, and those of us who will be meeting them for the first time, will have an opportunity to see them sometime after their arrival in September. In the meantime, your prayers and help with family needs are appreciated!



"In all your ways acknowledge him and he will direct your paths"  
Proverbs 3:6

### Dear Calvin Friday Backpack Team (that is all of you!),

As we complete our sixth year of providing weekly Foodpacks to hungry kids, I am overflowing with thankfulness to God for calling us to this ministry of love and caring for the vulnerable children all around us in our community!

I am full of thankfulness to all of you for stepping up to the call!

Through you, God has provided over 1600 backpacks of food this year. Sixty-seven of those were funded by you taking the time to register your FM card, so that we could receive "Community Rewards" from your shopping there.

With your hands, (and muscles), a multitude of faithful shopping, setting up, packing, hauling in and out, and breaking down of recycle material was completed!

With your serving hearts, you took time out of your schedules to accomplish these things and to pray for those receiving the packs!

During this school year, **three more churches** have also taken on schools in Shoreline. Working together, following God's leading, the churches of Shoreline want to Glorify God by sharing his love to those in need!

The City of Shoreline has taken notice and the staff at the schools are very grateful! One counselor sent us this message:

*Thank you for everything this year! Your support, compassion and generosity for our students and the community has been unbelievable.*

Thank you so much to all of you!

Polly Terman

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Ephesians 2:10

# Music Director Begins Doctoral Program

**Valerie Grissom**, Calvin's Music Director, began attending the Doctoral Program for Worship Studies at the Robert Webber Institute of Worship in Jacksonville, FL, in May 2015. She recently returned from her first 10-day Intensive Class Session and here offers answers to some FAQ (frequently asked questions).



## Why are you attending IWS?

I have a great deal of training in Music Performance and Education, but as a Worship Pastor, I have always felt that I have lacked training in the art and theology of planning worship. I also feel extremely called to minister in church, and have considered ordination in my future. The Doctor of Worship Studies Degree is a combination of a Master of Divinity and Doctorate in Worship. There is no other degree like it right now.

## What is involved in this program?

This is a 3½ year course of study, with intensive sessions in June and January each year, and then interactive course work done throughout the year at home. My Dissertation, which will be a Worship Renewal Application to my current ministry (Calvin), will be the culmination of all my studies.

## What classes are you currently taking?

*Biblical and Historical Foundations of Worship*, with Dr. Andrew Hill (Wheaton) and Dr. Alan Rathe (Asbury), explores the roles of worship, culture, and history throughout time, and makes applications into our current individual worship settings. Also, my *Worship Practicum* each semester involves a practical application of one of the four main elements of the service (Gathering, Word, Sacrament, Sending). This semester my *Practicum Group* must design a Scriptural Reading that would apply to one of the churches we serve. We will be evaluated and graded on our work.

## How was your first class intensive?

### What was your class like?

My first class intensive was life-changing! First, my class of 21 different people from all different denominations, backgrounds, personalities, and ethnicities have already become life-long friends. My class has a Dove Award Winning Songwriter, a famous writer about worship arts, worship pastors from large and small churches, church pastors, and even a couple of teachers from seminaries. All our experience (and God) brought us to this time together. There are no pretenses; instead, our intense “collective” of worship experience drives our class discussions.

Second, during these 10 days, we go to class from 7:30 am to 9:30 pm, and are required to eat with students and faculty for all meals. This fellowship creates strong bonds, and strengthens us in our ministries. All students are there to learn and serve the Lord, and we have a common bond—a desire to lead others to worship God.

I am so thankful for the fellowship and learning that took place outside and inside the class! (I learned a ton just conversing with

all my classmates, other students at the school, and with the staff and faculty there. Even this week, we have been conversing about ideas for planning worship—including something for Calvin!)

Third, we were inundated with marvelous worship settings in Chapel each day, as well as a Commencement Worship Ceremony, and a Convocation Worship Ceremony, not to mention getting to view several Practicums. I came back with my head spinning, a little, with so many great ideas I experienced. I hope to use some of these things here at Calvin. I also was able to participate in the IWS Choir, under the direction of Dr. Dan Sharp (previously Worship Pastor at University Presbyterian right here in Seattle), and that was also very inspiring.

## What fuels studies at IWS?

IWS promotes Worship Renewal by providing worship education centered in Biblical, Gospel-based worship theology.

## What is meant by the term “Worship Renewal”?

According to Robert Webber, the late founder of IWS, all worship should “tell God’s story.” In our culture today, many churches have veered away from Gospel-based worship, and have made worship more about a style, or preference. Many times, worship services are planned to entertain or edify the members, with little Biblical bases or intentional planning. Many people are finding that even though the music and service might be entertaining, they leave feeling empty. A great example of this would be eating junk food for all meals, and never knowing the feeling or reasons for eating healthy food (i.e. the four food groups). We, as Worship Leaders find that more and more church attendees are either not participating in worship, or even leaving church altogether due to this spiritual “malnutrition.” There is a great “disconnect” from those who attend a majority of churches. We, who are learning at IWS, are asking how we can renew worship and promote more authentic, participatory worship.

## What does it mean to “Tell God’s Story?”

This is the first concept that we have learned, and base everything else around it: every part of our worship should “tell God’s story.” God’s story is that of a Triune God who desired and created community and fellowship with us in the Garden of Eden; about the broken Covenant, and thus broken community with God through the sin of Adam; about the restoration of the Covenant through the Incarnation (Jesus fully God and fully man); and the glorious hope we have of Heavenly Communion with God in the Future Garden.

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## Music Director Begins Doctoral Program

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### What have you already learned in your studies?

I cannot begin to tell you all that I have already learned, but I will say that my Theological Foundation of Worship has already been greatly strengthened, and revolutionized. Studying worship from the beginning of time and throughout history has given me a fuller picture of the Redemption and Grace of God. I am also seeing how I can incorporate “His Story” in all aspects of our worship at Calvin. I have a new passion for encouraging Trinitarian Worship in every service element. I also have come home with many great new worship ideas from my classmates, teachers, and examples at school.

### How will your worship studies benefit Calvin?

I believe my studies have already affected my worship leading at Calvin. As I continue to put each of our Worship Elements through the lens of “telling God’s story,” my personal worship has been greatly deepened. I also have a greater appreciation for our Reformed/Presbyterian worship elements, and find myself so glad to be a part of the Presbyterian Denomination at Calvin. IWS emphasizes application projects into our individual places of service. In fact, my Dissertation will be an application of Worship Renewal to some aspect of my home ministry (Calvin).

### How can Calvin support you in this endeavor?

Thank you for your continued prayers, and financial support to attend this amazing school! Please pray that God would continue to teach me, and that I would grow in grace and knowledge and discernment in my skills as a Worship Leader and Pastor. My theme verse for this semester is Ephesians 3:19-20: “Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”

## Looking Ahead

### GOSPEL SHAPED OUTREACH

## Fall Preaching & Small Group Study

**Sunday, Sept 27** Sermon series begins

**Week of Sept 27-Oct 3** Small group studies begin



## MUSIC NOTES

### Sunday, July 19 - *Christmas In July!!*

Youth and Adults, please come sign up to be a part of Calvin's Christmas Cantata (table in Choir Room).

December 5/6 – *Save the Date!*

### *Christmas Cantata and Christmas Concert*

Music from Chancel Bells, Children and Youth Choir, Orchestra

### *Summer Children's Bell/Worship Choir*

Ages 4 & Up, Youth Welcome

**Sunday, August 9 & 16, 11:00-11:30**

Come practice right after church Sunday in the choir room.

We will play Sunday morning, August 23.

**Questions?** Contact Valerie at [music@calvinpc.org](mailto:music@calvinpc.org).

## The Art of Listening

*Listening is more than just hearing the words.*

We all know someone who is going through something difficult in life. Someone we know is ill, has suffered a significant loss, or may be going through financial hardship.

Listening means coming alongside someone and trying to understand what their life looks and feels like from their perspective. This kind of listening requires training and practice for any of us.

To that end we are pleased to offer the *Art of Listening* class being taught in the Fireside Room immediately following service on July 12 and 19.

We hope that you will consider joining us to expand your perspective and skills in the art of listening.

**Sundays  
July 12 & 19**  
*In the Fireside Room  
after worship*



*"We play because our God is good. God wants us to be full of joy, and play is a way to experience the goodness of God and the richness of life."*  
James Bryan Smith



## Church-Wide Retreat

Labor Day Weekend, Sept. 4-7, 2015  
Tall Timber Ranch, Leavenworth, WA

## Life Together Summer Choir

Begins Sunday, May 31  
9:15 am

ALL Youth and Adults are invited each week to join us in singing a hymn and praise song with the Worship Band/Orchestra for our 10:00 am **Life Together** Service beginning **Sunday, May 31**.

We will meet each Sunday morning at 9:15 to learn/practice the music for that day. **No extra rehearsals necessary!** Come join us any Sundays you are able! All voices WELCOME!



**GUEST SPEAKER**  
Rev. **Greg Parker**

Greg AKA "Fun-Gi" Parker, hails from sunny California.

An ordained Presbyterian pastor, he currently serves as a Hospice Chaplain and Caretaker for Missionaries at House of Rest. How does Greg like to play? He's an avid swimmer, chopstick master and lover of life!

**WORSHIP LEADER**  
**Seth Thomas**

is a musician, pastor-in-training, and father who grew up attending Calvin before going to college at WWU. He currently serves as Ministry Associate at Birchwood Presbyterian in Bellingham where he leads music on Sunday mornings.



### IT MIGHT BE LABOR DAY, BUT WE'RE GOING TO PLAY!

It can sound like a command, but in reality it is an invitation--to enjoy this amazing world and life given to us by God.

**PLUS**  
**WONDERFUL MEALS**  
**PERSONAL CHALLENGES**  
**PLACES TO EXPLORE**

**AND FREE TIME CHOICES!**  
**Rest ... Read ... and Recreate**

*"I loved it last year and of course wanted to attend! It was wonderful! It deepened my faith and appreciation for our members. What a relaxing get-away!"*

**And returning by special request**  
**JUST FOR THE KIDS**  
**MID & HIGH SCHOOL**

**Joy Wendling**, Owner, Little Fishies Daycare  
**Hannah Snelling**, Former Calvin staff member

### REGISTER

**Online** at [www.calvinpc.org](http://www.calvinpc.org)  
**On paper** with registration form in retreat brochure, available at the Welcome Center.

The entire Calvin community is invited to join us for a time of relationship and renewal—a special weekend to fellowship with friends, commune with God, play, rest and revel in the beauty of the Leavenworth area.



# NURTURE MINISTRIES

Growing in Christ-likeness in a caring faith community

## Summer Sunday Mornings

Life Together for Calvin Kids @ 10:00

- Nursery Care
- The Lighthouse Kids (3 years - Pre-K)
- Kids Café Clusters (K-5th grade)

Families begin worship hour together in the Sanctuary followed by kids having the option of going to clusters where we are exploring God and Splashin' in His Word through great activities, discussion and prayer.

On Communion Sunday, (the first Sunday of each month), all children preschool-5th grade have the opportunity to experience community worship and communion by starting and ending our worship service with their families in the Sanctuary.

## Summer Weekly Youth Events

### Sunday Breakfast Discussions - 11am-Noon

With food and friends provided, we take a practical look at each morning's sermon, talking about how it affects our lives as individuals and as a youth group. Each of us have unique experiences and questions that inform our understanding of God's Word, and this discussion time aims to encourage honest conversation and development.

### Wednesday Nights - 7-8:30pm

Youth Group returns this summer! Games, music and devotions create countless opportunities to keep up with old friendships and forge new ones. Our devotions this summer will delve into Romans: seeing how the Word of God speaks to us where we are, and the promises God makes to all of us when we seek a relationship with him.

### Guys and Girls Groups - Times Vary

What would summer be with time to hang out with friends? Every week, Ali Villagran will lead girls, and Max the guys, eating, playing and talking our way through life's questions, challenges and triumphs. We'll look to each other for ideas, answers and encouragement throughout this summer and beyond! Talk to Ali and Max for more information.



July 19 ~ 22

6:00~8:00 pm

**FREE!**

Children 3 Years Old through 5th Grade

### Tailgate Party

Sunday, July 19, 6-8 pm

Kids, parents, family, friends and neighbors will join us for BBQ, bouncy house, games, live music and crafts. An opportunity to invite and register for 12th Fan Kids Camp.

### Kids Camp Fun!

Monday~Wednesday, July 21-23, 6-8pm

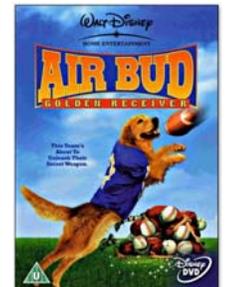
All kids 3 years old - 5th grade are invited for camp fun including exciting Bible stories, lively music, creative games, crafts, and yummy snacks! Invite family, friends and neighbors. Pre-registration required at [www.calvinpc.org](http://www.calvinpc.org).

### Parent Night Out

Thursday, July 23 ~ 6:00-8:00 pm

FREE! Children through 5th grade join us in Calvin's Activity Center for pizza, snack, and a movie!

Bring your pillow and, if possible, a non-perishable food item for our Deacon's Pantry. Younger children may enjoy a special movie in our nursery.



## Helping Hands Opportunities

This summer our church will help gather needed school supplies for families at Vision House/Jacob's Well in Shoreline.

**Please bring to collection point in Fellowship Hall by Sunday, August 9.**



## Summer 2015 Dates

Junior High Camp for students entering grades 6-8: July 19-25

Senior High Camp for students entering grades 9-12: July 26-August 1

Junior Camp for kids entering grades 4-6: July 5-10

Primary Plus Camp for Kids entering grades 2-5: July 12-16

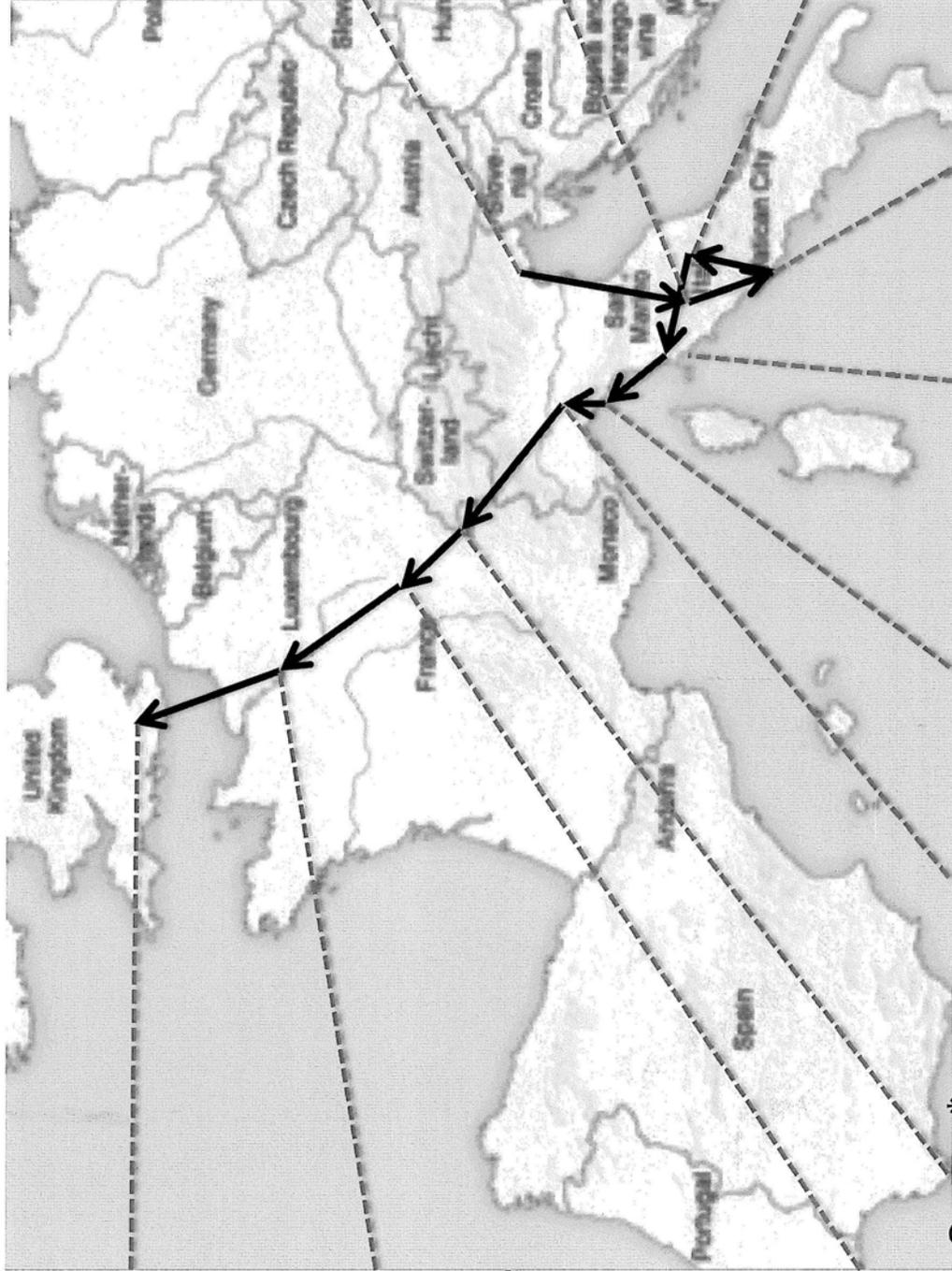


**Tall Timber Ranch**

See [www.talltimber.org](http://www.talltimber.org) for more information and to register.

Calvin accepts scholarship requests (downloadable form on Youth pages of the church website or pick up at church) to aid families in sending their students to camp. Contact Karen Kirkman, Director of Family Ministries, for more information.

# Traveling with the Trainers



London  
& Environs  
8/3-17

Paris\*

7/24-8/2  
(7/25 Neil's  
Birthday,

7/26 Tour de

France last  
Stage,  
7/28

Meghan's  
Birthday)

Beaune  
7/18-23

Venice  
6/25-28

Florence  
6/29-7/1\*  
\*Micah's  
Birthday

Norcia\* &  
Assisi  
7/6-7  
\*St.

Benedict's  
Birthplace

Geneva\*  
7/15-16

Milan  
7/15

Cinque Terre  
7/13-14

Pisa via Chianti  
in Gaiole 7/8-13

Rome  
7/2-7/5

\* John Calvin-mania

## Recounting God's Faithfulness: Amazing Progress Toward our 2020 Vision

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asset to Pastor Neil and a welcome addition to the team. Matt has been ordained as a deacon and been trained to serve communion to shut-ins, filling a role that Ray Riese has done for many years.

### 3) *Facilities and Hospitality Director, Christi Nixon*

Christi brings not only years of experience working in a childcare facility, but also an enthusiastic energy to our vision for hospitality to our community. She has also substituted occasionally for Administrator Barbara Rood, with whom she closely works in her new role. Christi rose to the top of a group of applicants for this position, and because she's familiar with Calvin through her years with us, was able to "hit-the-ground-running". We're very blessed to have her.

### 4) *Director of Family Ministries, Karen Kirkman*

A veteran staff member, Karen accepted a new role with families. She brings years of enthusiastic experience working with children at Calvin and parlays that into her new family-focused role. The 2020 Vision included this change because we know a need exists. As society has changed, so have families. Our staff working with children and youth developed a growing awareness of the need to minister to youth and children within the broader context of the family as a whole and helped shape this more integrated direction for ministry.

### 5) *Summer Youth Intern, Max Terman*

We are excited to have Max serving with our youth volunteers and ministering to middle school and high school students this summer. Max grew up at Calvin and will return to Wheaton College in the fall as a junior.

**Hannah Snelling** has concluded her service as *Interim Outreach Director*. She played a key role in helping us direct our financial resources for outreach in ways that will have the most impact for those *who* serve as well as for those *we* serve. We're incredibly blessed to have had her Spirit-led dedication for most of a year.

Truly, there has been much change within a short period of time. We trust that you will *celebrate with us* as we recount God's faithfulness and welcome these new staff and benefit from their ministry gifts being shared among us.

Moving forward, your prayers are much needed and appreciated, not just for our staff, but for Session as well. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask one of the currently serving elders.

Grace and Peace to you all,

**Tony Reynolds**

*Elder for Nurture 2014-15 / Worship 2015-16*

## A Warm Farewell from Hannah

Dear Calvin Church members and friends,

What a blessing it has been to serve this church as the Interim Outreach Ministries Director. I have loved working alongside you as we seek to serve the Lord through caring for others.

I was hired for a 9 month interim and that time has now come to an end. As I leave, I want to encourage you to continue to care for those in need.

This church is full of people who love the Lord and have generous hearts. I was delighted to see how many gifts poured in at Christmas for families in need at **Jacob's Well**. I loved seeing the congregation filling the weekend food packs for **Backpack Kids** in February. Calvin is, by far, the most generous church I have ever served.

The new Outreach Team, led by elders **Rick Jackson** and **Alison Neubauer**, is ready to continue to lead the outreach ministry in the coming months. You will hear from them about new opportunities to get involved, ways that Calvin Church is continuing to build relationships with mission partners, and some changes the outreach ministry will be making. The team has been working hard for almost a year and is ready to lead you forward. Please join me in praying for them.

I feel so honored to have been your Outreach Director. I love this community, and I will miss worshipping with you every week. Many of you know that my other job is working for an organization called **GO on the Mission**. I am transitioning to a full time position there and will continue to work in impoverished areas of the world, seeking to help end poverty through child sponsorship and micro-enterprise development. If you'd like to contact me there, my email address is [hannah.snelling@goonthemission.com](mailto:hannah.snelling@goonthemission.com).

Thank you so much for a truly wonderful year together. I look forward to joining you at the Labor Day Church Retreat in September. Until then, may God continue to heap blessings upon you.

Peace to you,  
Hannah Snelling  
Interim Outreach Director

THANK YOU, Hannah, for your  
keen focus to help us re-vision  
Calvin's Outreach efforts!

### Elders serving on session for 2015-2016:

Mike Bowerman	Steve Froebe	Alison Neubauer
Dan Coppin	Rick Jackson	Tony Reynolds
Linda Erickson	Art Nelson	Greg Terman

\*\* The 2020 Vision was introduced to the congregation in a July 31, 2014, mailing. Copies are available online and in the foyer on the tall kiosk.

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## Elders and Deacons Begin New Terms of Service

The following people were elected by the congregation in 2015 to serve as Elders and Deacons for the class of 2018 and were ordained and installed on Sunday, June 28, 2015.

### Ruling Elders

Linda Erickson (2018)  
Steve Froebe (2018)  
Alison Neubauer (renewing to 2017)

### Deacons

Darryl Collins (2018)  
Lela Jamieson (2018)  
Christi Nixon (2018)  
Warren Wilkins (2018)

These incoming Deacons join 7 others in the continuing service of caring for members of our congregation and our local community.

## Thank You to Outgoing Elders and Deacons

In June, our 2015 classes of deacons and elders completed their terms of service to Calvin. While they remain ordained officers in the church, their commitment to the Board of Deacons or the Session has come to an end, and the baton of leadership has now been passed. Please express your thanks to these who served:

### Ruling Elders

Lisa Allen  
Dave Harrison  
Alison Neubauer  
Dick Scheumann

### Deacons

Grace Biney  
Nancy Bowerman  
Carole Cannon  
Cindy Darling  
Cathy Marinella  
Liz Randles  
Bob Ransom  
Ruth Van Dyke

Well done, good and faithful servants!

## More “Recounting” of God’s Faithfulness Calvin Blessed with Special Gifts

By Dan Coppin, Stewardship and Finance Team

### Where We WERE

Earlier this spring, I wrote to the congregation to update you on Calvin’s financial situation. During the first four months of 2015 we experienced significant shortfalls in our revenue. At that time we were expecting we would end our fiscal year with a sizeable deficit.

My earlier letter included the following paragraph:

*Over the years as Calvin has struggled with periodic shortfalls in its budget, I’ve often taken comfort in the words that comforted Paul: “My grace is sufficient for you.” No shortage of revenue or unexpected expense can overcome God’s grace and provision. Calvin’s congregation has witnessed this truth many times in the past and will continue to do so.*

### Where We ARE NOW

I’m happy to report that we have witnessed God’s grace and provision again. Contribution revenue during May and June grew dramatically. In June Calvin received a \$30,000 gift from a member of Calvin to the general operating fund. Thanks to that gift and several other special gifts received in May and June, it is likely that we will end our fiscal year at near breakeven.

During July, I’ll report to the congregation in more detail our financial results for the fiscal year ending June 30. In the meantime, please remember that your ongoing and special gifts are essential to funding our many ministries. **Thank you for your generous response to Calvin’s financial need, and praise God for his continued grace and provision!**

**NOTE: Fiscal year-end statements as of June 30, 2015, are not quite complete as of press time, but the year definitely did end in the black.**

# May 2015 Financial Report

Calvin Ministries and Operations

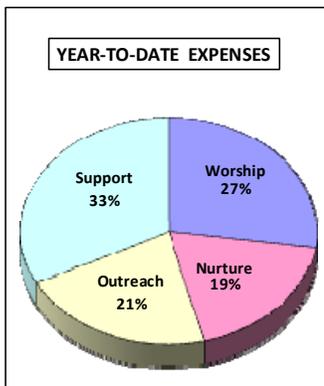
Fiscal Year July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

## 2014-2015 Actual compared to Budget

	May	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance	%
<b>Income (Unrestricted)</b>					
Contributions	65,387	599,875	645,000	(45,125)	-7.0%
Investments	14	585	800	(215)	
Bequest Income	0	2,191	-	2,191	
<b>Total Income {a}</b>	<b>65,401</b>	<b>602,651</b>	<b>645,800</b>	<b>(43,149)</b>	<b>-6.7%</b>
<b>Ministry Prg &amp; Operating Expense {b}</b>	<b>(46,202)</b>	<b>(616,645)</b>	<b>(680,635)</b>	<b>63,990</b>	<b>9.4%</b>
<b>Surplus / (Deficit) {c}</b>	<b>19,199</b>	<b>(13,994)</b>	<b>(34,835)</b>	<b>20,841</b>	

### Designated Gifts/Program Revenue (Restricted)

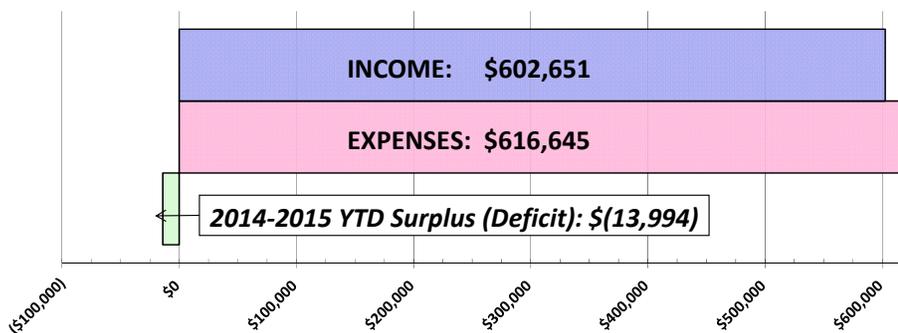
Deacons	1,593	24,508
Memorials	170	12,670
Outreach (incl CCO Grant)	3,818	74,831
Nurture (incl Fellowship Groups)	1,500	19,519
Worship	(21,296)	4,975
Support (incl Bldg Imprvmnt Gifts)	2,373	99,914
Endowment & Endow Interest	0	33,874
<b>Total Restricted Receipts {d}</b>	<b>(11,842)</b>	<b>270,291</b>



TOTAL RECEIPTS	
Total Inc {a} + Rstrctd Rpts {d}	\$53,559    \$872,942

(a) Excludes Restricted Receipts    (b) Net after Prg Revenue - See Pie Chart for breakdown  
(c) Income less Operations    Note: Rounding may create error in totals

## YEAR-TO-DATE INCOME\* vs EXPENSES as of May 31, 2015



\* Income includes congregational giving, event and reimbursement revenue, and reserve funds transferred into budget

For more information about Calvin's finances, please contact Finance Coordinator, John Claus, or Dan Coppin, Ministry Team Leader for Stewardship and Finance.

### Note to contributors:

Counters do not have access to your pledge information. If you split your contribution, please always indicate the split amounts and categories on both the check and the envelope if you use one.

For current month calendar, go to [www.calvinpc.org/Connect/Calendar](http://www.calvinpc.org/Connect/Calendar).



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

If we have misprinted or just missed your birthday, please call the church office so a correction can be made.

<b>1</b>	Jason Logan	<b>17</b>	Dorothy Lindstrom
	Micah Trainer	<b>18</b>	
<b>2a</b>		<b>19</b>	
	Lynn Caulkins		Lisa Allen
	Ti Huang		Whitney Allen
<b>3</b>			Carol Jean Chandler
	Lynette Brown		Ian Rose Parrilla
<b>4</b>			Shirley Thomas
	Steve Froebe		Hank Weaver
	Hayley Sanders	<b>20</b>	
<b>5</b>			Christi Nixon
	Jeremy Chase	<b>21</b>	
	Nancy Doney		Kelsey Crispeno
	Emily Lotz	<b>22</b>	
<b>6</b>			Margaret Collier
	Connelly Bain-McCorkle		Katherine Myhre
	Lois Hargraves		Kristina Wright
	Leah Kerr	<b>23</b>	Serina Yemane
	Patti Scudder	<b>24</b>	
	Shirley Small		Bob Bisnett
<b>7</b>			Carole Cannon
	Clayne Leitner	<b>25</b>	
	Warren Lindstrom		Betty Dost
<b>8</b>			Neil Trainer
	Michael Biney	<b>26</b>	
	Evan Dellino		Vivian Brown
	Josh McCorkle		Katy Korpi
	Sharon Ruddy	<b>27</b>	
<b>9</b>			Sera Boamah
	Gary Durr	<b>28</b>	
<b>10</b>			Benj Parrilla
	Kristen Hitchcock		Erika Ross
	Kathryn Burke		Anna Stedman
	Tom Humble	<b>29</b>	Meghan Trainer
<b>11</b>			
<b>12</b>			Bertie Clowers
	Kathryn Burke		Jeanne Kuswara
	Joshua Froebe	<b>30</b>	
	Martine Malone		Ellen Cavan
	Shirley Noble		Jan Lackey
<b>13</b>			Lois Olden
	Laurel Olden	<b>31</b>	
	Frank Wallace		Kathi Bonallo
<b>14</b>			
	James Mitchell		
<b>16</b>			
	David Rood		

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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<b>1</b>	<b>20</b>
Tim Julius	Adair King
<b>2</b>	<b>21</b>
Peter Erickson	Catherine Johnson
Steve Malone	Jack Leicester
<b>3</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>23</b>
Dorothy Roat	Ruth Van Dyke
Kathy Turay	<b>24</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>7</b>	Leslie Knudson
<b>8</b>	<b>27</b>
Gil Pehrson	Sunny Coppin
<b>9</b>	Rebecca Erickson
David Harrison	Kaye Ostgard
Sarah Mitchell	<b>28</b>
<b>10</b>	Mary Ellen Juhola
Trent Williams	Kristin McNeill
<b>11</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>12</b>	Cecilia Bumcrot
Jeanette Villagran	Sue Kropf
<b>13</b>	Carol Ricker
Brian Reding	Barbara Rood
<b>14</b>	Greg Terman
<b>15</b>	Lawrence Wong
<b>16</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>17</b>	Katie Sanders
<b>18</b>	<b>31</b>
Pamela Turner	John King
<b>19</b>	
Tara Kramer	

## CLASSIFIED

The bulletin board in Fellowship Hall has more than just Calvin info! Also included are:

- Community events
- Theatre and Concerts
- Personal classified ads

Check the board regularly as these items do not appear in the Connections.

## S\*P\*A\*R\*K\*S

Senior Presbyterians, Active, Radiant, Kicking Still

**NO SPARKS Lunch in July or August.**

**September SPARKS Lunch will be Wednesday, Sept. 23.**

## CONDOLENCES

To **Cecile Hoeksema** and family on the loss of her older brother **Calvin Sprik** in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on June 25, 2015.

To the family and friends of **Grace Maclean** who passed away on May 23, 2015, at the age of 95. Grace joined Calvin Church in 1965 and served in a variety of leadership roles including as Elder on Session in the 1980s. A graveside memorial was held on June 11, 2015.

## THANK YOU

**Cecile Hoeksema** wishes to thank all who prayed and expressed concern over the needed surgery for her brother, **Ron Sprik**, of Grand Rapids MI. The mitral valve was replaced successfully, and he is trying not to work too hard as he comes back to full health. He is a retired minister and is employed on a church staff as pastor to the elderly.

**Cecile Hoeksema**

Dear Friends,

I deeply appreciate your prayers and cards and other expressions of support for me and for my family at my brother's death. Phill loved and served God and was much respected in his church and in the school where he worked.

**Barbara Rood**

## DIRECTORY CHANGES

Please record these changes in YOUR church directory.

**Benjamin and Joan Lee**  
2150 Indian Creek Blvd E  
Vero Beach FL 32966

**Jean Richardson**  
12503 Greenwood Ave N Apt E301  
Seattle WA 98133-8093

**Lawrence Wong**  
13000 Linden Ave N #622\*\*  
Seattle WA 98133-7575

\*\*new apartment # only

**Whitworth University**  
**President Beck A. Taylor**  
**to preach at Bellevue**  
**Presbyterian Church**

**Sunday, July 19**

9:00 & 11:00 am

Traditional worship

9:45 & 11:00, 6:00 pm

Modern worship

All are welcome!

## Schedule Clarity

ALL meetings and events at Calvin need to be booked in advance through the church office.

Email [info@calvinpc.org](mailto:info@calvinpc.org) with new requests changes. Thank you!

# July/August 2015

## SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays, May 31 - September 6

10:00 am **One Service**

*Worshiping Together*



www.calvinpc.org

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Shoreline WA 98177

206-542-6181

## CONNECTIONS DUE DATES

Issue	Due Date
SEPTEMBER	Wed, Aug 19
OCTOBER	September 16

Please email all material to:

**barbara@calvinpc.org.**

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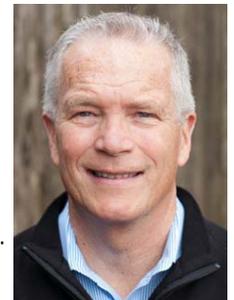
## Rev. Tyler Easley Serving as Summer Sabbatical Shepherd

During July and August, while Pastor Neil continue his sabbatical leave, **Rev. Tyler Easley** is serving as Calvin's temporary pastor, or Sabbatical Shepherd, for summer 2015.

Rev. Easley is providing leadership for staff, moderating session meetings, and preaching from the Word most Sundays this summer. Trained at Princeton Theological Seminary, Tyler has extensive experience providing short-term pastoral ministry for churches in the Seattle area.

After nearly 20 years as head of staff at Sammamish Presbyterian Church, he left in 2007 to support his wife and family when she became Executive Pastor at Bellevue Presbyterian Church. We are thankful that Tyler is available this summer as the family often vacations in California. This year, while the head of staff at Bellevue PC will be on sabbatical, the Easleys will spend their summer in Washington.

The Session thanks God for His continued faithfulness in bringing us Rev. Tyler Easley for the summer season.



**Summer Worship Schedule**  
*Through September 6, 2015*  
**Sundays, 10:00 am**  
Families will worship together