



HEART OF THE MATTER

The Parables of Jesus

January 11, 2026



We're so glad you've joined us today!



Learn more about the opportunities below:

- Scan the **QR code**
- Stop by a **Connection Center**
- Visit **calvarychurch.org/learnmore**

Financial Peace University is a nine-week online course that teaches you how to save for emergencies, pay off debt, spend wisely, and invest for the future... all from a biblical perspective! The next group starts on Monday, January 12. Register online.

Identity Matters is an eight-week interactive group series that explores how our identity in Christ shapes our purpose and actions, emphasizing that, as Christians, we live from our identity, not for it. Join us on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00pm, starting January 13. Email Steve Adams at steve@embracingbrokenness.org to request more information or to register.

Amadas hermanas, están invitadas a nuestro estudio bíblico “Lazos”, empezando el 14 de enero, 6:30-8 pm, Aula #401, con el estudio del Evangelio de Juan. Información con Sandra (717-341-6765).

Applications for 2026 short-term ministry teams are now open! To apply for teams traveling to non-secure locations, visit our website. Those interested in teams that will be serving in secure locations can email Meagan Landis at mlandis@calvarychurch.org to find out more details and to RSVP for the informational meeting that will take place on January 18 at 9:30am

Warriors of the Word, an eight-week Bible memory program developed by Piercing Word, will begin on Monday, January 19. Homeschool students will meet at 1:30pm, and all others will meet at 6:30pm, both in room 318. Email Beth at beth.weaver@worldteam.org for more information or to register.

Whether you've been married for many years or you're just at the beginning of your journey together, there is always room to grow. Our Marriage Enrichment elective is split into multiple modules that contain reading, teaching, and interactive discussion. The first module, *God's Purposes for Marriage*, will begin on February 1 at 9:30am and meet for two months. Visit our website for more information and to sign up.

Winter Weather Alerts: In the event of inclement weather, closures and delays will be shared by phone at (717) 405-3844 and on our website (check the alert bar at the bottom of the page), as well as on Facebook and Instagram. On Sundays and Wednesdays, updates will also be announced on WDAC 94.5 FM, WJTL 90.3 FM, and WGAL TV.

Reminders

Global & Family Prayer: Wednesday, 6:30pm, room 317.

Baptism is an opportunity to publicly share with your loved ones and our church body about the new life you’ve found in Christ. Want to take the next step of baptism? We have a place for you at our baptism class today at 11:00am in the lobby conference room.

Discover Calvary: For those exploring Calvary Church, or taking a first step in membership, join us next Sunday, January 18, at 9:30am in the East Room. Our staff will provide insight into who we are, where we’re going, and how we all fit together. Sign up online.

Women Praying for the World: Join us Thursday, January 15, at 9:30am in room 317 as we gather to hear from Amy Rice and pray for our Global Partners. All ladies are welcome to join us as we gather every other month on the third Thursday.

Scan the QR code to view our church calendar and find out what’s happening this week.

Praying For One Another

LGH: Howard “Stew” Brady, Bonnie Cain, Tom Koch, Fred Olsen
Please take time to pray for the spouses and families of these loved ones who have gone home to be with the Lord:

- Pauline (Polly) Smith** – December 26
- Susan Stauffer** – December 31
- Claire Barnum** – January 1

Financial Information Week 27, January 4

	General	Global	Building	Combined
Weekly Budget	147,097	52,180	11,538	210,815
Received	916,750	104,502	12,659	1,033,911
Received YTD	4,937,894	1,359,933	183,306	6,481,133
Budget YTD	3,971,619	1,408,860	311,526	5,692,005

Financial summaries through December 31 are available at the Connection Centers.

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Watch Live on the MyCalvary App, Facebook, or calvarychurch.org/live
Ukrainian interpretation at 9:30am | Sign language, Spanish interpretation,
and WDAC FM 94.5 broadcast at 11:00am

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Heart of the Matter

The Lamp and Seeds - Mark 4:21-34 (p. 839)

When God's Word takes root in receptive hearts, God Himself goes to work—revealing truth, producing growth, and expanding His work in ways beyond what we can control, predict, or even imagine.

God Reveals His Message – *The Lamp on the Stand* (4:21-25)

God Produces the Growth – *The Growing Seed* (4:26-29)

God Expands His Work - *The Mustard Seed* (4:30-32)

Reflection and Action: Who is someone you can thank—and then thank God for—who helped plant a seed in your life that God used to bring growth?