



# HEART OF THE MATTER

The Parables of Jesus

January 18, 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](https://calvarychurch.org/learnmore)**

**Baby Bottle Boomerang:** Help us support Align Life Ministries through their Baby Bottle Boomerang campaign! Starting today, pick up a baby bottle in the lobby to fill with spare change, cash, or a check. Drop off your bottle in the lobby by February 8 or scan the QR code to give online. Thank you for helping parents choose life for their children!

**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.

**Ladies! Save the Date!** GATHER 2026 will take place on Saturday, March 14, from 10:00am-2:00pm. Mark your calendars and tell your friends! More details coming soon.

**Inspire little hearts!** Share God's Word with children ages 2–Pre-K. Lead lessons, guide activities, and help kids discover Bible stories in a fun, hands-on way. We have needs for both assistants and teachers on Sundays at 9:30am and 11:00am. To find out more or get involved, fill out our online serving interest form.

**Looking for a way to connect with others?** Sign up to participate in a spring small group, starting in February. To find out more and sign up, visit our website.

**Join us on the fourth Sunday of the month to explore where you can use your skill set to serve at Calvary.** You'll have the opportunity to ask questions, tour ministries of interest, or even take a test drive. Stop by the lobby conference room at 9:30am on Sunday, January 25.

Reminders

**Global & Family Prayer:** Wednesday, 6:30pm, room 317. Pastor David Harrop will provide a Global Ministries update.

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

Praying For One Another

**Ephrata:** Jenny Loump  
**LGH:** Ellen Bell, Tom Koch  
**York:** Brian Uhlin

Please take time to pray for the spouses and families of these loved ones who went home to be with the Lord on Monday, January 12:

**Joyce Kreider**  
**Phyllis King**

**Join us in praying** for our high school students and leaders as they return this afternoon from their Winter Retreat.




Financial Information

Week 28, January 11

	General	Global	Building	Combined
Weekly Budget	147,097	52,180	11,538	210,815
Received	113,062	16,966	1,996	132,024
Received YTD	5,050,956	1,376,899	185,302	6,613,157
Budget YTD	4,118,716	1,461,040	323,064	5,902,820

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

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Ukrainian interpretation at 9:30am | Sign language, Spanish interpretation,  
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### ***Heart of the Matter***

The Good Samaritan - Luke 10:25-37 (p. 869)

Jesus commands us to love God and love others. He then uses a parable to expose how impossible that standard is and how deeply we need a Savior to rescue us and help us love others well.

**The Lawyer and the Test** (10:25-29)

**The Priest** (10:30-31)

**The Levite** (10:32)

**The Samaritan** (10:33-35)

**The Cliffhanger** (10:36-37)

**Reflection and Action:** Where are you tempted to earn God's favor, rather than rest in His grace? How might God be calling you to love in a costly, inconvenient, or risky way in response to His grace toward you?