

# Looking UP

Calvary Church Weekly News

■ JANUARY 4, 2009



Senior Pastor Dr. John H. Munro watches Calvary Treasurer John Mandeville sign the final check to Bank of America, fulfilling Calvary's mortgage on our facility in December 2008.

## Calvary celebrates God's faithfulness

**Imagine**  
2008

*"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."*

EPHESIANS 3:20-21, NIV

The Calvary family is invited to join us for special evenings of celebration tonight through Wednesday. We'll share praise, testimonies, and challenge as we rejoice together over God's provision and goodness in the complete elimination of our debt through **Imagine 2008**. Please note the schedule below and come give thanks to God!

**January 4, 6:00 PM** Dr. Ross Rhoads

**January 5, 6:30 PM** "Calvary: A Place of Praise"

**January 6, 6:30 PM** "Calvary: A Place of Prayer"

**January 7, 6:30 PM** "Calvary: A Place of Power"

**6:30 PM** Children's Awana Bible Clubs  
4:45-6:15 PM, Family Dinner, Crown Room  
(The dinner capacity is FULL; no additional reservations can be taken.)

## Become a prayer partner in 2009

**Prayer is vital to our congregation!** Would you serve as a "Partner in Prayer" for Calvary pastors and ministry directors in 2009? Just sign up in the Galleria near the escalators today. A team captain will contact you and send you updated prayer requests each month. Thank you for praying faithfully for our staff! Contact: Chris Salter, 704.814.9741, cncsalter@aol.com

## Ready to become a member of Calvary?

**Becoming a member of Calvary Church** is a significant spiritual decision involving a commitment to participate and fellowship in the common life and ministry of our congregation. If you have trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and desire with God's help to live a consistent Christian life, it will be our privilege to welcome you into our membership. The Calvary Membership Course, taught by Senior Pastor Dr. John Munro, is required for all those considering membership at Calvary. This course gives an overview of Calvary's history, doctrine, practices and vision. Bring your Bible!

The next sessions will be offered on **Wednesday evenings, January 14-February 18**, at 6:30-8:00 PM, or in two **Saturday sessions, March 7 & 14** at 9:00 AM-12:15 PM. Please register online at [www.calvarychurch.com](http://www.calvarychurch.com). Contact: Paula Simpson, 704.341.5323

*take note*

## Journey 2009

### New Calvary Bible reading plan begins!

**This week Calvary Church begins a daily Bible reading journey.** We'll read the entire New Testament together, with the whole church "on the same page" throughout the year. Our goal is to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ through His Word. By reading the same passages at the same time, we can enjoy church-wide conversation about God's truth! A printed copy of our daily reading plan is included in Looking Up today.

**Go online and bookmark [www.calvarychurch.com/journey2009](http://www.calvarychurch.com/journey2009).** There you will find the five assigned Bible passages for each week, plus a devotional written by a Calvary member. Decide today—join Calvary in reading the Bible every day through Journey 2009! Contact: Pastor David Ingrassia, 704.341.5328, dingrassia@calvarychurch.com

From the Senior Pastor

## Giving thanks...

**"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever"** (Psalm 136:1).

Praise and thankfulness have always been central to the people of God. There is a recognition that "every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights" (James 1:17). At Calvary Church we have much to give thanks for. The long awaited day for the elimination of our debt has arrived. Some of you who have been part of Calvary Church for many years may have sometimes wondered if this day would ever come. God has moved mountains and done "immeasurably more than all we asked or imagined."



Dr. John H. Munro

Thank you for being part of this celebration. In particular I thank former Senior Pastors, Ross Rhoads and Glenn Wagner for their participation today in this celebration of God's faithfulness. "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable" (Psalm 145:3).

## Women gather for new winter Bible studies

**Ladies, let's get into God's Word** together in 2009! The studies listed below begin Tuesday, January 13. Morning classes meet 9:30 AM-noon, and evening classes meet 7:00-9:00 PM.

**After the Boxes Are Unpacked Believing God**

**Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman**, AM & PM

**Facing Your Final Job Review**, AM & PM

**Jesus the One and Only**

**Life Principles from Old Testament Prophets**

**MOMS: Making Our Mothering Significant**

**Philippians**

**Jude: Precept Upon Precept**

**Really Bad Girls of the Bible**

**Why Believe & Knowing God's Will**

Get course descriptions at Galleria table 2A and [www.calvarychurch.com](http://www.calvarychurch.com). Be sure to register online whether you are enrolling in a new class or continuing your study from the fall semester. Childcare is provided for morning classes only. Contact: Pam Radesky, 704.544.6524

## Newcomers invited to reception today

**Are you new to Calvary?** Would you like to meet Pastor Munro and his wife, Gudny, and learn more about our church? If you have recently started attending Calvary, you're encouraged to join Dr. and Mrs. Munro in the Rea Road Room **TODAY immediately after the worship service**. Refreshments and coffee will be prepared for you, plus you'll hear about the vision and ministry of Calvary Church. Please take this opportunity to connect and have your questions answered!

# Men, just give us 8 weeks!

**Early on Tuesday mornings before the work day begins**, Calvary men meet in Priority Groups for encouragement, support, and friendship—a true brotherhood! On January 20, 6:00–7:30 AM in the Crown Room, we'll begin a new series lasting just eight weeks! Now you can check it out and see what a Priority Group is really like. Pastor Jim Lytle will lead an interactive, dynamic DVD-driven study called **Becoming A Contagious Christian**. You'll learn skills for sharing your faith, plus you'll develop friends, build up one another, and deepen your biblical knowledge! A full breakfast buffet will be served on January 20 to kick off the semester; a light breakfast will be served each Tuesday thereafter. The \$25 registration fee includes a study guide and book. Sign up online or at Galleria table 4 today. Contact: Pastor Jim Lytle, 704.341.5417

# Grow with us on Wednesday nights

**This winter at Calvary you'll find an array of Wednesday Bible study elective classes**—all designed to help you grow in the knowledge and life application of God's Word. Electives begin on **JANUARY 14**, at 6:30–8:00 PM, as listed below. Please get course details and register online! Contact: Pastor David Ingrassia, 704.341.5328, dingrassia@calvarychurch.com

### Calvary Membership Course

Room 232, Dr. John Munro (Jan. 14–Feb. 18)

### Who Made God?

Room 222, Dr. Norman Geisler

### Discovery: Growing Toward Spiritual Maturity (ETA)

Room 238, Pastor David Ingrassia

### Growing a Godly Marriage

Room 242, Pastor Scott Vail

### The Hurried Family

Room 233, Pastor Jim Lytle

### Love & Respect

Room 231, Pastor Phil Divine

### Why Christianity?

Room 241, Steve Garofalo

### Ephesians & Philippians

Room 224, Dr. Ed Maynard

### New Testament Survey (ETA)

Room 240, Bill Tucker

### Knowing God

Room 234, Gene Coleman

### Design for Discipleship

Room 237, Chuck Robinson

### Walking By Faith (Women's Study)

Room 200, Pam Radesky

### Crown Financial

Conf. Room B, Nat Frucci & John Mandeville

### Directions: Young Singles Bible Study

Conf. Room A, Pastor Clint Echols

### Your Ministry of Evangelism (ETA)

Room 228, Dr. Lynn Haines

### Spanish Bible Study

Banquet Room, Pastor Jorge Prado

### Wednesday Night Prayer

Prayer Room (3rd floor), Paul Hundrieser

Courses designated ETA are eligible for a certificate of completion from the Evangelical Training Association.

# Learn to speak English through ESL outreach

**Calvary's ESL classes start up again on January 6** and run through May 14. Classes meet each Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00 AM or 7:00 PM in room 323. Join our diverse group of internationals from across the Charlotte community. Six course levels are offered; registration and materials fee is \$40. Bible study is offered on Thursday mornings after class. Limited childcare is available for morning classes only (\$5 per child). Contact: Lynn Haines 704.341.5354

# Students, don't miss Winter Jam '09

**Students, we're headed uptown to Winter Jam 2009** on Sunday, January 11, 4:00–10:30 PM. It will be an awesome concert packed with your favorite Christian music artists and speakers, including **TobyMac, Hawk Nelson, Brandon Heath, Newsong, Francesca Battistelli, Tony Nolan, pureNRG**, and more. We will meet at Calvary at 4:00 PM and travel together by vans, returning to the church around 10:30 PM. The event cost is \$20, *plus cash for dinner at the arena*: \$10 required van transportation and \$10 concert admission (payable at the door). Please register online to pay \$10 for your spot on the van. Contact: Student Ministry office, 704.887.3679

# Choir and orchestra open for new members

**The Calvary Choir and Orchestra are seeking new members** through the month of January. We need Christian musicians who are part of the Calvary family and have a song of worship in their hearts. Come enjoy the rich fellowship of our worship-leading community and help us fill the Calvary Sanctuary with glorious praise. Contact: Pastor Timothy Hathaway, 704.887.3687

*along the way...*

### Elder/Deacon Election Bios with photos of the Elder and Deacon

**candidates** are available today in the Galleria near the escalators. Please be in prayer for

Calvary's **leadership election on Sunday, January 18.** \* Grace Series

**Sets** **New boxed CD sets** (\$25) of Dr. John Munro's recent series "Grace Is Really

Amazing" are now available at Galleria table 1B and in the Word Room. \* Support

**Groups** New sessions of Calvary's weekly **support groups begin Monday, January 12**

at 6:45 PM. Register online for Boundaries, DivorceCare, DC4K (DivorceCare for Kids), First Place

4 Health, GriefShare, Hearts of Hope, Overcoming Addictions, and Search for Significance. Stop

by Galleria table 5B today for details! Contact: Laura Grass, 704.887.3681 \* **CHAMP**

**Sports REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN** for our spring season of **rec soccer, baseball, flag**

**football, karate, and a new Impact Fitness** program. Get details, sign up to volunteer/coach,

and **register at www.champsportsinfo.com**. Contact: CHAMP Sports office, 704.341.5387

# updates

## Today at Calvary ■ January 4

8:30 AM	Adult Life Groups
9:45 AM	<b>Worship Service, Sanctuary</b> "Celebrating God's Faithfulness"
9:45 AM	Nursery & Children's Classes through 2nd Grade
11:00 AM	<b>Spanish Service, Chapel</b>
11:15 AM	Adult Life Groups, Nursery, Children's Classes, Student Ministry
6:00 PM	Imagine Celebration Service

## Serving this week

<b>Elder</b>	Jack Joyce	704.344.0786
<b>Deacons</b>	Mark Pfaff	704.644.7713
	David Wentink	704.849.7885

## Pastor of the Week—Dean Hawkins

For pastoral emergencies: **704.654.1746**

## Missionaries of the week

**Bill & Maggie Farmer** serving with SIM in Waxhaw, NC

## New Winter/Spring @Calvary

Find out about all the latest Calvary ministry opportunities, classes, and groups through our @ **Calvary** publication. The new issue is available today in the Galleria. Members will receive a copy in the mail this week.

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## Wednesday dinner update

Regular Wednesday night dinners resume **January 14**, 5:00–6:15 PM in the Crown Room.

## Deepest sympathy to...

**Jack & Evelyn Isham** and family in the loss of Evelyn's mother, Mrs. Evangeline Candiloros, on December 26

**Steve & Jill Coward** and family in the loss of Steve's father on December 25

## For the record...

<b>General Fund offering</b> on 12/28	<b>\$105,947</b>
General Fund weekly goal	\$117,300
Imagine Fund on 12/28	\$37,193
Benevolence offering (to date)	\$49,744
<b>Attendance</b> on 12/24	6895
<b>Attendance</b> on 12/28	
9:45 AM Worship Service	2618
11:00 AM Spanish Service	303
<b>Total</b>	<b>2921</b>

## Upcoming messages

Senior Pastor John Munro will bring the message, unless otherwise noted.

<b>Jan 11</b>	9:45 AM	"Calvary Church: What Now?"
	6:00 PM	"Choosing Leaders"
<b>Jan 18</b>	9:45 AM	"Life: Who Gets to Choose?"
	6:00 PM	"Serving with Excellence" Pastor Scott Vail
<b>Jan 25</b>	9:45 AM	"Baptism: Optional or Obligatory?"
	6:00 PM	Pastor Jorge Prado

## What's happening at Calvary?

Get the latest news, class details, register for electives and events, and more at

**www.calvarychurch.com**



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