

Calvary Choir and Orchestra open for new members

Attention musicians! The Calvary Choir and Orchestra are seeking new members for the coming season. While the vital and vibrant role that these teams serve in our corporate worship is evident most every Sunday, what is not so visible are our Wednesday rehearsals, which involve the preparation of great music and rich Christian community centered around the Word of God and prayer.

If you are a follower of Jesus Christ, call Calvary your church home, have some skill in vocal or instrumental music (orchestra or band), have a worshiping heart, and desire to serve in a dynamic worship team, we invite you to get more information. Contact: Worship Ministries Office, 704.887.3687, adevries@calvarychurch.com

Today's Services & Ministries

- 8:30 AM Spanish Service, Chapel**
- 8:30 AM Adult Life Groups (ALGs)
- 9:45 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary**
- "Help My Unbelief" (Mark 9:14-29)
- 9:45 AM Nursery & Children's Classes
- 11:00 AM Spanish Service, Chapel**
- 11:15 AM Nursery, Children's & Student Ministries, ALGs
- 6:00 PM Evening Service, Sanctuary**
- "Leadership in the Church"
- Candidate Testimonies & Galleria Reception



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Looking UP

Thankful for God's faithfulness

Calvary Church Mid-Year Giving Summary ■ July 1 – December 31, 2011



John Mandeville
Church Treasurer

"God continues to bless Calvary Church mightily and in many ways—not the least of which is through your generous financial contributions. Calvary finished the first half of our fiscal year on December 31, and we are happy to report very encouraging news," shares Treasurer John Mandeville.

General Fund ■ We received \$707,563 in the General Fund in December, which allowed us to finish the six months just \$56,900 short of our budget for contributions. Since our expenses are under good control, this allows us to begin the last half of the fiscal year on solid footing.

Next Generation ■ In addition, Calvary received \$347,821 for the Next Generation capital campaign fund in December. This brought the total receipts to date for that fund to \$4,700,209, or about 48% of the projected total cost of the new Calvary Life Center. Our goal is to receive the total within three years, or by February 2014.

Benevolence ■ During the month of December Calvary also received \$95,483 in benevolence offerings, the majority of which was received at the Candlelight Christmas Eve services.

Summary ■ Looking back over the past year since the Next Generation campaign was launched, Calvary's General Fund giving has stayed virtually on budget while we have also received nearly half of the goal for our Next Generation campaign. "Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!" (Psalm 118:1).

Are you ready for membership?

The Calvary Membership Course, taught by Pastor John Munro, is required for all those considering becoming members of Calvary Church. It provides an overview of Calvary's doctrine, practices, vision, and history. The next course will be offered in **two Saturday sessions on February 18 & 25, 9:00 AM–12:15 PM**, in the Banquet Room. A light snack will be provided; no childcare available. Please register at www.calvarychurch.com/membership. Bring your Bible to class! Contact: Lorrie Eriksen, 704.887.3679, leriksen@calvarychurch.com

Learn the basics about sharing your faith

Want to confidently share your faith with others? At this "Evangelism Toolbox" seminar, Pastor Jim Cashwell will share basic tools and techniques to help you deliver the good news to friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers. Join us on **Saturday, January 21, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM** in room 242. Please register online at www.calvarychurch.com/evangelism. Contact: Pastor Jim Cashwell, 704.887.3696, jcashwell@calvarychurch.com

Provide hospitality for our missionaries

Our annual Calvary Missions Conference is set for February 25–March 4. And you can help by sharing a little warm southern hospitality! We need meals, transportation, and housing during conference week: 9 homes, 3 cars, and meals for the 20 families on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings. Meals can be in your home or at a favorite restaurant; you may host with just your family or invite other Calvary families. **Sign up at Galleria table 5 today** to receive a missionary family assignment and any dietary restrictions. Contacts: Kathy Miller for meals, freebish@carolina.rr.com; Lisa Wambold for housing/cars, usmom717@yahoo.com

Life can be hard... get support!

Calvary Support Groups ■ **New sessions begin Monday, January 30, 7:00 PM**

Calvary offers support groups that address practical and spiritual issues of people facing difficult situations—through teaching God's Word, prayer, and the encouragement of others who share similar life experiences. New weekly sessions begin January 30 for **Boundaries, DivorceCare, DivorceCare4Kids, First Place 4 Health** (women), **GriefShare**, and **Search for Significance** (Bible study groups for men and women). Get details and register at www.calvarychurch.com/supportgroups. Contact: Sandra Tucker, 704.887.3681, supportgroups@calvarychurch.com

EQUIP Seminar ■ **Simple Ways to Live a Full Life** Join Dr. Galina Olivera-Celdran on **Monday, January 16** at 7:00 PM in room 240 to discover changes you can make for living a more streamlined life through application of biblical principles. Register at www.calvarychurch.com/equip.

Caregivers Fellowship ■ Need a break from the responsibilities of care-giving? Join us on **Thursday, January 19** at 12:30 PM in room 320. Contact: Carlene Hendricks, 704.525.1660

■ JANUARY 15, 2012

From the Senior Pastor

Leading at Calvary

Next Sunday after the worship service there will be a congregational meeting at which the members of Calvary Church will vote on candidates for elders and deacons. This is a very important matter, and one which requires much prayer by all of us. It is essential we have godly leaders at Calvary who are prepared to serve with humility, love, zeal, and competence. The qualifications are set out in 1 Timothy 3:1–16. The character of leaders is of prime importance.



John & Gudny Munro

It is clear from the New Testament that leaders are to be appointed not because of their popularity or because they are successful in the secular world, but rather because the Holy Spirit is appointing them (Acts 20:28).

Tonight we have an opportunity to hear short testimonies from the men being considered for elders, and also we have an opportunity to meet them along with the deacon candidates. May God give us clear guidance in this important matter. I take this opportunity to thank those who are willing to serve as leaders of Calvary Church. ■



New Winter/Spring 2012 @Calvary

Get an overview of upcoming ministry opportunities, classes, activities, and groups through our @Calvary publication. The new issue is available in the Galleria today. Get connected!

Leadership election is next Sunday

Calvary's annual election of elders and deacons will be next Sunday, January 22. Brief biographies with photos of the candidates are **available today at Galleria table 2 or by download at www.calvarychurch.com/election**. Please note that **no absentee ballots** will be accepted. Calvary members must be at least 18 years old to vote.

There will be a "Meet the Candidates" forum TONIGHT at the 6:00 PM service, followed by a reception in the Galleria. Contact: Bev Modzell, 704.341.5331, bmodzell@calvarychurch.com

Ladies, join us for breakfast

Saturday, February 4 ■ 8:45 AM, Crown Room

"Let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth" (1 John 3:18). You're invited to a Saturday morning breakfast and baby shower! We'll enjoy music, prayer, and fellowship. Calvary member Joy Huber, adoptive parent of two and mother of five, will give her testimony and share about the many ways we can love children. Plus, Kelley Villela will overview how the Pregnancy Resource Center of Charlotte is helping mothers with unexpected pregnancies make positive choices. We are collecting unwrapped baby items to donate to the Pregnancy Resource Center.

Register at Galleria table 3 or online by Thursday, February 2. Doors open at 8:45 AM; program begins promptly at 9:00 AM. Bring your ticket or online confirmation printout for admission. Please call if you have to cancel your reservation. This is a FREE event; but a love offering will be taken to offset food costs. Contact: Bonnie Williams, 704.588.4192, bonnie@williamsunc.com

Celebrating the sanctity of human life...

Next Sunday, January 22, Calvary will observe Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. Please join us as we solemnly remember the passage of Roe vs. Wade and give thanks for God's gift of life, reaffirming our commitment to the value and dignity of every human being.

Our observance will include a powerful message by Dr. Norman Geisler, plus a special testimony during the worship service. We'll also have Galleria tables for ministries and agencies which support adoption, orphans, and the value of human life, and a display of white crosses on the Calvary front lawn representing children lost to abortion. Ministry groups featured next Sunday include: Calvary's HOME Ministry, Lois' Lodge, Pregnancy Resource Center of Charlotte, Christian Adoption Services, Bethany Christian Services, Youth and Family Services (Mecklenburg & Union Counties), Gethsemane Garden Christian Centre, ABBA and ABRO. Contact: Anna Coyle, 704.341.5329, acoyle@calvarychurch.com



Get in the game!

Soccer, Flag Football, T-ball, Coach Pitch, & Karate

CHAMP Sport Outreach registration for Spring 2012 is officially open at www.champsportsinfo.com. Spread the word to family and friends, as spots fill up quickly! Our spring league includes **soccer** (ages 3-14), **flag football** (ages 6-11), **t-ball** (ages 5-6), **coach pitch baseball** (ages 7-8), and **karate** (ages 5-adult).

Get league details at Galleria table 4 today, and sign up for a CHAMP Informational Meeting on January 22, 12:30-2:00 PM in the Crown Room. All are welcome! Contact: Megan Romeo, 704.341.5387, champ@calvarychurch.com

Thank you for patience with parking

Thank you for your patience with Sunday morning parking during the construction of the Calvary Life Center. Fortunately, we are blessed to have adequate parking space during construction. We also offer a shuttle to the perimeter areas of the parking lot, with pick-up points near the top of parking lot entrance 4 and the cemetery. You may park there and be shuttled to the church entrance before the service and returned to your parking area afterward. Please park in marked spaces only; do not block the traffic lanes. Thank you!

Employment Opportunity

Calvary Child Development Center has a position open for a part-time teacher in our Infant/Toddler department. Experience is required. Contact: Pam Morgan, 704.341.5335

Currently...

■ **Youth University Update** Since many of our students are attending the Winter Retreat in Pigeon Forge, TN this weekend, **Youth University will not meet tonight.**

We encourage students who are not at the conference to attend the worship service with their parents. ■ **Senior Adult Luncheon** Our luncheon on Thursday, January 26

features gospel music legend Ken Turner. **Be sure to get your tickets** in the Word Room by the January 19 deadline! Contact: Mitzi Koch, 704.341.5417, mkoch@calvarychurch.com

■ **Homeschool Moms** We'll meet for **fellowship, devotions, and prayer** on Thursday, January 19 at 7:00 PM in room 242. Contact: Pam Radesky, 704.544.6524, pam@radesky.com

■ **Camp Ridgecrest** High school and middle school students, register now for our **awesome summer adventure** at **Camp Ridgecrest, July 16-20** in the Blue Ridge Mountains. We'll study the mighty men of faith—Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, and Joshua—and share God's truth with the next generation of believers! **Register at www.calvarychurch.com/campridgecrest.**

Serving in leadership

Elder Bob Grundmann 704.456.8916
Deacons John Short 704.821.2049
Rich Farynyk 704.569.4915

Pastor of the Week—Phil Divine
For pastoral emergencies: **704.957.7200**

Missionary of the week

Art & Kathleen Lightbody serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators JAARS in Waxhaw

Journey 2012 daily reading

Monday Psalm 11
Tuesday Psalm 12
Wednesday Psalm 13
Thursday Psalm 14
Friday Psalm 15

www.calvarychurch.com/journey2012

Wednesday dinner

Join us in the Crown Room, 5:00-6:15 PM.
Cost: \$5/adult, \$3/child, \$15 max per family
No reservations; purchase ticket at the door.

Menu ■ January 18

Spaghetti, meat or marinara sauce, garden salad, mixed veggies, garlic bread, dessert, & beverage

Child's Meal: Pizza & chips

Salad Meal: Chef salad available as entree

Galleria tables directory

ALG Beginning Life TWogether Table 6
CHAMP Sports Outreach Table 4
Election — Candidate Bios Table 2B
Missions Conference Table 5
Today's Message on CD Table 2A
Women's Ministry Table 3

Deepest sympathy to...

Richard & Trudy Griffin and family in the loss of Trudy's mother, **Mrs. Dorothy Church**, on January 11

Ray & Judie Berry and family in the loss of Ray's mother, **Mrs. Martha Armstrong Berry**, on January 9

Ray Espey and family in the loss of his son, **Mr. Jonathan Espey**, on January 8

Carl & Charlene Leonall and family, in the loss of Carl's father, **Mr. Victor Leonall**, on December 27

For the record

General Fund offering on 1/8	\$126,518
General Fund weekly goal	\$138,000
Next Generation received 1/8	\$33,749
Total goal	\$9,900,000
Total received to 1/8	\$4,753,328
Faith Promises outstanding	\$3,928,954
Balance needed	\$1,217,718

Attendance on 1/8

9:45 AM	Worship Service	3650
8:30 & 11:00 AM	Spanish Services	405
	Morning Total	4055
6:00 PM	Evening Service	525
	Total	4580

Upcoming messages

Senior Pastor Dr. John Munro will bring the messages below unless otherwise noted:

Jan 22 9:45 AM "It's a Matter of Life and Death"
Dr. Norman Geisler
Annual Leadership Election
6:00 PM "Warnings for Us"
Pastor Jason Jimenez
(1 Corinthians 10:1-13)

Jan 29 9:45 AM "Serving Jesus"
(Mark 9:30-41)
6:00 PM "The Lord's Supper"
Pastor Justin Roper
(1 Cor. 10:14-22) Communion



Welcome Calvary Guests!

We're so glad you've chosen to visit Calvary Church today! You're invited to the **Calvary Café** (located in the Galleria) following the service this morning for coffee and light refreshments. We'd love to meet you personally and answer any questions. **We also have a special welcome gift bag just for you!**

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