

Looking UP

Calvary Church Weekly News

Evangelism for life...

It's not an event—it's a day-to-day approach to living

You know you SHOULD be sharing your faith with others. And you really do WANT to share your faith. But sometimes fear sets in... because you feel ill-equipped to answer questions? Or you're afraid you'll offend a friend or neighbor? Or you just don't know what to say?

Let's overcome the doubts and obstacles together! All Calvary Adult Life Groups begin a four-week study of "Lifestyle Evangelism" next Sunday. We'll learn how to make evangelism part of our every day lives using a very simple, personal approach. Through the month of January, we'll study the biblical basis for evangelism. We'll start developing quality relationships and strategies to reach out. And we'll spend time in prayer for family, friends, and coworkers. You'll find one of our tools, the **Impact Prayer Card**, inserted in Looking Up today.

Now's a great time to connect with a Calvary Adult Life Group—or re-connect if you've been away over the holidays. Info about all our ALGs is posted at www.calvarychurch.com/alg. Contact: Pastor Jim Cashwell, 704.341.5328, jcashwell@calvarychurch.com

New electives launch this week

Calvary Church is the place to be on Wednesday evenings! On January 6 we begin the winter session of our Bible study elective courses (6:30–8:00 PM); Awana and Gopher Buddies Bible clubs for kids resume (6:30–8:00 PM); choir and orchestra rehearsals resume (6:30–8:15 PM); and dinner will be served in the Crown Room (5:00–6:15 PM). Course descriptions for the electives are available at Galleria table 8 and at www.calvarychurch.com/electives. With 15 options, there's sure to be a topic of interest to you. Please take a moment to preregister for a class online! Contact: Pastor David Ingrassia, 704.341.5328, dingrassia@calvarychurch.com

Choir and orchestra open for new members

Are you looking for an opportunity to use your vocal or instrumental abilities for the glory of God? Then the Calvary Worship Ministry is the place for you! While God has blessed our ministry with growth, we still have needs in the choir and all instrumental sections. We're welcoming new members through the month of January.

Every week we meet to prepare for leading the Calvary congregation in worship on Sunday. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings, 6:30–8:15 PM. Participants must have trusted in Jesus Christ for salvation and be a part of the Calvary Church family. Interested musicians and vocalists should contact the Worship Ministry Office at 704.887.3687.

Leadership elections slated for January 17

As Calvary enters a new decade of ministry to the Charlotte area and around the world, please pray for our leadership and the new leaders to be selected on January 17 at our annual election. The election will be held after the 9:45 AM service on January 17. No absentee ballots will be accepted. Only members of Calvary Church who are at least 18 years of age may vote.

Brief biographies and photos of the candidates are now available at Galleria table 1B. The information may be downloaded at www.calvarychurch.com/election as well. Three elders will be confirmed to serve full six-year terms; 15 deacons will be selected (12 will serve full 3-year terms and three will serve partial terms). To provide an opportunity for the congregation to learn more about the candidates, there will be a **"Meet the Candidates" forum** on Sunday, January 10, at the 6:00 PM service, followed by a reception in the Galleria. Contact: Bev Modzell, 704.341.5331

Calvary holds special dedication for adopted children on Sanctity of Life Sunday

On Sunday, January 24, Calvary will observe the anniversary of the landmark Roe v Wade decision, reaffirming our commitment to the sanctity of human life. We will have a **special child dedication** during the service for adopted children, the **annual display of white crosses** on the front lawn representing children lost to abortion, and a **Galleria fair for ministries** and agencies that support adoption, orphans, and the value of human life.

If you would like to participate in the adopted child dedication, please call Bev Modzell to register for the **required preparation class offered next Sunday, January 10** at 11:15 AM in the Prayer Room. Contact: Bev Modzell, 704.341.5331, bmodzell@calvarychurch.com

Journey 2010

New DAILY devotions accompany Old Testament readings this year

In 2009 Calvary's journey through Scripture took us through the entire New Testament together. This year, we'll venture through Genesis, Exodus, Numbers, Joshua, Judges, 1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings, Ezra, and Nehemiah. A reading schedule is included in Looking Up today, and new **daily devotions** and Bible passage links are provided at www.calvarychurch.com/journey2010.

All our devotional writers are members of Calvary. Each has prepared personal insights, encouragement, and application questions to ponder as we read the history of God's creation and His plan of salvation through the nation of Israel. **Won't you join the journey with us?** Contact: Pastor David Ingrassia, 704.341.5328, dingrassia@calvarychurch.com

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From the Senior Pastor

Calvary Church 2010



Dr. John H. Munro

What kind of church should Calvary be in the New Year?

I'm sure we all want Calvary to be God-centered (as opposed to man-centered), Christ exalting (as opposed to celebrity promoting), Holy Spirit controlled (rather than tradition or pop-culture controlled). We seek to do the Lord's work in the Lord's way through the Lord's power in accordance with the Lord's Word.

Pray that throughout 2010 Calvary Church will be a place of:

- Praise and Prayer
- Love and Truth
- Unity and Diversity
- Equipping and Discipleship
- Outreach and Missions
- Salvation and Spiritual Transformation
- Serving and Giving

May this be the year when Calvary Church makes an impact in Charlotte and beyond as never before. Let's humble ourselves before God and cry out to Him as we attempt great things for God and expect great things from His loving and mighty hand. ■

Newcomers invited to reception after service 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, we invite you to join Dr. and Mrs. Munro in the Rea Road Room immediately after the worship service

this morning. Refreshments and coffee are prepared for you, you'll hear about the vision and ministry of Calvary Church, plus we have a small gift bag for you. Please take this opportunity to connect and have your questions answered!

Get HELP when you need it!

Calvary support groups begin new sessions on Monday, January 11 at 6:45 PM. You may register online for these groups: Boundaries, DivorceCare, First Place 4 Health, GriefShare, Hearts of Hope, Overcoming Addictions, Search for Significance, Single Parenting that Works, and Walking on Water (Facing Fears).

On kick-off night, just stop by the table on second floor to pick up materials and get room assignments. Contact: Galina Olivera-Celdran, 704.887.3681, galinao@calvarychurch.com

Get in the game with CHAMP



Registration for Spring 2010 season opens January 4

Spring is just around the corner... and it's always a big season for CHAMP Sports Outreach with about 1000 players and over 160 coaches in the program. This season we're fielding **youth rec soccer** (ages 3–14), **youth flag football** (ages 6–11), and **youth t-ball** (ages 5–6). **So come on out and PLAY!**

Online registration is open January 4 through February 24 (sign up by February 15 for a discount). Practices begin the week of February 22. Opening game day is Saturday, March 6, and the season ends May 15. Contact: CHAMP Sports office, 704.341.5387, champ@calvarychurch.com

Hey Coach, come make all the difference at CHAMP!

Want to make an impact in the lives of children and their families through sports? Then CHAMP Sports needs you! This season our program needs 50 rec soccer coaches, 16 youth flag football coaches, and 12 t-ball coaches. **Don't worry if you've never coached before—CHAMP provides** training and all devotional materials. Choose your practice night during the week; games are played on Saturday mornings. Discounts are available for all head coaches with children in the program. **Coach's training will be Saturday, January 30 at 9:00 AM** in the Banquet Room. For qualifications and expectations, please check out the Coaches Information tab at www.champsportsinfo.com. Contact: Megan Romeo, 704.341.5340, mromeo@calvarychurch.com

RE:new | RE:focus | RE:evaluate | RE:launch

Students, it's time to RE:unite on Wednesday night—so BE THERE for our **RE:generation RE:launch** on January 6 at 6:30 PM in the Chapel. Come check out our rockin' praise band, new songs, and teaching from Pastor Jason and Pastor Dean that will make a difference to you this week in real life. Let's make 2010 bigger and better than ever. **We want to see YOU at RE:GEN this week! P.S. – YU starts Sunday, January 10.**

There are MANY activities for middle school and high school students in January. Please check for details online at www.calvarychurch.com/students. Contact: Audrey Storms, 704.341.5320

along the way...

Career Ministry Brian Ray, founder of Crossroads Career Network, will present "Turn New Year's Resolutions into Real Solutions" on Monday, January 4 at 7:00 PM in the Crown Room. Get excellent job search resources and details at www.calvarychurch.com/career.

Learn English Calvary's **English as a Second Language** classes begin with registration on Tuesday, January 5, at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM in room 326. The semester cost is \$40. Classes will meet through May; childcare is only available at morning sessions. Contact: Lynn Haines, 704.341.5354

Foster parent classes Calvary's **HOME Ministry** will offer 30 hours of training for prospective foster parents, January 7–February 22, on Monday and Thursday evenings. **You must preregister online and attend the January 7 orientation.**

Contact: Jenna Mascia, 704.517.6606, jmascia@live.com **Support Groups** New Calvary **support group sessions begin Monday, January 11** at 6:45 PM. Register online for:

DivorceCare, DivorceCare 4 Kids, GriefShare, Hearts of Hope, First Place 4 Health, Boundaries, Overcoming Addictions, Search for Significance, Single Parenting that Works, and Walking on Water (Overcoming Fear). Contact: Galina Olivera-Celdran, 704.887.3681, galinao@calvarychurch.com

Women's Bible Study New women's Bible studies begin **Tuesday, January 12 at 9:30 AM and 7:00 PM.** Get course descriptions and register online or stop by

Galleria table 3 today. Childcare is provided for morning classes only. Contact: Pam Radesky, 704.544.6524

Men's Priority Men's Priority groups relaunch on Tuesday, January 12 at 6:00 AM. Join us in the Crown Room for **coffee, breakfast, fellowship, and Bible study** to begin your day! Register online.

Men at the Cross Register now for this regional men's evangelism and discipleship conference hosted by Calvary on

January 22–23, featuring Joe White, Chris Julian, and Rick Rigsby. Go to www.calvarychurch.com/menatthecross for the \$29 discount price or get tickets at Galleria table 4.

Voices in Praise This **women's outreach invites singers** to join their ensemble. The group ministers through song in prisons, homeless shelters, retirement communities, and women's

care facilities. Rehearsals are on Mondays at 7:00 PM in the Rea Road Room. Contact: Ruth Durie, 704.843.3681

Special Needs Calvary is accepting applications for a 12-hour per week **Special Needs Coordinator staff position.** Candidates must have experience and be a member of Calvary Church. Send resume to Su Trull at stull@calvarychurch.com.

updates *this week*

January 3 @ Calvary

8:30 AM	Adult Life Groups
8:30 AM	Spanish Service, Chapel
9:45 AM	Worship Service, Sanctuary "The Rapture: Don't Be Left Behind"
9:45 AM	Nursery & Children's Classes
11:00 AM	Spanish Service, Chapel
11:15 AM	Adult Life Groups, Nursery, Children's Classes, Student Ministry
6:00 PM	Prayer & Praise Service

Serving this week

Elder	Sam Jacks	704.841.3518
Deacons	Charley Kale	704.341.3900
	Bill Lineberger	704.540.7868

Pastor of the Week—Phil Divine

For pastoral emergencies: **704.957.7200**

Missionaries of the week

Jill Bryan serving with Jillybean Enterprises in Lingle, WY

Journey 2010 daily reading

Monday	Genesis 1 & 2
Tuesday	Genesis 3 & 4
Wednesday	Genesis 5
Thursday	Genesis 6
Friday	Genesis 7

www.calvarychurch.com/journey2010

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Wednesday dinner

Your family is invited to a buffet in the Crown Room, 5:00–6:15 PM. Cost is \$5 per adult, \$3 per child, or \$15 max per family. No reservations!

Menu ■ January 6

Herb baked chicken, rice pilaf, mixed vegetables, rolls, dessert, and beverage
Child's Meal: Chicken nuggets & fries
Optional Meal: Chef salad, dessert, beverage

Deepest sympathy to...

David & Debbie Hayes and family in the passing of David's mother, Mrs. Beulah Hayes, on December 28

For the record...

General Fund offering on 12/27 **\$179,990**
General Fund weekly goal **\$121,000**

Attendance on 12/24		
5:30 PM	Christmas Eve	5361
8:00 PM	Christmas Eve	2746
	Total	8107

Attendance on 12/27		
9:45 AM	Worship Service	2431
8:30 & 11:15 AM	Spanish Services	346
	Total	2777

Upcoming messages

Jan 10	9:45 AM	"The Rapture: The Generation Who Will Not Die!"
	6:00 PM	"Leading and Serving" Meet election candidates
Jan 17	9:45 AM	"The Rapture: He's Coming Soon!"
	6:00 PM	"Can I Lose My Salvation?" (Colossians 1:24–27)
Jan 24	9:45 AM	"The Sanctity and Dignity of Life"
	6:00 PM	"Called to Suffer" (Colossians 1:24–27)

Download messages, register for classes and events, get Bible study info, check out ALGs, and more at www.calvarychurch.com



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