

# Looking UP

Calvary Church Weekly News



## Men, register now for conference

**New "Prize Fighters" program with Joe White, Chris Julian, & Rick Rigsby**  
Don't miss this inspiring weekend, January 22-23! Men at the Cross is about radically committed men who lead the way through discipleship and serving Christ in the church, in their families, and in the workplace. **Register at [www.calvarychurch.com/menatthecross](http://www.calvarychurch.com/menatthecross) for the special \$29 Calvary discount price.** More details are available at Galleria table 4 this morning.

### Men's Priority Groups ■ Tuesdays beginning January 12, 6:00-7:30 AM

Join us before the workday begins every Tuesday in the Crown Room. Our winter session will focus on Max Lucado's "Life Lessons" in the book of John and includes a light breakfast. Cost is \$25 per semester. **This week we'll kick-off with a full breakfast buffet!** Register online.

**Can't meet in the morning? The men's Tuesday evening Bible study** resumes on January 12 at 7:00 PM in room 242. They will continue their line-by-line study in the book of Acts. Open to all; just bring your Bible! Contact: Mitzi Koch, 704.341.5417, [mkoch@calvarychurch.com](mailto:mkoch@calvarychurch.com)

## Calvary reaches '09 giving goal

*"Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise." Psalm 100:4*



John Mandeville  
Church Treasurer

**We are excited to report that through God's faithfulness** and your generous giving, Calvary Church received \$787,150 in our General Fund in December 2009. Entering the month, we were behind budget by \$221,334. The December offering allows us to not only make up our budget shortfall, but to begin the next six months of the fiscal year \$81,816 ahead of our giving target. Generally if we enter January with a deficit, it is very difficult to finish the fiscal year in June on budget. Thank you for responding to this need.

**We also were blessed with a record benevolence offering** of \$71,564 in December. Calvary uses the Benevolence Fund to minister to those with crisis financial needs. Again, we thank God for His continual provision!

## Ladies, connect and grow in Bible study

**Come get into God's Word** with the women of Calvary! Our winter/spring Bible studies begin **Tuesday, January 12** with five new courses, four continuing studies, and two new evening groups. Online registration is open for students in continuing courses as well as new students. Or you may sign up and pay registration fees on the first day of class.

Studies will meet at 9:30 AM-NOON or 7:00-9:00 PM through April 20. Affordable childcare is offered during the morning classes to age 5. Please check online for course descriptions. *Classes offered both AM & PM are noted with an (\*).*

### New Women's Bible Studies

**1 John** by NavPress, Room 237, Jan Adams  
**Anointed, Transformed, Redeemed**  
by Arthur, Moore, & Shirer  
Room 238, Terri Richards

**Living with Confidence in a Chaotic World\*** by David Jeremiah  
Room 232, Mary Beth Hohman

**Stepping Up** by Beth Moore  
Room 231, Rometa Arrington

**To Live Is Christ\*** by Beth Moore  
Room 222, Carolyn Smith

*Continuing fall courses are listed online.*

## Come worship, sing, and play with us!

**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! We're welcoming new members in the choir and orchestra through the month of January. 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.

## Lifestyle Evangelism

### Adult Life Groups begin 4-week focus today

You really do WANT to share your faith. But sometimes fear sets in, or you just let the moment pass. Whether it's a dread of questions... Or fear of offending... Or you just don't know what to say... **Let's overcome the obstacles together!**

Today all Calvary Adult Life Groups begin a four-week study of "Lifestyle Evangelism." 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. Info about all our ALGs is posted at [www.calvarychurch.com/alg](http://www.calvarychurch.com/alg). Contact: Pastor Jim Cashwell, 704.341.5328, [jcashwell@calvarychurch.com](mailto:jcashwell@calvarychurch.com)

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From the Senior Pastor

## Membership

We praise God for the many who became members of Calvary Church during 2009. What a joy it has been to get to know them, listen to what God has done in their lives, and see them serve the Lord at Calvary Church and beyond.



Dr. John H. Munro

In a growing church it is important that those who are considering membership understand Calvary's vision, mission, beliefs and practices. I thoroughly enjoy teaching the membership classes, as it gives me an opportunity to meet those who are new to Calvary and are considering making a commitment to the Body of Christ at Calvary.

This Saturday and next, January 16 and 23, I will be teaching the membership classes from 9:00 AM-12:15 PM. We will meet in room 232. If you would like to attend these membership classes you can register online at [www.calvarychurch.com/membership](http://www.calvarychurch.com/membership), or contact Paula Simpson at 704.341.5323 or [psimpson@calvarychurch.com](mailto:psimpson@calvarychurch.com). I look forward to seeing many of you on Saturday. ■

*Note: The Calvary Membership class will also be offered on Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 PM, February 17-March 31. Please register online.*

## Calvary elects new elders and deacons next Sunday

**Calvary's annual leadership election** will be held after the 9:45 AM service next Sunday, January 17. Brief biographies and photos of the elder and deacon candidates are available today at Galleria table 1B or by download at [www.calvarychurch.com/election](http://www.calvarychurch.com/election). Three elders will be confirmed to serve full six-year terms; 15 deacons will be elected (12 will serve full 3-year terms and three will serve partial terms).

**There will be a "Meet the Candidates" forum tonight at the 6:00 PM service, followed by a reception in the Galleria.**

**Please note:** No absentee ballots will be accepted. Only members of Calvary Church who are at least 18 years of age may vote. Contact: Bev Modzell, 704.341.5331, [bmodzell@calvarychurch.com](mailto:bmodzell@calvarychurch.com)

## Journey 2010

### Read the Bible every day

**Calvary's journey through the Bible** takes us through Genesis, Exodus, Numbers, Joshua, Judges, 1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings, Ezra, and Nehemiah this year. All new **daily devotions** and Bible passage links are provided at [www.calvarychurch.com/journey2010](http://www.calvarychurch.com/journey2010). Our devotional writers are members of Calvary, and each one has carefully prepared personal insights, encouragement, and application questions to accompany the Bible passages. **Come join the journey!**

# Students kick off new season

**Youth University** ■ **TONIGHT, January 10, 6:00 PM**

Students, get a jump on your “higher education” at Youth University. You’ll learn God’s Word in a small group setting and discover how to apply His Truths right now—at school, at home, and with friends. **Where do I go TONIGHT?** Middle school students meet for **orientation and registration in room 238**. High school students choose an elective: **“Becoming a Woman of God” Room 233; “Leadership 365” Room 232; “Friends” Room 234**.

**Middle School Parent & Student Meeting** ■ **TODAY, 12:30–1:30 PM, Banquet Room**

Come get the details about two incredible opportunities for students who are serious about growing in their faith. **Spiritual Challenge (SC2010)** is an 11-week individual discipleship opportunity, January 17–April 3. **X-Fuge on Mission** is our summer trip, July 18–23, to Williamsburg, Kentucky. Contact: Audrey Storms, 704.341.5320, [astorms@calvarychurch.com](mailto:astorms@calvarychurch.com)

**Student Ministry Leadership Training 101** ■ **January 17, 12:30–5:00 PM, Room 323**

All adults currently serving or interested in serving with 6th–12th graders should attend this training with Pastor Dean Hawkins and Pastor Jason Jimenez. We’ll cover the foundations of our biblical approach to youth ministry at Calvary. Lunch will be served at 12:30 in room 322.

## New support group sessions launch

**Here to HELP! Calvary support groups begin new sessions tomorrow, January 11 at 6:45 PM.** You may register online for these groups: Boundaries, DivorceCare, 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. Childcare is available for ages 1–5. Contact: Galina Olivera-Celdran, 704.887.3681, [galinao@calvarychurch.com](mailto:galinao@calvarychurch.com)

## Get archaeological evidence for Jesus

**In this age of doubt and skepticism, can we trust what the Bible teaches** regarding our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ? Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary invites Calvary to the annual **Robert Cooley Lecture Series** on Thursday and Friday, January 14 and 15, as evangelical scholar Dr. Craig Evans discusses archaeological evidence that supports the Bible and how the Dead Sea Scrolls show that the teaching and activity of Jesus as recorded in the New Testament Gospels genuinely reflect the Bible’s teaching. Dr. Evans currently teaches at Acadia Divinity School and is the author of *Fabricating Jesus: How Modern Scholars Distort the Gospel* (InterVarsity Press). Lectures will be held at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary at 12542 Choate Circle just off of Carowinds Blvd. Contacts: Bob Mayer at [bmayer@gcts.edu](mailto:bmayer@gcts.edu) or Mark Poe at [mpoe@gcts.edu](mailto:mpoe@gcts.edu)

*along the way...*

❄️ **Senior Adult Luncheon** Seniors, our **next luncheon will be Thursday,**

**January 28** at noon in the Crown Room. Mary Nelson will share her poetry with us. Get your tickets at Galleria table 7 today or in the Word Room through January 21. Cost is \$6.50; full

payment is required for all reservations. Due to food preparation, we cannot accept “walk ins.” Contact: Mitzi Koch, 704.341.5417, [mkoch@calvarychurch.com](mailto:mkoch@calvarychurch.com) ❄️ **Baptism**

**Class** **Are you ready to be baptized?** Please register online to attend the baptism preparation class on Sunday, January 24 at 5:00 PM in room 401. This required class includes a brief interview with one of our pastors. The next baptism service will be January 31 at 6:00 PM.

Contact: Anna Coyle, 704.341.5329, [acoyle@calvarychurch.com](mailto:acoyle@calvarychurch.com) ❄️ **G-FORCE** Join this group of **praying grandmothers** on Thursday, January 14 at 9:30–10:30 AM in the

Prayer Room. “When all we can do is pray, praying is all we need to do!” Contact: Judy Clark,

704.845.1130 ❄️ **White Crosses** Calvary will display white crosses on the front lawn for **Sanctity of Life Sunday** on January 24. Volunteers interested in setting out the crosses

should meet at the security desk on January 16 at 10:00 AM. Please bring a hammer! Contact:

Debbie Ware, 704.650.6095 ❄️ **The Rapture Series** Pastor Munro’s current series on **“The Rapture” is available via free download** in the Calvary Message Library at [www.calvarychurch.com/messages](http://www.calvarychurch.com/messages).

It is also on our iTunes podcast. CDs (\$3) are available immediately after the worship services at Galleria table 1, and boxed CD sets (\$10) will be available on

January 24 in the Word Room. ❄️ **CHAMP Sports Outreach** Spring season

registration is now open for **soccer, flag football, and t-ball**. Players and coaches, please

register now at [www.champsportsinfo.com](http://www.champsportsinfo.com). ❄️ **Food Pantry** It’s time to restock

Calvary’s Food Pantry **for families in need**. Please drop donations at the cupboard near the

elevators. We especially need peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, spaghetti sauce, soup, cereal,

snack bars, pudding, and canned tuna and chicken. Thank you!



## Are you a first-time guest today?

**If you’re visiting Calvary for the first time, welcome!** Please stop by the **Guest Café in the Galleria** following the service for coffee and light refreshments. We’d love to meet you and answer any questions.

**We also have a special welcome gift bag just for you!**

# updates *this week*

## January 10 @ Calvary

8:30 AM	Adult Life Groups
8:30 AM	<b>Spanish Service, Chapel</b>
9:45 AM	<b>Worship Service, Sanctuary</b> “The Rapture: The Generation Who Will Not Die”
9:45 AM	Nursery & Children’s Classes
11:00 AM	<b>Spanish Service, Chapel</b>
11:15 AM	Adult Life Groups, Nursery, Children’s Classes, Student Ministry
6:00 PM	<b>Evening Service</b> “Leading and Serving” Meet election candidates

## Serving this week

<b>Elder</b>	Jack Joyce	704.344.0786
<b>Deacons</b>	Jack Ossa	704.890.2053
	Shane Bruce	704.248.8329

## Pastor of the Week—Tim Hathaway

For pastoral emergencies: **704.560.2819**

## Missionaries of the week

**Ron & Pat Hamilton** serving with United Ministries Fellowship in Arvaca, AZ

## Journey 2010 daily reading

Monday	Genesis 8
Tuesday	Genesis 9
Wednesday	Genesis 10–11
Thursday	Genesis 12
Friday	Genesis 13

[www.calvarychurch.com/journey2010](http://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 13

Meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas & carrots, rolls, dessert, and beverage

**Child’s Meal:** Hotdog & TaterTots

**Optional Meal:** Chef salad, dessert, beverage

## Welcome new members

Gail Ammons	Cindy Herron
Jim Ammons	Wayne Herron
Paul Barnhill	Inna Kumpyak
Mildred Barnhill	Merridith Larsen
Shea Boston	Melissa Miller
Jessica Brister	Tommy Miller
Michael Brister	Jacqueline Schaffer
Tony Edwards	Timothy Slaughter
Toler Edwards	Leon Venter

## Deepest sympathy to...

**Bob & Sandy McKee** and family in the loss of Bob’s mother, Mrs. Marilyn McKee, on January 3

**Martha & Dave Smiley** and family in the loss of Martha’s mother, Mrs. Cleo Miller, on January 3

## For the record...

**General Fund offering** on 1/3 **\$101,842**  
General Fund weekly goal **\$121,000**

<b>Attendance</b> on 1/3		
	9:45 AM	Worship Service 3303
	8:30 & 11:15 AM	Spanish Services 405
		<b>Morning Total 3708</b>
	6:00 PM	Evening Service 347
		<b>Total 4055</b>

## Upcoming messages

<b>Jan 17</b>	9:45 AM	“The Rapture: He’s Coming Soon!”
	6:00 PM	“Can I Lose My Salvation?” (Colossians 1:24–27)
<b>Jan 24</b>	9:45 AM	“The Sanctity and Dignity of Life”
	6:00 PM	“Called to Suffer” (Colossians 1:24–27)

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