

# Looking UP

Calvary Church Weekly News

## Calvary provides resources through Career Ministry

If you are at a crossroads in your career, either searching for employment or looking to make a career change, Calvary is offering a ministry outreach just for you. Our new Career Ministry will feature online career resources through our partnership with **Crossroads Career® Network**, including a job board, helpful links, and resume guidelines. Plus, Calvary will host weekly **Christ-centered Career Groups (C3G)** to promote accountability, networking, lead sharing, and more. **Monthly networking meetings** with guest speakers will allow networking opportunities with employers and other career explorers. **Small group interactive courses** will focus on resume writing, networking, and interview preparation skills.

**Interested? You can get started online at [www.calvarychurch.com/career](http://www.calvarychurch.com/career).** Complete the short online registration form to receive your password and access the resources at Crossroads Career® Network. Then plan to join us for an **informational meeting on Monday, January 26** at 7:00 PM in the Crown Room. Stop by Galleria table 7 today to sign up or get more information. Contact: Pastor Jim Lytle, 704.341.5417, [career@calvarychurch.com](mailto:career@calvarychurch.com)

## New electives begin Wednesday

**Grow in your spiritual walk this winter at Calvary.** An array of Bible study elective classes will be offered on Wednesday evenings—all designed to help you grow in the knowledge and life application of God's Word. Electives begin **JANUARY 14, at 6:30–8:00 PM**. Please get course details and sign up in the Galleria near the escalators this morning, or register online at [www.calvarychurch.com/electives](http://www.calvarychurch.com/electives). Contact: Pastor David Ingrassia, 704.341.5328

## Women gather for weekly Bible studies

**Ladies, this Tuesday we start our new semester of Bible studies.** Come make new friends and dig into God's Word with us! Morning classes will meet at 9:30 AM–noon and evening classes meet 7:00–9:00 PM, beginning January 13. Please choose from the options listed below:

### After the Boxes Are Unpacked Believing God

**Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman, AM & PM**  
**Facing Your Final Job Review, AM & PM**  
**MOMS: Making Our Mothering Significant**  
**Life Principles from Old Testament Prophets**

### Philippians

**Jesus the One and Only**  
**Jude: Precept Upon Precept**  
**Really Bad Girls of the Bible**  
**Why Believe & Knowing God's Will**

Get detailed course descriptions and sign up at Galleria table 2A or register online. Childcare is provided for morning classes only. Contact: Pam Radesky, 704.544.6524

## Start the year right in a Calvary ALG

**What's an ALG? At Calvary, Adult Life Groups are where we "do life together."** Groups meet on Sunday mornings to teach the Bible, build fellowship, and make authentic disciples of Jesus Christ. If you are not yet connected in an ALG, now's your opportunity to join! The groups highlighted below are beginning new studies, so this is a great time to check them out. Descriptions of all ALG groups are available online and in the new issue of @Calvary.

### Home Builders ■ 11:15 AM, Mike Gardner, Room 232, "Gospel of John"

Couples (ages 40–50s) discover how a vital relationship with Christ transforms our marriages, families, relationships, and professions.

### Family Builders ■ 11:15 AM, Jerry Wright, Room 200, "Tools for a Great Marriage"

Couples (ages 30–40s) stock their marital "tool boxes" to build and sustain great marriages!

### TWOgether 1 ■ 11:15 AM, Jim Lytle, Room 233

Young married couples put foundational biblical principles into practice for strong marriages.

### Family Focus ■ 11:15 AM, Scott Vail, Banquet Room, "Living Above Superficiality"

Couples (ages 35–45) strengthen their personal walks with Christ through spiritual disciplines.

### Senior Adult Class ■ 11:15 AM, Denver Watkins, Room 234, "Gospel of John"

Seniors are invited to an "open house" on January 25 to get to know folks in this new group.

*take note*

## CHAMP Sports opens spring registration

**Spring season registration is now open for CHAMP Sports Outreach!** We are offering baseball (ages 5–18), girls softball (ages 10–18), flag football (ages 6–15), and soccer (ages 3–18). This season CHAMP is expanding its partnership with the Charlotte Eagles to include a season ticket to all the Eagles home games for every player. Soccer participants will receive new custom uniforms for "home" and "away" matches that can be used year after year. Football participants will enjoy new special clinics with professional football players from the Carolina Speed.

**Cost is \$135 per child, with an early registration \$15 discount before January 12.**

Preseason practice begins February 16 with the first game on March 7; season concludes May 16. **Register at [www.champsportsinfo.com](http://www.champsportsinfo.com)** or stop by Galleria table 8 today for more details. Contact: Christopher Munro, [champ@calvarychurch.com](mailto:champ@calvarychurch.com), 704.341.5387

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*From the Senior Pastor*

## Looking forward...



*Dr. John H. Munro*

These last few days at Calvary Church have truly been memorable. Thanks to everyone who participated so enthusiastically as we gave God all the glory for the elimination of the debt. But now is the time to look forward. We love and worship a God who is active in our lives and at Calvary Church. Last Sunday our two former Senior Pastors, Ross Rhoads and Glenn Wagner, exhorted us to look forward and always to abound "in the work of the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58).

Join me in praying for God's continued blessing, and that all of us will be strong in faith as we go forward. We are committed to doing the Lord's work, the Lord's way, in the Lord's power, for the Lord's glory. With the many open doors God is giving us, this is a time for Calvary Church to look to the fields which are white unto harvest. May all of us be open to the Holy Spirit as He leads us in developing authentic followers of Jesus Christ.

## 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 an eight week series, **Becoming a Contagious Christian**. You'll learn skills for sharing your faith and deepen your biblical knowledge. A breakfast buffet will be served on January 20; a light breakfast will be served each week thereafter. Cost is \$25. Sign up online or at Galleria table 4 today. Contact: Pastor Jim Lytle, 704.341.5417

### Imagine Celebration DVD

This 15 minute video contains Pastor Munro's introduction to Imagine 2008, a history of Calvary, and testimonies from the congregation. **DVDs are available today at Galleria table 1B for \$5.**

## 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 pastors and ministry directors. Contact: Chris Salter, 704.814.9741, [cnccsalter@aol.com](mailto:cnccsalter@aol.com)

# Journey 2009

## It's not too late to join our Bible reading plan

Calvary Church has a new daily Bible reading plan! We're reading the entire New Testament together, with the whole church "on the same page" throughout the year. **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. A printed version of the reading plan (to tuck inside your Bible) is also available in the Galleria. Contact: Pastor David Ingrassia, 704.341.5328, dingrassia@calvarychurch.com



Barbara Rheuark

## Ladies, join us for breakfast

**Women of Calvary are invited** to meet Barbara Rheuark, Director of Women's Ministry, at a special prayer breakfast on Saturday, January 24 at 8:45 AM in the Crown Room. Barbara will share her inspiring testimony, and a delicious breakfast buffet will be served. Cost is \$5. We need a count for preparing breakfast, so **please register online by Wednesday, January 21 or sign up at Galleria table 2 today**. Bring postage stamps to donate to Lois' Lodge Ministry. Contact: Mitzi Koch, 704.341.5417, mkoch@calvarychurch.com



Pastor Clint Echols

## Echols accepts call as senior pastor

**Pastor Clint Echols has accepted the call to become the Senior Pastor** of First Baptist Church of Zeeland, Michigan, a strongly evangelical church in southwest Michigan. Clint has served for 17 years at Calvary as a pastor to youth and families, college, young adults, and single adults. He and his wife, Heather, have been members of Calvary since 1982. We invite you to pray for the family's transition as they prepare to move in mid-February, with their children, Avery (13), Wesley (11), and Caroline (7). Calvary will extend a loving farewell to Clint and his family during and after the **evening service on Sunday, January 25**. Please come and share your gratitude for his years of service at Calvary.

## Is the Bible reliable and true?

**Is the Bible's testimony trustworthy? Come hear Dr. James K. Hoffmeier**, Professor of Near Eastern Archaeology at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, as he describes the reliability of the Bible's teaching regarding Israel's history and the Exodus. The lecture series will be Thursday and Friday, January 15 & 16, at 7:00 PM at **Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary**, 14542 Choate Circle (near Carowinds Blvd.) in Charlotte. For more information or directions, contact Bob Mayer at bmayer@gcts.edu or call the seminary at 704.527.9909.

## Volunteers needed in preschool on Sundays

**Dedicated adults are needed to serve as teachers and assistants** in our preschool classes during the 9:45 and 11:15 AM hours on Sundays. Help share God's love with our children by joining our Children's Ministry volunteer team. Sign up at Galleria table 5A or at the online Serving Center at [www.calvarychurch.com](http://www.calvarychurch.com). Contact: Susan Grigg, 704.341.5356, sgrigg@calvarychurch.com

## Seniors, get your luncheon tickets today

**All Calvary senior adults are invited** to hear Giah Kress sing a selection of favorite hymns and share a brief testimony at our next luncheon on Thursday, January 22 at noon in the Crown Room. Ticket are \$6.50 and are available **at Galleria table 6 today** and in the Word Room. The deadline for reservations is Friday, January 16. Plan to come early for the mini-organ concert in the Sanctuary at 11:15 AM. Contact: Mitzi Koch, 704.341.5417, mkoch@calvarychurch.com

*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.** \* **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 \* **Impact Fitness** **CHAMP Sports**

offers a **new high intensity cardio workout program for women** beginning January 12 in

the gym. For details check [www.champsportsinfo.com](http://www.champsportsinfo.com). \* **Spanish classes** Learn

**Spanish as a second language** on Thursdays, January 15–May 14, 7:00–8:30 PM in room 328.

Cost is \$25. Contact: Lynn Haines, 704.341.5354 \* **Sanctity of Life** Calvary will

display **white crosses on the church lawn** to commemorate "Sanctity of Life Sunday" on

January 18. Volunteers are needed to set out and remove the crosses on January 17 and 24 at

10:00 AM. Contact: Debbie Ware, dhware@yahoo.com \* **Choir & Orchestra** Are

you a Christian musician and part of the Calvary family? We're **open for new members** in

January! Contact: Pastor Timothy Hathaway, 704.887.3687 \* **Men's Study** Join us

for a **line-by-line study of the book of Exodus** beginning Tuesday, January 20 at 7:00–8:30 PM

in room 242. Contact: Wayne Hackbarth, 704.531.1987, whackbarth@carolina.rr.com

# updates

## Today at Calvary ■ January 11

8:30 AM	Adult Life Groups
9:45 AM	<b>Worship Service, Sanctuary</b> "Calvary Church: What Now?"
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	Evening Service

## Serving this week

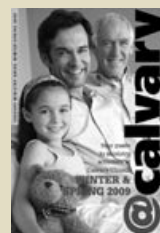
<b>Elder</b>	Bob McKee	704.574.5964
<b>Deacons</b>	Ty Richardson	704.847.8197
	Chuck Robinson	704.841.9113

## Pastor of the Week — Jim Lytle

For pastoral emergencies: **704.249.4075**

## Missionaries of the week

**Mike & Garet Gatawa** serving with New Tribes Mission in the Philippines



## New Winter/Spring @Calvary

Get an overview of upcoming ministry opportunities, classes, and groups through our **@Calvary** publication. The new issue is available in the Galleria. Members will receive a copy by mail.

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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 14

Lasagna, garden salad, garlic bread, dessert, & beverage **Child's Meal:** Pizza & chips

## Deepest sympathy to...

**Carol Pratt** in the loss of her husband and William & Allison Dunster in the loss of Allison's father, Mr. John William Pratt, on January 3

**Paul & Brenda Andrews** in the passing of Paul's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Andrews

## For the record...

**General Fund offering** on 1/4 **\$100,159**  
General Fund weekly goal **\$117,300**

<b>Attendance</b> on 1/4		
9:45 AM	Worship Service	2978
11:00 AM	Spanish Service	303
	<b>Morning Total</b>	<b>3281</b>
6:00 PM	Evening Service	732
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4013</b>

## Upcoming messages

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

**Jan 18** 9:45 AM "Life: Who Gets to Choose?"  
6:00 PM "Serving with Excellence"  
Pastor Scott Vail

**Jan 25** 9:45 AM "Baptism: Optional or Obligatory?"  
6:00 PM Farewell for Clint and Heather Echols and family

**Feb 1** 9:45 AM "Baptism: Babies or Believers?"

6:00 PM "Caring for One Another"  
Pastor Phil Divine



## Calvary Church

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