

# Looking UP

Calvary Church Weekly News

## Calvary observes Sanctity of Life Sunday

Today we observe the anniversary of the landmark **Roe v Wade** decision, reaffirming Calvary Church's commitment to the sanctity of human life. Dr. Munro's message, "**The Sanctity and Dignity of Life**" will be available on CD immediately after the service this morning at Galleria table 1 (\$3) and will be available for audio download by Tuesday in Calvary's free Message Library at [www.calvarychurch.com/messages](http://www.calvarychurch.com/messages). The **annual display of white crosses** is now on the front lawn, representing children lost to abortion.

Also, today Calvary is hosting a **Galleria fair for ministries and agencies** that support the value of human life. Please stop by the information tables to meet representatives and learn more about their ministries and services. Table locations are:

Calvary's HOME Ministry	Escalator Table	Lois' Lodge	Table 6A
ABRO & Host-to-Adopt	Escalator Table	Gethsemane Garden Christian Centre	Table 6B
Christian Adoption Services	Table 2A	Union County DSS/YFS	Table 7A
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## Children's Ministry is both a blessing and a responsibility...



Su Trull

**Children truly are a blessing from the Lord!** This week my dear friend held her newly adopted little girl for the very first time. Tears filled my eyes as I thought of this amazing answer to prayer. Do you remember the first moment you held a child in your arms? Just look around our church today and marvel at how blessed we are—Calvary is entrusted with over 500 children every Sunday! As Director of Children's Ministry, I want to thank everyone who partners with us in training the next generation in the Word of God.

In Children's Ministry we come alongside families with classes and programs that provide clear teaching of God's Word at every age level. We cherish every moment with the kids, knowing that we communicate the importance of God's Word both with our instruction and through living out our faith day-to-day, Sunday-to-Sunday. We want them to really understand that we have a relationship with God, and He loves us personally. I'm thankful for all our volunteers who commit to teach and train the children at Calvary.

*"When I first felt the Lord tugging on my heart to teach in Children's Ministry, I will admit that I had some trepidation. I remember thinking 'I've never taught kids before!' Now, almost two years later, I can say that I've been blessed beyond measure. I love teaching, but most of all I love the kids. They are like sponges for the Word of God. They challenge me with their energy (they are kids, after all), but more so with their thoughtful questions. I can say the teacher has become the student; they've taught me far more about the love of Christ than anything I could give them in return." — Tom Miller*

*"I am blessed to have the opportunity to serve God in Children's Ministry. God is faithful and uses what we bring—He turns it into something great and honoring to Him. God wants us to come to Him with the innocence of a child (Matthew 18:3). Those of us who serve in Children's Ministry are joyfully blessed, as we share each child's faith walk from a very early age." — Andrea Schmitt*

**God describes our role very clearly** in Deuteronomy 6:4–9. God uses no passive words in this text, and He gives us specific, clear commands to follow. What kind of legacy do we want to leave our children? Will you share the joy and privilege of serving the Lord at Calvary through Children's Ministry? Each life is a precious gift from God, and we don't want to waste any opportunity. Contact: Su Trull, Children's Ministry Director, 704.341.5458, [strull@calvarychurch.com](mailto:strull@calvarychurch.com)

**Children's Ministry needs are posted in the Serving Center at [www.calvarychurch.com/serving](http://www.calvarychurch.com/serving). Teachers must be members of Calvary and background checks are required.**

Upcoming HOME Ministry opportunities

## Is your family ready to welcome a child?

**Adoption Education** ■ HOME Ministry hosts adoption education meetings throughout the year. Join us on **February 18 at 6:30PM in the Guest Café** to learn more about the adoption process, get answers to common questions, and receive information about helpful resources. Guest speakers often address important issues for adoptive families.

**ABRO (American Belarussian Relief Organization)** ■ Calvary families host needy children from Belarus for this six-week summer program, providing them with medical care and a loving, healthy environment. Applications and deposits will be accepted in February.

**Host-To-Adopt** ■ Through Christian Adoption Services, 16 children from the Philippines who are cleared for adoption will spend four weeks this summer with host families that are considering international adoption. Calvary families may apply to be host families.

**Stop by the HOME Ministry tables in the Galleria today for more information!**

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From the Senior Pastor

## God is at work!



Dr. John H. Munro

It is exciting to be part of the Body of Christ, and see Christ's love and truth displayed through so many people in many different ways. Each follower of Christ receives a gift, and we are to use it "as stewards of God's varied grace"

(1 Peter 4:10). The grace of God is displayed in many different varieties, shades, perspectives and situations.

On this Sanctity of Life Sunday I praise God for Calvary's HOME Ministry. This ministry leads and challenges us not to overlook anyone, particularly the unwanted or unborn child. HOME's theme verse states, "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world" (James 1:27).

At Calvary we not only want to take a stand against the sin of abortion, but to reach out in love and compassion to children who are unborn, in orphanages, in foster care, or looking to be adopted. The HOME Ministry committee includes Joanna Grey, Mark Ladnier, Jenna Mascia, Marta and Rommy Tarlton, Jennifer Smith, and Joy Huber. If you want to learn more about the ministry, please contact one of these members, or stop by the HOME Ministry table in the Galleria this morning. ■

## New elders and deacons elected

**Calvary's annual leadership election** was held on Sunday, January 17. **Tom Gentry, John Patterson, and Leonard Philemon** were confirmed as elders to serve full six-year terms on the Session.

**Fifteen deacons were elected.** John Buenavides, Henry Creech, Rich Farynyk, Mark Fisher, Hugh Grey, Jeff Howard, S. Leon Hughes, Tim Manous, Grady Peeler, Phil Rimer, David Wentink, and Sam Williams will serve full three-year terms. Ken Collins, Marcus Cooper, and Stuart Ramirez will serve one-year terms, filling unexpired vacancies on the board. Thank you to all the candidates for their willingness serve the Body of Christ at Calvary Church.

## Parent Talk

**Friday, February 12 ■ 6:30–8:15 PM**

**Parents, do you know what music your teens listen to... what they watch on TV, see at the movies, and browse online?**

One of the major challenges our teens face is the massive immorality that impacts their lives daily. Students are hammered with disgusting advertisements, explicit lyrics, and violent movies and games, sheerly for entertainment! **So what is a parent to do?** Get informed! Pastor Jason Jimenez will uncover the latest pop culture trends that influence our teens. **Please register online!**



## Calvary welcomes classical guitarist

Sunday, February 7, 6:00 PM

Join us for a special evening of worship featuring classical guitarist Rodrigo Rodriguez along with the Calvary Orchestra on Sunday, February 7 at 6:00 PM.

A native of Ecuador, Rodrigo was born with a deep love and passion for music. Although he has performed worldwide since the age of 15, only in recent years has he been able to play with the newfound joy and inspiration that comes from having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Don't miss this special concert. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors!

## Fellowship breakfasts offer connection

**Men's Breakfast ■ Saturday, February 20, 8:00–9:30 AM, Crown Room**

Men, join us for worship and an encouraging message by Pastor David Ingrassia. Please register in advance online or at Galleria table 4A. Cost is \$7; sons under 12 eat free. Contact: Mitzi Koch, 704.341.5417, mkoch@calvarychurch.com

**Women's Breakfast ■ Saturday, February 13, 8:45–10:30 AM, Crown Room**

We'll hear an uplifting message by Gina Ingrassia and a presentation about the "With Love From Jesus" ministry by Carole Sorrell. Please bring paper towels, tissues, or toilet paper to donate to Lois' Lodge or new toys and small Bibles for With Love From Jesus. Please register online or at Galleria table 3A for this FREE event by February 7. An offering will be received at the event to offset costs. Contact: Sandy Short, 704.821.2049, westcotteleven@yahoo.com

## Will you share a meal with a missionary?

**Calvary's annual Missions Conference will soon be here!** The week of February 28 – March 7, Calvary-supported missionaries (25 family groups) will be attending from our local area as well as Africa, Europe, Canada, and California. Our host-home needs have been filled, but we still **need to provide three cars and hundreds of meals for our guests.** Will you provide a home-cooked meal or meet at a favorite restaurant with a missionary on Monday, Tuesday, Friday, or Saturday, 7:00–8:30 PM during conference week? Can you loan a car for the week?

**Sign up at Galleria table 3A today.** Transportation Contact: Genie Osteen, 704.542.1791, gosteen1234@gmail.com | Meals Contact: Kathy Miller, 704.525.5502, freebish@carolina.rr.com



## Play soccer, flag football & T-ball

**Come get in the game! Spring registration** is now open for CHAMP Sports Outreach REC SOCCER (ages 3–14), FLAG FOOTBALL (ages 6–11), and T-BALL (ages 5–6). Register by February 14 for a discount at [www.champsportsinfo.com](http://www.champsportsinfo.com). Coaches, we need you to register too! **Coaches training will be Saturday, January 30** at 9:00 AM in the Banquet Room. Contact: CHAMP office, 704.341.5340, champ@calvarychurch.com

## "The Rapture" series available as boxed set

**Pastor Munro's recent series on "The Rapture"** is now available in boxed CD sets (\$10) at Galleria table 1 and in the Word Room bookstore. Messages from the series are also available via free download in the Message Library at [www.calvarychurch.com/messages](http://www.calvarychurch.com/messages) and on our iTunes podcast.



*along the way...*

**Nursery Helpers** We currently need **additional volunteers to care for**

**infants to 3-year-olds** in the nursery, on Sundays from 5:50–7:20 PM. Please help by serving just once a month! Contact: Michelle Hartman, Nursery Coordinator, 704.341.5399, mhartman@calvarychurch.com

**Morning Glories** Calvary's **senior adult single women** will meet for a covered-dish luncheon on Monday, January 25 at 10:30 AM in the Guest Café.

Pam Bryan, a missionary in local urban outreach, will be our guest. Contact: Jody Ballard,

704.846.3781 **CHAMP position open** We are now accepting applications for **CHAMP Concession Stand Manager**. This 8–10 hours per week position involves Saturday mornings, plus some weekday administrative tasks. Email resumé to hr@calvarychurch.com.

**Worship Ministry opportunity** We're welcoming Calvary musicians into the **choir and orchestra** through January. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings, 6:30–8:15 PM.

Contact: Worship Ministry office, 704.887.3687



## 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 24 @ Calvary

8:30 AM	Adult Life Groups
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Spanish Service, Chapel</b>
<b>9:45 AM</b>	<b>Worship Service, Sanctuary</b> "The Sanctity and Dignity of Life"
9:45 AM	Nursery & Children's Classes
<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Spanish Service, Chapel</b>
11:15 AM	Adult Life Groups, Nursery, Children's Classes, Student Ministry
<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Evening Service</b> "Called to Suffer" (Col. 1:24–27)
6:00 PM	Youth University, Joyful Praise Children's Choirs, Nursery

## Serving this week

<b>Elder</b>	Tom Miller	704.525.5502
<b>Deacons</b>	Paul Perry	704.492.5210
	Sy Pugh	704.588.1716

**Pastor of the Week — Jason Jimenez**  
For pastoral emergencies: **704.280.3008**

## Missionaries of the week

**Rob & Karen Taylor** serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Alberta, Canada

## Journey 2010 daily reading

Monday	Genesis 19
Tuesday	Genesis 20
Wednesday	Genesis 21
Thursday	Genesis 22
Friday	Genesis 23–24

[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 27

Roasted pork with gravy, Parmesan potatoes, mixed vegetables, dessert, & beverage  
**Child's Meal:** Mini burger & fries

## Welcome new members

Cathy Archibald	Jeff Hendershot
Sandy Bondurant	Wendy Hendershot
Trey Bondurant	Norman Hunt
Adrian Branch, I	Noemi Jesalva
Adrian Branch, II	Renato Jesalva
Kimberly Branch	Dorothy May
Kori Branch	Wayne May
Kylie Branch	Rickena Murphy
Mark Buskey	Tavarius Polk
Barbara Gordon	Carrie Scott
Charles Gordon	John David Sims
	Rebecca Sims

## Deepest sympathy to...

**Van & Jeannette Lowry** and family in the passing of Jeannette's father, Mr. James Pidgeon, on January 18

## For the record...

<b>General Fund offering</b> on 1/17	<b>\$104,279</b>	
General Fund weekly goal	\$121,000	
<b>Attendance</b> on 1/17		
9:45 AM	Worship Service	3316
8:30 & 11:15 AM	Spanish Services	358
	<b>Morning Total</b>	<b>3674</b>
6:00 PM	Evening Service	653
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4327</b>

## Upcoming messages

<b>Jan 31</b>	9:45 AM	"Without A Doubt" Pastor David Ingrassia
	6:00 PM	Pastor Scott Vail Baptism Service
<b>Feb 7</b>	9:45 AM	Dr. Ross Rhoads
	6:00 PM	Rodrigo Rodriguez Concert
<b>Feb 14</b>	9:45 AM	"The Coming Antichrist" (Daniel 7)
	6:00 PM	Prayer & Praise Service