

Looking UP

Calvary Church Weekly News

HOME Ministry hosts "Fashion with a Heart"

Calvary's HOME Ministry is partnering with Charlotte Mecklenburg Youth and Family Services to host "Fashion with a Heart" on Saturday, November 14 at 3:00–6:00 PM in the Crown Room. This event features a fashion show and interactive reception with local children who are waiting for adoption. If you are considering adoption or foster care, please come enjoy the show and see these great kids who need loving families. Local sponsors will provide fashions for the event and each child will choose attire that reflects his or her unique personality. Light refreshments will be served; event check-in begins at 2:30 PM.

Following the fashion show, there will be a breakout session/orientation for those who would like to learn more about adoption. Prospective parents who have already completed a home study will have an opportunity to talk with the children. Professional photos from the Heart Gallery featuring children seeking adoptive homes will also be on display.

There is no cost to attend this event, but registration is required by November 2. Stop by the Galleria table 7 today for more information and register at www.calvarychurch.com.

Opportunities to Serve ■ We need Calvary families to **sponsor welcome gifts** for the children participating in the "Fashion with a Heart" program. If you would like to provide a gift (less than \$30), stop by Galleria table 7 for more information. Gift must be dropped off by Sunday, November 1 at the collection racks along Highway 51 concourse. You'll also receive a prayer list for that child. Calvary will provide a Bible for each child.

Volunteers are needed to greet guests and direct them to the Crown Room on the day of the event. We also need hall monitors and help with assembling table centerpieces before the event. To volunteer, please sign up at Galleria table 7 or in Calvary's online Serving Center. Contact: Jenna Mascia, 704.517.6606, jmascia@live.com

The power of a simple gift!

Operation Christmas Child collection week is November 16–23



The green and red Operation Christmas Child boxes are here—and the Calvary Galleria is beginning to look just a little like Christmas! We're ready to join Samaritan's Purse in reaching needy children around the world with the Gospel through "a gift of hope carried in hands of love." Last year Operation Christmas Child hand-delivered gifts to more than 7.9 million children. The Charlotte OCC distribution center is gearing up for a record-setting year, and Calvary Church wants to make a significant contribution to this effort! **Get details at www.calvarychurch.com/occ.**

How to Pack a Shoe Box Gift ■ Please view the short NEW instructional video at www.calvarychurch.com to be sure you pack the best, most usable gift possible. Shoe boxes are available in the Galleria today. Fill the box(es) you take with small toys, hygiene articles, clothing, school supplies, and hard candy. No liquids, food, medicine, or war-related toys are permitted. Bring your shoe box gifts to the collection racks at Calvary **by November 23**.

New "EZ Give" online! ■ Instead of including a check in your shoe box, you may donate the \$7 cost of shipping at www.samaritanpurse.org. If you **place the bar coded EZ Give receipt label on your shoe box** when the package ships, OCC will send you an email telling you its destination plus some information about the Samaritan's Purse ministry in that country!

Also, consider signing up for 1,000 Hours of Prayer for the processing and delivery of the donated boxes during collection week. Sign up for a time slot at www.samaritanpurse.org.

Calvary Night at OCC ■ Mark your calendar for Monday, December 14 at 6:00 PM. We'll meet at the Charlotte distribution center to inspect and pack shoe boxes for shipment. Bring a covered dish to share for dinner. All Calvary's volunteers—age 13 through adults will help on this date. You must pre-register to participate! Sign up at Galleria table 2 or contact Judi Patterson at 704.231.7946. **Volunteer capacity fills quickly, sign up today!**

Just for men...

Men's Fellowship Breakfast
Saturday, November 7 ■ 8:00–9:30 AM,
Crown Room, \$7 Register online!

Start your Saturday with a delicious breakfast buffet, connect with the men of Calvary, and hear more about Men's Ministry. You'll enjoy the worship music and an encouraging message. Register online or sign up at Galleria table 4. Cost is \$7; sons under 12 eat free. *Please help us be good stewards by registering in advance!* Contact: Mitzi Koch, 704.341.5417, mkoch@calvarychurch.com

Men at the Cross
January 22–23, 2010 ■ Bojangles
Coliseum Register online!

This conference is a high-impact opportunity for hundreds of Calvary men to worship together and be inspired to uncompromising faith and service for Christ in the church, in their families, and in the workplace. We've reserved a special block of seats for Calvary men and their guests at a deep discount—just \$29. **Register at www.calvarychurch.com/menatthecross.**

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From the Senior Pastor...

Prayer

Frequently people ask how they can pray for me. I very much appreciate such a question, as apart from prayer nothing will be accomplished.



Dr. John H. Munro

My calling is to glorify God through the exposition of holy Scripture. Therefore I ask that you pray for me in the preparation and delivery of my preaching. In addition to preaching from Calvary's pulpit, I speak at weddings, funerals, ALGs, membership classes, conferences, and informal situations. Today I have the privilege of preaching at an inner city church, One Way Baptist Church. Tomorrow through Friday I'm speaking at the JAARS Aviation Technical Conference on the subject of "Living by Faith."

Pray for me "that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the Gospel... that I may declare it boldly as I ought to speak" (Ephesians 6:19–20). ■

Nominations Due October 25

All nominations for Calvary's annual **election of elders and deacons** are due next Sunday, October 25. Nomination forms with instructions are available at Galleria table 1B or via online download at www.calvarychurch.com/election.

Worship Ministry presents "Truth on Trial" drama

In just two weeks on Sunday, November 1, the Calvary drama team will present "Truth on Trial" during our 6:00 PM service. This compelling courtroom drama will address questions about absolute truth and the fundamental claims of Christianity in a thoughtful and captivating way. The concept of truth is now challenged at every turn—"what's true for you isn't always true for me." So it is vitally important for us to recognize the truth of God's Word. Invite your friends and family and join us for this special presentation! Contact: Worship Ministry office, 704.887.3687

Too many kids? Never!

But not enough Children's Ministry volunteers? Afraid so... Currently we need:

- 26 more for Sunday AM Nursery
- 5 more for Sunday PM Nursery
- 40 more for Sunday AM Preschool

We ask that every parent with a child in our Nursery or Preschool program serve one Sunday morning per month. We also need singles, empty-nesters, and grandparents to serve on a rotating basis. THANK YOU for sharing the blessing! Contact: Su Trull, 704.341.5458, strull@calvarychurch.com

Get Christmas Tea tickets November 8

It's the event Calvary women look forward to all year—the Christmas Tea! This year, the tea will be Saturday, December 5, 2:00–4:00 PM in the Crown Room. Tickets are \$15 and will be available on Sunday morning, November 8 at Galleria table 3 after the morning worship service. This event usually sells out the day tickets become available, so please make plans now.

Table Decorators ■ **Want to decorate a table for the tea?** You'll need to provide china service for eight—including cups, saucers, and dinner plates, plus two teapots, two cream and sugar sets, and a centerpiece. Decorators may purchase up to four tickets in advance for each table they decorate. Sign up at Galleria table 3 today! Contacts: Sandy Short, 704.821.2049 and Sandra Grundmann, 704.846.4176

Ladies, come enjoy sweet fellowship

Women's Newcomers Coffee ■ Are you new to Calvary or new to Charlotte? Join us for coffee on Thursday, October 29 at 10:00 AM at the home of Gudny Munro. This small group atmosphere is perfect for getting acquainted with other Calvary women. Come be encouraged to keep your focus on Christ while establishing new roots, and enjoy a wonderful time of fellowship and sharing. For address and directions please call Gudny at 704.341.9362.



Are you a first-time guest?

We have a special gift for you today!

If you're visiting Calvary for the first time today, 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. Plus, we have a special welcome gift bag just for you! (*one per family please*)

Already part of the Calvary family? We offer the Calvary logo mini tote, sport bottles, ceramic mugs, coffee carafes, and pens in the Word Room!

[GROUP HIGHLIGHT]

Adult Life Groups in focus this week...

Family Builders ■ This group of married couples (age 30s–40s) often have students in middle and high school. Each week we gather for fellowship, then break into groups for discussion relating to Christian family life. Outside class we enjoy Sunday lunches, social and family activities, and service projects. Jerry Wright leads this group at **11:15 AM in room 200.**

Home Builders ■ This group of married couples (age 40s–50s) seeks to build homes and marriages on the solid rock of God's Word. We open each week with fellowship and Bible teaching, then break into groups for discussion. **Join us now for a new study, *Facing Your Giants*, by Max Lucado.** We enjoy a fun and active social calendar too! Mike Gardner leads this group at **11:15 AM in room 238.**

Korean congregation thanks Calvary

The Korean congregation which has met at Calvary Church over the last five years has now moved to a new location. Pastor David Kang and his congregation thank Calvary for their kindness and help. We pray that the Lord will use this congregation to reach out to many.

along the way...

Organ Mini-concert Tim Smith will perform at the **Calvary Grand**

Organ on Thursday, October 22 at 11:15–11:45 AM. The mini-concert is free and open to everyone! **Hey Students!** You know you want to be here Wednesday@6:30 PM

for **re:generation**—dynamic worship, drama, video, student testimonies, life-changing teaching. Oh yeah! **CHAMP Night** Celebrate with the Calvary family at the

biggest game of the season—**Charlotte Bobcats vs. Cleveland Cavaliers, November 27,** pregame 3:30 & tipoff 7:00 PM. Coaches and players get one FREE TICKET; family and friends

get \$30 DISCOUNT tickets in our reserved block. They're going fast—**get tickets at www.champsportsinfo.com!** **Morning Glories** Single senior adult women

will meet for a covered dish luncheon on Monday, October 26 at 10:30 AM in the Guest Café.

Come enjoy fellowship with friends! Contact: Jody Ballard, 704.846.3781 **Spanish Services** Beginning today, Calvary's Spanish congregation will have two worship services

in the Chapel: **8:30 AM Spanish and 11:00 AM Spanish/English.** **Ready for membership?** The **Calvary Membership Course**, taught by Senior Pastor Dr. John

Munro, is required for all those considering church membership. The next two-session course will be offered October 31 and November 7, 9:00 AM–12:15 PM. Register at www.calvarychurch.com.

Devotion writers We need a few more devotion writers for Calvary's **Journey 2010 Bible Reading** program. Adults and high school students are invited to participate. We'll

train you! Contact: Debbie Bordwine, 704.341.5328, dbordwine@calvarychurch.com

Pastor Appreciation Through the month of October, please remember to express your appreciation to the **Calvary pastoral staff** for their dedicated ministry and service!

updates

this week

October 18 @ Calvary

8:30 AM Adult Life Groups

8:30 AM **Spanish Service, Chapel**

9:45 AM **Worship Service, Sanctuary**
"The Importance of Premillennialism"
(Revelation 20:1–10)
Dr. Norman L. Geisler

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 **Evening Service, Sanctuary**
Baptism, Pastor Jim Cashwell
Nursery, Joyful Praise Choir,
Youth University

Serving this week

Elder	Ralph Ansell	704.289.6795
Deacons	David Wentink	704.849.7885
	Mark Pfaff	704.644.7713

Pastor of the Week—Timothy Hathaway
For pastoral emergencies: **704.560.2819**

Missionaries of the week

Lynn & Sylvia Haines serving with SIM
in Charlotte

Journey 2009 daily reading

Monday	John 3
Tuesday	John 4
Wednesday	John 5
Thursday	John 6
Friday	John 7

www.calvarychurch.com/journey2009

Galleria tables directory

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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 ■ October 21

Meatloaf, hash brown casserole, corn, rolls, dessert, and beverage

Child's Meal: Mini burgers & Fries

Optional Meal: Chef Salad, dessert, beverage

Deepest sympathy to...

The Karras family in the loss of **Tina Karras** on October 9

Mrs. LaDonna Mann and family in the loss of her daughter, **Lucretia Mann**, on October 9

For the record...

General Fund offering on 10/11 **\$96,827**
General Fund weekly goal \$121,000

Attendance on 10/11

9:45 AM	Worship Service	2829
11:00 AM	Spanish Service	312
	Morning Total	3141
6:00 PM	Evening Service	564
	Total	3705

Upcoming messages

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

Oct 25 9:45 AM "Our God Is Able"
(Daniel 3)

6:00 PM "The Image of God"
(Colossians 1:15)

Nov 1 9:45 AM "Trusting God in the Fire"
(Daniel 3)

6:00 PM "Truth on Trial"
Drama presentation

Nov 8 9:45 AM "Babylon the Great"
(Daniel 4)

6:00 PM Baptism Service
Justin Roper

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