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Calvary Church Weekly News

■ NOVEMBER 1, 2009

Sharing food and love...

Calvary's Prison Ministry shares the love of Christ during the holiday season by serving traditional Christmas celebration dinners and providing chapel services for inmates in four South Carolina prisons. These special occasions provide delicious food, encouragement, and spiritual nourishment that are a real blessing to both the inmates and volunteers!

Will you join our volunteer team? We need people to serve meals, share testimonies, and pray with inmates at dinners on November 20 and December 7, 11, and 17. Volunteers are needed to help with food preparation and packaging in the Calvary kitchen prior to each event. Get details at Galleria table 5A today, and register to serve at www.calvarychurch.com. Contact: Guy & Carole Sorrell, 704.243.0284, carolesorrell@carolina.rr.com

Men, this Saturday is "breakfast time"

Line up for the buffet! Our next Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be this Saturday, November 7 at 8:00–9:30 AM in the Crown Room. We'll enjoy inspiring worship music, and Pastor David Ingrassia will share the message "After Jericho." 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

Holiday food service volunteers needed

Christmas Tea Servers ■ **Men, we need your help** on Saturday, December 5, 1:00–5:00 PM to serve the ladies at our annual Christmas Tea. Contact: Linda Patti, lpatti49@hotmail.com

Holiday Opportunities ■ Calvary's Food Service Ministry needs volunteers to help with receptions after the **Thanksgiving Service** on November 24 and the **Advent Celebration** on December 6, plus two **Luke 14 Banquets** (dinner on December 12 and lunch on December 15). Get details at Galleria table 2A today and sign up in the Serving Center at www.calvarychurch.com/servingcenter. Contact: Karen Tinsley, 704.341.5338, ktinsley@calvarychurch.com

Getting through the holidays with grief

Does the death of a loved one overshadow your holiday celebration plans? Do you have a hard time facing Thanksgiving and Christmas with gratitude and joy? Join Calvary's GriefShare support group for a **special "Surviving the Holidays" session** with a video and discussion on Monday, November 16 at 7:00 PM in room 237. You'll learn how to:

- Be prepared for surprising emotions that may hit over the holidays
- Know what to do about traditions and other coming changes
- Handle holiday parties and invitations
- Survive potentially awkward moments with friends, relatives, and acquaintances
- Discover how to find comfort, strength, and hope in seemingly hopeless times

Calvary's GriefShare support group is always open; you may join at any time. We'll assist you with moving forward each day as you walk through the pain of grief. Contact: Galina Olivera-Celdran, 704.887.3681, galinao@calvarychurch.com

DVD helps with cross-cultural evangelism

Ever wondered how to share the Gospel with someone from another culture and language group? Stop by Galleria table 5B today to purchase an evangelism DVD entitled "The Life of Jesus Christ." Based on the Gospel of Luke, the message is presented in 16 middle eastern languages. There is also an International Scholars DVD that offers translations in Spanish, French, Japanese, Portuguese, Arabic, Vietnamese, and more. DVDs are just \$3. Contact: Sue Rimer, 704.341.5322, srimer@calvarychurch.com



Su Trull, Children's Ministry Director

Children's Ministry needs church-wide support to serve families

What a blessing it is to welcome hundreds of children to Calvary's nursery, preschool, and grade school ministries every Sunday morning! We still need many volunteers to serve on a rotating "once a month" schedule in our nursery and preschool departments. Won't you join our team and share God's love and His Word with the children in our church family? Call, email, or sign up in the Serving Center! Contact: Su Trull, strull@calvarychurch.com



Tonight at 6:00...

Truth on Trial

The majority of Americans do not believe in any kind of absolute truth. If they do believe in some



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kind of "truth," they consider that the way to discover "truth" is through experience, rather than from the Word of God.

This type of thinking has so permeated the evangelical church that many people attending churches would never get the impression that truth is a high priority. In the pursuit of other priorities, such as our feelings, the journey, self-discovery, relationships, and success, biblical doctrine and truth are set aside.

I encourage you to come tonight for this exciting and thought-provoking drama. Invite family members, neighbors, and colleagues as we put "Truth on Trial." ■

Pastor Munro greets newcomers today

Are you new to Calvary? Would you like to meet Pastor Munro and his wife, Gudny, and learn more about our church? If so, we invite you to **join us after the worship service today** for a Newcomers' Reception in the Rea Road Room. Come enjoy refreshments and coffee and hear more about the vision and ministry of Calvary. Please take this opportunity to connect, have your questions answered, and receive a welcome gift.

CHAMP NIGHT at the BOBCATS

Charlotte Bobcats vs. Cleveland Cavaliers

Friday, November 27 ■ 3:30 PM Pre-game Activities, 7:00 PM Tip-off

Celebrate the Fall 2009 CHAMP Sports season over Thanksgiving weekend with your family and friends at **THE GAME** of the Charlotte Bobcat season on Friday, November 27. The Bobcats will take on the Cleveland Cavaliers at 7:00 PM at Time Warner Cable Arena. **CHAMP Night at the Bobcats highlights include a pregame shoot around, coach's contest, guest speaker, and autographed giveaways, beginning courtside at 3:30 PM.** Stay for team warm ups and hear the Calvary Worship Team sing the

national anthem. Plus, our Calvary Troop 7 Boy Scouts will present the colors. Everyone is invited! This is a great outreach opportunity to bring friends and neighbors—and then invite them to join you at Calvary on Sunday!

- All CHAMP Fall 2009 coaches, youth players, and youth karate participants receive ONE FREE TICKET.
- Discounted Calvary block tickets for family

- and friend are \$30 each (regularly \$40).
- All players will receive a FREE Bobcats/CHAMP T-shirt!
- Attendees may re-enter the arena once between pre-game activities and tip-off.
- Order tickets online at www.champsportsinfo.com.

Contact: Christopher Munro, 704.341.5387, champ@calvarychurch.com

The power of a simple gift

Get Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes today in the Galleria!



The shoe boxes are here! And Calvary is ready to join Samaritan's Purse in reaching needy children around the world with the Gospel through "a simple gift." Last year Operation Christmas Child delivered gifts to more than 7.9 million children. The Charlotte OCC distribution center is gearing up for a record-setting year, and Calvary wants to make a significant contribution to this effort. **Get details at www.calvarychurch.com/occ.**

How to Pack a Shoe Box

See the **NEW instructional video** at www.calvarychurch.com to be sure you pack the best, most usable gift possible. Fill your box 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.samaritanspurse.org. If you **place the bar coded EZ Give receipt label on your shoe box**, OCC will send you an email with the final destination of your package!

Calvary Night at OCC ■ Monday, December 14, 6:00 PM

Adults and students 13+ are invited to volunteer at the Charlotte OCC distribution center, inspecting and packing shoe boxes for shipment. It's a fun opportunity to serve! You must pre-register at Galleria table 2B or contact Judi Patterson at 704.231.7946.

Positive strategies for job change

Check out Calvary's next **Career Ministry professional development seminar** on Monday, November 2 at 7:00 PM in the Crown Room. Our guest speaker will be **Dr. Nancy Waring**, a professional Christian career and personal counselor. She will share positive strategies that will help you cope with job loss as you move through a time of career transition. Dr. Waring has 26 years of counseling experience, including tenures at Indiana University, the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, and in private practice. Come take advantage of the spiritual perspective, resources, networking, support, and information.

Calvary's Career Ministry offers weekly C3G Christ-centered Career Groups on Monday evenings, monthly professional development seminars, and extensive online resources through **Crossroads Career@Network**. Get details at www.calvarychurch.com/career. Contact: Mitzi Koch, 704.341.5417, mkoch@calvarychurch.com

Seniors' luncheon features accordion music

Senior adults will enjoy a special program by accordionist **Bob Wilusz** at our luncheon on Thursday, November 19 at noon in the Crown Room. Bob will delight you with his musical ability as he uses stories and favorite tunes to bring back fond memories of the "Roaring Twenties" and the "Fabulous Fifties." Bob has been playing the accordion since the age of ten, and he spent four years in the U.S. Navy promoting goodwill and entertaining the troops. Be sure to arrive early for a mini-concert at the Calvary Grand Organ by Tim Smith at 11:15 AM.

Luncheon reservations must be made by November 12. Tickets are available today through November 12 in the Word Room; tickets are **not** available the day of event. Due to food preparation requirements, we are unable to accept "walk-ins." Thank you for understanding. Contact: Mitzi Koch, 704.341.5417, mkoch@calvarychurch.com

[GROUP HIGHLIGHT]

Adult Life Groups in focus this week

The Upper Room ■ This group of mostly senior adults has utilized Scripture Press curriculum since 1955 and studies through the entire Bible every 10 years. Harry Graham teaches the class at **8:30 AM in room 226**.

Get complete info about ALGs online at www.calvarychurch.com/alg; also in the @Calvary Ministry Guide and Sunday Quick Guide Map available in the Galleria.

Christian Living ■ This group of mostly 50s-60s welcomes folks in all stages of life. The emphasis is on Bible teaching that stresses life application, discipleship, and care for one another. Chuck Robinson and Mike Scotton lead this group at **11:15 AM in room 231**.

along the way...

Christmas Tea Ladies, who will you invite? Tickets will be available **Sunday, November 8**, after the 9:45 AM service at Galleria table 3; first come, first served. Cost \$15; limit four tickets per person. The tea will be Saturday, December 5 at 2:00 PM.

Fashion With a Heart Calvary's **HOME Ministry** needs more event volunteers to serve at a fashion show and reception **at Calvary on November 14** to help children awaiting adoption to connect with prospective families. Stop by Galleria table 7 for details. Contact: Jenna Mascia, 704.517.6606, jmascia@live.com

Men at the Cross Calvary has reserved block seats for this men's conference on January 22-23, 2010. **Register now for just \$29** at www.calvarychurch.com/menatthecross.

Word Room Stop by the Calvary bookstore for Bibles, books, Christmas cards, calendars, jewelry, and Calvary logo products. Hours: Weekdays 9:00 AM-4:30 PM, Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 PM, and before and after Sunday services.

updates this week

November 1 @ Calvary

8:30 AM	Adult Life Groups
8:30 AM	Spanish Service, Chapel
9:45 AM	Worship Service, Sanctuary "Trusting God in the Fire" (Daniel 3)
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	"Truth on Trial" Drama

Serving this week

Elder	Chip Salter	704.814.9741
Deacons	Chuck Robinson	704.841.9113
	Giovanni Salgado	704.246.6001

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

Missionaries of the week

Gerry & Nancy Gardner serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators (JAARS) in Waxhaw

Journey 2009 daily reading

Monday	John 13
Tuesday	John 14
Wednesday	John 15
Thursday	John 16
Friday	John 17

www.calvarychurch.com/journey2009

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Wednesday dinner

Join us in the Crown Room, 5:00-6:15 PM
Cost: \$5 adult, \$3 child, or \$15 max per family

Menu ■ November 4

Baked ham, au gratin potatoes, green bean casserole, rolls, dessert, and beverage
Child's Meal: Hotdogs & Tater Tots

Welcome new members

David & Reena Chow	Paul Fontana
Reggie & Angel Franklin	Patricia Link
Phil & Peggy Janofski	Bob Moore
John & Dixie Sherman	Cheryl Nichol
Harry & Ruth Snow	Keiko Shinoda

Birth announcements

Daughter **Kiersten Sims** was born to John & Rebecca Sims on October 22

Daughter **Kailyn Alyssa Lowe** was born to Wayne & Cassandra Lowe on October 23

Son **Elijah Gabriel Haines** was born to David & Laury Haines on October 26

Deepest sympathy to...

Brooks & Jean Davis in the loss of Jean's mother, Ruth McCraven Stilwell, on October 28

For the record...

General Fund offering on 10/25	\$102,867	
General Fund weekly goal	\$121,000	
Attendance on 10/25		
9:45 AM	Worship Service	2685
11:00 AM	Spanish Service	381
	Morning Total	3066
6:00 PM	Evening Service	580
	Total	3646

Upcoming messages

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

Nov 8	9:45 AM	"Babylon the Great" (Daniel 4)
	6:00 PM	Baptism Service Justin Roper
Nov 15	9:45 AM	"Pride Before the Fall" (Daniel 4)
	6:00 PM	"Christ Above All" (Colossians 1:15-18)

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