



Invite a colleague, friend, or neighbor...

Men's Christmas Breakfast

Friday, December 9, 7:00 AM, Crown Room

Look around your office, neighborhood, contacts list... Who needs an invitation to breakfast and a compelling presentation of the Gospel this Christmas season? Our annual Men's Christmas Breakfast is an opportunity to share fellowship, music, a hearty breakfast buffet, and an evangelistic message by Senior Pastor John Munro. Men, please purchase a \$10 ticket for yourself and each of your guests. Get details at Galleria table 4. **Register at www.calvarychurch.com/men.** Contact: Mitzi Koch, 704.341.5417, mkoch@calvarychurch.com

Today's Services & Ministries

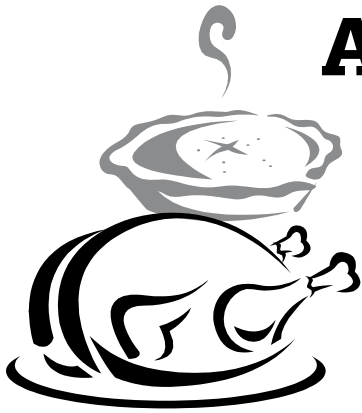
- 8:30 AM **Spanish Service, Chapel**
- 8:30 AM Adult Life Groups (ALGs)
- 9:45 AM **Worship Service, Sanctuary**
- "A Heart Problem" (Mark 7:14-23)
- 9:45 AM Nursery & Children's Classes
- 11:00 AM **Spanish Service, Chapel**
- 11:15 AM Nursery, Children's & Student Ministries, ALGs
- 6:00 PM **Evening Service, Sanctuary**
- "Limits on Liberty" (1 Corinthians 8)
- 6:00 PM Nursery, Children's Choirs, Youth University



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Looking UP

A call to share...



A record number of struggling families are requesting help with Thanksgiving dinner this year!

Today is the last opportunity to sign-up for Calvary's annual Thanksgiving outreach, which provides a delicious meal for families in need in our church and community.

The roasted turkeys and homemade pies you donate will be packed with the traditional side dishes we prepare in the Calvary kitchen, along with a Bible. These dinner boxes will be delivered on Thanksgiving morning by our volunteers.

Please sign up at Galleria table 3 today or online by Tuesday, November 22, so we can plan how many families we'll be able to feed this year! We still need many people to provide:

- 10-12 pound cooked turkeys (unstuffed)
- Homemade baked pies (not frozen, unbaked, or refrigerator types)
- Delivery of packed dinner boxes to homes

Bring turkeys and pies to the Crown Room between 6:30-9:30 AM this Thursday, November 24. Contact: Wayne Hackbarth, 704.567.9105, whackbarth@carolina.rr.com

Help prepare shoe box gifts at OCC Night

Spaces are filling quickly for Calvary Night at OCC on Monday, December 5. Don't forget to register at www.calvarychurch.com/occ this week! We'll meet at 4:45 PM at the center for a covered dish dinner (please bring enough food for your entire group). Then we'll work in the Distribution Center from 6:00-10:00 PM, inspecting and processing shoe boxes for shipment.

The Samaritan's Purse volunteer information form (which is attached to the required online registration) must be turned in to the Calvary Missions Office in order to participate. Please download, complete, and return the form. Due to insurance liabilities for Samaritan's Purse, only those ages 13+ may participate. NO EXCEPTIONS! All students should register and serve with their families to ensure proper supervision. One adult is required for every four students, ages 13-18. The OCC Distribution Center is located at 7100 Forest Pointe Boulevard, Charlotte, NC 28217. Contact: Sue Rimer, 704.341.5322, srimer@calvarychurch.com

Celebrate Christmas!

Get invitation postcards and flyers today in the Galleria to share Calvary's Christmas concerts and services with your friends, family, and neighbors. Let's reach out to our community!

Advent Celebration & Tree Lighting

Sunday, December 4, 6:00 PM (Childcare to age 4)

Usher in the Christmas season with worship, Christmas carols, and Elizabeth Hildebrand at the Calvary Grand Organ. We'll conclude the evening with the lighting of the magnificent Christmas tree in the Galleria.

"Love Came for Me" Christmas Concerts

Sunday, December 11 ■ 9:45 AM & 6:00 PM (Childcare to age 4; ASL at 9:45 AM)

The Calvary Choir, Orchestra, and Worship Ministries will present "Love Came for Me," a joyous celebration of the birth of Christ.

Candlelight Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24

THREE SERVICES: 4:00, 6:00, & 8:00 PM

(Childcare to age 4 at 4 & 6 PM; ASL at 6:00 PM)

Join us to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ at the most beautiful worship services of the year! While the music and message will be almost identical, the Calvary Choir and Orchestra will lead at 6:00 & 8:00 PM. Our Worship Team and Band will lead at 4:00 PM. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors!

Scan this QR code with your smart phone to see Christmas info & updates! Download a free code scanner at iTunes or Android app stores.



■ NOVEMBER 20, 2011

Thanksgiving Service

Join us Tuesday evening!

November 22 🕒 7:00 PM
Worship, Communion,
& Fellowship

Come praise and thank the Lord with us for His many blessings in 2011. Share your personal word of "thanksgiving" testimony. Celebrate communion with the Calvary family.

We'll gather after the worship service in the Galleria for coffee, spiced apple cider, and delicious pumpkin and pecan pie!

Nursery provided to age 4 during the service

From the Senior Pastor

Give thanks

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever" — Psalm 136:1

One of the constant themes of Scripture is that the people of God are to "give thanks." We are to give thanks even in the middle of difficult and disappointing circumstances.



John & Gudny Munro

As followers of Jesus Christ we look beyond our temporal circumstances to our great eternal God, who in love is working everything for our good.

Sometimes we complain and grumble over small setbacks in life, and therefore the constant encouragement in Scripture to "give thanks" is very necessary. A spirit of thankfulness is a mark of Christian maturity. One of the strengths of Calvary Church is that we are a praising and thankful church. The more we are God-centered, the more we will be thankful.

If at all possible come to our Thanksgiving service on Tuesday evening. And as you sit down with family and friends on Thursday, spend a few minutes thanking God. Also thank those who have loved and cared for you over the past year. Let all of us give thanks! ■

Calling all volunteers...

Serve in the Nursery ■ As we welcome many guests and families to Calvary over the holidays, the need for Nursery volunteers greatly increases. Please sign up to help:

- **Christmas Concerts, Sunday, December 11, 9:45 AM & 6:00 PM**
- **Candlelight Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24, 4:00 & 6:00 PM services**
- **Christmas morning, Sunday, December 25, 9:45 AM service**

All volunteers must have a background check on file. Volunteers must arrive early to receive children before the services begin. Please sign up at Galleria table 8 or in the online Serving Center. Contact: Sharon Miller, Nursery Coordinator, 704.341.5399, smiller@calvarychurch.com

Serve with Food Service ■ Help us plate, serve, set-up, or clean-up! Contact: Karen Tinsley, Food Service Coordinator, 704.341.5338, ktinsley@calvarychurch.com

- **Christmas Tea, Saturday, December 3 (Need more men volunteers!)**
- **Luke 14 Dinner & Luncheon, December 10 & 13 (need about 100 volunteers)**

Want to help with Luke 14 Banquets?

Sign up today at Galleria table 1 or www.calvarychurch.com/luke14

Calvary's annual **Luke 14 Banquets** bless families and friends with special needs in our church and across our community. We host two events to celebrate the season—both include a festive holiday meal, singing, testimonies, the Christmas story, and a gift for all who attend.

Luke 14 Family Banquet ■ Saturday, December 10, 5:30 PM, Crown Room

Families with special needs members and caregivers are invited to this dinner.

Luke 14 Luncheon ■ Tuesday, December 13, 11:30 AM, Crown Room

Group home residents and caregivers are invited to enjoy this luncheon.

Volunteers ■ We still need many volunteers to serve as table hosts, greeters, gift-givers, gift-sorters, food service workers, and prayer team members. Get details at Galleria table 1 or www.calvarychurch.com/luke14 about requirements, training, and registration.

Gifts ■ More than 800 NEW gifts are needed to ensure that each guest, family member, and caregiver receives one. Pick up a list of Luke 14 gift suggestions at table 1. Please bring gifts in decorative Christmas bags to the Galleria before December 9.

Currently...



■ **Invitation Postcards** Get postcards and flyers for Calvary's **Christmas concerts and Candlelight Christmas Eve services** today in the Galleria. Invite your friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers! **When folks scan the QR code**, they'll get online details about all our Christmas services. ■ **Zone345 Summer Camp** Attention parents of second–fifth graders—come

to our Woodlands Camp information meeting **TODAY in room 324**

at **12:30 PM**. You'll get an info DVD about our 2012 camp! Contact: Leanne Henwood,

704.887.3695, lhenwood@calvarychurch.com ■ **Faith Builders ALG** The

Home Builders ALG is now—Faith Builders! This group for married couples, mostly in their 40s–50s, enjoys Bible studies focused on building faith and marriage enrichment. They enjoy an active social and ministry calendar to build close relationships. Check out **Faith Builders today**

at **11:15 AM in room 222**. ■ **YU After Hours** Middle school students, leaders, and families are invited to join us for the last **Youth University After Hours** this semester on Sunday, November 27, 7:30–9:00 PM at Chili's Arboretum. Register online! Contact: Sue Cooper,

704.887.3698, scooper@calvarychurch.com ■ **CHAMP Sports** CHAMP Sports

Outreach enjoyed a great **Fall 2011 "End-of-Season Celebration"** on Friday, November 4.

Eighty-nine teams participated in soccer, flag-football, and baseball this fall! Thank you to all our dedicated coaches, leaders, and parents who made it an awesome season of ministry!

■ **Food Pantry** You can make a real difference for families in need over the holidays by **donating non-perishable groceries** to the Calvary Food Pantry. Contact: Edith Blydenburgh, 704.821.4311 ■ **ALG Schedule** Mark your calendar! Adult Life

Groups, Student Ministry, and Children's Ministry KidZone & Zone345 **WILL NOT MEET** on Sunday, December 11 due to the Christmas concerts or on Christmas morning, December 25.

Serving in leadership

Elder Jeffrey Arrington 704.544.8063
Deacons Gil Cendejas 704.847.7258
 Stuart Ramirez 704.821.9967

Pastor of the Week—Justin Roper
 For pastoral emergencies: **704.692.8925**

Missionary of the week

John & Jennifer Balmer serving with Training Pastors International in Lynchburg, VA

Galleria tables directory

Holiday Nursery Volunteers	Table 8
Luke 14 Banquets	Table 1
Men's Ministry	Table 4
Operation Christmas Child	Table 5
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Wednesday dinner

Dinners will resume on January 4
 A big Calvary "thank you!" to our Food Service volunteers and staff who serve us delicious meals so faithfully through the year!

Welcome new members

Cheryl Bailey	Joel Ebenezer
Jordan Benham	David Jamison
Ben Bye	Susan Jamison
Carol Campbell	Nick Melton
Lee Campbell	Jack Ramirez
Marilyn Carpenter	Steve Ramirez
Danielle Davey	Christina Riddle
Melinda Davey	Gerald Thompson
Jordan Davey	Tory Thompson
Tim Davey	Larry Wilson
Felicita Ebenezer	Pamela Wilson

Birth announcement

Congratulations to **Dave & Jennifer Blamy** on the birth of their daughter, Juliette, on November 8

Congratulations to **Josh & Ranae Brown** on the birth of their son, Jeremiah Michael, on November 15

Deepest sympathy to...

Ann Shanklin and family in the loss of her brother, **Mr. Charles William Israel**, on November 9

Jim & Paula Burrows and family in the loss of Jim's father, **Mr. James A. Burrows, Sr.**, on November 10

Doris Hunter and family in the loss of her husband, **Mr. Charles Hunter**, on November 11

A.B. & Melissa Clayton and family in the loss of A.B.'s sister, **Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Smith**, on November 11

For the record

General Fund offering on 11/13	\$140,658
General Fund weekly goal	\$138,000

Next Generation received 11/13	\$20,388
Total received to date	\$4,254,861

Attendance on 11/13		
9:45 AM	Worship Service	3374
8:30 & 11:00 AM	Spanish Services	368
	Morning Total	3742
6:00 PM	Evening Service	576
	Total	4318

Upcoming messages

Senior Pastor Dr. John Munro will bring the messages below unless otherwise noted:

Nov 22	7:00 PM	Thanksgiving Service
Nov 27	9:45 AM	"Lost People Matter to God" (Mark 7:24–8:9)
	6:00 PM	"Surrendering Our Rights" (1 Corinthians 9:1–14) Pastor Timothy Hathaway



Welcome Calvary Guests!

We're so glad you've chosen to visit Calvary Church today! You're invited to the **Calvary Café** (located in the Galleria) following the service this morning for coffee and light refreshments. We'd love to meet you personally and answer any questions. **We also have a special welcome gift bag just for you!**