

Looking UP

Calvary Church Weekly News

Celebrate Christmas at Calvary



Welsh tenor Huw Priday returns to Calvary, singing Christmas favorites

Advent Celebration with Huw Priday

Sunday, December 6, 6:00 PM

Come experience the songs of the season magnificently presented by **Welsh tenor Huw Priday** along with **guest host Cliff Barrows**. Enjoy the beautiful music of the Calvary Grand Organ, sing favorite Christmas carols, and hear a special advent message by Pastor Munro. We'll conclude the evening with the lighting of the Calvary Christmas tree and enjoy holiday refreshments. What a special beginning to our Christmas season!

Featured tenor Huw Priday is from Brecon, Mid Wales. He has enjoyed an extensive oratorio and concert career, often performing for Royalty and Heads of State. Huw has sung

the role of 'Piangi' in Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Phantom of the Opera" at Her Majesty's Theatre in London's West End and has appeared at The Royal Opera House London, Carnegie Hall New York, and Sydney Concert Hall, among others. Huw sang at Calvary in 2007, and we look forward to his ministry with us for this Advent Celebration service.

Guest host Cliff Barrows and his wife Ann are members of Calvary. Cliff served as Music and Program Director for the Billy Graham Team for many years, and has led congregational singing and crusade choirs all over the world. His ministry with us is sure to be a special blessing!

"The Voices of Christmas" ■ Calvary Christmas Concerts

Sunday, December 13, 9:45 AM & 6:00 PM

Hundreds of presenters from Calvary's Worship Ministry teams—choir, orchestra, drama, dance, youth, and children—will portray God's eternal voice speaking through the birth of His Son, Jesus Christ. Childcare will be provided to age 5 at 9:45 AM and to age 4 at 6:00 PM.

Candlelight Christmas Eve ■ Thursday, December 24, 5:30 & 8:00 PM

It's the most beautiful worship service of the year! Invite your family and neighbors to worship, sing, and hear the Gospel message this Christmas—God's perfect gift to us. Childcare to age 4 and ASL translation will be provided at the 5:30 PM service.

Men reach out through annual Christmas Breakfast

The men of Calvary will host a **Christmas Breakfast outreach** on Friday, December 18 from 7:00–8:30 AM in the Crown Room. This is the perfect opportunity to invite a spiritually-seeking friend, brother, son, or co-worker to hear a clear presentation of the Gospel. We'll enjoy Christmas music, a hearty breakfast, and an inspiring message.

Our goal for this outreach is that Calvary men would register online for themselves, plus make reservations for each of their guests. Cost is \$10 per person; registration is now open online. Contact: Mitzi Koch, 704.341.5417, mkoch@calvarychurch.com

Give today for Calvary's annual "Missionary Christmas Gift" offering

The special red envelope provided today is for our Missionary Christmas Gift offering. Each year Calvary gives a financial Christmas gift to our 76 families/individuals serving on the mission field. We still need \$25,000 to reach our offering goal of \$30,000. Our missionaries so appreciate Calvary's financial and prayer support. Thank you for your generous gift!

Volunteers needed for events & services

Volunteers are especially needed in the nursery during our Thanksgiving and Christmas services and concerts. Volunteers must have a background check. Please sign up today at Galleria table 8A or in the online Serving Center at www.calvarychurch.com/servingcenter. Contact: Michelle Hartman, Nursery Coordinator, 704.341.5399, mhartman@calvarychurch.com

■ NOVEMBER 22, 2009

From the Senior Pastor

Give thanks

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever" (Psalm 136:1). As we approach Thanksgiving, we know that there are many reasons to give thanks. At our Thanksgiving service on Tuesday at 7:00 PM, you will be given an opportunity to thank God for the many blessings of the past year.



Dr. John H. Munro

The Psalmist writes, "God is good and His steadfast love endures forever" (Psalm 136:1). In the changing circumstances of life, we can be absolutely certain that God is always good. His love will never end! Take some time this Thanksgiving season to thank those who have helped you in different ways over the past year. We tend to take for granted those who do the most for us! ■

Thanksgiving Communion Service

Tuesday, November 24, 7:00 PM

Join the Calvary family for a special evening of worship and thanksgiving, as we remember God's blessing through 2009. We'll share communion and personal testimonies of God's grace.

Join us afterwards in the Galleria for fellowship with coffee, apple cider, and pumpkin and pecan pie! Childcare provided to age 4 for the service. Please pick up your child before the fellowship time.

LUKE 14

Luke 14 Banquets share a special blessing

Calvary's annual Luke 14 Banquets bless our community in a very special way... and this year we're hosting two events to celebrate the Christmas season with the people in our church and community with disabilities.

TWO EVENTS ■ We have invited individuals with special needs and their families and caregivers to a **Luke 14 dinner on Saturday,**

December 12 at 5:30 PM. Group home residents and their caregivers are invited to a **Luke 14 luncheon on Tuesday, December 15 at 11:30 AM.** Both banquets will include a special holiday meal, singing, testimonies, the Christmas story, and a gift for all who attend.

VOLUNTEERS ■ We need table hosts, greeters, gift-givers, gift-sorters, prayer team, and administrative helpers. Some volunteers serve the day of the event and some serve days or weeks in advance as we prepare. **Sign up at Galleria table 2 or register online.**

GIFTS ■ We need 700 gifts to ensure that our guests, their family members, and caregivers receive one. Please limit gift to \$25 value, and **bring gifts in decorative gift bags** marked "male" or "female." A list of appropriate gift ideas is available at Galleria table 2.

TRAINING ■ Training for all Luke 14 volunteers will be held on **Wednesday, December 2** at 6:30 PM in room 232. Please plan to attend this important meeting. Contact: Sue Rimer, 704.341.5322, srimer@calvarychurch.com

Charlotte Bobcats vs. Cleveland Cavaliers
 Friday, November 27 ■
 3:30 PM Pre-game, 7:00 PM Tip-off

CHAMP

NIGHT at the BOBCATS

It's almost time for the **BIG GAME!** Do you have your **BOBCATS TICKETS?** All CHAMP Fall 2009 coaches, youth players, and youth karate participants receive ONE FREE TICKET. Plus we have discount tickets for all your friends and family! Reserved Calvary block tickets are \$30 each (regularly \$40). **All tickets (free & paid) must be ordered online by Tuesday, November 24 and be picked up at the 4th floor church office by noon on Wednesday, November 25.** Get tickets and "give-aways" at Galleria table 3B this morning. Contact: Christopher Munro, 704.341.5387, champ@calvarychurch.com

The holiday need is great...

Thanksgiving Dinner Outreach ■ Thanksgiving is almost here! We have almost enough pies donated, but **we really need 100+ additional turkeys to fill all our requests for dinners** this Thursday. Can you bring a hot, fully cooked, un-stuffed turkey to the Calvary kitchen on Thanksgiving morning between 6:00–9:30 AM? Sign up at Galleria table 6B today or at www.calvarychurch.com. Contact: Wayne & Shirley Hackbarth, turkeys@carolina.rr.com

Prison Ministry Outreach ■ Calvary's Prison Ministry needs your help to serve holiday dinners in four South Carolina prisons. These special occasions provide delicious food plus spiritual nourishment and encouragement for the inmates. You can help by going with us to the prisons to serve meals, share testimonies, and pray with inmates on December 7, 11, and 17. Or, come work in the Calvary kitchen to prepare and pack food prior to each event. Sign up at Galleria table 5A today or at www.calvarychurch.com. Contact: Guy & Carole Sorrell, 704.243.0284, carolesorrell@carolina.rr.com



Calling all shoe box gifts...

Over 570 Calvary gift boxes have come in so far! Please bring your shoe box filled with toys, gifts, and hygiene items to the Galleria **TODAY**. Be sure to return all volunteer forms to Galleria table 8B for Calvary OCC Night.

[GROUP HIGHLIGHT]

Adult Life Groups in focus this week

Prime Time Sunday ■ This faith community is mostly couples and singles in their 70s and 80s who appreciate learning and living out God's Word. They support each other in prayer and enjoy good fellowship! Pastor Phil Divine leads the class at **8:30 AM in room 231**.

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.

Senior Adults ■ This group warmly invites newcomers to join our fellowship. We're studying the book of Acts, chapter by chapter, using a DVD series followed by discussion. You'll gain new insights into God's Word and enjoy the support of a caring group! Denver Watkins leads the class at **11:15 AM in room 228**.

GO PERU offers team missions experience

Ready to serve on a short-term missions trip? Join Calvary missionaries Julio and Olga Chiang of South America Mission and Calvary team leader Joe Blizzard as they lead the **GO PERU** trip, February 19–28, 2010. The **team of 12 adults** will serve in home evangelism, prayer walking, church leadership training, a medical/health education clinic, and hosting a women's Bible conference. **There will be an information meeting TODAY, November 22, 4:30–5:30 PM**, in room 233. Cost is \$1300, and the application deadline is December 30. For an application go to www.calvarychurch.com/gotrips. Contact: Sue Rimer, 704.341.5322, srimer@calvarychurch.com

along the way...

Truth or Consequences Veritas Evangelical Seminary presents the **National Conference on Cults, Sects, and New Religions** with Dr. Norman Geisler and a distinguished panel of apologists on **Saturday, November 28** at 8:45 AM–5:45 PM in the Crown Room. Cost is \$35, including lunch. Register at www.calvarychurch.com/cults.

Morning Glories Calvary's **single senior adult women** will enjoy a **catered Christmas luncheon** on Monday, November 30 at 10:30 AM in the Banquet Room. Moses and Edna Gingrich will share their testimony. Please RSVP to Jody Ballard, 704.846.3781, jodeebal@aol.com.

KidZone Coordinator Calvary is accepting applications for a **part-time KidZone Coordinator** for our 1st–2nd graders. Email resumé to Su Trull, Director of Children's Ministry, at strull@calvarychurch.com.

Food Service Sign up in Calvary's **online Serving Center** to volunteer for the Thanksgiving service pie fellowship, the Advent Celebration reception, and the Luke 14 dinner and luncheon. Contact: Karen Tinsley, 704.341.5338, ktinsley@calvarychurch.com



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 have a special welcome gift bag just for you!

updates

this week

November 22 @ Calvary

- 8:30 AM Adult Life Groups
- 8:30 AM **Spanish Service, Chapel**
- 9:45 AM **Worship Service, Sanctuary**
"The Handwriting on the Wall" (Daniel 5)
- 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**
"Reconciled" (Colossians 1:18–22)

Serving this week

Elder Gene Coleman 704.545.9134
Deacons Henry Creech 704.708.8286
 Pete Russell 704.544.2366

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

Missionaries of the week

Phil & Peggy Janofski serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Waxhaw, NC

Journey 2009 daily reading

Monday 2 Peter 2
 Tuesday 2 Peter 3
 Wednesday 1 John 1
 Thursday 1 John 2
 Friday 1 John 3

www.calvarychurch.com/journey2009

Galleria tables directory

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 Luke 14 Banquets Table 2
 Men's Ministry Table 4
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Wednesday dinner

Dinners will resume on January 6, 2010. Thank you to our Calvary Food Service staff and volunteers for the delicious meals this fall!

Welcome new members

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| Laurie Arant | Michael Hutcheson |
| Tim Arant | Todd Hutcheson |
| Howard Browning | Kaori Krady |
| Barbara Burke | Kip Krady |
| Leonard Burke | Kathryn Kroboth |
| Don Cheney | "Sam" McDowell |
| Gretchen Cheney | Neela Neckles |
| Concetta Fitts | Rick Nycum |
| David Fitts | Duane Phillips |
| Jerry Fong | Evelyn Phillips |
| Laura Fong | Graham Pritchard |
| Dale Hedman | Sarah Pritchard |
| Noelle Hedman | Margaret Setzer |
| Anthony Humphrey | Leslie Sherritt |
| Lori Humphrey | Stacey Sherritt |
| Alicia Hutcheson | Bill Sherritt |
| Liz Hutcheson | |

For the record...

General Fund offering on 11/15 **\$127,086**
General Fund weekly goal \$121,000
Attendance on 11/15

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| 9:45 AM | Worship Service | 3104 |
| 11:00 AM | Spanish Service | 376 |
| | Morning Total | 3480 |
| 6:00 PM | Evening Service | 664 |
| | Total | 4144 |

Upcoming messages

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

Nov 24 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Communion Service & Fellowship
Nov 29 9:45 AM "Surviving the Lions' Den" (Daniel 5)
 6:00 PM "Building the Body of Christ" (Ephesians 4:11–16)
 Pastoral Intern Ryan Amidon



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