



A gift for our missionaries...

Today in your copy of Looking Up, you'll find a **special offering envelope** for our annual "Christmas Gift for Calvary Missionaries." Currently we partner with **77 missionary families**, who serve with 32 different agencies in 30 countries around the world. This gift is an encouraging reminder of Calvary's love and support as they win the world for Christ. Our goal this year is \$24,000. Contact: Pastor Jim Cashwell, Missions & Evangelism, 704.887.3696, jcashwell@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**
"Lost People Matter to God" (Mark 7:24-8:9)
- 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**
"Surrendering Our Rights" (1 Corinthians 9:1-14)
Pastor Timothy Hathaway
- 6:00 PM Nursery, Children's Choirs, Youth University



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Looking UP

Celebrate Christmas!

■ NOVEMBER 27, 2011

From the Senior Pastor

Lost people matter to God

Today in our study of Mark we will learn



John & Gudny Munro

three important principles of reaching others with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Jesus taught that we are all lost. This is why He came to seek and to save us. Praise God that "lost people matter to God."

Do lost people matter to you? I trust that all of us want to reach people with the love and truth of Jesus Christ. During the month of December all of us have incredible opportunities to do exactly that! Let me encourage you to invite people to our outreach Christmas events. They are listed in Looking Up and also on our website at www.calvarychurch.com. Use the special invitations, and prayerfully consider whom you should contact. We know that more people would come to church if they received a personal invitation.

Let us follow the example of Jesus and reach out to individuals with the "Good News!" ■

Pastor Munro to host Newcomers' Reception

Are you new to Calvary? Would you like to meet Pastor Munro and his wife, Gudny, and learn more about our church? If so, please come to a Newcomers' Reception in the **Calvary Café next Sunday, December 4**, immediately after the 9:45 AM worship service. Light refreshments and coffee will be prepared for you, plus Pastor Munro will share more about the vision and ministry of Calvary Church. Please take this opportunity to connect and have your questions answered!

Advent Celebration & Tree Lighting

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

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

"Love Came for Me"

Christmas Worship 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 present "Love Came for Me," a joyous celebration of the birth of Christ. Hundreds of presenters of all ages will share the music and message of the season: "In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him" (1 John 4:9).

Candlelight Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24
THREE SERVICES ■ 4:00, 6:00, & 8:00 PM
(Childcare to age 4 at 4 & 6 PM ONLY; ASL at 6 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. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors! **Please plan to carpool and arrive early to park!**



Christmas invitations

Get postcard invitations today in the Galleria for Calvary's Christmas Concerts and Candlelight Christmas Eve services—our biggest outreach services of the year! Invite your friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers!

Luke 14 volunteers meet this week

Volunteer Training ■ Wednesday, November 30, 6:00 PM, Room 232

All Luke 14 Banquet table hosts and greeters must attend this training meeting! Important information, procedures, and assignments will be discussed.

We still need many volunteers to serve on December 10 & 13 as table hosts, greeters, gift-givers, gift-sorters, food service workers, and prayer team members. Come serve families and friends with special needs in our church and across our community at this annual Calvary outreach. The events feature a festive holiday meal, singing, testimonies, the Christmas story, and a gift. Get details at Galleria table 3 or www.calvarychurch.com/luke14.

Luke 14 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 3. **Please bring gifts in decorative Christmas bags to the Galleria before December 9.** Contact: Sue Rimer, 704.341.5322, srimer@calvarychurch.com

Invite a colleague, friend, or neighbor...

Men's Christmas Breakfast Outreach

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



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



Students <don't miss this>

Emerge-N-Engage Winter Conference ■ January 14–16, 2012

All middle and high school are invited to spend the MLK break in January with us at this annual Smoky Mountain Bible Conference event in Pigeon Forge, TN. Hear dynamic speakers including David Nasser, Scott Dawson, The Skit Guys, and Ergun Caner. Kristian Stanfill will be our worship leader and to top it all off, in concert we'll have KJ-52, LeCrae, and Newsboys. **We need YOUR REGISTRATION NOW at www.calvarychurch.com.**

Student Ministry Christmas Parties

Middle School ■ Tuesday, December 13, 6:00–9:00 PM, Crown Room

High School ■ Friday, December 16, 6:00–9:00 PM, Crown Room

Let's celebrate Christmas together—invite your friends to join us! **Please help us prepare for you by registering online ASAP at www.calvarychurch.com.**

Calling all volunteers... we need you!

Serve as an Usher ■ Help us welcome guests with a warm smile, assist with seating, taking up the offering, and share information about Calvary. Volunteers must arrive 45 minutes prior to service time. Contact: Malcolm Weeks, 704.551.2071, Malcolm.weeks@xerox.com

Candlelight Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24, 4:00, 6:00, & 8:00 PM

Serve in the Nursery ■ As we welcome many guests over the holidays, the need for Nursery volunteers greatly increases! All volunteers must have a background check on file. Contact: Sharon Miller, Nursery Coordinator, 704.341.5399, smiller@calvarychurch.com

Christmas Concerts, Sunday, December 11, 9:45 AM & 6:00 PM

Candlelight Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24, 4:00 & 6:00 PM only

Christmas morning, Sunday, December 25, 9:45 AM service

Serve with Food Service ■ Help us plate, serve, set-up, or clean-up:

Christmas Tea, Saturday, December 3 We need more men to serve tables!

Contact: Chris Salter, cncsalter@aol.com

Luke 14 Dinner & Luncheon, December 10 & 13 We need about 100 volunteers!

Contact: Karen Tinsley, Food Service Coordinator, 704.341.5338, ktinsley@calvarychurch.com

Financial update sets goal for year-end



John Mandeville

God has blessed Calvary Church in a mighty way this year! Many are trusting Christ and being impacted by His Word. His financial blessings have also been bountiful—both in the General Fund and Next Generation campaign.

With December just around the corner, we have an opportunity to measure our progress against our General Fund giving goals for the first six months of our fiscal year. We have found that it is very difficult to meet our annual target if we are behind at December 31, since giving in December is usually much greater than in any other month.

This year our budgeted weekly giving is \$138,000 (or \$2,898,000 through November 20). At that date we were \$204,000 behind budget. In addition, the budget for the balance of the year is \$690,000. So, we must receive \$894,000 by December 31 to reach our budget giving goal of \$3,588,000. The graph depicts this challenge. We'll provide an update each week through the end of December so that you can easily follow our progress—to God be the glory! Contact: John Mandeville, Director of Ministry Support & Calvary Treasurer, 704.341.5330, jmandeville@calvarychurch.com

Budgeted Contributions
July–Dec 2011
\$3,588,000

Need
by Dec 31
\$894,000

Received
thru Nov 20
\$2,694,000

Currently...

■ **Calvary Night at OCC** Only a few spaces remain for Calvary Night at OCC on Monday, December 5. We'll meet at 4:45 PM at the center for a covered dish dinner, then work from 6:00–10:00 PM processing shoe boxes for shipment. Get details and register at www.calvarychurch.com/occ.

■ **YU After Hours** Middle school students, leaders, and families are invited to join us for the last **Youth University After Hours** this semester TONIGHT, 7:30–9:00 PM, at Chili's Arboretum. Let's enjoy fellowship and a meal together!

■ **Career Ministry** Are you in a job transition? Join us on Mondays at 7:00 PM in the Crown Room for spiritual encouragement, networking, lead-sharing, contacts, and skill-

building. Find out more at www.calvarychurch.com/career or get details at Galleria table 5B today.

■ **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 Sam Williams 704.588.4192

Deacons Mark Fine 704.759.8146

John Buenavides 704.499.3088

Pastor of the Week—Phil Divine

For pastoral emergencies: **704.957.7200**

Missionary of the week

Byron & Dianne Barlowe serving with Probe Ministries in Plano, TX

Journey 2011 daily reading

Monday 1 Timothy 3:1–7
Tuesday 1 Timothy 3:8–13
Wednesday 1 Timothy 3:14–167
Thursday 1 Timothy 4:1–5
Friday 1 Timothy 4:6–16

www.calvarychurch.com/journey2011

Galleria tables directory

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Christmas at Calvary Table 1

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Men's Ministry Table 4

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Today's Message CDs Table 2

Deepest sympathy to...

Dennis & Beverly Modzell in the passing of Dennis' mother, **Mrs. Florence Modzell**, on November 19

Welcome new members

Nancy Arneson	Patti Romano
Nettie Davis	Cherie Sansone
David Finley	Marc Sansone
Sherri Finley	Chris Self
Elaine Linnan	Jim Self
Michelle Moore	Hsiu Feng Tsai
Anne Onafowokan	Jeanne Vanhelden
Joel Onafowokan	Dana Welch
Laszlo Osisneg	Meg Wilhelm
Meghan Preslar	Nancy Wisdom
Travis Preslar	

Dedication of children

Tom & Jessica Hull dedicate Julien David Hull

Ty & Macy Richardson dedicate Sophie Ann Richardson

Gerald & Tory Thompson dedicate Caleb Edward Thompson & Annabel Rose Thompson

For the record

General Fund offering on 11/20 **\$143,454**
General Fund weekly goal \$138,000

Next Generation received 11/20 **\$78,271**
Total received to date \$4,333,239

Attendance on 11/20

9:45 AM	Worship Service	3167
8:30 & 11:00 AM	Spanish Services	341
	Morning Total	3508
6:00 PM	Evening Service	645
	Total	4153

Upcoming messages

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

Dec 4 9:45 AM "The Turning Point" (Mark 8:10–33)
6:00 PM Advent Celebration & Christmas Tree Lighting

Dec 11 9:45 AM "Love Came for Me"
& 6:00 PM Christmas Concerts

Dec 18 9:45 AM "The Manger and the Cross" Communion Service

Dec 24 Candlelight Christmas Eve 4:00, 6:00, & 8:00 PM

Dec 25 9:45 AM "God So Loved the World"



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!**

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