

Looking UP

Calvary Church Weekly News

Christmas at Calvary



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 **special 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 international oratorio, concert, and theater career. 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 Concert

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 join to present these beautiful and inspiring Christmas concerts.

The one voice we need to hear above all of the clamoring voices around us is the voice of God. More than two thousand years after the birth of His Son, He still speaks to us. *Childcare will be provided to age 5 at 9:45 AM and to age 4 at 6:00 PM. Adult Life Groups will NOT meet, and Spanish worship services will NOT meet on December 13.*



Candlelight Christmas Eve

Thursday, December 24 ✨ 5:30 & 8:00 PM

It's the most beautiful worship service of the year. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to worship, sing favorite carols, light a Christmas candle, and hear the "good news of great joy" (Luke 2:10)—God's perfect gift to us is born! *Childcare to age 4 and American Sign Language interpretation will be provided at the 5:30 PM service.*

■ NOVEMBER 29, 2009

From the Senior Pastor

Advent

We are now entering the period of Advent, which is surely one of the most exciting times of the year—the celebration of the arrival of God's wonderful Son into this world.



Dr. John H. Munro

On Sunday mornings in December we will take a break from our study in Daniel, (resuming it on January 3 when we will begin a three week study of "The Rapture.") Followers of Jesus Christ never get tired of the "old, old story of Jesus and His love." Once again we will reflect that "God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

Do I need to remind you that there are thousands of people in the Charlotte area who still do not understand the real reason why Jesus Christ came 2,000 years ago? What an opportunity we have to explain the meaning of Christmas! This Advent season let's invite neighbors, family, friends, and colleagues to the many services and events at Calvary which are designed to introduce people to Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and Lord. ■

Pastor Munro to greet newcomers

Are you new to Calvary? Would you like to meet Pastor Munro and his wife Gudny and learn more about our church?

If you have recently started attending Calvary, you're encouraged to join Dr. and Mrs. Munro in the Rea Road Room immediately after the worship service **NEXT SUNDAY, December 6**. Refreshments and coffee will be prepared for you, plus you'll hear about the vision and ministry of Calvary Church. This is a great opportunity to connect and have your questions answered!

Nursery volunteers needed for holiday events

Won't you serve in the nursery during one of our Christmas concerts or services? Please sign up at www.calvarychurch.com/servingcenter. Contact: Michelle Hartman, 704.341.5399, mhartman@calvarychurch.com



Get Christmas invitations today!

Stop by Galleria table 1B this morning for invitation postcards and fliers you can use to invite friends, neighbors, relatives, and co-workers to our Christmas concerts and Candlelight Christmas Eve services. **Your personal invitation will make all the difference!**

Share a special blessing at Luke 14...

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. You can be a part of this meaningful outreach!

TWO LUKE 14 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. We'll be better able to meet the needs of our guests at two events!

VOLUNTEERS ■ We still need table hosts, greeters, gift-givers, gift-sorters, prayer team, and administrative helpers. **Sign up at Galleria table 2 or register online. We'll begin processing gifts December 1, 1:00–3:00 PM in room 328—all volunteers welcome!**

GIFTS IN BAGS ■ 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 gifts is available at Galleria table 2.

VOLUNTEER 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

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

[GROUP HIGHLIGHT]

Adult Life Groups in focus this week

International Fellowship

■ This class is designed for internationals with a friendly, verse-by-verse Bible study. We enjoy quarterly socials in homes to facilitate deeper relationships and cultural understanding. Lynn Haines leads the class (in English) at **11:15 AM in room 241**.

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.

Single Adults

■ This group welcomes single and single again adults who are age 35+. We grow through expositional Bible teaching, discussion, and prayer time each week. Beyond Sundays, we enjoy fellowship at restaurants, special events, and single retreats. Pastor David Ingrassia leads the class at **11:15 AM in room 224**.

Zone54 becomes Zone345 for better fit

Calvary Children's Ministry is slightly restructuring our ministry with third graders, effective next Sunday, December 6. KidZone will now be only first and second graders. Our new Zone345 will include third, fourth, and fifth grade students, under the coordination of Leanne Henwood. Zone345 students will continue to attend the Sunday service at 9:45 AM and then come to class at 11:15 AM. **There will be NO ACCESS to Zone345 classrooms from the main KidZone hallway**, so parents should drop off their students at rooms 322 and 324 from the Galleria side. Contact: Leanne Henwood, lhenwood@calvarychurch.com, 704.887.3695

Calvary extends a special thank you to **Joy Huber** for her recent ministry as KidZone Coordinator. Joy and her family are looking forward to the soon arrival of their newly adopted daughter, Sarah Mei Huber, from China. Please join us in congratulating the Huber family!

along the way...

 *Xtreme Conference meeting* Parents, are your students attending the

Xtreme Conference in Gatlinburg, December 29–31? If so, please attend an **info meeting on**

Sunday, December 6 at 12:30 PM. High school parents meet in the Crown Room; middle school parents meet in the Banquet Room. Final payments are due and there are **additional forms that must be signed**. Contact: Audrey Storms, 704.341.5320, astorms@calvarychurch.com

 *Food Service volunteers* Sign up at Galleria table 5B today or

in the online Serving Center to volunteer for the **Advent Celebration reception, Christmas Tea**, and the **Luke 14 dinner and luncheon**. Contact: Karen Tinsley, 704.341.5338, ktinsley@calvarychurch.com

 *Single Adults* Calvary single adults ages 35+ will

celebrate with a **Christmas party and covered dish dinner** on Friday, December 11 at 7:00 PM at the home of Debbie Bordwine. RSVP to Debbie at 704.341.5328, dbordwine@calvarychurch.com.

 *Morning Glories* Senior adult single women

will meet for a **covered dish lunch on Monday, November 30** in the Guest Café. Contact:

Jody Ballard, 704.846.3781, jodeebal@aol.com  *Jesus Film for Kids* The


DVD mentioned in the service last week, **"The Story of Jesus for Children,"** is available

from www.jesusfilmstore.com and www.christianbook.com.  *Prayer*

meeting Wednesday night prayer meeting will continue through December at 6:30 PM in the

Prayer Room on third floor. Please join us!  *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. 

Word Room Calvary's bookstore will be open 10:00 AM–4:00 PM on Saturdays in

December. Stop by for ESV Bibles, Christmas cards, Calvary logo items, and message CD sets.



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 29 @ Calvary

8:30 AM Adult Life Groups

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

9:45 AM **Worship Service, Sanctuary**
"Surviving the Lions' Den"
(Daniel 6)

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**
"Building the Body of Christ"
(Ephesians 4:11–16)
Pastoral Intern Ryan Amidon
Youth University, Joyful Praise
Choirs, Nursery

Serving this week

Elder Tom Dilly 704.366.4264

Deacons Jon Elliott 704.542.0141
Tom Gentry 704.814.9742

Pastor of the Week — Scott Vail

For pastoral emergencies: **980.297.2527**

Missionaries of the week

David & Nancy Writebol serving with the Rafiki Foundation in Zambia

Journey 2009 daily reading

Monday 2 John

Tuesday 3 John

Wednesday Jude

Thursday Revelation 1

Friday Revelation 2

www.calvarychurch.com/journey2009

Galleria tables directory

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Wednesday dinner

Dinners will resume on January 6, 2010

Dedication of children

Franklin & Christa Gibbs dedicate their triplets, Joshua Daniel Gibbs, Janna Elizabeth Gibbs, & Rebekah Grace Gibbs

Jason & Celia Jimenez dedicate their son, Jackson Phillip Jimenez

Welcome new members

Joshua Craig Laury Haines
Shannon Craig Michelle McCaskill
Michael Giglio Norene Stone
Sandra Giglio Phil Stone
David Haines

For the record...

General Fund offering on 11/22 **\$104,317**

General Fund weekly goal \$121,000

Missionary Christmas Gift thru 11/22 \$17,326

Missionary Christmas Gift goal \$30,000

Attendance on 11/22

9:45 AM Worship Service 3206

8:30 & 11:00 AM Spanish Services 376

Morning Total 3582

6:00 PM Evening Service 576

Total 4158

Upcoming messages

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

Dec 6 9:45 AM "The Messiah Is Coming"

6:00 PM Advent Celebration
with Huw Priday

Dec 13 9:45 AM & Christmas Concerts
6:00 PM "The Voices of Christmas"

Dec 20 9:45 AM "The Mystery and Mission
of Christmas"

6:00 PM No evening service

Dec 24 5:30 & Candlelight Christmas Eve
8:00 PM "A Shepherd's Story"

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