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Calvary Church Weekly News

Thanksgiving blessings...

Share your blessings through annual dinner outreach

Will you roast a turkey, bake a pie, or help in the Calvary kitchen as an act of love toward families in need this Thanksgiving? For over 20 years, Calvary has provided Thanksgiving dinner and a Bible to local families. This year we'll serve families from two partner churches in our community as well as Calvary families who need a helping hand. By sharing your blessings with others, you'll also spread the transforming love of Jesus Christ. **Here's how you can help:**

- **Bring a hot, fully cooked, un-stuffed turkey or a homemade pie** (ready to be served) to the Calvary kitchen on Thanksgiving morning between 6:00–9:30 AM.
- **Volunteer to work in the kitchen at 6:00 AM** to prepare the traditional side dishes, package the dinners, and deliver the boxes to families.

Sign up at Galleria table 2 today or register online at www.calvarychurch.com. It is important that you register ahead so that we can determine how many families we are able to serve. If you know a family that may need assistance, please let us know. Thank you for sharing your blessings with those in need! Contact: Wayne & Shirley Hackbarth, turkeys@carolina.rr.com

Count your blessings at Thanksgiving Service, November 24

Join us for an evening of worship and communion at our Thanksgiving service on Tuesday, November 24 at 7:00 PM. We'll remember all God's blessings through 2009 and praise Him for who He is and all He has done for us. Then we'll gather in the Galleria to enjoy fellowship—plus coffee, warm spiced apple cider, and delicious pumpkin and pecan pie!

Prison outreach shares food and love

Calvary's Prison Ministry shares the love of Christ during the holiday season by serving traditional Christmas 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 team? We need people to serve meals, share testimonies, and pray with inmates on November 20 and December 7, 11, and 17. Volunteers are needed for food preparation in the Calvary kitchen prior to each event. Get details at Galleria table 5A today or at www.calvarychurch.com. Contact: Guy & Carole Sorrell, 704.243.0284, carolesorrell@carolina.rr.com

Holiday food service volunteers needed

Christmas Tea Servers ■ Men, we need your help on Saturday, December 5, 12:45–5:00 PM to serve 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). Sign up in the Serving Center at www.calvarychurch.com/servingcenter. Contact: Karen Tinsley, 704.341.5338, ktinsley@calvarychurch.com

Seniors and singles plan get-togethers

Senior Adult Luncheon ■ Seniors will enjoy the music and stories of accordionist Bob Wilusz at our luncheon on Thursday, November 19 at noon in the Crown Room. **Get tickets today at Galleria table 8A** or in the Word Room by November 12. Tickets are **not** available the day of the event. Contact: Mitzi Koch, 704.341.5417, mkoch@calvarychurch.com

Singles Gathering ■ Single adults (35+) are invited to a relaxing evening of board games, food, and fun on Friday, November 13, 7:00–9:30 PM in the Banquet Room. We'll enjoy a potluck dinner, so please bring a main dish, salad, or side dish to share. Contact: Debbie Bordwine, 704.341.5328, dbordwine@calvarychurch.com



Operation Christmas Child Update

If you have a Samaritan's Purse volunteer form for **Calvary Night at OCC on December 14**, please return it to Galleria table 8B today. You must pre-register to participate; please stop by to make sure you are on the list. **Shoe boxes are still available!** Contact: Judi Patterson, 704.231.7946

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From the Senior Pastor

Keep praying



Dr. John H. Munro

These last couple of weeks have been some of the busiest since I came to Calvary Church. As well as my usual responsibilities of preaching and leadership, there have been a multitude of pastoral situations. While I greatly enjoy the pastoral side of ministry, all of it can result in a fast pace of life.

Reflecting on this, I thought of the Lord rising very early in the morning and going to a desolate place for prayer. He did this in the context of many pressing needs, but never neglected His communion with His Father. In reading the Gospels we never get the impression that Jesus was hurried or frantic in dealing with people. Everything He did was undergirded by obedience to His Father and a daily dependence on Him.

Let all of us follow the example of Jesus so that in spite of the busy pace of life, we never neglect times alone with our heavenly Father. That is the answer to a fruitful and peace-filled life. ■

Get Christmas Tea tickets today!

Ladies, you're invited to Calvary's annual Christmas Tea on Saturday, December 5, at 2:00–4:00 PM in the Crown Room.

You'll enjoy sweet fellowship in a festive setting, plus a delicious tea menu and delightful music. Our speaker will be **Kim Vail**, wife of Calvary Executive Pastor Scott Vail, who will share an encouraging and inspiring Christmas message. This is a wonderful opportunity to reach out to your family, friends, and neighbors!

Tickets are \$15 today at Galleria table 3 following the morning service.

There is a four ticket limit per person; no refunds. Tickets usually sell out right away—thank you for your patience. Contact: Sandy Short, 704.821.2049, westcotteleven@yahoo.com

Upcoming conferences offer top apologetics teaching...

"Apologetics & the Local Church"

November 13–14 ■ **Hickory Grove Baptist Church** will host the annual National Conference on Christian Apologetics, sponsored by Southern Evangelical Seminary. The event will feature Chuck Colson, Kay Arthur, William Lane Craig, Alex McFarland, Gary Habermas, Ken Boa, and many more.

On Saturday evening, scholar and Christian apologist Dinesh D'Souza will debate outspoken atheist Christopher Hitchens on the SES campus. Conference attendees may register for the debate at an additional cost. Seating is limited!

Conference cost varies from \$35–\$119, depending on options selected. For full schedule, details, and registration go to www.NationalApologeticsConference.com

"Truth or Consequences" National Conference on Cults, Sects, and New Religions

Saturday, November 28 ■ **Calvary Church is pleased to host** the Veritas Evangelical Seminar conference, 8:45 AM–5:45 PM in the Crown Room. The event features great Christian communicators who will address critical issues confronting the contemporary church, including **Norman Geisler, John Ankerberg, Ron Rhodes, Richard Abanes, Paul Carden, Joseph Holden, and Derwin Gray**. The goal of the conference is to foster spiritual discernment and offer a clear defense of the historic Christian faith. Come experience how apologetics can equip and empower you to live and share your faith more effectively!

Conference cost is \$35 and includes a box lunch. For full schedule and details, stop by Galleria table 7 or register at www.calvarychurch.com/cults

Grief through the holidays...

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

[GROUP HIGHLIGHT]

Adult Life Groups in focus this week

Christian Virtues ■ This group of mostly senior adults enjoys warm and inviting fellowship as they seek to grow in wisdom through Bible study and prayer. Dick Baer teaches the class at **8:30 AM in room 237.**

Life Application ■ This group is mostly empty-nesters in their 50s, but all are welcome! After studying scripture through the week, life applications are shared in group discussion on Sundays. They also enjoy prayer and fellowship. Bill Bailey leads this group at **11:15 AM in room 237.**

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.

John Wesley movie opens in Charlotte

If you're interested in **Christian history and documentary drama**, you might check out the locally-produced feature film *Wesley*, running **November 13-19 at the Ayrley Grand Cinema**, located at 9110 Kings Parade Boulevard, in Charlotte. The movie tells the story of **John Wesley**, focusing on his early life and the personal struggles that lead to his spiritual transformation—and ultimately to revolutionary changes in English ministry to the poor and outcast. Wesley's movement included some of the first shelters for battered women and children, recovery groups for alcoholics, medical clinics, and ultimately led to the movement to abolish slavery.

Much of the movie was filmed on location in Forsyth county, and it features Winston-Salem native **Burgess Jenkins** (Remember the Titans, The Reaping) as John Wesley. Also starring are: **Carrie Anne Hunt, Bill Oberts, Jr., June Lockhart** (Lassie, Lost in Space), and Golden Globe winner **Kevin McCarthy** (Death of a Salesman, Invasion of the Body Snatchers). Greensboro native **R. Keith Harris** (Big Fish, Junebug) portrays John's brother **Charles Wesley**, one of the most prolific hymn writers in history. Hundreds of Triad area residents had roles in the film, and many of the sets in the movie are authentic 18th century buildings at Bethabara Park, Old Salem, and Salem College in Winston-Salem, NC. **For details, see www.wesleythemovie.com.**

KidZone Coordinator position open ■ Calvary is now accepting applications for a part-time KidZone Coordinator. The position involves working 16 hours per week with the children, families, and volunteer team for our 1st-2nd graders. Candidate should feel comfortable sharing God's truths in front of groups, able to lead dynamically, called to minister to children, and gifted in leadership and organization. Must have experience working with grade school children and be a member of Calvary Church. Email resumé to Su Trull, Director of Children's Ministry, at strull@calvarychurch.com.

Ministry staff change ■ Barbara Rheuark has resigned as Director of Women's Ministry, effective October 30. Barbara has served at Calvary Church since September 2008. Please join in thanking Barbara for her ministry with us and praying for the Lord's rich blessings on her future endeavors.



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. **Plus, we have a special welcome gift bag just for you!**

along the way...

CHAMP Night at the Bobcats Get your tickets now for the **Charlotte**

Bobcats vs. Cleveland Cavaliers game on Friday, November 27. Calvary Church and CHAMP

Sports will be featured throughout the event! Register at www.champsportsinfo.com for

discount tickets; CHAMP Fall 2009 players and coaches get one FREE ticket. Contact: CHAMP

office, 704.341.5387, champ@calvarychurch.com

Gospel in 16 languages! DVDs are \$3 at Galleria table 6B. Contact: Sue Rimer, 704.341.5322, srimer@calvarychurch.com

G-Force Join this group of **praying grandmothers**

on Thursday, November 12, 9:30-10:30 AM in the Prayer Room. Contact: Judy Clark,

704.845.1130 **Word Room** Stop by the Calvary bookstore for our annual Jerusalem

jewelry sale, Bibles, books, Christmas cards, calendars, 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 8 @ Calvary

8:30 AM Adult Life Groups

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

9:45 AM **Worship Service, Sanctuary**
"Babylon the Great" (Daniel 4)

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**
Baptism, Pastoral Intern Justin Roper
Nursery, Joyful Praise Choir,
Youth University

Serving this week

Elder Bill Bailey 704.846.0549
Deacons Bill Yarnall 704.544.2454
Alberto Mangione 704.321.7277

Pastor of the Week—Dean Hawkins

For pastoral emergencies: **704.654.1746**

Missionaries of the week

Bill & Betty Harding serving with SIM in Charlotte

Journey 2009 daily reading

Monday John 18
Tuesday John 19
Wednesday John 20
Thursday John 21
Friday 1 Peter 1

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 11

Roast turkey, stuffing, sweet potato casserole,
glazed carrots, rolls, dessert, and beverage
Child's Meal: Pizza & chips

Deepest sympathy to...

Lewis & Anna Berry and family in the loss of their infant son, Kai Berry, on October 29

Ralph & Mary Ann Ansell and family in the loss of Mary Ann's brother on October 30

Sonya Rickard and family in the loss of her husband, Mr. Tony Rickard, on November 2

For the record...

General Fund offering on 11/1 **\$138,618**
General Fund weekly goal \$121,000

Attendance on 11/1

9:45 AM	Worship Service	2910
11:00 AM	Spanish Service	316
	Morning Total	3226
6:00 PM	Evening Service	831
	Total	4057

Upcoming messages

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

Nov 15 9:45 AM "Pride Before the Fall" (Daniel 4)

6:00 PM "Christ Above All" (Colossians 1:15-18)

Nov 22 9:45 AM "The Handwriting on the Wall" (Daniel 5)

6:00 PM "Reconciled" (Colossians 1:19-22)

Nov 24 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Communion Service & Fellowship

Nov 29 9:45 AM "Surviving the Lions' Den" (Daniel 6)

6:00 PM Baptism Service, Pastoral Intern Ryan Amidon

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