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Calvary Church Weekly News

Candlelight CHRISTMAS EVE



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

It's time again for the most beautiful worship service of the year at Calvary Church—Candlelight Christmas Eve. Invite your family, friends, guests from out-of-town, and neighbors to worship, sing favorite carols, light a Christmas candle, and hear the wondrous "glad tidings of great joy!" *Childcare to age 4 and American Sign Language interpretation will be provided at the 5:30 PM service.*

Take Christmas invitation postcards today

Stop by Galleria table 1 this morning for invitation postcards you can use to invite others to the Candlelight Christmas Eve services. An e-invitation is also available online at www.calvarychurch.com/invitation. *Your personal invitation will make all the difference!*

Men, don't miss these key opportunities

Men's Christmas Outreach Breakfast ■ Friday, December 18, 7:00–8:30 AM

Here's the perfect opportunity to invite a spiritually-seeking friend to experience a clear presentation of the Gospel. Join us in the Crown Room for Christmas music, a hearty breakfast, and an inspiring message with Pastor David Ingrassia. *Please register at www.calvarychurch.com* for yourself and each of your guests by December 17. Cost is \$10 per person.

Men's Priority ■ Tuesdays beginning January 12, 6:00–7:30 AM

Join us before the workday begins every Tuesday in the Crown Room. Our winter session will focus on Max Lucado's "Life Lessons" in the book of John.

Men at the Cross Conference ■ Friday & Saturday, January 22–23

At Calvary Church with Joe White, Chris Julian, & Rick Riggsby

Catch the vision! Join this group of radically committed men who lead the way through discipleship and serving Christ in the church, in their families, and in the workplace. Register at www.calvarychurch.com/menatthecross for the \$29 discount price. Contact: Mitzi Koch, 704.341.5417, mkoch@calvarychurch.com

Ladies, connect and grow in Bible study

Come get into God's Word with the women of Calvary in 2010! Our winter/spring Bible studies begin Tuesday, January 12 with five new courses, four continuing studies, and two new evening groups. Studies will meet at 9:30 AM–NOON or 7:00–9:00 PM through April 20. Affordable childcare is offered during the morning classes to age 5. Please check online for course descriptions and registration! *Classes offered both AM & PM are noted with an (*).*

New Women's Bible Studies

1 John NavPress, Room 237, Jan Adams

Anointed, Transformed, Redeemed by Arthur, Moore, & Shirer Room 238, Terri Richards

Living with Confidence in a Chaotic World* by David Jeremiah Room 232, Mary Beth Hohman

Stepping Up by Beth Moore Room 231, Rometa Arrington

To Live Is Christ* by Beth Moore Room 222, Carolyn Smith

Studies Continuing from Fall

Daniel: Lives of Integrity, Words of Prophecy by Beth Moore Room 234, Cathy Reed

Living Beyond Yourself by Beth Moore Room 241, Judy Trexler

MOMS: Making Our Mothering Significant Room 242, BJ Elmore

Matthew, Precept Upon Precept by Kay Arthur, Room 233, Linda James

Connecting With God Stonecroft Study Room 226, Joyce Chadwick

You'll grow spiritually and connect with the women of Calvary—please join us! Contact: Pam Radesky, 704.544.6524

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From the Senior Pastor

Welcome...

Christmas at Calvary is our most exciting time of the year.

The huge Christmas tree in the Galleria and the beautifully decorated sanctuary creates a magnificent setting for celebrating the birth of Jesus, the Savior of the world.



Dr. John H. Munro

Yet, at the heart of Christmas at Calvary is the desire to help each person know why Jesus was born. So we are delighted you are here this morning to enjoy the wonderful music and to hear once again the message of Christmas. We are praying that each one of us may hear in our hearts the voice of God's love and forgiveness.

Our Christmas celebration doesn't end today. We have a special Christmas Breakfast for men on Friday morning, our Christmas worship service next Sunday at 9:45 AM, and then our two Candlelight Christmas Eve services at 5:30 and 8:00 PM. *O come let us adore Him!* ■

Daniel, Part 1 now available in CD set



The first 11 messages in Dr. John Munro's current series in the book of Daniel are now available in a boxed CD set. Stop by the Word Room after the service today for this set (\$20) and other popular message series sets.

Decision Magazine features Christmas article

Pastor Munro has authored "The Glorious Birth of Jesus Christ" in the December issue of Decision magazine, a publication of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. Pastor Munro's article beautifully describes how in the mystery of the incarnation, Jesus Christ is not only truly God, but now truly man. The article is also available at www.calvarychurch.com.

Pastor to speak at The Cove

In 2010, Pastor Munro will minister at The Cove, the BGEA training center in beautiful Asheville, NC. Mark your calendar for **May 3–5** for "Senior Celebration" with Cliff Barrows and Friends and **September 17–19** for a seminar on "Knowing God." Get details online!

New Bible study electives begin January 6

Calvary offers an array of Bible study electives on Wednesdays, 6:30–8:00 PM. Expect to GROW in your knowledge and understanding of the Bible! **Get course details and register online at www.calvarychurch.com/electives.**

6-Week Courses

The Law: A Picture of God's Holiness (1/6–2/10) Room 401, Pastor David Ingrassia

Joshua: God's People in a Hostile Land (2/17–3/24) Crown Room, Pastor David Ingrassia

False Religions: The Draw and the Danger (1/6–2/10) Crown Room, Dr. Norman Geisler

Calvary Membership Course (2/17–3/31), Room 232, Dr. John Munro

11-Week Courses, Jan 6–Mar 24
Essentials – A Study for College Students Room 328, Justin Roper & Ryan Amidon

Marriage & Family: Love and Respect Room 231, Pastor Phil Divine

Bible: Pastoral Epistles Room 224, Dr. Ed Maynard

The Victory: Overcoming the Trials of Life Room 233, Pastor Scott Vail

21 Principles for a Healthy Single Mom Room 228, Cathy Reed

From Mission Tourist to Global Citizen/Christian Life and Witness Room 227, Pastor Jim Cashwell

Living By the Book – Bible Study Methods Room 241, Wayne Hackbarth

Crown Financial Bible Study (1/6–3/31) Room 242, John Mandeville

Wednesday Evening Prayer Prayer Room, Third Floor, Paul Hundrieser

Spanish Bible Study Room 222, Pastor Jorge Prado

Awana and Gopher Buddies Bible Clubs for children and RE:generation for students resume on Wednesday, January 6.

Separated or divorced?

Begin the new year with healing...

Are you hurting and angry because of a recent separation or divorce? Give yourself the gift of healing in 2010. Learn how to let go of anger and bitterness as you embrace forgiveness and restoration. The DivorceCare support group at Calvary offers a safe place to grieve the loss of broken relationships as you discover God's hope for your future. A new 13-week session begins Monday, January 11 at 7:00 PM. Cost is \$15. Register at www.calvarychurch.com/supportgroups.

Children of divorce get help and healing in DC4K

Young children often have difficulty sorting out feelings of loneliness and helplessness when their parents are going through the process of separation or divorce. The DC4K (DivorceCare 4 Kids) support group offers a safe place for children (ages 6–12) to deal with their feelings of anger and hurt. DC4K will begin a 13-week session on January 11 at 6:45 PM. The cost is \$20 for one child, \$30 for two, \$40 for three. Space is limited to the first 12 children, so advance registration is necessary. Register online! Contact Galina Olivera-Celdran, 704.936.6871, galinao@calvarychurch.com

Are you at a crossroads in your career?

Calvary's Career Ministry offers Christ Centered Career Groups (C3G) and networking meetings on Mondays at 7:00 PM for those in a career transition. Get tips on resume writing, networking, personal branding, and more. The C3G meetings are open to everyone. If you are seeking employment or changing your career, **join us Monday, December 14 in the Chapel.**

And mark your 2010 calendar for Monday, January 4. Our guest speaker will be Brian Ray, the founder of Crossroads Career Network. Catch his presentation "How to Turn New Year's Resolutions into Real Solutions" at 7:00 PM in the Crown Room. Contact: Mitzi Koch, 704.341.5417, career@calvarychurch.com

Get tickets for seniors' Christmas luncheon

Senior adults will enjoy a special musical Christmas program this Thursday, December 17 at noon in the Crown Room. We'll sing Christmas carols and share a delicious holiday meal with friends. Come early for the free mini-concert on the Calvary Grand Organ at 11:15 AM in the Sanctuary. *Please note: Due to the Child Development Center Christmas parade, it may be more convenient to park at the Chapel entrance for the organ concert and senior luncheon.* **The deadline to purchase tickets is TODAY at Galleria table 7.** Cost is \$6.50; tickets are NOT available day of the event. Due to food preparation requirements, we are unable to accept "walk ins." Thank you for understanding! Contact: Mitzi Koch, 704.341.5417, mkoch@calvarychurch.com

Students, we're having Christmas parties!


High School Party ■ Friday, December 18, 6:00–9:00 PM, Crown Room


We'll enjoy dinner together and an incredible talent show. Our gift exchange has an \$8.00 limit—no gag gifts. Wear your UGLIEST Christmas sweater for a contest! Don't forget to bring a side dish or dessert. Pastor Jason will share a special Christmas message. **Register online today!**

Middle School Party ■ Wednesday, December 16, 6:00–9:00 PM, Crown Room

We'll have a festive buffet, games, holiday traditions video, photo booth, and Pastor Dean's special Christmas message. Our gift exchange has a \$5.00 limit—no gag gifts. You may bring a gift for the CC Home for Women or the With Love from Jesus ministry. **Register online today!**

along the way...

 **Christmas Eve Nursery** **Be a blessing!** If you serve in the nursery during the **5:30 Christmas Eve service**, you'll still be able to attend the 8:00 PM service. Please sign up at Galleria table 8 today. Contact: Michelle Hartman, 704.341.5399, mhartman@calvarychurch.com


 **Ushers needed** Additional ushers are needed

for the **Candlelight Christmas Eve services**. Thank you for serving! Contact: Malcolm

Weeks, 704.551.2071, Malcolm.Weeks@xerox.com  **Calvary Night at**

OCC Calvary folks will serve at the **Operation Christmas Child** distribution center (7100 Forest Pointe Boulevard) on Monday, December 14, 6:00–10:00 PM. You **MUST HAVE PREREGISTERED** to participate! Remember to **bring a covered dish to share** for dinner.

Contact: Judi Patterson, 704.231.7946  **Huw Priday CDs** CDs by

Welsh tenor Huw Priday are available at Galleria table 2—including his **Christmas album**—for \$15.  **Morning Glories** Calvary's **senior adult single women** will enjoy a


special **Christmas Luncheon on Monday, December 14** in the Banquet Room at 10:30 AM.

Bring a wrapped "dollar store" gift to exchange and Christmas memories to share. Contact: Jody

Ballard, 704.846.3781  **Summer Camp** It's not too early to plan for kids'

summer opportunities! Register online for **Zone345 Camp at the Woodlands**, June 14–18. Only

90 spots available! Contact: Leanne Henwood, 704.887.3695, lhenwood@calvarychurch.com

 **Adult Life Groups** This is where we **"do life" together!** Groups meet on Sundays, either at 8:30 or 11:15 AM for **Bible study, fellowship, prayer**, and so much more. Get group descriptions at www.calvarychurch.com/alg. **Check out an ALG next Sunday** at Calvary!

updates

this week

December 13 @ Calvary

9:45 AM Christmas Concerts
& 6:00 PM "The Voices of Christmas"
Nursery provided to age 4

Serving this week

Elder	Mark Gott	704.277.1223
Deacons	Phil Drye	704.821.4764
	Ron Elmore	704.846.6500

Pastor of the Week—Dean Hawkins
For pastoral emergencies: **704.654.1746**

Missionaries of the week

Pall & Vangie Peaslee serving with CAM International in Fort Meyers, Florida

Journey 2009 daily reading

Monday	Revelation 8
Tuesday	Revelation 9
Wednesday	Revelation 10
Thursday	Revelation 11
Friday	Revelation 12

www.calvarychurch.com/journey2009

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Wednesdays at Calvary

Family dinner, Bible study electives, Awana, and RE:generation will resume on Wednesday, **January 6, 2010**. Dinner is served from 5:00–6:15 PM in the Crown Room, and activities meet 6:30–8:00 PM. Please join us!

Deepest sympathy to...

Josh & April Henighan and family in the loss of April's sister, Allison Michelle Holt, on December 4

For the record...

General Fund offering on 12/6	\$153,388
General Fund weekly goal	\$121,000

Attendance on 12/6	
9:45 AM Worship Service	3115
8:30 & 11:00 AM Spanish Services	359
Total	3474
6:00 PM Advent Celebration	1939

Year-end giving notes...

Calvary is thankful that General Fund giving has held up well in spite of the economic challenges facing our nation this year. Traditionally, giving to the General Fund is much greater in December than in any other month. To meet our budget goal for the fiscal year it is very important that we see such an increase again this year. Please pray about how God would have you involved in this effort as we seek His will together. Contact: John Mandeville, 704.341.5330, jmandeville@calvarychurch.com

Upcoming messages

Dec 20	9:45 AM	"The Mystery and Mission of Christmas"
	6:00 PM	No evening service
Dec 24	5:30 & 8:00 PM	Candlelight Christmas Eve "A Shepherd's Story"
Dec 27	9:45 AM	Rev. Nathaniel Pearce One Way Baptist Church
	6:00 PM	No evening service
Jan 3	9:45 AM	"The Rapture: Don't Be Left Behind!"
	6:00 PM	Prayer and Praise
Jan 10	9:45 AM	"The Rapture: The Generation Who Will Not Die!"
	6:00 PM	"Leading and Serving" Meet election candidates



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