

Coming up...

Christmas at the Library ■ **Tuesday, December 20, 6:30–8:00 PM**

The Calvary Choir will sing as part of the Billy Graham Library "Christmas at the Library" activities this week! Admission is free, including the live nativity, petting zoo, caroling, and story time activities. Horse-drawn carriage rides and photos are available for a small fee. The library is located at 4330 Westmont Drive in Charlotte.

Christmas Morning at Calvary ■ **Sunday, December 25, 9:45 AM**

Worship with us on Christmas morning! There will be NO ALGs or classes for children/students. Nursery provided to age 2; NO Spanish services or evening service.

New Year's Day at Calvary ■ **Sunday, January 1, 9:45 AM**

Start 2012 with worship! There will be NO ALGs or classes for children/students. Nursery provided to age 2 only; NO Spanish services or evening service.

Today's Services & Ministries

8:30 AM Adult Life Groups (ALGs)

9:45 AM **Worship Service, Sanctuary**
"The Manger and the Cross"
Christmas Communion

9:45 AM Nursery & Children's Classes

11:15 AM ALGs, Nursery, Children's & Student Ministries

5:00 PM **Spanish Service, Crown Room**
Christmas Drama & Celebration,
Fellowship Reception

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Looking UP

■ DECEMBER 18, 2011

From the Senior Pastor

The wonder of Christmas

I've always found Christmas to be one of the most exciting times of the year.

This year is certainly no exception. While undoubtedly it is the busiest time of the year, I praise God for all of the opportunities

we have at Calvary to communicate the message of Christmas to thousands of people.

Many of our Christmas events have already taken place, and now we look forward to the climax of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The Candlelight Christmas Eve services are truly unforgettable. I know you plan to be there. Then with Christmas Day falling on Sunday, we will again gather to sing the praises of the One who not only came to earth, but who loved us and gave Himself for us!

So the last time we will meet at Calvary in 2011 will be on the day of our Savior's birth! Then, on the first day of 2012 at 9:45 AM we will meet with our brothers and sisters in Christ as we dedicate ourselves to the service of Christ! ■



John & Gudny Munro

Candlelight Christmas Eve Saturday, December 24
◆ **THREE SERVICES**
4:00, 6:00 & 8:00 PM

Worship with us on Christmas Eve!

Choosing a Service ■ All the Candlelight Christmas Eve services are beautiful—so these variables may help you decide the best option for your family and guests. **CHILDCARE** is offered to age 4 at the 4:00 & 6:00 PM services only. **ASL** interpretation for the deaf will be provided at 6:00 PM. 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.

Parking ■ Due to Calvary Life Center construction, it may be more challenging to park for the services this year. **Please CARPOOL and ARRIVE EARLY** to park, sign-in children with the nursery, and be seated before the services begin. Usually 6:00 PM is the most crowded service.

Usher Volunteers ■ Please help us welcome guests at our Candlelight Christmas Eve services! Come share a warm smile, help folks with seating, take up the offering, and assist with exiting. **Ushers must arrive 45 minutes prior to the services** for assignments and instructions. Contact Malcolm Weeks to sign up at 704.551.2071 or Malcolm.weeks@xerox.com.

Thank you for sharing God's love...

Luke 14 Banquets ■ Last week our Luke 14 Banquets reached over 800 special needs families and friends! Thank you to the hundreds of Calvary volunteers who brought gifts, served meals, greeted guests, or served as table hosts. Many families and group home residents shared that the Luke 14 Banquet is the highlight of their Christmas season. What a blessing! Calvary's Special Needs Ministry continues throughout the year, and we invite you to be involved as a participant or volunteer. Contact: Kara Edwards, 704.341.5416, kedwards@calvarychurch.com

Prison Ministry Christmas Outreach ■ In November and December, over 200 Calvary volunteers ministered to approximately 1100 inmates, prison officials, and staff through holiday dinners and Chapel services in Carolina area facilities. The delicious dinners they served included turkey, ham, dressing, green beans, corn, sweet potatoes, bread, and red velvet cake—a real treat! Chapel services featured Gospel messages and special worship music—and 125 inmates made public professions of faith in Jesus Christ! Thank you to all who prepared food, transported food and volunteers, served on-site, provided administrative support and childcare, and prayed behind the scenes. Calvary's Prison Ministry invites you to be part of this ongoing outreach. Contact: Guy & Carole Sorrell, 704.243.0284, carolesorrell@carolina.rr.com

Are you newlyweds? Ready to connect?

ALG Beginning Life TWogether ■ **Sundays, 11:15 AM, Conference Room A**

Come meet Jerry and Melanie Wright at Galleria table 6A this morning! They lead this Adult Life Group for first-time newlyweds (all ages, married less than two years, no children). The group tackles complex issues and challenges that couples face as they learn to thrive, not just survive, in marriage! Contact: Jerry & Melanie Wright, 704.814.0674, wrightgolf@windstream.net

Membership class begins January 4

Are you ready to become a member of Calvary? The Calvary Membership Course, taught by Senior Pastor Dr. John Munro, is required for all those considering church membership. It provides an overview of Calvary's doctrine, practices, vision, and history. The next course will be offered on **Wednesdays, January 4–February 8** at 6:30–8:00 PM, in room 232. Please register at www.calvarychurch.com/membership. Bring your Bible to class! Contact: Lorrie Eriksen, 704.887.3679, leriksen@calvarychurch.com

Guest pianist joins us this morning

Today we welcome pianist Jan Mulder to Calvary Church. Jan has performed concerts all over the world and has recorded many classical and sacred CDs, with both the London Symphony Orchestra and the Moscow Symphony Orchestra. Originally from the Netherlands, Jan and his family now live in North Carolina. CDs are available at Galleria table 5B and online at www.janmulder.us.

Start the new year in God's Word

Calvary offers an array of Bible study electives on Wednesday evenings to help us dig deeper into God's Word and apply His truths to real life. The new semester begins January 4, 6:30–8:00 PM. Take advantage of this opportunity to grow in your faith!

Get full course descriptions and **register online at www.calvarychurch.com/electives, or stop by Galleria tables 3 & 4 this morning.** Wednesday dinner, Children's Awana and Gopher Buddies clubs, and RE:gen for students also resume on January 4. Contact: Pastor David Ingrassia, 704.341.5328, dingrassia@calvarychurch.com

Calvary Membership Class

January 4–February 8
Dr. John Munro, Room 232

Crown Financial Bible Study

January 4–March 28
John Mandeville, Conference Room A

Financial Peace University by Dave Ramsey
Jason & Jennifer Harding, Room 242

Crown Financial is a prerequisite for this course. Early registration is recommended; cost is \$100. Get course information at Galleria table 5A today.

Overcoming Obstacles to Sharing Christ

Dr. Norman Geisler & Dr. David Geisler
Crown Room

Step by Step Through the Old Testament

Pastor Scott Vail, Room 401

This course follows a workbook and includes weekly homework. Participants should complete Lessons 1 & 2 prior to January 4. Workbooks are \$15 today in the Word Room.

Basic Bible

Pastor David Ingrassia, Room 238

Outstanding Characters of the Bible

Dr. Ed Maynard, Room 231

What the Bible Says about Parenting

Mark & Kelly Gott, Room 233

The Discipline of Grace (women only)

Annie Isaac, Room 226

Higher Love — Marriage Enrichment

Trent & Missy Scruggs / Phil & Karen Divine
Room 240

Café Bible Studies

Pastor Jim Cashwell, Calvary Café

Team Evangelism

Pastor Jim Cashwell, Room 228

Spanish Bible Study

Pastor Jorge Prado, Room 222

Wednesday Evening Prayer

Paul Hundrieser, Prayer Room

Support groups help meet deep needs

Registration now open ■ New sessions begin Monday, January 30, 6:45 PM

Get a strong start in 2012. Calvary offers support groups that meet the spiritual needs of people facing difficult situations—through teaching God's Word, prayer, and the encouragement of others who share similar life experiences. New weekly sessions begin January 30 for **Boundaries**, **DivorceCare**, **DivorceCare 4 Kids**, **First Place 4 Health** (women only), and **GriefShare**. Get details and register now at www.calvarychurch.com/supportgroups. Contact: Sandra Tucker, 704.887.3681, supportgroups@calvarychurch.com

Calvary hosts breakfast to honor veterans

Calvary will honor all the veterans in our church and community with a special breakfast in the Crown Room on Saturday, January 14, 8:00–10:00 AM. Come hear Navy veteran Victor Bell share an inspiring message about America's darkest hour as we joined World War II after the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Cost is \$5; please **register at www.calvarychurch.com/veterans**. Calvary men may register to host a table or to be a greeter for our guests. Contact: Pastor Jim Cashwell, 704.887.3696, jcashwell@calvarychurch.com

Currently...

■ **CHAMP Sports** Player and coach registration for the **Spring 2012**

season opens January 2. Come get in the game with **rec soccer**, **flag football**, **T-ball**, and **coach pitch baseball** for boys and girls ages 3–14. **Register at www.champsportsinfo.com**. Contact: Meagan Romeo, 704.341.5340, mromeo@calvarychurch.com

■ **College Life** It's winter break! **College students (ages 18–24)** are invited to reconnect in the

College Life ALG at 11:15 AM in room 328 this morning for Bible teaching, great discussion, and prayer—launched by coffee, of course! ■ **Woodlands Camp** Registration is open for the Woodlands Camp, June 11–15, 2012 for students currently in grades 2–5.

Calvary has only 90 spaces available. Cost is \$280; \$80 deposit is required. Register at www.calvarychurch.com/gradeschool. Contact: Leanne Henwood, 704.887.3695, lhenwood@calvarychurch.com

■ **Offering Envelopes** Due to delays at the central mail facility, some Calvary members have not yet received their December offering envelopes. Please use the offering **envelopes in the pews** in the meantime. Thank you! ■ **Baptism**

class If you desire to be baptized as a public expression of your personal faith in Christ, please register for the **baptism preparation class on Sunday, January 8**, at 5:00 PM in room 401. It is open to children and adults. The next baptism service will be Sunday, January 15 at 6:00 PM. Register at www.calvarychurch.com/baptism or contact Anna Coyle at 704.341.5329.

Serving in leadership

Elder Art Figurski 704.843.5969
Deacons Henry Creech 704.708.8286
Pete Russell 704.455.2366

Pastor of the Week — Jim Cashwell

For pastoral emergencies: **704.533.2700**

Missionary of the week

Joel & Luda Graham serving with World Team in Petrozavodsk, Russia

Journey 2011 daily reading

Monday 2 Timothy 3:1–9
Tuesday 2 Timothy 3:10–17
Wednesday 2 Timothy 4:1–8
Thursday 2 Timothy 4:9–22
Friday Titus 1:1–9

www.calvarychurch.com/journey2011

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Deepest sympathy to...

Mark & Lisa Fine and family in the loss of Mark's father, Mr. Wayne Edward Fine, on December 10

Dolores Shook and family in the loss of her brother, Mr. Reagan Garrett, on December 5

Galen & Bonnie Stutzman and family in the loss of Galen's mother, **Mrs. Bernice Stutzman**, on December 13

For the record

General Fund offering on 12/11 **\$131,540**
General Fund weekly goal **\$138,000**

Next Generation received 12/11 **\$25,653**

Attendance on 12/11

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| 9:45 AM | Christmas Concert | 4365 |
| 8:30 & 11:00 AM | Spanish Services | 442 |
| | Morning Total | 4807 |
| 6:00 PM | Christmas Concert | 2387 |
| | Total | 7194 |

General Fund update

To meet our Budgeted Contributions goal, we need to receive \$479,000 in General Fund giving by December 31. Thank you!

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| Budgeted Contributions July–Dec 2011 | \$3,588,000 |
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| Need by Dec 31 | \$479,000 |
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| Received thru December 11 | \$3,109,000 |
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Upcoming messages

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

Dec 24 Candlelight Christmas Eve
4:00, 6:00, & 8:00 PM
"God So Loved the World"

Dec 25 9:45 AM "God With Us"

Jan 1 9:45 AM "Following Jesus in 2012"
(Mark 8:34–38)



Scan this QR code with your smart phone for a mobile friendly web page with Calvary Christmas info & updates!



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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