

## Are you ready to become a member?

**B**ecoming a member of Calvary Church is a significant decision. It is a commitment to participate in the life and ministry of our congregation. If you have trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and desire with God's help to live a consistent Christian life, it will be our privilege to welcome you into our membership. This course is required for all those considering membership at Calvary. It will give a general overview of our doctrine, practices, history, and vision. Please bring your Bible!

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](http://www.calvarychurch.com/membership).** Contact: Lorrie Eriksen, 704.887.3679, [leriksen@calvarychurch.com](mailto:leriksen@calvarychurch.com)

## Holiday Services

- 9:45 AM Christmas Morning, Sanctuary**  
"God With Us"  
Nursery to age 2 only
- 9:45 AM New Year's Day, Sanctuary**  
"Following Jesus in 2012"  
(Mark 8:34–38)  
Nursery to age 2 only

There will be **NO ALGs, classes for children or students, Spanish services, or evening service on December 25 and January 1.**

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# Looking UP

## Christmas Joy!



Calvary children joyfully celebrate Jesus' birthday with singing, ringing, and drumming...



■ **DECEMBER 25, 2011**

From the Senior Pastor

## Merry Christmas!

**W**elcome to Calvary on Christmas Day 2011. What an exciting opportunity to worship our Savior as we celebrate the arrival of God's Son, Jesus, into this world. Over this Christmas season we have been reflecting on the



John & Gudny Munro

great theme "Love Came for Me." Yesterday at the Candlelight Christmas Eve services I spoke on the brilliant verse: "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son" (John 3:16).

This morning we will reflect a little deeper on that love. Praise God that He has demonstrated His love to us. Jesus is Immanuel—God with us. As we exalt our Savior this morning and once again listen to His Word, may that love, joy, and peace which comes from heaven flood all of our hearts, lives, and homes.

Next Sunday at 9:45 AM we will be considering the theme "Following Jesus in 2012." So join us for worship next week. It will be a great way to begin the New Year! ■

## Start the new year in God's Word

■ **Choose an elective study and join us on January 4**

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 course descriptions and **register online at [www.calvarychurch.com/electives](http://www.calvarychurch.com/electives).**

Wednesday dinner, children's Awana and Gopher Buddies clubs, and REgen for students also resume on January 4. Contact: David Ingrassia, 704.341.5328, [dingrassia@calvarychurch.com](mailto: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 in the Word Room bookstore.*

**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

## Baptism preparation class offered

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](http://www.calvarychurch.com/baptism). Contact: Anna Coyle, 704.341.5329

## Outreach 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](http://www.calvarychurch.com/veterans)**. Calvary men can register to host a table or to be a greeter for our guests. Contact: Pastor Jim Cashwell, 704.887.3696, [jcashwell@calvarychurch.com](mailto:jcashwell@calvarychurch.com)

## Men's Priority Groups

Make it your priority in 2012...

### Tuesday Mornings, beginning January 10 ■ 6:00–7:30 AM, Crown Room

Join us to study God's Word on Tuesday mornings before the workday begins. Men's Priority Groups foster deeper-level relationships by strengthening our Bible knowledge and encouraging authenticity and support among Christian brothers. We kick off with a **breakfast buffet on January 10**; hot coffee and breakfast snacks are available each Tuesday during the semester. Cost is \$25. Register online at [www.calvarychurch.com/men](http://www.calvarychurch.com/men). Newcomers are always welcome!

### Tuesday Evenings, beginning January 10 ■ 7:00–8:30 PM, Room 401

**Can't make the morning group?** Join the Men's Priority Group in the evenings! We take a conversational approach to studying Scripture. All you need is your Bible and a desire to learn and grow. We're currently in a line-by-line study of the book of Revelation. Contact: Wayne Hackbarth, 704.531.1987, [whackbarth@carolina.rr.com](mailto:whackbarth@carolina.rr.com)

## Support groups help meet deep needs

### Registration now open ■ New sessions begin Monday, January 30, 7:00 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**, **DivorceCare4Kids**, **First Place 4 Health** (women), **Search for Significance**, and **GriefShare**. Get details and register now at [www.calvarychurch.com/supportgroups](http://www.calvarychurch.com/supportgroups). Contact: Sandra Tucker, 704.887.3681, [supportgroups@calvarychurch.com](mailto:supportgroups@calvarychurch.com)

## New believers class offered for children

**Students in third, fourth, and fifth grades who are ready** to take the next step in growing in faith are invited to participate in a New Believers class on Sundays, January 22–February 19 at 9:45 AM. We'll kick off the first meeting with parents in the Crown Room, then meet in room 320. Children will need to complete homework with their parents—a crucial step as parents take leadership in the spiritual development of the family! Children need to know they can ask questions and discuss their faith each day at home.

**On Sundays we'll teach** key doctrine about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. The students will learn about the Bible, communion, baptism, prayer, and how to continue to grow in their faith. **Online registration is required**; please be sure your child can attend all five classes before registering. Contact: Su Trull, 704.341.5458, [strull@calvarychurch.com](mailto:strull@calvarychurch.com)

## Zone 345 heads to camp at the Woodlands

### Woodlands Summer Camp ■ June 11–15, 2012

#### For students currently in grades 2–5

Hey kids, don't miss our awesome summer adventure at the Woodlands Camp! Parents, your children will receive challenging, biblically sound teaching and have tons of fun with their friends. Camp activities include basketball, sand volleyball, canoeing, kayaking, paddleboats, hiking trails, a climbing wall, and zip line. Campers can swim, dive, tube behind the jet ski, catch some air on the blob, or zip down the 130' water slide! Challenge your friends to a game of ping pong, air hockey, foosball, or just kick back and enjoy a Snocone in the Trading Post. Camp is the high point of our summer ministry!

**Calvary has only 90 spaces available; registration closes February 27.** Cost is \$280; \$80 deposit is required. Register at [www.calvarychurch.com/gradeschool](http://www.calvarychurch.com/gradeschool). Contact: Leanne Henwood, 704.887.3695, [lhenwood@calvarychurch.com](mailto:lhenwood@calvarychurch.com)

## Are you newlyweds? Ready to connect?

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

Get 2012 started right! Check out this Adult Life Group for first-time newlyweds (all ages, married less than two years, no children). Their next meeting will be Sunday, January 8. 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](mailto:wrightgolf@windstream.net)

## Currently...

■ **Thank You Volunteers** A warm Calvary "thank you" to all those who served faithfully "above and beyond" throughout the Christmas season, providing childcare, ushering, greeting, in Food Service, and at our **many special events and ministry outreaches** during December. Your kindness, patience, caring attitude, and servant's heart truly **share the love of Christ** with those in our community who come to Calvary, many for the first time, during the holidays! ■ **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](http://www.champsportsinfo.com). Contact: Megan Romeo, 704.341.5340, [mromeo@calvarychurch.com](mailto:mromeo@calvarychurch.com)

■ **Women's Bible Studies** Ladies, it's time to choose a new winter Bible study, or re-enroll in your current course. The **new semester begins on January 10**; courses will be offered on Tuesday mornings, Tuesday evenings, and Thursday mornings. Get the complete course list with descriptions at [www.calvarychurch.com/women](http://www.calvarychurch.com/women). Register online!

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### Serving in leadership

<b>Elder</b>	Larry Burgess	803.802.3241
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	Mark Fisher	704.291.7929

### Pastor of the Week—Scott Vail

For pastoral emergencies: **980.297.2527**

### Missionary of the week

Remember our missionaries serving in restricted areas around the world

### Journey 2011 daily reading

Monday	Titus 1:10–16
Tuesday	Titus 2:1–10
Wednesday	Titus 2:11–15
Thursday	Titus 3:1–7
Friday	Titus 3:8–15

[www.calvarychurch.com/journey2011](http://www.calvarychurch.com/journey2011)

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### Deepest sympathy to...

Robert & Judy Zschocher and family in the loss of Judy's father, Mr. Kenneth Arthur Porter, on December 17

### For the record

<b>General Fund</b> offering on 12/18	<b>\$149,592</b>
General Fund weekly goal	\$138,000
<b>Next Generation</b> received 12/18	<b>\$110,062</b>
Total goal	\$9,900,000
Total received to date	\$4,535,383
Faith Promises outstanding	\$4,087,188
Balance needed	\$1,277,429

### Attendance on 12/18

9:45 AM	Worship Service	3276
5:00 PM	Spanish Service	535
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3811</b>

### General Fund update

To meet our Budgeted Contributions goal, we need to receive **\$329,000** in General Fund giving by December 31. **Mailed contributions must be postmarked by December 31.**

Budgeted Contributions July–Dec 2011	<b>\$3,588,000</b>
Need by Dec 31	<b>\$329,000</b>
Received thru December 18	<b>\$3,259,000</b>

### Upcoming messages

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

<b>Jan 1</b>	9:45 AM	"Following Jesus in 2012" (Mark 8:34–38)
<b>Jan 8</b>	9:45 AM	"Seeing the Glory of the Lord" (Mark 9:1–13)
	6:00 PM	"All Things to All People" (1 Corinthians 9:15–27)
<b>Jan 15</b>	9:45 AM	"Help My Unbelief" (Mark 9:14–29)
	6:00 PM	Elder Candidates' Testimonies, Baptism, & Prayer
<b>Jan 22</b>	9:45 AM	Dr. Norman Geisler Sanctity of Life Sunday Annual Leadership Election
	6:00 PM	Pastor Jason Jimenez (1 Corinthians 10:1–13)

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