

# Looking UP

Calvary Church Weekly News

## Christmas at Calvary

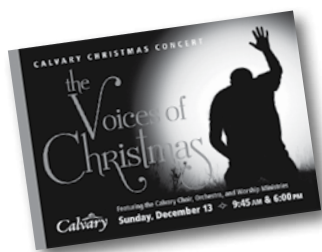
### Advent Celebration with Huw Priday

Concert, Carols, & Treelighting TONIGHT ✨ 6:00 PM

Come back to Calvary tonight and 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 the Advent Celebration service tonight!

**Our special host Cliff Barrows** 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!" *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 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. E-invitations are also available online at [www.calvarychurch.com/invitation](http://www.calvarychurch.com/invitation). **Your personal invitation will make all the difference!**

### Get tickets for seniors' Christmas luncheon

**Senior adults will enjoy a special musical Christmas program** by Louise Sheyda, Martha Graham, and Sonnie Kale on 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.

**Tickets for the Senior Adult Luncheon are available in the Word Room** through December 12 and in the Galleria on Sunday, December 13. Cost is \$6.50; tickets are NOT available day of 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](mailto:mkoch@calvarychurch.com)

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From the Senior Pastor

### Christmas is giving

It's impossible to think of Christmas in any meaningful way without thinking of the whole concept of giving. This is fundamental to the message of Christmas. "For God so loved the world that he gave..." (John 3:16). Paul writes that, "Christ loved the church and gave himself up for it" (Ephesians 5:25).



Dr. John H. Munro

I'm sure just about every one of us will receive a present this year, and also give at least one present to a family member or friend. God's grace is infinitely generous, and we who are His children must be generous as well.

I'd like to challenge all of you to give generously to the General Fund of Calvary Church during the month of December. We are a bit behind budget. We who have received so much from our great God should give cheerfully, generously, and systematically ■

### Pastor Munro to greet newcomers this morning

**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 **TODAY**.



Refreshments and coffee will be prepared for you, plus you'll hear about the vision and ministry of Calvary Church. We have a special gift bag for you, including information

about Calvary ministries and opportunities. Plus, this is a great opportunity to connect and have your questions answered. Please join us!

**Download messages, register for events, get event & concert info, send an e-invitation, and more at [www.calvarychurch.com](http://www.calvarychurch.com)**

### Men reach out through 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 to hear a clear presentation of the Gospel. We'll enjoy Christmas music, a hearty breakfast, and an inspiring message with Pastor David Ingrassia.

Calvary men, please register online for yourself, plus make reservations for each of your guests. Cost is \$10 per person; registration is now open at [www.calvarychurch.com](http://www.calvarychurch.com). Contact: Mitzi Koch, 704.341.5417, [mkoch@calvarychurch.com](mailto:mkoch@calvarychurch.com)

Men's Ministry

**Mark your 2010 calendar**

**Men's Priority Groups**

**Tuesdays, 6:00–7:30 AM**

We'll begin a new session January 12 in Max Lucado's "Life Lessons" series on the book of John

**Men at the Cross**

**Friday & Saturday, January 22–23**

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

**Register now online!**

# New support groups begin soon

**Make plans now to enrich your life and get the support you need in the new year!** Online registration for the winter session of Calvary's Support Groups opens December 10. These groups will begin on Monday, January 11 at 7:00 PM: **Boundaries, Cancer Ministry, DivorceCare, DC4K (DivorceCare for Kids), First Place 4 Health, GriefShare, Hearts of Hope, Overcoming Addictions, Search for Significance, Single Parenting that Works, Walking on Water.** Several new groups are beginning, as listed below. Please note, support groups are not therapy or professional counseling groups. For more details, please visit [www.calvarychurch.com/supportgroups](http://www.calvarychurch.com/supportgroups). Contact: Galina Olivera-Celdran, 704.887.3681, [galinao@calvarychurch.com](mailto:galinao@calvarychurch.com)

**Search for Significance** ■ Designed to help empower Christians to live in freedom from fear of failure, rejection, inferiority or shame, this group will meet weekly on Mondays at 7:00 PM for 13 weeks. Come learn how to apply the truth of God's Word to the most basic issues of life and discover your significance and worth. Space is limited to the first 12 registrations. Register online starting December 10. Cost: \$15

**Single Parenting that Works** ■ This NEW 7-week group is based on the book *Single Parenting that Works* by Dr. Kevin Leman. Single parents will be encouraged to build healthy relationships with their ex-spouses and to raise their children to love and honor the Lord. This study will help parents understand that they are not alone in the challenges they face. Parents will find practical, biblically sound guidance on being loving, caring, and effective parents to their children. Registration closes the second week of class. Cost: \$25

**Walking on Water** ■ This NEW 7-week session will help you learn to discern God's call, face your fears, increase your faith, and trust in God. We'll use videos and group discussion of John Ortberg's book *If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat*. Registration closes the second week of class. Cost: \$30

[GROUP HIGHLIGHT]

## Adult Life Groups in focus this week

**Family Focus** ■ For married couples ages 35–45, this group focuses on applying biblical truth to marriage, family, and career. Building community is a priority, so we have many activities beyond class; see [www.calvarychurch.com/familyfocus](http://www.calvarychurch.com/familyfocus). Pastor Scott Vail leads at **11:15 AM in the Banquet Room.**

Get complete info about ALGs online at [www.calvarychurch.com/alg](http://www.calvarychurch.com/alg); also in the @Calvary Ministry Guide and Sunday Quick Guide Map available in the Galleria.

**Women of the Word** ■ This group for women of all ages is a supportive and caring fellowship. We desire to grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ through inductive study of His Word, prayer, and real life application. Mary Beth Hohman leads the class at **11:15 AM in room 242.**

# Career ministry offers job seekers support


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

**Mark your 2010 calendar for Monday, January 4!** Our Career Ministry guest speaker will be Brian Ray, the founder of Crossroads Career Network. His presentation will be "How to Turn New Year's Resolutions into Real Solutions" at 7:00 PM in the Crown Room. For more information stop by Galleria table 7 today. Contact: Mitzi Koch, 704.341.5417, [career@calvarychurch.com](mailto:career@calvarychurch.com)

# Calvary welcomes organist to staff

Calvary Church is pleased to announce that Elizabeth Hildebrand has joined our staff as organist. She will serve part-time with our Worship Ministry team. Elizabeth holds a master's degree in organ performance from Indiana University and has served faithfully at churches in the Midwest and recently here at Calvary. Elizabeth's husband Jason has served on staff at BGEA since 2007, when the Lord brought them to Charlotte and Calvary Church. Jason and Elizabeth have one son, Robert. Please join us in welcoming Elizabeth!

*along the way...*

 **Holiday Nursery** Please be a blessing to families with young children...


**serve in the nursery during one of our holiday concerts or services!** Sign up at Galleria table 8 today or online. Contact: Michelle Hartman, 704.341.5399, [mhartman@calvarychurch.com](mailto:mhartman@calvarychurch.com)

 **Luke 14 Banquets** Thank you Calvary for filling our request for volunteers for BOTH Luke 14 events! **We do still need several hundred more gifts** for our

guests. Please limit to \$25 and bring in a decorative gift bag this week. Get details at Galleria table 2 today.  **Thank you Calvary!** Your generous gifts have provided

**1139 shoe box gifts for Operation Christmas Child** and **185 turkey dinners and Bibles**

for families in need and the homeless through our annual **Thanksgiving Outreach**. About

1000 people were fed—the most in over 20 years. What a blessing!  **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](mailto:dbordwine@calvarychurch.com).

# updates *this week*

## December 6 @ Calvary

8:30 AM	Adult Life Groups
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Spanish Service, Chapel</b>
<b>9:45 AM</b>	<b>Worship Service, Sanctuary</b> "The Messiah Is Coming"
9:45 AM	Nursery & Children's Classes
<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Spanish Service, Chapel</b>
11:15 AM	Adult Life Groups, Nursery, Children's Classes, Student Ministry
<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Advent Celebration</b> with Huw Friday & Cliff Barrows

## Serving this week

<b>Elder</b>	Bob McKee	704.574.5964
<b>Deacons</b>	Gregg Johnson	704.544.0991
	William Mayor	704.814.9742

## Pastor of the Week — Jim Cashwell

For pastoral emergencies: **704.533.2700**

## Missionaries of the week

**Galen & Bonnie Stutzman** serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators JAARS in Waxhaw

## Journey 2009 daily reading

Monday	Revelation 3
Tuesday	Revelation 4
Wednesday	Revelation 5
Thursday	Revelation 6
Friday	Revelation 7

[www.calvarychurch.com/journey2009](http://www.calvarychurch.com/journey2009)

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## Welcome new members

Eva Andrews	David Lyon
Scott Andrews	Madeline Lyon
Benjamin Cail	Tatyana Maksimchuk
Joseph Cail	Mark Miller
Alison Dunster	Michele Miller
Terence Dunster	Guillermo Olivera-Celdran
William Dunster	Esther Pimplekar
Chelsea Hathaway	Vikram Pimplekar
Alvin Hinson	Sibu Rajappan
Michael Hinton	Darrell Smith
Nola Hinton	Odette Smith
Nisha Kunjumon	

## Baptisms on November 29

Leah Robinson	Mary Hinson
Neil Johnson	Ashley Hinson
Alyssa Moran	Hayley Hinson
Ashley Moran	Mark Miller
Ryan Moran	Jessica Miller
Brandon Moran	

## Deepest sympathy to...

**Joe & Carol Turso** in the passing of Joe's mother, Mrs. Pauline Turso, on Nov. 22

**Gary Stiles** in the passing of his mother, Mrs. Mary Margaret Stiles, on Dec. 1

**Gordon & Leslie Christian** in the passing of Leslie's mother, Mrs. Verna Brackins, on Dec. 2

**Derma Hunt** in the passing of her husband, Mr. Joe Hunt, on Dec. 2

## For the record...

**General Fund offering** on 11/29 **\$119,760**

General Fund weekly goal \$121,000

**Attendance** on 11/29

9:45 AM	Worship Service	2948
8:30 & 11:00 AM	Spanish Services	344
	<b>Morning Total</b>	<b>3292</b>
6:00 PM	Evening Service	436
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3728</b>

**Thanksgiving Service** on 11/24 **878**

## Upcoming messages

**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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