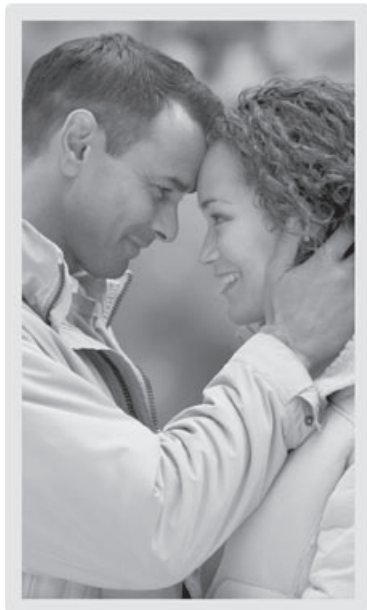


Looking UP

Calvary Church Weekly News



LOVE & RESPECT

Friday, February 13 ■ 6:45–10:00 PM &
Saturday, February 14 ■ 8:45 AM–1:30 PM

*Reignite your marriage
this coming weekend!*

Men and women DO communicate differently... And cracking the communication code in marriage involves understanding one thing about a wife and one thing about a husband. What is that one thing? How can it

make a difference? You'll find out at the **Love and Respect marriage conference** this coming weekend at Calvary. Dr. Emerson and Sarah Eggerichs will be presenting LIVE; this is not a video conference! You'll laugh, you will NOT be bored, you'll learn biblical truths that will enrich your marriage, and you'll get real-life practical applications of these truths—including how to:

- Stop the **Crazy Cycle** of conflict
- Initiate the **Energizing Cycle** of change
- Enjoy the **Rewarded Cycle** of new passion

Are you ready to enjoy your marriage as God intended it? Give your sweetheart the greatest Valentine's gift ever by attending this conference! Singles are welcome. Cost is \$45 per person; workbook and refreshments are provided. Childcare is NOT provided. Register in advance online at www.calvarychurch.com/loveandrespect.

Volunteers ■ We need a few more volunteers to help with the conference. Your duties will not prevent you from attending the entire event. Contact: Sandy McKee, 704.887.3692

Enjoy a follow-up "Date Night" after the conference

Friday, March 20, 7:00–9:00 PM, Crown Room

We'll see how those principles of love and respect are working day-to-day, and we'll be encouraged to stay out of the "Crazy Cycle." Plus, we'll enjoy special music, coffee, and dessert! Cost is \$10 per couple. Register at www.calvarychurch.com/datenight.

"However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband" — Ephesians 5:33

Senior adults, join us for fellowship

Senior Adult Luncheon ■ Seniors, come remember and give thanks for all God's blessings at our next luncheon on February 19, at noon in the Crown Room. Louise Sheyda and Martha Graham will treat us to traditional hymns, Scripture reading, and inspirational stories on the theme of God's blessings. Tickets (\$6.50) are available in the Galleria today and in the Word Room through February 13. Reservations are required! Be sure to arrive early for the Calvary Grand Organ concert at 11:15 AM in the Sanctuary. Contact: Mitzi Koch, 704.341.5417

Morning Glories ■ Single senior adult women are invited to the Morning Glories covered dish brunch on Monday, February 16 at 10:30 AM in the Crown Room. Merita Webster will discuss the Campus Crusade for Christ evangelism video "Magdalena: Released from Shame" that focuses on reaching Muslim women. You'll be inspired! Contact: Jody Ballard, 704.846.3781

G-Force ■ We're the G-Force—grandmothers praying for their grandchildren! Calvary grandmothers meet the second Thursday of each month at 9:30–10:30 AM to pray especially for our grandkids. Please join us February 12 in the Prayer Room. Contact: Judy Clark, 704.845.1130

■ FEBRUARY 8, 2009

From the Senior Pastor

Living a God-centered life

In our present economic recession, it is easy for followers of Jesus Christ to lose our focus. Yet we know that there is no crisis with God! He is in control and is working "all things according to the counsel of His will" (Ephesians 1:11). So each day let's keep our eyes on "Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith" (Hebrews 12:2).



Dr. John H. Munro

Recently someone sent me the following to help us always be God-centered:

"Having a happy time?

Praise God.

Life getting difficult?

Seek God.

Having a quiet moment?

Worship God.

Suffering great pain?

Trust God.

Puzzled about what to do?

Ask God.

Overwhelmed with joy?

Thank God!"

So in each circumstance of life, it is always appropriate to keep our eyes on our living God and Savior Jesus Christ. ■

Get in the game with CHAMP

CHAMP Sports Outreach has the biggest and best spring season ever planned for your family with recreational soccer, baseball, girls softball, and flag football leagues, plus karate and Impact Fitness. Register your kids now at www.champsportsinfo.com. Practice begins February 16, and our first game day is March 7. The season runs through May 16. Contact: Chris Munro, champ@calvarychurch.com, 704. 341.5387

CHAMP needs coaches for age groups 4–18 in all our spring sports. Just come with a willingness to learn and a desire to impact children for the Lord! Training is provided. For more information and to sign up, go to www.champsportsinfo.com.

take note



They say we're judgmental. They say we're too sheltered. They say we're a bunch of hypocrites. They say we just don't get it... Are they right?

"They" think a lot of things about Christians, but Jesus told us they should know we are His followers by only one thing: **our love**. He also showed us by His example just what that kind of love looks like. "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" (John 13:35).

Calvary's middle and high school students will rediscover what it means to LIVE LOVE at the Student Life Tour, March 13 & 14, at Hickory Grove Baptist Church. You'll enjoy awesome praise and worship music and powerful biblical teaching. It's a "don't miss" opportunity! We'll meet at Calvary and travel together to the event. Bring cash for meals and any T-shirts or books you want to purchase. Register online by February 28 for \$44; afterwards cost is \$49. Contact: Student Ministry Office, 704.341.5320, astorms@calvarychurch.com

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HOME Ministry opportunities...

Will you host a child from Belarus this summer?

Calvary is partnering with the American Belarussian Relief Organization (ABRO) to bring children from Belarus to America this summer. Many are orphans with weakened immune systems due to the effects of radiation still lingering from the Chernobyl nuclear disaster. While in America for six weeks, the children will receive proper medical, dental, and eye care. Will you be a host family and extend the love of Christ in this very personal way? More information about hosting or sponsoring a child is available at Galleria table 8 this morning. Applications and a \$1,000 deposit are due by February 25. Contact: Marta & Rommy Tarlton, 704.573.7064, rdtarlton@bellsouth.net

Got questions about the cost of adoption?

If you're interested in adoption but wondering how to overcome the financial barriers, be sure to attend our next HOME ministry meeting. You'll receive information that may help make your dream of adopting become a reality. ABBA Fund representative Jason Kovac will explain the Adoption Tax Credit and share information about other resources for funding adoption on Thursday, February 19 at 6:30 PM in room 233. Pizza will be served. Please RSVP to Jennifer Smith at home4ever.smith@gmail.com or Joy Huber, joyjake99@aol.com.

Support groups offer ministry and service Caregivers, take time out for yourself!

Calvary's Caregivers support group invites you to a potluck luncheon in the Guest Café on Thursday, February 19 at 12:30 PM. Taking care of a loved one through an illness, disability, or aging can be challenging and exhausting, so it is important to take some time to replenish yourself. Join us for a little respite as we share, encourage, and pray for one another. Contact: Carlene Hendricks, 704.525.1660

Will you serve as a Safe Keeper for DC4K?

What are Safe Keepers? Great question! These loving adults have a heart for ministering to children who have experienced their parents' separation or divorce. DivorceCare 4 Kids (DC4K) is a support group for children ages 6-12 at Calvary and in our community. Could the Lord be tugging at your heart to offer hope and healing through this special ministry? We are planning now for volunteers and training for our September 2009 session. Contact: Laura Grass, 704.887.3681, lgrass@calvarychurch.com

Sign up to help with Missions Conference

Bless a Missionary ■ We need about 25 more gifts for our conference missionaries. Please stop by Galleria table 2 today and select an envelope containing a request. Contact: Thayer & Julie Allison, 704.845.5646, thayerallison@carolina.rr.com

Host a Missionary for a Meal ■ We still need hosts for about 25 meals for conference missionaries on Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday evenings. Sign up in the Galleria today, or contact Tom and Kathy Miller at freebish@carolina.rr.com.

Worship position open at Calvary

Calvary Church has a part-time (20 hours per week) position open for a Worship and Music Associate. Role requires strong Christian character, commitment to Calvary's mission statement and philosophy of worship, musical proficiency and leadership ability, and membership at Calvary. Responsibilities will likely include instrumental music direction and a supporting role in other worship ministry areas. Send resumes to Pastor Timothy Hathaway at thathaway@calvarychurch.com.

along the way...

* **Membership class** Calvary's next membership class will be offered in **two**

Saturday sessions, March 7 & 14, 9:00 AM-12:15 PM. Please register online or contact Paula

Simpson, 704.341.5323, psimpson@calvarychurch.com. * **Career Ministry Are**

you at a crossroads in your career? Calvary now offers resources through Crossroads Career®

Network. Get started at www.calvarychurch.com/career. Contact: Pastor Jim Lytle, 704.341.5417,

career@calvarychurch.com * **Serve with preschoolers** Dedicated volunteers

are needed to **serve as teachers and assistants** on a rotating basis in our Sunday preschool

classes at 9:45 and 11:15 AM. Contact: Susan Grigg, 704.341.5356, sgrigg@calvarychurch.

com * **Youth University** Our new semester is underway—so get to class tonight!

Middle and high school students meet on Sundays at 6:00 PM for teaching and discussion on wide

range of culturally relevant topics as we help students **establish a strong biblical worldview.**

Check topics online. Contact: Student Ministry office, 704.341.5320 * **On the**

radio Tune your radio to **"The Verdict,"** a 15-minute program by Pastor Munro that airs

weekdays at 8:00 AM on WHVN (1240 AM) Charlotte, WCGC (1270 AM) Belmont/Gastonia, and

HD 2 FM. A previously recorded sermon by Pastor Munro airs every Sunday morning at 8:00 AM

on WAVO (1150 AM), HD 3 FM, and online at www.1150wavo.com. * **The Word**

Room **Don't forget Valentine's Day!** Stop by the Word Room for cards and gifts. Hours:

Weekday 9:00 AM-4:30 PM, plus Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 PM, and before and after services.

updates

Today at Calvary ■ February 8

8:30 AM Adult Life Groups

9:45 AM **Worship Service, Sanctuary**

"The Difference Prayer Makes"
Dr. Steve Strauss, SIM USA

9:45 AM Nursery & Children's Classes
through 2nd Grade

11:00 AM **Spanish Service, Chapel**

11:15 AM Adult Life Groups, Nursery,
Children's Classes, Student Ministry

6:00 PM "Growing in Grace"
Pastor David Ingrassia

Serving this week

Elder	Chip Salter	704.814.9741
Deacons	David Wentink	704.849.7885
	Mark Pfaff	704.644.7713

Pastor of the Week—Jason Jimenez

For pastoral emergencies: **704.280.3008**

This week on Journey 2009

Monday Matthew 27:27-66

Tuesday Matthew 28

Wednesday Acts 1

Thursday Acts 2

Friday Acts 3

www.calvarychurch.com/journey2009

Missionaries of the week

Juanita Goodall is retired with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Waxhaw, NC

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Wednesday dinner

Your family is invited to a buffet in the Crown Room, 5:00-6:15 PM. Cost is \$5 per adult, \$3 per child, or \$15 max per family. No reservations!

Menu ■ February 11

Pork roast with gravy, Parmesan potatoes, sugar snap peas, rolls, dessert, and beverage

Child's Meal: Chicken nuggets & fries

Celebrating baptism

We rejoice with those baptized on February 1:

Woody Forest	Megan Gongon
Chris Gongon	Samuel Gongon
Cynthia Gongon	Lindsey Kaiser
Emma Gongon	Heather Leonall
Joseph Gongon	Sarah Leonall
Kevin Gongon	Ashley Turso

Deepest sympathy to...

Charley & Sonnie Kale in the loss of Sonnie's sister, Mrs. Connie Jones

Bill & Lorna Warmath in the loss of their son, Mr. Kevin Warmath, on January 31

Angel & Laura Martinez and family in the loss of Angel's mother on January 28

William & Dusty Sorenson and family in the loss of Dusty's brother, Mr. Edwin Salter

Steve & Carol Noriega and family in the loss of Steve's brother, Mr. Jason Noriega

For the record...

General Fund offering on 2/1	\$137,710
General Fund weekly goal	\$117,300

Attendance on 2/1

9:45 AM	Worship Service	3053
11:00 AM	Spanish Service	381
	Morning Total	3434
6:00 PM	Evening Service	359
	Total	3793

Upcoming messages

Feb 15 9:45 AM "And the Pursuit of Happiness"
Pastor David Ingrassia,
Communion

6:00 PM "Worshiping in Spirit & Truth"
Pastor Timothy Hathaway

Feb 22 9:45 AM Missions Conference
& 6:00 PM Mark Zook

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