

Looking UP

Calvary Church Weekly News

Not Ashamed

MISSIONS CONFERENCE 2010

Our personal response...

After an inspiring week with missionaries and the challenges of Scripture presented throughout the conference, how shall we respond? A card is included in Looking Up today to record your personal commitment to missions—with options including full-time missions service, short-term GO Trips, local outreach, ESL, and prayer support. Everyone can be involved in sharing “the power of God for salvation” here and around the world!

Annual Missions Offering

Today a special envelope is also included for Calvary's **Annual Missions Offering**. So far this year we have received over \$87,000 toward our goal of \$175,000. This is your opportunity to contribute toward many evangelistic projects and unique missions efforts that will lead people to Christ around the world. Thank you for giving generously!

Get prayer requests by email

If you'd like to receive a monthly email with prayer requests from our Calvary missionaries, **please check the prayer option** on the Missions Conference response card today. Or contact Sue Rimer at srimer@calvarychurch.com to be added to our list.

Stay in touch with our missionaries

Want to keep in touch with the Calvary missionaries you met this week? They post updates about their ministries, prayer needs, and latest news at the Calvary Communities web pages at www.calvarychurch.com/missionaries. Plus, check out the Missionary of the Week profiles!

New “Equip Seminars” offer biblical perspective and support

Want to be more equipped for facing life's challenges? You're invited to attend one of Calvary's new Equip Seminars on Monday, April 19 at 7:00–8:30 PM. Offered by our Support Group Ministry, these free “one session” seminars will provide biblical perspective and practical strategies for dealing with important life issues and crisis situations. Our first seminars will address the topics “Caring for Aging Parents” and “Managing Your Finances in Divorce Crisis.”

Caring for Aging Parents

Are you overwhelmed by the needs of an aging parent? You may find that traditional roles are reversing and your parents need your help, but you don't know the best way to care for them. This seminar will offer information and encouragement for caregivers caught in the “sandwich generation.” Learn to cope with changing roles, decide on the best care options for your parents, and balance your ongoing responsibilities to care for yourself and your children. Led by Dr. Kristene Diggins, this group will meet in room 232.

Managing Your Finances in Divorce Crisis

The trauma and shock of marital stress, separation, or divorce often leave people reeling. Meanwhile, you must function and take care of yourself and your children. Many realize after months in “survival mode” that their finances as well as their emotions are a disaster. Don't let this happen to you! Take steps now to avoid spiraling into financial crisis. This seminar offers practical biblical advice and access to key resources that will help you NOW, (not just when you get a few dollars ahead). Led by John Mandeville, Crown Financial Ministry instructor and Stewardship Ministry leader, this group will meet in room 222.

Please get details and register at www.calvarychurch.com/equip. Contact: Galina Olivera-Celdran, Support Groups Coordinator, 704.887.3681, galinao@calvarychurch.com

Next senior luncheon brings “The Potter & Clay” in action

Seniors, join us for lunch and a unique program on Thursday, March 25 at noon in the Crown Room. Dixon and Carolyn Free with “Broken Shards Pottery” use pottery-making and devotional narration to show audiences how we are all like “clay in the Master's hands.” A retired pastor, Dixon and his wife Carolyn now reside in Lincolnton, NC.

Come see “the potter and the clay” in action! Tickets will be available in the Galleria on Sunday, March 14 and in the Word Room through March 18. Cost is \$6.50. Full payment is required for all reservations; we are unable to accept walk-ins. Contact: Mitzi Koch, 704.341.5417, mkoch@calvarychurch.com



“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes...”

— ROMANS 1:16

■ MARCH 7, 2010

From the Senior Pastor

Jesus saves!

Isn't it exciting to be a follower of Jesus? Not only does He save us from our sins, but has perfect plans for our lives. Last Sunday Dr. Steve Strauss challenged us to display and proclaim Jesus Christ. The problems in our society, in our homes, and in our personal lives just seem to get greater and greater. We know that Jesus is the answer.



Dr. John H. Munro

On this final day of our Missions Conference, I pray that we will be energized as never before to bring the message of the Gospel to every individual on this planet. It is easy to become lethargic in our Christian lives and take so much for granted. But the power of God and the power of the Gospel motivate and empower us. Thanks for being with us this morning, and I encourage you to return this evening. Pray that all of us will answer the call to follow Jesus wherever He may lead us. ■

Pastor Munro to greet newcomers

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 **next Sunday, March 14**. Refreshments and coffee will be prepared for you, plus you'll hear about the vision and ministry of Calvary Church. Please take this opportunity to connect and have your questions answered!

Considering membership?

The Calvary Membership Course, taught by Dr. John Munro, is required for all those considering church membership. It provides an overview of Calvary's history, doctrine, practices, and vision. The next two-session course will be offered on **Saturdays, March 20 & 27** at 9:00 AM–12:15 PM in room 232. Please register at www.calvarychurch.com/membership. Contact: Paula Simpson, 704.341.5323, psimpson@calvarychurch.com

Educational resources available during CCDC conference

Calvary parents, family, and friends are invited to shop for specialty educational resources in the Calvary Galleria on Friday, March 12, 8:00 AM–8:00 PM. In conjunction with their annual professional educators' conference, the **Calvary Child Development Center** will host dozens of the most respected educational product vendors in the country. You'll find books, curriculum, educational toys, crafts, software, puppets, puzzles, skill-building aides, and more! This is where professional educators preview the newest and most innovative products for early childhood education. All Calvary and CCDC families are invited to take advantage of this “once a year” opportunity! Contact: Mona Hayes, 704.341.5447, mhayes@calvarycdc.com

Faith Safari

Vacation Bible School ♦ June 27–July 1

Parents, grandparents, retirees, singles, college students—you can make an eternal difference this summer by serving at Calvary's Vacation Bible School. It's our biggest annual Children's Ministry outreach, sharing God's love with 500 children from our church and community. Join us as a **Small Group Leader** or **Assistant Leader**, or volunteer in **Recreation, Crafts, Snacks, Nursery**, or **Preschool**. Childcare is provided for volunteers with nursery and preschool age children. To volunteer, teens must be entering 9th–12th grade in the fall of 2010. (Seventh and eighth graders may volunteer only if a parent is volunteering too.)

Sign up this week to volunteer at www.calvarychurch.com/vbs.

Registration for children (1st – 6th grades in Fall 2010) to attend VBS will open Sunday, March 14.

Love kids? Serve with us on Sundays

VBS sounds like a big outreach—and it is! But did you know that EVERY Sunday, Calvary welcomes about 500 children in our nursery through grade school programs? We have a wonderful opportunity and awesome responsibility to share God's Word and the love of Jesus with every child every week. But we can't do it alone. Come be part of our growing Children's Ministry. **We currently have openings for leaders and helpers** in our Preschool and Special Needs departments. Rotating schedules are available; background check required. If you're willing to help us love kids and share the Gospel, sign up in the Serving Center or give us a call this week. Contact: Susan Grigg, 704.341.5356, sgrigg@calvarychurch.com

Use online resources in your job search...

Calvary's Career Ministry guest speaker on Monday, March 8 will be **Gina Herald**, owner of Personal Success Partners. She'll speak on the topic **"Using Online Networking Resources"** at 7:00 PM in the Crown Room. As a trainer, Gina coaches individuals and groups in professional development and career transition. Gina currently serves as the West Charlotte Area Director and Trainer for Business Network International. **The seminar is free!** Learn more at www.calvarychurch.com/career. Contact: Mitzi Koch, 704.341.5417, mkoch@calvarychurch.com

along the way...

 **Set your clock!** It's time to "spring forward" for Daylight Savings Time. Be

sure to set your clocks **one hour ahead** on Saturday evening, March 13, so you'll be on time for


worship next Sunday!  **Youth University** Students will **NOT MEET** for Youth

University tonight; all middle and high school students should attend the evening service

at 6:00 PM. Youth University will resume next Sunday, March 14.  **Youth Quest**

Students and parents, **register now online for Youth Quest!** It's an awesome weekend of

worship and discipleship led by Liberty University students, March 26–28. Contact:

Audrey Storms, 704.341.5320, astorms@calvarychurch.com  **Earthquake relief**

efforts Calvary has made a donation through **Samaritan's Purse International Relief** to

aid the victims of the **recent earthquake in Chile**. Links are provided on the Calvary website

at www.calvarychurch.com for you to make personal donations and get updated reports from

Samaritan's Purse on the **continuing ministry efforts in Chile and Haiti.**  **Baptism**

class **Are you ready to be baptized?** Our next baptism preparation class will be offered


on Sunday, March 21 at 5:00 PM in room 401. **Children and adults are welcome.** This

required class includes a brief interview with one of our pastors. Register online. Contact:

Anna Coyle, 704.341.5329, acoyle@calvarychurch.com  **The G-Force** Join

this group of **praying grandmothers on Thursday, March 11** at 9:30–10:30 AM in the

Prayer Room. *When all we can do is pray, praying is all we need to do!* Contact: Judy Clark,

704.845.1130  **X-Fuge Training** Students and leaders registered for the **middle**

school summer camp missions trip (July 18–23) are required to attend **training on March 20**,

from 9:00 AM–1:00 PM. Contact: Audrey Storms, 704.341.5320, astorms@calvarychurch.com

 **SMLT 201** **Student Ministry leaders** who have completed SMLT 101 are

encouraged to sign up for our **next level of training, SMLT 201.** The course will be offered

Sunday, March 14, 1:00–5:00 PM, with lunch at 12:30 PM. Please register online by March 12.



Are you a first-time guest today?

If you're visiting Calvary for the first time, welcome! Please stop by the **Guest Café in the Galleria** following the service for coffee and light refreshments. We'd love to meet you and answer any questions.

We also have a special welcome gift bag just for you!

updates *this week*

March 7 @ Calvary

- 8:30 AM Adult Life Groups
- 9:45 AM **Worship Service, Sanctuary**
"Answering the Call"
(Mark 8:34–35)
With Spanish translation
- 9:45 AM Nursery & Children's Classes
- 11:15 AM Adult Life Groups, Nursery,
Children's Classes, Student Ministry
- 6:00 PM **Evening Service, Sanctuary**
"I Am Not Ashamed" (Mark 8:36–38)
- 6:00 PM Joyful Praise Children's Choir
& Nursery (NO Youth University)

Serving this week

Elder	Ralph Ansell	704.289.6795
Deacons	Chuck Robinson	704.841.9113
	John Buenavides	704.449.3088

Pastor of the Week—Dean Hawkins

For pastoral emergencies: **704.654.1746**

Missionaries of the week

Doug & Rachel Flaherty serving with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship at UNC Asheville

Journey 2010 daily reading

Monday	Exodus 5–6
Tuesday	Exodus 7
Wednesday	Exodus 8
Thursday	Exodus 9
Friday	Exodus 10

www.calvarychurch.com/journey2010

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Wednesday dinner

Join us in the Crown Room, 5:00–6:15 PM. Cost is \$5/adult, \$3/ child, or \$15 max per family.

Menu ■ March 10

Pot roast with gravy, baked potato, glazed carrots, rolls, dessert, & beverage
Child's Meal: Mini burger & fries

Deepest sympathy to...

Arlen & Carolyn Earney and family in the loss of their son, Mr. Curt Earney, on February 25

Ervin & Mary Baker and family in the loss of Ervin's mother, Mrs. Lula Mae Baker, on February 28

Ray & Norma Branch and family in the loss of their 18-year-old grandson on March 1

For the record...

General Fund offering on 2/28 **\$119,287**
General Fund weekly goal \$121,000

Annual Missions Offering to date **\$87,785**
Annual Missions Offering Goal \$175,000

Attendance on 2/28

9:45 AM	Worship Service	3138
8:30 & 11:00 AM	Spanish Services	380
	Morning Total	3518
6:00 PM	Evening Service	598
	Total	4116

Upcoming messages

Unless otherwise noted, Senior Pastor Dr. John Munro will bring the messages as listed below:

- Mar 14** 9:45 AM "The King Is Coming" (Daniel 7)
Communion
- 6:00 PM "The Treasures of Wisdom" (Colossians 2:1–7)
- Mar 21** 9:45 AM "The Millennium" (Daniel 7)
- 6:00 PM "In Christ Alone" (Colossians 2:8–10)
- Mar 28** 9:45 AM "Israel's Persecution" (Daniel 8)
- 6:00 PM "Prayer & Praise" Baptism
Ryan Amidon,
Pastoral Intern

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