

Looking UP

Calvary Church Weekly News

Vacation Bible School registration is now open

Kids, bring your friends and join the excitement this summer at Calvary's "Adventure Island" Vacation Bible School, July 12-16. We'll open with VBS Family Night on Sunday, July 12, 5:30-8:30 PM, then VBS meets Monday-Thursday, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. Children who will enter Kindergarten through fifth grade this fall are invited to experience this amazing week. We'll enjoy fun music and crafts, exciting Bible lessons, crazy games, and tasty snacks on Adventure Island, as we grow together in our faith. VBS is FREE, but there are only 500 slots available, so register right away!



VBS registration is open online today for both children and volunteers. Parents, you must attend VBS Family Night with your child. Also, please note the new requirement that medical and liability forms must be turned in before registration is complete. Registration and details are available at www.calvarychurch.com/vbs.

It takes hundreds of volunteers to make VBS a success! Register online to join the VBS crew for our Adventure Island journey. Sign up to serve as a small group leader or assistant, or come help with crafts, recreation, snacks, nursery, and music. Required training will be held on Tuesday, June 9 or Thursday, June 18. Childcare is provided for our volunteers during VBS week. Our VBS leadership team is also looking for a Preschool Coordinator. Contact: Su Trull, Director of Children's Ministry, 704.341.5458, strull@calvarychurch.com

General Fund update sets goal



John Mandeville

Calvary Church leadership continues to carefully manage our finances. In addition to paying off our mortgage, we have reduced expenses where possible and have postponed new initiatives which were planned in the budget for the current fiscal year which ends June 30, 2009.

Calvary's General Fund giving for this fiscal year is slightly ahead of last year, for which we are thankful. However, the amount we have received is less than the amount budgeted, as well as less than

our reduced level of expenditures. As a result, in spite of our strong efforts, Calvary has an operating deficit for the year to date.

To erase this deficit and meet Calvary's expenses for the balance of the fiscal year, we will need to receive an average of \$126,000 per week through the end of June. (This amount is based on our current projections and may change as events unfold.) The diagram above shows where we stand at this time. For the next four months, similar diagrams will be published to keep you informed of our progress in reaching the goal of finishing the fiscal year in the black. Please remember that any operating surplus is used to fund Calvary's capital expenditures, which include major maintenance projects such as the recent exterior painting and roof resurfacing, as well as the replacement of a major piece of air conditioning equipment now underway. Contact: John Mandeville, Director of Ministry Support, 704.341.5330, jmandeville@calvarychurch.com

General Fund Need

\$3,880,000 Expenses Year to Date	\$204,000 Current Deficit
	\$3,676,000 Contributions Year to Date

As of February 27, 2009

It's spring! Let's play CHAMP softball

Dust off your glove and warm up your arm... It's time for CHAMP Sports co-ed softball! Everyone (ages 16+) is welcome to play. Games will be on Saturdays, March 21-May 30 (no game on May 23) at the CHAMP Sports fields; schedule to be announced. Cost is \$25, which includes a jersey; add an optional hat for \$5. Stop by Galleria table 8A today for more information and register online at www.champsportsinfo.com. Come enjoy the fellowship! Contact: Christopher Munro, 704.341.5443, champ@calvarychurch.com

take note

Career Ministry adds workshops

Monday, March 9 ■ 7:00 PM, Crown Room

Are you at a crossroads in your career? Calvary has successfully launched a new Career Ministry featuring free online resources through **Crossroads Career® Network**. In addition, every Monday at 7:00 PM in the Crown Room, our **Christ-centered Career Groups (C3Gs)** meet to promote accountability, networking, lead sharing, and encouragement. Beginning Monday, March 9, we are adding **Professional Development Workshops** to our C3Gs on these topics: Networking Techniques, Following God's Calling, Resume Writing, Personal Branding.

Interested? You can get started at www.calvarychurch.com/career. Complete the short online registration form to receive your "membership key," then access the online resources at Crossroads Career® Network. Then join us on Mondays for C3Gs to connect and gain valuable resources. Contact: Pastor Jim Lytle, 704.341.5417, career@calvarychurch.com

■ MARCH 8, 2009

From the Senior Pastor

The Divine Design



Dr. John H. Munro

There is no doubt that biblical marriage is under attack in our society. Many people live together without being married, many marriages end in divorce, and same-sex marriage is being enthusiastically embraced by many!

Yet, the good news is that the majority of Americans still want to get married, and they want to have marriages which are strong, dynamic, fulfilling, and lasting! One of our goals at Calvary Church is to prepare couples for marriage, and also to help couples who are married to make a good thing even better. Hope, love, and forgiveness are offered to every person through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Today I begin the first of a three part message series entitled "Marriage: The Divine Design." Do invite friends, neighbors, and others to hear these important messages. Let us stand strong on the biblical principles of marriage and human relationships. ■

Plan now for Estate Design Seminar

Thursday, April 2, 2:00 & 7:00 PM

According to Psalm 24:1, "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it." God has blessed us all in many ways, and it is our responsibility as Christians to manage earthly possessions in a way that honors God.

Often we look at tax and legal issues as being paramount when we consider estate plans. But as believers, these are secondary to our spiritual concerns. Calvary's Stewardship Ministry can help you review your current plans or help you get started. Our Estate Design Seminar looks at issues from a biblical perspective, including creative giving and establishing support over time to younger heirs. We can help you plan the transfer of your estate at the lowest cost possible and with the fewest delays.

Two identical Estate Design Seminars will be held Thursday, April 2 at 2:00 and 7:00 PM. There is no cost or obligation to attend. Please register online or contact Anna Coyle, 704.341.5329, acoyle@calvarychurch.com.

Pastor Munro greets 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 **today immediately after the worship service**. 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!

"TWOgether Soon" launches today

If you are engaged or have been married less than a year, Calvary is beginning a new Adult Life Group called **TWOgether Soon** just for YOU! For one very important year, you'll meet weekly with other couples and discover the key elements necessary for enjoying a committed and fulfilling life-long marriage. The group begins **TODAY in room 243 at 11:15 AM**.

If you're not quite newlyweds any more—but looking for an **ALG** geared toward the needs of young couples and growing families, check out these groups:

TWOgether 1 ■ Primarily for couples in their 20s who are starting to build families, this group helps Christians strengthen their spiritual walk and marriage, as a foundation for a strong family in years to come. Building community and strong biblical teaching are key to this group! Join TWOgether 1 in **room 233 at 11:15 AM** on Sunday mornings.

TWOgether 2 ■ Parents in their 30s to early 40s with preschool and gradeschool age children enjoy this ALG. Mom's outings, potluck luncheons, and men's fellowships help build community. Join Buddy and Pat Collins for TWOgether 2 on Sundays at **11:15 AM in room 240**.

Much more than breakfast...

Women's Prayer Breakfast ■ Saturday, March 28, 8:45 AM, Crown Room

Ladies you'll be inspired by the personal testimonies of Gudny Munro (wife of Senior Pastor Dr. John Munro) and Kim Vail (wife of Executive Pastor Scott Vail) as they share about God's faithfulness in their lives. Enjoy a complimentary breakfast buffet, special worship music, and encouraging prayer. Please help us prepare by *registering online by March 25* or sign up today at Galleria table 5A. Contact: Barbara Rheuark, 704.341.5327, brheurak@calvarychurch.com

Men's Breakfast ■ Saturday, March 21, 8:00 AM, Crown Room

Guys, come enjoy our big breakfast buffet and get equipped, prepared, and connected for ministry opportunities this spring! We'll have an encouraging message, special worship music, and great fellowship. Plus, you'll be challenged and informed by guest speakers Jim Cress (a Licensed Professional Counselor) and Collin Brock (a landscape architect). Breakfast cost is \$7 (sons under 12 eat free). **Register online by Wednesday, March 18** so that we may prepare appropriately. Contact: Mitzi Koch, 704.341.5417, mkoch@calvarychurch.com

Seniors to enjoy Gospel music at luncheon

Senior adults, don't miss Gospel music singer/songwriter Michael Hudson as he performs favorite hymns at our next Senior Adult Luncheon on Thursday, March 26 at noon in the Crown Room. Originally from Winston-Salem, Michael has appeared on stage with Gold City, The Lewis Family, and the Dixie Echos. Luncheon cost is \$6.50. Tickets are available today at Galleria table 6 and in the Word Room, March 9–20. **Reservations required by March 20**. Contact: Mitzi Koch, 704.341.5417, mkoch@calvarychurch.com

Parents to dedicate children in today's service

Daniel and Abby Gardner dedicate their daughter, **Hailey Cheree Gardner**.
Ted and Christine Goldsmith dedicate their son, **Joshua Reid Goldsmith**.
Edson and Andre Ligonde dedicate their son, **Eiden Lee Emmanuel Ligonde**.
Herbert and Gina Pierre-Louis dedicate their sons, **Jacob Melaku Pierre-Louis** and **Eric Obama Pierre-Louis**.

along the way...

* **Ready to GO?** Ready to get involved in a **short-term missions project**

this summer? Stop by Galleria table 2A today to **get a GO Trips application packet**.

Application deadline is April 15. Contact: Sue Rimer, 704.341.5322 * **Singles**

Gathering Single adults (35+) are **invited for a potluck dinner** and board games on

Friday, March 20 at 7:00–9:30 PM in the Banquet Room. Bring a main dish, side, salad, or dessert,

plus a beverage to share. Contact: Debbie Bordwine, 704.341.5328 * **Date Night** As

a **follow-up to the Love & Respect conference**, join us Friday, March 20 at 7:00–9:00 PM

in the Crown Room for **coffee and dessert**, inspiring testimonies and music, plus a refresher

on those "love and respect" principles! Cost is \$10 per couple. Register at www.calvarychurch.com/datenight. Contact: Mitzi Koch, 704.341.5417 * **Parenting Teens**

Effectively Gain insight at this **forum for parents of teens (ages 10–18)** with Pastors

Dean Hawkins and Jason Jimenez on Friday, March 27 at 6:30 PM in the Crown Room. **It's FREE**,

but please help us prepare for you by registering online! * **LIVELOVE** Students,

be sure you are registered for **LIVELOVE Student Life Tour, March 13 & 14**, at Hickory

Grove Baptist Church. Get details and sign up at www.calvarychurch.com. Contact: Student

Ministry Office, 704.341.5320 * **G Force** Join this group of **praying grandmothers**

on Thursday, March 12, 9:30–10:30 AM in the Prayer Room to bring the **needs of our**

grandchildren before the Lord. When all we can do is pray, praying is all we need to do!

Contact: Judy Clark, 704.845.1130 * **Conference Volunteers** If you served

as a volunteer at the **Love & Respect** conference, please stop by Galleria table 3 TODAY to

receive your signed copy of Dr. Eggerichs' book. Contact: Sandy McKee, 704.887.3692

updates

Today at Calvary ■ March 8

8:30 AM	Adult Life Groups
9:45 AM	Worship Service, Sanctuary "Marriage: The Divine Design, Part 1"
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	Evening Service, Sanctuary Baptism & Communion Ryan Amidon

Serving this week

Elder	Jack Broadhurst	704.821.7954
Deacons	Edson Ligonde	704.607.5797
	Hugh Grey	704.540.4251

Pastor of the Week—Scott Vail

For pastoral emergencies: **980.297.2527**

Missionaries of the week

Kirk & Emily Ogden serving with South America Mission, headquartered in Fort Mill, SC

This week on Journey 2009

Monday	Acts 19:1–20
Tuesday	Acts 19:21–41
Wednesday	Acts 20
Thursday	Acts 21:1–26
Friday	Acts 21:27–40

www.calvarychurch.com/journey2009

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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 ■ March 11

BBQ pork, baked beans, hush puppies, coleslaw, assorted desserts & beverages
Child's Meal: Chicken tenders & fries

Deepest sympathy to...

Howard & Robyn Nicholson and family in the passing of Robyn's father, Mr. Robert H. Neill, on February 27

Chuck & Debbie Cooper and family in the passing of Chuck's mother, Mrs. Pat Cooper, on February 28

Judy Hicks and family in the passing of her father on March 3

For the record...

General Fund offering on 3/1	\$111,497
General Fund weekly goal	\$126,000
Missions Offering given to date	\$95,962
Missions Offering 2009 goal	\$175,000
Attendance on 3/1	
9:45 AM Combined Worship Service	2589
6:00 PM Evening Service	373
Total	2962

Upcoming messages

Senior Pastor John Munro will bring the message, unless otherwise noted.

Mar 15 9:45 AM "Marriage: The Divine Design, Part 2"

6:00 PM Baptism & "Set an Example"
Pastors Dean Hawkins & Jason Jimenez

Mar 22 9:45 AM "Marriage: The Divine Design, Part 3"

6:00 PM "Let the Children Come to Me"

Directors Pat Collins & Su Trull

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