

Looking UP

Calvary Church Weekly News

Forum to address key issues for parents of teenagers

“Being a teen today IS NOT easy. Many teens are experiencing a deadly relational disconnection without their parents knowing about it. They face incredible pressures at school, social challenges with their friends, exploitation through popular culture, and stressful dynamics within their own families. It is no wonder we see more and more students struggling to deal with isolation and feelings of insignificance in their lives. That is why I plead with parents of teens to attend this one night forum. It will provide key insights about why teens react the way they do. And it will equip parents to communicate and relate with their teen more effectively in this postmodern society.”
— Pastor Jason Jimenez

“Parenting Teens Effectively”

Friday, March 27 ■ 6:30–8:30 PM, Crown Room

“Parents, do you ever feel disappointed when your adolescent’s behavior and attitudes do not meet your expectation level? Do you ever feel like the harder you try at ‘being a good parent,’ the more frustrated you become? Do you wish you could gain more influence in the life of your teen?” asks Pastor Dean Hawkins. “You are not alone! If you answered ‘yes’ to any of these questions, or if you just want to gain insight on being a more effective parent in today’s culture, we invite you to **“Parenting Teens Effectively.”** This forum for parents of students (ages 10–18) will be Friday, March 27, at 6:30 PM in the Crown Room.

Pastors Dean Hawkins and Jason Jimenez will share insights into the pressures our teens face from peers, popular culture, and the attitudinal shifts (world view) they absorb from their academic and social setting. As youth pastors, they have a unique perspective on applying biblical truth to teen culture—and even more than that, they care deeply about your student! They will explain how family dynamics impact the pressures teens face and share specific ways that parents can be positive and proactive.

The forum is free, but please help us plan by registering online in advance at www.calvarychurch.com. Contact: Audrey Storms, 704.341.5320, astorms@calvarychurch.com

More opportunities for parents of teens:

High School Parent Prayer Night

Thursday, March 5, 7:00–8:15 PM, Crown Room
Join us as we pray for the needs of our teens and families.

SMLT 201 – Student Ministry Leadership Training

Sundays, March 1–29, 4:30–5:30 PM, Room 323

Are you engaged? Newlyweds?

“Till death do us part” It’s one of life’s most significant utterances, heralding a commitment that lasts a lifetime. But **a healthy and lasting marriage does not just happen...** If it did, divorce rates would not hover around 50%. Healthy marriages happen when the Lord Jesus Christ is at the center of the relationship! God wants you to have a loving and joyful marriage that lasts a lifetime. So it is important to build a strong biblical foundation throughout your engagement and that first year of marriage.

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 next **Sunday, March 8 in room 243.**

TWOgether Soon Launch Night ■ Saturday, March 7, 6:30 PM, Room 322

Come get to know everyone in advance! Join us for an evening of fun this Saturday—we’ll enjoy food, games, and get our new group off to a great start. It’s FREE, but please let us know you’re planning to attend by registering at www.calvarychurch.com/twogethersoon.

take note

EVERY
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Calvary Missions
Conference 2009

What an inspiring conference!

This past week Calvary has welcomed home many of our missionaries for the annual Missions Conference. We invited them to be refreshed and renewed through fellowship among us, and we encouraged them to share their reports and passion for spreading the Gospel around the world. It has been inspiring!

Thank you to all our conference volunteers, everyone who welcomed missionaries into their homes, and all who shared “Bless a Missionary” gifts. Your generosity and hospitality are appreciated!

Today we have an opportunity to give to Calvary’s annual Missions Offering. Our goal is \$175,000, and special offering envelopes are provided for your gift. We also have the opportunity to respond to God’s call to serve, pray, and go—please be sure to indicate your response on the card included in Looking Up.

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From the Senior Pastor

God is calling

At our pastors’ meeting this week we discussed the impact of all the technology on our lives. Much of the technology makes life easier, but there is also a downside. Rather than face-to-face communication, more and more people are on cell phones, ipods, computers, text messaging, and Facebook, etc. I recently read that some teens send over 200 text messages a day! Quietness, reflection, and solitude are rare phenomena in our lives.



Dr. John H. Munro

With all of the distractions in our hectic, noisy lives, when do we hear from God? When God first called young Samuel, he did not recognize the voice of God. Then, following Eli’s instructions, Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant hears” (1 Samuel 3:10).

Today’s message is entitled, “God Is Calling.” I believe that God is calling many of us at Calvary Church. But do we hear His voice? Are we ready to obey? ■

Men, let’s have breakfast!

Guys, you’re invited to a delicious breakfast buffet as we get equipped, prepared, and connected for ministry this spring!

Join us on Saturday, March 21 at 8:00–9:30 AM in the Crown Room for an encouraging message, special worship music, and great fellowship. We’ll be spiritually challenged by guest speaker Jim Cress, who is a Licensed Professional Counselor. You’ll also get the latest info about our annual Men’s Spring Retreat at Ridgecrest, in the Blue Ridge Mountains (planned for May 1–2).

Cost is \$7 (sons under 12 eat free).

IMPORTANT: Register online by Wednesday, March 18 so that we may prepare appropriately. Contact: Mitzi Koch, 704.341.5417, mkoch@calvarychurch.com



Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 8
Be on time — Set your clocks ahead one hour Saturday night!

Ready? Let’s GO!

Global Outreach Trips (GO Trips) offer Calvary members a short-term missionary experience, usually connecting with one of our own missionaries in the field. We have eight GO Trip opportunities planned for this summer. Check your Missions Conference brochure or www.calvarychurch.com/gotrips for details. Don’t miss this opportunity!

GO Trip application packets are available today in the Galleria; be sure to stop by and pick up yours. GO Training classes meet April 26 and May 3. Contact: Sue Rimer, 704.341.5322, srimer@calvarychurch.com

Career Ministry adds workshops

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: Career Calling, Branding & Personal Packaging, Networking, Resumes, and Interviewing.

Interested? You can get started at www.calvarychurch.com/career. Complete the short online registration form to receive your "membership key," then access the 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

Date Night keeps principles fresh

As a follow-up to the Love & Respect conference, Calvary is offering a "Date Night" on Friday, March 20 at 7:00–9:00 PM in the Crown Room. Join us for special music, fabulous desserts, inspirational testimonies, and roundtable discussions about those "love and respect" principles. Cost is \$10 per couple. Please register online at www.calvarychurch.com/datenight. Childcare is not provided. Contact: Mitzi Koch, 704.341.5417, mkoch@calvarychurch.com

Want to share your Love & Respect story? ■ Send us an email about how God is working in your life and marriage after the conference at info@calvarychurch.com.

There is hope for addictive behaviors...

Men, do you struggle with this reality: "For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing" (Romans 7:18–19)? Addictive behaviors can be very difficult to stop and many times lead to bondage, pain, guilt, and shame. If you find yourself struggling with drugs, alcohol, or pornography, then check out Calvary's Overcoming Addictions support group. This group is a safe and confidential place for men to find accountability with others who are breaking free from bondage and finding forgiveness and healing in the cross of Christ. This group meets every Monday from 7:00–8:30 PM. Contact: Laura Grass, 704.887.3681, lgrass@calvarychurch.com

Pastor Munro greets newcomers next Sunday

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 next Sunday, March 8, 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! Contact: Bev Modzell, 704.341.5331, bmodzell@calvarychurch.com

Join in prayer through "40 Days for Life"

The national "40 Days for Life" campaign in Charlotte runs from February 25–April 5, with prayer, fasting, and a peaceful prayer vigil each day outside a local abortion clinic. Volunteers from area churches may sign up to pray outside the clinic for one hour slots from 7:00 AM–7:00 PM at www.40daysforlife.com/charlotte.

along the way...

* **Membership Course** 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 membership at Calvary Church. Please plan now to attend the **required**

membership course in two sessions on **Saturdays, March 7 and 14** at 9:00 AM–12:15 PM in room 232. Or attend the six-week class on **Wednesdays, April 15–May 20**. Register in advance online at www.calvarychurch.com/membership. Contact: Paula Simpson, 704.341.5323, psimpson@calvarychurch.com

* **Leadership Directory** Calvary's new **2009 Leadership Directory** is available at Galleria table 1B. It contains **photos and contact information** for our pastors, ministry leaders, elders, and deacons. Pick up a free copy today!

* **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, astorms@calvarychurch.com

* **Food Pantry** Help us restock empty shelves by donating **non-perishable food items for those in need!** Bring donations to the cupboard near the elevators. Contact: Mitzi Koch, 704.341.5417

* **Word Room** The Word Room bookstore has **Easter cards, gifts, and books!** Hours: Weekdays 9:00 AM–4:30 PM, Wednesdays 6:30–8:30 PM, Sundays before and after services.

* **ESL Training** **Learn to teach English as a Second Language** at Calvary on March 6 & 7. The Friday class meets 6:30–9:00 PM, and the Saturday class meets 8:30 AM–4:30 PM in room 242. You must attend both sessions. Cost is \$50 per person or \$75 per couple. Contact: Lynn Haines, 704.341.5354, outreach@calvarychurch.com

updates

Today at Calvary ■ March 1

8:30 AM	Adult Life Groups
9:45 AM	Worship Service, Sanctuary "God Is Calling" Combined service with Spanish translation
9:45 AM	Nursery & Children's Classes through 2nd Grade
11:15 AM	Adult Life Groups, Nursery, Children's Classes, Student Ministry
6:00 PM	Evening Service, Sanctuary "Mission Impossible"

Serving this week

Elder	Bill Bailey	704.846.0549
Deacons	Bill Yarnall	704.544.2454
	Alberto Mangione	704.321.7277

Pastor of the Week — Dean Hawkins
For pastoral emergencies: **704.654.1746**

This week on Journey 2009

Monday	Acts 14
Tuesday	Acts 15
Wednesday	Acts 16
Thursday	Acts 17
Friday	Acts 18

www.calvarychurch.com/journey2009

Missionaries of the week

Jody Hanford serving with Campus Crusade for Christ in Costa Mesa, CA

Galleria tables directory

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Welcome new members

Claudia Andrade	Danelia Peláez
Cristina Barcos	Adriano Rondoni
Debora Cavalcanti	Andreia Santos
Alberto Cevallos	Kemine Silva
Ana Concepción	Klaiton Silva
Mercedes Colón	Tomasa Trujillo
José De Oliveira	Bertha Turcios
Mariane De Oliveira	Didier Turcios
Victor Fernández	Zoyla Romo-Yanez
Anne Priscila Oliveira	Ruben Zarrate
Nancy Parrado	

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 4

Old-fashioned meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, Southern-style green beans, rolls with butter, assorted desserts & beverages
Child's Meal: Mini burgers & chips

Deepest sympathy to...

Fred Pendley and family in the passing of his wife, Mrs. Marie Pendley, on February 21

For the record...

General Fund offering on 2/22	\$109,023	
General Fund weekly goal	\$117,300	
Missions Offering given to date	\$65,562	
Missions Offering 2009 goal	\$175,000	
Attendance on 2/22		
9:45 AM	Worship Service	2917
11:00 AM	Spanish Service	410
	Morning Total	3327
6:00 PM	Evening Service	568
	Total	3895

Upcoming messages

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

Mar 8	9:45 AM	"Marriage: The Divine Design, Part 1"
	6:00 PM	Baptism & Communion Ryan Amidon
Mar 15	9:45 AM	"Marriage: The Divine Design, Part 2"
	6:00 PM	Baptism & "Set an Example" Pastor Dean Hawkins & Pastor Jason Jimenez



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