

Looking UP

Calvary Church Weekly News

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From the Senior Pastor

He is risen!

That first Easter morning the angel at the empty tomb announced, "He is not here, for He has risen, as He said" (Matthew 28:6). And for over 2,000 years Christians have declared, "Christ has risen! He has risen indeed!"



Dr. John H. Munro

The bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ is central to the Christian faith. Without Christ's resurrection there is no forgiveness of sins, no hope, no eternal life.

This Easter Sunday we welcome you to Calvary Church. We are here to celebrate the glorious victory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He said to His disciples, "Because I live, you also will live" (John 14:19).

If you are investigating the Christian faith, or are somewhat skeptical, or have relegated your "spirituality" to the back burner, we are delighted to have you worship with us this morning. May you have a personal and life-changing encounter with the living Christ who defeated death and evil. This is why He said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6).

Do let us know if we can in any way help you with your spiritual journey. ■



Happy Easter

The Christ-centered Easter parades at our Calvary Child Development Center always bring **big smiles** from the children—and the hundreds of parents who attend each year—as they celebrate God's love.

Forgiveness...

The world says, "Don't get mad, get even!"

Dirty Harry says, "Go ahead, make my day."

C. S. Lewis said, "Forgiveness is a beautiful word, until you have something to forgive."

But that is not the way of Christ...

Powerful new message series begins April 19
Join us next Sunday at 9:45 AM

How can we be truly forgiven and find freedom in forgiving others? Next Sunday morning, Pastor John Munro will begin a series of messages about God's forgiveness of us and our forgiveness of others. Issues we'll consider include barriers to forgiveness, desires for vengeance, the power of forgiveness, the freedom forgiveness produces, the cost of forgiveness, forgiveness in the home, and forgiving when it is tough to do so.

Jesus taught His disciples to pray, "And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors" (Matthew 6:12). The Apostle Paul writes, "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you" (Ephesians 4:32). Join us each week through the series, as we look to the Bible for answers and come to understand God's truth about the power of forgiveness.

Ladies, join us for a special evening

Women of Calvary, it's time for a Ladies' Night Out complete with friends, fun, and delicious desserts! You'll "meet" some of the most influential women of the Bible—Eve, Mrs. Noah, Rahab, Esther, Hannah, Mary, and Lydia—and be inspired by how they made a difference in God's Kingdom in their day. And our guest speaker, Cathy Reed, will encourage us to make an impact for Christ on our world today. **This FREE event will be Thursday, April 30 at 7:00 PM** in the Crown Room. It will be the perfect opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors!

Please help us prepare by registering at www.calvarychurch.com or sign up at Galleria table 3 today. Due to food preparation requirements, the deadline to register is Sunday, April 26. Contact: Barbara Rheuark, 704.341.5327, brheuark@calvarychurch.com

take note

Bible Heroes

Job, Jacob, Moses, Peter, & Thomas
Wednesdays, April 15–May 13 ■ 6:30–8:00 PM, Crown Room

Join us Wednesday for new series

Hope to see you in the Crown Room on Wednesday night, April 15! For five weeks you'll be inspired by teaching from our Calvary pastors about the lives of "Bible Heroes"—real biblical "giants" who often found themselves struggling with the same issues that confront us today. **This Wednesday series is FREE; no preregistration is needed.** Join us for dinner between 5:00–6:15 PM, then stay for great teaching! Contact: Pastor David Ingrassia, 704.341.5328, dingrassia@calvarychurch.com

April 15 ■ **JOB: When Happiness Is Not Enough**

April 22 ■ **JACOB: Striving for Blessings God Already Promised**

April 29 ■ **MOSES: Living a Call You Don't Want to Answer**

May 6 ■ **PETER: Rebuilding a Life with Purpose**

May 13 ■ **THOMAS: Certainty in an Uncertain World**

Are you at a career crossroads?

Calvary's Career Ministry offers practical information, networking, skills development workshops, and Christ-centered encouragement! Join us on **Mondays, resuming April 20 at 7:00 PM** in the Crown Room. If you have not registered with Calvary's Career Ministry, sign up at www.calvarychurch.com/career to access valuable online resources through our partnership with Crossroads Career Network. Contact: Mitzi Koch, 704.341.5417, mkoch@calvarychurch.com

Learn to leave anxiety and stress behind

Proverbs 3:6 encourages us to "trust in the Lord with all our hearts" but sometimes situations can cause us to struggle with stress. If you are anxious about life circumstances, Calvary's Stress Management support group can offer help. Discover how to create your own stress management plan using biblical principles. The next 9-week session begins Monday, April 27 at 7:00 PM; cost is \$10 for materials. Please register online and get more details at www.calvarychurch.com/supportgroups. Contact: Laura Grass, 704.887.368, lgrass@calvarychurch.com

High school parents meet for prayer

Parents of high school students, please join us Thursday, April 23, from 7:00–8:15 PM in the Rea Road Room for prayer. We'll present the needs of our teens, their schools, our families, and other prayer requests before the Lord. Pastor Jason Jimenez shares, "With the many temptations and challenges our teens face today, we must realize the power and influence of prayer in our lives. It is my heart to see parents and leaders coming together, praying and crying out to the Lord as Samuel prayed for the deliverance of Israel in 1 Samuel 7:8." Contact: Audrey Storms, 704.341.5320, astorms@calvarychurch.com

Senior adults to enjoy nostalgic lunch

Folks are sure to enjoy the performance by musician Tom Schmutzler at our Senior Adult Luncheon on Thursday, April 23, at noon in the Crown Room. You'll appreciate his nostalgic and humorous look at early 20th century songs that helped make America great! Tickets are \$6.50.

Get your tickets at Galleria table 6 today or in the Word Room on weekdays through April 17. Tickets will NOT be available after April 17 or on the day of the event. Due to food preparation requirements, we are unable to accept "walk-ins." Thank you for understanding! Arrive at 11:15 AM for a free mini-concert in the Sanctuary at the Calvary Grand Organ by guest organist Tim Smith. Contact: Mitzi Koch, 704.341.5417

Lead a Bible study using just your Bible

Want to improve your Bible knowledge and understanding? Join Pastor David Ingrassia for a free workshop, "How to Hold a Bible Study with Just a Bible" on Saturday, April 18 at 9:30 AM–12:30 PM in room 242. Whether you are new to the faith or have been studying the Bible for years, this class will strengthen your biblical understanding and equip you to facilitate Bible discussions at home, the workplace, or in your neighborhood. Class is limited to 40 people; register at www.calvarychurch.com. Contact Debbie Bordwine, 704.341.5328, dbordwine@calvarychurch.com

CHAMP Sports celebrates with the Knights

The entire Calvary congregation is invited to celebrate CHAMP Day at the Charlotte Knights Stadium on Sunday, May 24 at 2:15 PM in Fort Mill, SC as the Knights take on the Indianapolis Indians. All CHAMP baseball players will get to participate in the pre-game parade, special events between innings, and run the bases at the end of the game! Be sure to stop by Galleria table 5 today for more info. Purchase your reserved seat ticket for \$7 at www.champsportsinfo.com. Contact: Chris Munro, 704.341.5387, cmunro@calvarychurch.com

Calvary musicians share in community concert

Join us for a delightful evening of music featuring the 75-member Charlotte Concert Band and John Cleaveland at the Calvary Grand Organ on Friday, April 17 at 8:00 PM in the Sanctuary. The concert will include arrangements of eight beloved hymns, patriotic songs, classics, and the grand finale from the "Organ" Symphony by Saint-Saëns. The band, conducted by Dr. Don Morris, includes several Calvary orchestra members, as well as Calvary deacon Ron Elmore who serves as assistant conductor. Invite your friends and neighbors—the event is free! Contact: John Cleaveland, 704.341.5409

along the way...

* *Vacation Bible School* Parents, we only have 100 spots remaining! Register your child (rising K–5th grades) for **Calvary's Adventure Island VBS, July 12–16** at www.calvarychurch.com/vbs. For more info, stop by Galleria table 7 today.

* *Mighty Sports Paintball* Students, we're setting up a **5,000 foot arena** outside Calvary on **Saturday, April 18** for an amazing day of **paintball fun!** Middle school plays 8:30 AM–12:00 PM; high school plays 1:00–4:30 PM. At noon we'll enjoy **hotdogs and hamburgers from the grill.** Cost is \$20; invite a friend and register now online! Contact: Audrey Storms, 704.341.5320, astorms@calvarychurch.com

* *Singles Gathering* Single adults (35+) are invited to a **potluck dinner** followed by the concert on Friday, April 17. We'll begin at 7:00 PM in the Banquet Room. Contact: Debbie Bordwine, 704.341.5328

* *Adoption Info* Interested in foster care adoption? Join the **HOME Ministry** meeting on Thursday, April 23 at 6:30 PM in the Banquet Room. Jennifer Freeman of Mecklenburg County Youth and Family Services will share helpful details about the **process of foster care adoption.** Please RSVP to Joy Huber at joyjake99@aol.com.

updates

Today at Calvary ■ April 12

6:45 AM Spanish Sunrise Service, Chapel
9:00 & 10:45 AM Easter Worship Services, Sanctuary
"Life After Death"
No evening service

Serving this week

Elder Bob Grundmann 704.846.4176
Deacons John Short 704.821.2049
Rich Farynyk 704.569.4915

Pastor of the Week—David Ingrassia
For pastoral emergencies: **704.277.3335**

Missionaries of the week

Chris & Beth Matthews serving with East-West Ministries International in Sevilla, Spain

Journey 2009 reading

Monday Romans 14
Tuesday Romans 15
Wednesday Romans 16
Thursday Mark 1
Friday Mark 2
www.calvarychurch.com/journey2009

Celebrating baptism

Jennifer Blamy Steve Scholle
Jack Isham Mike Thompson
Don McConnell September Thompson
Jeanne Scholle

Galleria tables directory

Career Ministry Table 2B
CHAMP Sports Outreach Table 5
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Men's Ministry Table 4
Senior Adult Ministry Table 6
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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 ■ April 15

Barbecued chicken, green beans with potatoes, rolls, desserts, & beverages
Child's Meal: Chicken nuggets & fries

Deepest sympathy to...

Jim & Kim Trout, Carroll Creger, and Rebecca Duncan and their families in the loss of their mother, Mrs. Gertrude Creger, on April 4

Audrey Taylor and family in the loss of her husband, Mr. Thomas Taylor, on April 4

For the record...

General Fund offering on 4/5 **\$125,363**
General Fund weekly goal \$126,000

Attendance on 4/5
9:45 AM Worship Service 2840
11:00 AM Spanish Service 331
Morning Total **3171**
6:00 PM Evening Service 542
Total **3713**

Upcoming messages

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

April 19 9:45 AM "The Miracle of Forgiveness"
6:00 PM "Preaching the Word"

April 26 9:45 AM "Experiencing Forgiveness"
6:00 PM Joyful Praise Choir Musical

May 3 9:45 AM "Forgiving Others"
6:00 PM Baptism Service

May 10 9:45 AM "Forgiveness in the Family Circle"
No evening service



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