

Looking UP

Calvary Church Weekly News

Ladies' Night Out promises fun with friends... and surprises!

Women of Calvary, this is your last week to register for our Ladies' Night Out on Thursday, April 30 at 7:00 PM in the Crown Room. You just never know who you might "meet" at this fun dessert night. We're expecting some of the most influential women of the Bible—Eve, Mrs. Noah, Rahab, Esther, Hannah, Mary, and Lydia—to be part of our program! Plus, our guest speaker, Cathy Reed, has an encouraging message for us. This FREE event is the perfect opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors.

Please help us prepare by registering online or sign up at Galleria table 3 today. The deadline to register is next Sunday, April 26. We also need more "Bible times" themed centerpieces for our tables! Contact: Barbara Rheuark, 704.341.5327, brheuark@calvarychurch.com

Support groups launch new sessions

Calvary's Support Groups Ministry kicks off its spring session next Monday, April 27 at 6:45 PM. This is your opportunity to join one of our faith-based groups, including: **DivorceCare**, **Boundaries**, **Stress Management**, **Caregivers** (third Thursdays), or **Overcoming Addictions** (men only). The First Place 4 Health group will hold a 6-week Bible study for alumni only.

Our support groups look to God's Word for comfort, hope, and direction for godly living. Our group facilitators and members have gone through similar experiences and are here to listen, encourage, pray with you, and grow together. Please note, these are not professional counseling or therapy groups. Register online in advance or register the night of the kick-off on second floor. Stop by Galleria table 6 today for more details. Contact: Laura Grass, Support Groups Coordinator, 704.887.3681, lgrass@calvarychurch.com

ETA courses enrich your summer

Calvary is offering three Evangelical Training Association (ETA) classes this summer. These courses are designed for those who would like to be better equipped in leadership at Calvary or on the mission field. Each course counts as one credit towards ETA certification. Please register online. A \$15 donation is requested to cover cost of the textbook and materials. Contact: Debbie Bordwine, 704.341.5328, dbordwine@calvarychurch.com

World Missions Today ■ Friday, May 8, 6:30–9:30 PM | Saturday, May 9, 8:30 AM–3:00 PM

This course is designed for those who are considering missions work, either full-time or part-time. Missions begins with the divine initiative. Not only does God seek the unsaved, but He directs believing men and women to be involved in communicating the Gospel. While the task, methods, and means of today's missionary have changed, the underlying purpose remains the same. Discover how you can become involved! *Lynn Haines, Room 322*

New Testament Survey ■ Saturday, June 6, 8:30 AM–4:00 PM

A deeper understanding of the Bible is the only way to clearly understand how God works and interacts with His people. This class will help you bring unity and chronological sequence to studying the New Testament by weaving the contents of the books around a central theme—the person of Christ. Well known Bible passages will take on new dimensions when seen in the perspective of a sweeping panoramic overview. *Pastor David Ingrassia, Room 401*

Perspectives from Church History ■ Saturday, August 29, 8:30 AM–4:00 PM

This class will give you the broad sweep of church history from the first century to the present. We will discuss the major turning points in history and how God's church played a central role in "His story." *Pastor David Ingrassia, Room 401*

Bible Heroes series features Jacob

Join us in the Crown Room on Wednesday night at 6:30 to meet our next Bible hero! You'll be inspired by Pastor Phil Divine's teaching about the life of Jacob, a biblical "giant" who often found himself struggling with the same issues that confront us today. **This Wednesday series is FREE; no preregistration is needed.** Come early for dinner between 5:00–6:15 PM, then stay for practical Bible teaching! The series runs through May 13.

take note

Come serve with our great kids

Children's Ministry now averaging 500 on Sundays and 300 on Wednesdays!

More than 200 new kids have enrolled in Calvary Children's Ministry over the past 2 ½ years. What an amazing privilege it is to teach and care for these precious little ones!

Currently we need more volunteers to support the growth of this vital ministry. You can help by praying and by serving. Please pray that every child will clearly understand the Gospel, and that it will impact each life. Also pray that new families coming to Calvary will sense how much we value them. Many families make church attendance decisions at least partially based upon how welcomed, safe, and valued they feel in the nursery, preschool, and children's ministries. We want to be an expression of God's love to every family!

If you are willing to serve and are committed to training children in the ways of the Lord, we have many opportunities. Won't you come be part of our ministry team? Contact: Su Trull, Director of Children's Ministry, 704.341.5458, strull@calvarychurch.com

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From the Senior Pastor

Forgiveness!



Dr. John H. Munro

One of the most thrilling words of the Christian Gospel is "forgiveness." Many people go through life struggling with guilt, shame, and failure. We look back at our lives and wonder why we did or said certain things. We think how wonderful it would be if we could simply begin again!

In the Gospel of Jesus Christ there is a new beginning, a fresh start, radical forgiveness. This forgiveness begins with us receiving Christ's forgiveness, but then overflows into a life of being forgiven and forgiving others.

Pray that you will be receptive to God's Spirit and His Word during these six Sundays, as we explore different aspects of biblical forgiveness. I have been praying that Calvary Church will be a community where we not only have a greater understanding of forgiveness, but where we experience forgiveness and are quick to forgive others. ■

Calvary shares positive financial update



John Mandeville

Thank you for your increased giving to the General Fund over the last six weeks! This effort, combined with our ongoing management of expenses, has resulted in the General Fund being "in the black" for the first time this fiscal year. Church expenses

for the fiscal year-to-date are approximately \$293,000 under budget.

John Mandeville, Director of Ministry Support and Treasurer notes, "We are now in position to finish the year on a positive note! We project that with consistent General Fund giving of at least \$120,000 per week, we should finish the fiscal year (June 30, 2009) with a slight surplus. This may be a challenge, since giving in May and June typically tapers off from the winter months. But we trust the Lord to supply all our needs and rely on God's people to continue to give generously toward the work of ministry at Calvary Church."

VBS volunteers, get ready for summer!

Adventure Island Vacation Bible school, July 12–16, will be an awesome opportunity to reach new kids for Christ, since about 50% of the children who attend VBS do not attend Calvary regularly.

Volunteers are still needed to help lead or assist groups of ten children through daily activities, work with crafts, recreation, music, snacks and Bible. Childcare is provided for all volunteers. Please register online to serve, or contact Su Trull at 704.341.5458.

Mission Charlotte

Calvary high school students are on a mission this summer—right here in Charlotte!

Monday through Wednesday, July 20–22, Calvary high school students are hitting the streets of Charlotte to share the Gospel with other teens and partner with area ministries on service projects. Students will sign up to participate in at least two of our ministry teams: Prayer Walk, Evangelism, Repair Work, VBS Drama, and Worship. Each student will raise \$100 to be applied to this outreach project. Register online to be part of the Mission Charlotte team!

Students, get all the details next Sunday, April 26 at our **Mission Charlotte Student Lunch Meeting**. We'll stay after CREW in the Crown Room, 12:15–1:30 PM, for lunch and share more information about Mission Charlotte. No pre-registration required to attend the lunch. Be there! Contact: Pastor Jason Jimenez, 704.341.5435, jjimenez@calvarychurch.com

Students head out for camping adventure

Middle school students—pack your sleeping bag, flashlight, hiking shoes, fishing equipment, Mountain Dew, and Doritos for our camping trip at Sesquicentennial State Park in SC on May 15–16. The beautiful 30-acre lake area is ideal for fishing, and we'll hit some great scenic trails together. Cost covers transportation, lodging, and three meals. Hurry, space is limited to the **first 24 students who register** online with a \$15 non-refundable deposit. The \$15 balance is due by Wednesday, May 13. Contact: Audrey Storms, 704.341.5320, astorms@calvarychurch.com

Morning Glories enjoy brunch and fellowship

Single senior adult women are warmly invited to hear Tina Maynard's message entitled "Oh Ladies, Did You Wake Up This Morning?" at the Morning Glories brunch on Monday, April 27. The group will meet at 10:30 AM in the Banquet Room for inspirational songs and a little biblical humor together. Please bring a covered dish to share. Contact: Jody Ballard, 704.846.3781

GO Trip training begins today

The first mandatory training class for all GO Trip participants meets this afternoon at 4:00 PM in room 232. Pastor David Ingrassia will present the topic "Team Unity." The second meeting will feature Pastor Jason Jimenez teaching on "Evangelism" next Sunday, April 26 at 4:00 PM. Attendance will be recorded at each meeting. Makeup sessions for both classes will be held May 3 and May 17 at 3:00 and 4:00 PM. Contact: Sue Rimer, 704.341.5322, srimer@calvarychurch.com

Sign up for baptism preparation classes

Baptism is an important step of Christian obedience. If you are ready to make this public profession of your faith in Christ, please sign up online for Calvary's required baptism preparation class. Our next classes are offered on April 26 and June 7 from 5:00–5:45 PM in room 401. A brief interview with one of our pastors is included. Baptism services are scheduled at 6:00 PM on May 3 and June 14. Contact: Anna Coyle, 704.341.5329, acoyle@calvarychurch.com

Are you interested in foster care adoption?

Please join us for a HOME Ministry meeting about foster care adoption on Thursday, April 23 at 6:30 PM in the Crown Room. Jennifer Freeman of Mecklenburg County Youth and Family Services will share helpful details about the process of foster care adoption including cost, paperwork requirements, child placement, and the time involved in the process. We'll also hear a personal testimony by a foster care adoptive parent. Pizza and refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to Joy Huber at joyjake99@aol.com or Jennifer Smith at home4ever.smith@gmail.com.

along the way...

* **High School Prayer Night** Parents, join us Thursday, April 23, from 7:00–8:15 PM in the Rea Road Room as we **share the needs of our teens**, their schools, and our families with the Lord in prayer. Contact: Pastor Jason Jimenez, 704.341.5435 * **Organ mini-concert** Guest organist Tim Smith will present a program of **classics and hymn improvisations** at the **Calvary Grand Organ** on Thursday, April 23 at 11:15 AM. The concert is free, and everyone is welcome! * **CHAMP Day with the Knights** Come on out to the **Charlotte Knights baseball game on Sunday, May 24** at 2:15 PM in Fort Mill, with Calvary and CHAMP families! CHAMP baseball players will participate in the pre-game parade, special events between innings, and run the bases at the end of the game! Stop by Galleria table 2 today for info. Tickets are \$7 at www.champsportsinfo.com. Contact: Chris Munro, 704.341.5387 * **Career Ministry** Get practical **job search information, networking leads, skills development workshops**, and Christ-centered encouragement! Join us on Mondays at 7:00 PM in the Crown Room. Register at www.calvarychurch.com/career to access online resources through our partnership with **Crossroads Career Network**. Contact: Mitzi Koch, 704.341.5417 * **Learn to teach ESL** Calvary offers this 10-hour training session to prepare you to be a **teacher or assistant in our ESL classes** that begin in September. Join us Friday, May 1 at 6:30–8:30 PM and Saturday, May 2 from 8:30 AM–4:30 PM in room 242. Cost is \$50 per person or \$75 per couple. Stop by Galleria table 5 today for more info. Contact: Lynn Haines, 704.341.5354, outreach@calvarychurch.com

updates

Today at Calvary ■ April 19

8:30 AM	Adult Life Groups
9:45 AM	Worship Service, Sanctuary "The Miracle of Forgiveness"
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 "Preaching the Word"

Serving this week

Elder	Tom Hohman	803.547.3981
Deacons	Glenn Hargett	704.536.8790
	Josh Henighan	704.453.1252

Pastor of the Week—Scott Vail

For pastoral emergencies: **980.297.2527**

Missionaries of the week

John & Jennifer Balmer serving with Training Pastors International in Lynchburg, VA

Journey 2009 reading

Monday	Mark 3
Tuesday	Mark 4:1–25
Wednesday	Mark 4:26–41
Thursday	Mark 5
Friday	Mark 6

www.calvarychurch.com/journey2009

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Welcome new members

Ray & Norma Branch	David & Alayna Holmes
Corin Brewer	Phil & Rodica Husar
Brian & Lauri Carroll	Stephen & Beth Magoon
Randy & Chris Dandurand	Ford McArver
Peter Farynyk	John & Nancy Morrison
Betty Jane Fisher	Gary & Pam Palmer
Bradley Harter	Barrett & Kelly Powlas
Chris & Renee Hobart	Tyler & Kristin Reynolds
Jeanine Holland	Stephen & Jeannie Scholle
	Glenn Swegles

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!

Build-a-Burger Night ■ April 22

Hamburgers with toppings bar & buns, potato salad, macaroni salad, chips, desserts, beverages
Child's Meal: Mini burger & chips

Deepest sympathy to...

Elaine Linnan and family in the loss of her husband, Mr. Patrick Linnan, on March 30

Bill & Patricia Smith and family in the loss of Bill's mother, Mrs. Annabell Smith, on April 10

For the record...

General Fund offering on 4/12 **\$128,120**
General Fund weekly goal \$120,000

Attendance

Good Friday Service, 4/10	793
Easter Sunday, 4/12	
9:00 AM Worship Service	2369
10:45 AM Worship Service	2904
6:45 AM Spanish Service	265
Total	5538

Upcoming messages

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

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, Prayer, & Praise

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



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