

Looking UP

Calvary Church Weekly News

Tickets available now for September 19 event

Sheri Rose Shepherd to speak at Calvary women's conference



Calvary hosts **Sheri Rose Shepherd** at "Treasure of Truth" conference on September 19.

Ladies, mark your calendars now for this very special event!

National speaker and author Sheri Rose Shepherd will share a challenging and inspirational message at Calvary's "Treasures of Truth" women's conference on Saturday, September 19. The event will be held 8:00 AM–3:00 PM in the sanctuary. Sheri's broadcast was named #1 radio show of the year on Focus on the Family in 2006, and she has been featured on Women of Faith, NBC's Inside Edition, Lifetime Television for Women, and a Billy Graham national TV special. A former "Mrs. United States," Sheri Rose now shares her heart-warming story with humor and biblical truth at women's conferences and retreats across America. She is the author of several best-selling books, including *His Princess*, *Love Letters from Your King*. Her latest book, *His Princess Bride*, was released in February 2009.

This Calvary event is an outreach to women across our entire community. Event tickets are \$20; lunch is included. Note: *childcare is not provided*. Tickets may be purchased online at www.calvarychurch.com/sherirose/shepherd, in the Galleria on Sundays, and in the Word Room through the week. Invite your friends!

Special gift bags available today! ■ Looking for the perfect Mother's Day gift?

Treat the woman you love to a gift bag containing a ticket for the Sheri Rose conference, a CD of her Focus on the Family audio broadcast, and scrumptious chocolate truffles! Gift bags are just \$22 at Galleria table 3 today and next Sunday, May 10. Contact: Sandra Grundmann, Conference Coordinator, 704.846.4176

Worship concert planned for May 17

Join us for our Worship Ministries season finale concert "Bless the Lord, O My Soul" at 6:00 PM on Sunday, May 17. We'll relive some of the great moments of praise and worship over the past year at Calvary Church. The concert will feature Calvary's choir, orchestra, children's choirs, youth choir, and dance.

Are you new to Calvary? Welcome!

Newcomers' Reception TODAY ■ If you have recently started attending Calvary, you're encouraged to join Dr. and Mrs. Munro in the Rea Road Room immediately after the morning worship service **this morning**. 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!

Women's Ministry Newcomers' Coffee ■ Ladies, come get acquainted with other women of Calvary over dessert and coffee on **Thursday, May 14 at 7:00 PM**. We'll meet at the home of Linda Jones on 9425 Hampton Oaks Lane in Charlotte. You'll enjoy a relaxing evening of fellowship and meet new friends. Contacts: Linda Jones, 704.846.5133, jones1915@aol.com & Jane Fischer, 704.846.4933, fischerofmen@carolina.rr.com

Volunteers honored for years of service

Last Friday evening, our Children's Ministry department honored all its volunteers with a special appreciation banquet. We were especially humbled to honor several volunteers who have served Calvary Church faithfully for more than 20 years:

Wilda Miller, Nursery, 30 years

Susan Barth, Nursery, 25 years

Jim Barth, Preschool Teacher, 22 years

Beth Caskey, Teacher, 20+ years

Karen Helms, Preschool Teacher, 27 years

Edna Wilson, Gradeschool Teacher, 23 years

Ann Shanklin, Teacher, 20+ years

We also honored many volunteers who have served over 10 years! Calvary is blessed to be a body of believers that understands the importance of teaching, training, and loving the next generation for Christ! Contact: Su Trull, 704.341.5458, strull@calvarychurch.com

New study begins May 12

Men's Bible study asks, "What in the world is going on?"

Calvary men are invited to take a closer look at God's Word and the prophetic path that is currently unfolding before the church and the world. Join us for a special 10-week summer Bible study series based on Dr. David Jeremiah's best selling book, *What in the World Is Going On? 10 Prophet Clues You Cannot Afford to Ignore*.

We'll meet on Tuesday evenings beginning May 12 at 7:00–8:30 PM in room 242. A Bible study guide, course outline and overview, and application questions will be included as we view and discuss the DVD presentations each week. Materials cost is \$10; please register in advance online. Contacts: Tom Hohman, thohman@insp.com & Jack Broadhurst, jbroadhurst@carolina.rr.com

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From the Senior Pastor

Steadfast in prayer



Dr. John H. Munro

Even a cursory reading of Acts reveals that the early church was committed to prayer. These first century believers in Jesus Christ saw God work in supernatural ways, and the church quickly grew. Paul exhorts us to "continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving" (Colossians 4:2).

Tonight at 6:00, in addition to witnessing some of our brothers and sisters in Christ being baptized, we will have a time of prayer. There are many needs in our congregation, such as serious illness, unemployment, and difficult family and personal issues. We also need to be praying that Calvary Church will be all that God intends us to be. Think of the thousands of people who live close to Calvary who are still without Christ. Think of the hundreds of children and families coming on to our property through ministries such as our Child Development Center and CHAMP Sports Outreach. Also we are looking to the Lord to guide us in our search for a Pastor of Evangelism and Missions so that Calvary Church may reach out more and more as we display and proclaim Jesus Christ.

Come tonight and pray. Pray in faith expecting God to work not only in your own life and family, but also in Calvary Church and in this community. ■

Wednesday Bible Heroes series features Peter

Join us in the Crown Room on Wednesday night at 6:30 to meet our next great character of faith in our spring Bible Heroes series! You'll be inspired by Pastor David Ingrassia's teaching about the life of Peter, around the theme "Rebuilding a Life with Purpose."

This Wednesday series is FREE; no preregistration is needed. Come for dinner at 5:00–6:15 PM, then stay for practical and insightful Bible teaching! The series runs through May 13.

Men, join us for a hearty breakfast

Don't miss our next Men's Fellowship Breakfast on Saturday, **May 16 at 7:30 AM** in the Crown Room. We'll enjoy an encouraging message by Pastor David Ingrassia, a delicious buffet, special music, and a great time of fellowship. Cost is just \$7; sons under 12 eat free. **All attendees should register online by May 10.** Please help us be good stewards in our food preparation; walk-ins cannot be accepted. Contact: Mitzi Koch, 704.341.5417, mkoch@calvarychurch.com

Learning and security are key

The goal of Calvary Children's Ministry is to provide quality, biblically-based teaching for each child every Sunday. In order to make the most of every teaching moment, a safe and orderly environment is crucial! Lately there have been increasing interruptions in our children's classes due to untimely arrivals.

So beginning Sunday, May 17 the entrances to the preschool and grade school hallways will be locked from 10:10–10:45 AM. This will help provide a more focused classroom experience and better security in our hallways. Should you arrive after the doors have been locked, we ask that you take your child to the sanctuary with you. Families with preschoolers who are unable to sit through the worship service may watch it on the television at the designated area outside the third floor balcony (parents must sit with their children). Thank you for understanding! Contact: Su Trull, 704.341.5458, strull@calvarychurch.com

VBS volunteers, it's time to sign up!

Adventure Island Vacation Bible school, July 12–16, will be the biggest opportunity at Calvary this summer to reach kids for Christ. It's a wonderful experience for our volunteer teams! **Volunteers are still needed** to help lead or assist groups of ten children through daily activities, work with crafts, recreation, music, snacks and Bible time. Training is provided. Plus, childcare is provided for all volunteers. Please register online to serve, or contact Su Trull at 704.341.5458.

CHAMP celebrates with Knights & Eagles

CHAMP Day with the Knights ■ Sunday, May 24, 2:15 PM

The entire 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! Purchase your reserved seat ticket for \$7 at www.champsportsinfo.com.

CHAMP Night with the Eagles ■ Friday, May 8, 5:30 PM

Come support CHAMP Sports and see the Charlotte Eagles play soccer on Friday, May 8 at 5:30 PM at Restart Field at Charlotte Christian School. All CHAMP soccer participants will be recognized, so don't miss out on the fun! Register online for discounted tickets (\$6 adults; \$4 youth) at www.charlotteeagles.com and enter the code: **CHAMP09**. Contact: Chris Munro, 704.341.5387, cmunro@calvarychurch.com

Is your student going to summer camp?

Don't miss this important meeting! Parents of all middle and high school students registered for our Student Life Summer Camps should attend a brief meeting on Sunday, May 31 at 12:30–1:00 PM. Parents of high school students report to the Crown Room with Pastor Jason; parents of middle school students report to the Banquet Room with Pastor Dean. We'll go over important details and distribute required forms for the students—some of which will need to be notarized.

Want to go? Just a few spots remain open for our Student Life Summer Camps. Parents should register high school students online. Parents of middle school students should contact Audrey Storms, 704.341.5320, astorms@calvarychurch.com.

Got a testimony to share?

If you used to follow a different world religion (Mormonism, Jehovah's Witness, Islam, Christian Science, etc.) but are now a follower of Jesus Christ, we want to hear from you! Calvary's Family Focus Adult Life Group current study is "Worldviews and World Religions," and there may be an opportunity to share your Christian testimony at an upcoming class. The group meets on Sundays at 11:15 AM in the Banquet Room. Contact: Pastor Scott Vail, 704.341.5424

along the way...

* *Salvation Army Brass* Today Calvary welcomes an **outstanding group of**

Salvation Army Brass musicians. This international ensemble will play hymn arrangements before and during our worship service and accompany our singing. * *GO Trips*

update Calvary's short-term summer missions trips to **Kenya and the Philippines are**

now full. Spots are still available on our Cuba, Mexico, Moldova, and Peru teams. GO Trip training classes on "Team Unity" and "Evangelism" will be held today at 3:00 and 4:00 PM in

room 232. Contact: Sue Rimer, 704.341.5322 * *World Missions course* Get

Evangelical Training Associate credit for Calvary's "**World Missions Today**" course with Lynn

Haines on Friday, May 7 and Saturday, May 8. Cost is \$15; register online. * *Portuguese*

worship If you **speak Portuguese, please join us** for worship and Bible study on Friday

evenings at 7:30 in room 240 with Pastor Jorge Prado. Childcare provided to age 8. Contact:

Spanish Ministry office, 704.341.5365, jtapuerca@calvarychurch.com * *Let's go*

camping! Students, **register online** for the **Middle School Camping Trip** planned

for May 15–16 at Sesquicentennial State Park in South Carolina. Contact: Audrey Storms,

704.341.5320, astorms@calvarychurch.com * *With Love From Jesus* Stop by the

WLFJ location at 5226 Indian Trail–Fairview Road on Saturday, May 16, between 8:00 AM–5:00 PM

to sort donations, or on Saturday, May 23, to help distribute food, clothes, furniture, toys, and

baby items to hospitals, the homeless, and ex-offenders. Contact: Carole Sorrell, 704.243.0284

updates *this week*

Today at Calvary ■ May 3

8:30 AM	Adult Life Groups
9:45 AM	Worship Service, Sanctuary "Forgiving Others"
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, Prayer, & Praise

Serving this week

Elder	Jack Joyce	704.344.0786
Deacons	Jack Ossa	704.890.2053
	Shane Bruce	704.248.8329

Pastor of the Week—Dean Hawkins

For pastoral emergencies: **704.654.1746**

Missionaries of the week

Alice Ott serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators (JAARS) in Waxhaw, NC

Journey 2009 reading

Monday	Mark 12
Tuesday	Mark 13
Wednesday	Mark 14
Thursday	Mark 15
Friday	Mark 16

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 ■ May 6

Fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, succotash, rolls, desserts, beverages
Child's Meal: Chicken sandwich & fries

Birth announcement

Congratulations to Thomas & Courtney Walls on the birth of their son, **Sawyer Liam Walls**, on March 12

Deepest sympathy to...

Joe & Sandi Numberger and family in the loss of Sandi's mother, Mrs. Edna Burks, on April 27

For the record...

General Fund offering on 4/26 **\$130,128**
General Fund weekly goal \$120,000

Attendance on 4/26		
9:45 AM	Worship Service	3083
11:00 AM	Spanish Service	280
	Morning Total	3363
6:00 PM	Evening Service	463
	Total	3826

Upcoming messages

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

May 10	9:45 AM	"Forgiveness in the Family Circle" No evening service
May 17	9:45 AM 6:00 PM	"When It's Tough to Forgive" Choir & Orchestra Concert
May 24	9:45 AM	"Forgiveness & Restoration" No evening service
May 31	9:45 AM	"I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist!" Dr. Frank Turek No evening service
June 7	9:45 AM	"The Secret of Happiness" No evening service

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