

Looking UP

Calvary Church Weekly News

Ready to GO!

Summer Global Outreach Trips launch this week

The first of Calvary's summer GO Trips leaves for the Philippines this Friday, June 26. Pastor Phil Divine will lead the team of volunteers on this 13-day missions experience. The group will serve alongside Calvary-supported missionaries, Mike and Garet Gatawa, and their team of nationals as they share the good news of Jesus Christ at public schools and through Vacation Bible Schools. Garet is the adopted daughter of former Calvary missionaries, Lee and Shirley Gray, who began the Ifugao Project in 1979. Calvary team members are Phil and Karen Divine, Jack Joyce, George and Kathy Cail, and Karen Koontz.

Calvary's GO Moldova team will be commissioned during the worship service this morning in preparation for their departure on Thursday, July 2. The group will join missionaries Jeff and Robin Owens of World Team and serve alongside Christians in Chisinau and the surrounding villages. For two weeks they will minister at a camp through Bible lessons, crafts, games, testimonies, and skits. One member of our ESL program will teach English. Participants are Bill Tucker (leader), Lindsey Tucker, Fred and Carol Burrows, Josh Komer, and Weslie Sauerwein.

Please pray for the safe travel and powerful ministry of both GO Trip teams as they follow the command of scripture, "And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:18-20).

Enjoy fireworks with family and friends

The Calvary community is invited to attend the Faith, Family and Freedom Celebration, a Christian outreach hosted by New Life 91.9 at Knights Stadium in Fort Mill, SC on Saturday, June 27 at 6:00 PM. Christian artists Matthew West, Natalie Grant, pureNRG, and more will perform, followed by a Gospel presentation and fireworks display. For details and ticket information, please go to www.newlife919.com.

Volunteers are needed to serve as counselors following the Gospel presentation. "Friendship Evangelism" training classes will be held prior to the event to equip and encourage volunteers to share their faith and lead others to Christ. If you are interested in serving as a counselor, please contact Jason Bessire at 704.341.1423, x101 or Jason@bessire.com.

Join us on the journey...

And consider contributing as a devotional writer for next year

In January Calvary began "Journey 2009," a church-wide Bible reading plan. So far, we have read half of the New Testament together. We are pleased that so many are enjoying this journey and trust you are growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ through His Word. The daily Bible reading passages are posted at www.calvarychurch.com/journey2009.

We plan to expand the Journey 2010 Bible reading program to include a daily devotional on our website. In order to accomplish this, we need 100 writers to compose daily devotionals. Each writer will write 2 to 3 devotionals.

A writer's training session will be held this fall for all devotional writers. By the end of the training session, you will have written one devotional for Journey 2010. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please submit your name, email address, and daytime phone number to Pastor David Ingrassia at dingrassia@calvarychurch.com.

Career workshop addresses options

Can't find a job? Be your own boss! You're invited to Calvary's Career Ministry workshop on Monday, July 6, at 7:00 PM in the Crown Room to hear featured speaker Ron Elmore of Milestone Partners address the topic, "So You're Thinking of Starting Your Own Business." Ron has 30 years of field operations experience in the computer software and consulting services industries, both as a sales and marketing executive. If you're not yet part of our Career Ministry, sign up at www.calvarychurch.com/career to get started. You'll gain access to online tools that can help you in your job search. Contact: Mitzi Koch, 704.341.5417, mkoch@calvarychurch.com

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From the Senior Pastor

Alliance Defense Fund conference

Tomorrow I leave to attend a conference with the Alliance Defense Fund which is being held in Hawaii. The Alliance Defense Fund (ADF) was formed in 1993 when a group of Christian leaders came together to express their concern about the continued erosion of religious liberty in America. The ADF was formed to defend the freedom of religious expression.



Dr. John H. Munro

The ADF has, for example, defended the right of Christians freely to express their faith at school, in the workplace, and in other public settings. It is also involved in protecting human life from conception to death, protecting the family, and preserving marriage as the union between one man and one woman.

This year the conference combines the National Litigation Academy, Ambassador Training, and a Pastors' Conference. I'm privileged to be one of a few pastors invited to this conference, presumably because of my legal background. While my ministry is one of grace, I continue to have an interest in "the law" and look forward to attending the conference. It's also difficult to decline an invitation to Hawaii! Gudny is invited and will be accompanying me.

Do pray for the conference and for the work of ADF as we seek to be light and salt in today's rapidly changing culture. ■

General Fund giving monitored as fiscal year ends

Calvary's fiscal year ends in two weeks on June 30. And what a year it has been! The mortgage was retired in December 2008, and the congregation continues to grow—numerically and spiritually. Currently however, we are a little behind budget in our General Fund giving. Let's all ask the Lord how He would have us share in closing this gap. With many givers, a little adds up to a lot. To Him be the glory! Contact: John Mandeville, 704.341.5330, jmandeville@calvarychurch.com

Calvary Adult Life Groups—where we do life together

Are you in the "second half" of marriage?

Encouragement and practical guidance are on the way for couples looking toward the empty nest years! Today the Home Builders Adult Life Group will begin a Bible study based on *The Second Half of Marriage* by David and Claudia Arp. The study takes a biblical look at the eight challenges every long-term marriage faces and offers solid solutions that show how you can make the "empty nest" years the most happy and rewarding time of life.

Looking to connect in an ALG? Join the Home Builders in room 238 at 11:15 AM and find out how to "make the rest of your marriage the best of your marriage!" Contact: Mike Gardner, 704.849.0872, mgardner12@carolina.rr.com

More Adult Life Groups:

[Ages 40-50] **Home Builders** ■ Room 238, 11:15 AM
Mike Gardner

Family Life ■ Room 222, 11:15 AM
Larry Reed / Tony Gray

Amazing Grace ■ Room 232, 11:15 AM
Bob Grundmann / Sam Jacks

Empty Nesters ■ Room 222, 8:30 AM
Jack Joyce

Christian Living ■ Room 231, 11:15 AM
Chuck Robinson / Mike Scotton

Life Application ■ Room 237, 11:15 AM
Bill Bailey

[Ages 50-60] **Life to the Max** ■ Room 401, 11:15 AM
Bob Adams / Ron Elmore

Sign up now for CHAMP softball



Coed Softball ■ July 8 – August 21, tournament August 22
Guys and girls ages 16+ are invited to play recreational softball at Calvary's Wrigley Field this summer. All games will be held on Wednesdays or Fridays at 5:30 PM. Cost is \$35, including a team jersey. We'll have professional referees at our games. Come join the fun! Register at www.champsportsinfo.com.

Men's Elite Softball ■ July 6 – August 17, plus tournament on August 29

Men ages 16+, come on out and play on Monday evenings at 5:30 on Wrigley Field. Cost for this league is \$40. (If you play both coed and elite softball, the total cost is just \$45, including two jerseys and hat.) We'll have professional referees at all games. Register now at www.champsportsinfo.com. Contact: CHAMP office, 704.341.5387, champ@calvarychurch.com

Help us prepare for Adventure Island VBS

Calling all volunteers! Please share your time and talents to help us prepare for our VBS week on "Adventure Island." No special artistic abilities are needed. There will be a variety of tasks planned for each work session, including cutting, painting, and sorting materials.

Interested volunteers will meet on June 30 and July 9 from 9:00 AM–noon in rooms 322 and 324. Just come and stay as long as your schedule permits. Thank you for serving with us! Contact: Su Trull, 704.341.5458, strull@calvarychurch.com

Reach out through prison ministry

Jail Bible Study Outreach ■ Calvary's Jail Ministry needs additional men and women volunteers to assist with Bible studies at the Mecklenburg County Jail. Individuals will receive four hours of training and then be assigned to serve on Thursday nights once or twice a month, 7:30–9:30 PM. Contact: John Barnshaw, 704.554.7827, johnbarnshaw@sim.org

Bibles Donation ■ Calvary Prison Ministry needs Bibles for inmates. New or good-condition used Bibles are acceptable; large print and study Bibles are always in high demand. Devotional Bibles that are not organized in the traditional sequence and extremely small print Bibles are not usable. Please place donated Bibles in collection rack bins along Highway 51 concourse through July 5. Contact: Guy & Carole Sorrell, 704.283.0284, carolesorrell@carolina.rr.com

Calvary organist resigns

John Cleaveland has resigned as church organist, effective today. John has served at Calvary Church since 2004. Please join in thanking John for his ministry with us and praying for the Lord's rich blessings on his future endeavors.

Church and CCDC staff positions available

Housekeeper ■ Calvary has a full-time position available in the Building Services Department for a housekeeper. Job responsibilities include cleaning and sanitizing inside the building. Applicants should be detail oriented, have a high energy level, be able to multi-task, be able to follow printed and verbal instructions, and have 3–5 years of commercial janitorial experience. Complete an application (at the Security Station in the Galleria) or send resume by email to hr@calvarychurch.com.

CCDC Lead Teacher ■ The Calvary Child Development Center is now accepting applications for the fall school year for a lead teacher. Prior early childhood experience and a four year education degree preferred. Please pick up the required application forms at our 1st floor office. Contact: Pat Collins, Director, 704.341.5361, info@calvarycdc.com



Volunteer celebrates birthday

Calvary's volunteer chef, Ray Lurz, celebrated his 80th birthday on June 12. Most all of us have enjoyed his cooking at Calvary over the last nine years, as he has helped prepare many of the meals served during that time. For 21 years prior to that he and his wife, Norma, owned and operated the Matthews Country Inn restaurant. Calvary's Food Service volunteers and staff enjoyed birthday cake and fellowship with Ray (pictured left) this week.

along the way...

* *Shower gift thanks!* Thank you Calvary for your tremendous response to the **Pregnancy Resource Center's need** for layette items. Volunteer Gail Roos shared, "We didn't know how and when God was going to meet the need, but He did. And He used the wonderful people at Calvary to do it!" Please continue to pray for this ministry and its need for more volunteers. For more info: www.friendsofprc.org * *Security reminder* For your protection, please be sure to **lock your vehicle** while in the church parking lot and **keep any valuables out of sight**, including GPS units, satellite radios, stereo equipment, phones, ipods, wallets, and purses. Thank you! * *Middle School Camp* Attention campers (and parents of campers)—**June 29 is the deadline** for making your final camp payment and choosing your camp roommate. Please submit payment online or call Audrey Storms at 704.341.5320. Please email Pastor Dean at dhawkins@calvarychurch.com with your roommate choice. All required forms are now due; forms are posted at www.calvarychurch.com.



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updates

this week

Today at Calvary ■ June 21

8:30 AM	Adult Life Groups
9:45 AM	Worship Service, Sanctuary "The Dark Night of the Soul"
9:45 AM	Nursery & Children's Classes
11:00 AM	Spanish Service, Chapel
11:15 AM	Adult Life Groups, Nursery, Children's Classes, Student Ministry
6:00 PM	No evening service

Serving this week

Elder	Leon Tuttle	704.843.4578
Deacons	Jim Burrows	704.847.3478
	Ty Richardson	704.847.8197

Pastor of the Week—David Ingrassia

For pastoral emergencies: **704.277.3335**

Missionaries of the week

Douglas & Marilyn Stewart serving with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship in Wheaton, IL

Journey 2009 daily reading

Monday	Galatians 1
Tuesday	Galatians 2
Wednesday	Galatians 3
Thursday	Galatians 4
Friday	Galatians 5

www.calvarychurch.com/journey2009

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Celebrating baptism

We rejoice with these believers in their baptism on Sunday, June 14:

Maria Abarca	Lyric Martin
Harold Abarca, Jr.	Jake Martin
Karen Bajonero	Rachel Martin
Jose Bajonero	Jerry Perillo
Merit Bajonero	Sammy Poole
Helen Barger	Merry Beth Poore
Doris Cevallos	Lida Constanza
Teri Faulkner	Rodriguez
Josh Komer	Adriano Rondoni
Rebecca Komer	Araceli Trejo

Welcome new members

Cliff Barrows	Keith DeFreitas
Ann Barrows	Jennifer DeFreitas
Mallory Brooks	Bill Ditchman
George Cail	Rena' Ditchman
Gabi Creighton	Emerson Graves
Don Crosby	Chelsea Kautz
Kathleen Crosby	Richard Mortenson
Dan Davis	Sherrill Mortenson
Jeannette Davis	Jason Norvell
Gary Davis	Holly Norvell
Jonna-Kay Davis	Kay Roberts
Caroline Davis	Miranda Tarlton
Stephen Davis	Angela Williams
	Benjamin Williams

Deepest sympathy to...

Bob & Joyce Gowdy in the passing of Joyce's father on June 17

For the record...

General Fund offering on 6/14	\$108,469	
General Fund weekly goal	\$120,000	
Attendance on 6/14		
9:45 AM	Worship Service	2739
11:00 AM	Spanish Service	373
	Morning total	3112
6:00 PM	Evening Service	401
	Total	3513

Upcoming messages

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

June 28 9:45 AM "Forsaken" Psalm 22
Pastor David Ingrassia

July 5 9:45 AM "In God We Trust"
Psalm 46

July 12 9:45 AM Psalm 32, Pastor Scott Vail
5:30 PM VBS Family Night Kick-off