

Looking UP

Calvary Church Weekly News

Local Missions Fair

You can make a difference!

Browse the Galleria tables today for information about Calvary's Local Missions projects, supported ministries, and outreach opportunities. Ministry leaders are available at each table to explain volunteer needs and how you can help.

Caleb Ministries ■ Table 7B

This ministry offers compassion, support and biblical encouragement for women and their families as they deal with infertility, miscarriage, stillbirth, early infant death, and post-abortive syndrome.

Clothes Closet ■ Table 8A

This group helps meet the clothing needs of Calvary missionaries and local ministries.

ESL ■ Table 4B

Help internationals learn to speak English.

Homeless Shelter & Street Ministry ■ Table 4A

Calvary prepares and serves hundreds of meals every week on the street and at the Uptown Shelter. Volunteers meet in the third floor kitchen on Saturday mornings to cook, then they transport and serve meals uptown.

Lois' Lodge ■ Table 6B

This non-profit, Christian maternity home provides practical love, care, and support to young women experiencing the challenges of unexpected pregnancy—including housing, counseling, education, and life preparation.

Operation Christmas Child ■ Table 3B

A simple shoe box gift can change the life of a child. OCC packs and processes millions of boxes to ship around the world each year.

Pregnancy Resource Center ■ Table 2A

This confidential, Christ-centered ministry promotes sexual integrity and empowers individuals to make life-affirming choices. Free support services offered to women include crisis intervention counseling, pregnancy testing, and medical ultrasound.

Prison Ministries ■ Table 7A

Calvary's Prison Ministry conducts worship services, Bible studies, and holiday dinners in prisons across the Carolinas. Volunteers participate by sharing personal testimonies, singing, and praying with inmates.

Refugee Support Services ■ Table 3A

This organization helps acclimate UN refugees to American life and culture through long term relationships and personal evangelism.

Samaritan's Feet ■ Table 2B

The goal is to provide 10 million pairs of shoes to 10 million people in 10 years—demonstrating Christian love through the simple act of foot-washing to show each person's value and relevance.

With Love From Jesus ■ Table 6A

This local outreach distributes donated food, clothes, furniture, toys, and baby items to the homeless, needy, and ex-offenders.

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From the Senior Pastor...

Bringing children to Jesus

One of the most tender scenes in all of the New Testament is that of little children coming to Jesus. Believing Jesus was too busy and too important to be bothered with children, the disciples rebuked the parents who wanted Jesus to touch their little ones and pray for them.



Dr. John H. Munro

Jesus took the little children in his arms and said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:13-15). The eternal Creator in tender love and compassion receives children, prays for them, and teaches us that unless we "receive the kingdom of God like a child" we shall not enter it (Mark 10:15).

Today we have the joy of leading several parents in the dedication of their children. We thank God for these children, and we pray that at an early age they will place their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Also pray for all Calvary's parents that they will have great wisdom in raising their children. ■

Men, let's head to the hills...

Enjoy a weekend away in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains, October 9-10, at the Calvary Men's Fall Retreat at the Ridgecrest Conference Center near Asheville, NC. You'll be spiritually stretched and strengthened by Pastor David Ingrassia's teaching from the book of Joshua. **It's Mission-24... Are you with us?**

Conference Details ■ Check-in is 3:00PM on Friday; room check-out is 11:00AM Saturday. Lunch will be served on Saturday followed by another teaching session. The conference will conclude by 2:00PM. The cost is \$100/person for double occupancy; \$135 for single occupancy. Lodging and meals are included. Golf at Cleghorn Plantation is available on Friday; get details online. **Please register online ASAP for both the retreat and the golf outing.** Contact: Mitzi Koch, 704.341.5417, mkoch@calvarychurch.com

Free estate design seminars this week

Come review your current will or let us help you get started with an estate plan.

Calvary's popular Estate Design Seminars will be offered Thursday, October 1 at 2:00 and 7:00PM in the Banquet Room. We'll address key tax and legal issues from a sound scriptural perspective. We'll also consider building and preserving family relationships and avoiding problem situations for younger heirs. You will benefit whether you are starting from the beginning or already have plans in place. Personal information will remain confidential. The seminars are offered free of charge. Please help us prepare for you by registering online. Contact: John Mandeville, 704.341.5330, jmandeville@calvarychurch.com

Nominations open for annual election

Nominations are open for Calvary's annual election of elders and deacons through Sunday, October 25. The nomination form is available at Galleria table 1B and online at www.calvarychurch.com. Qualifications for each office are listed on the back of the form. To make a nomination, please fill out the form and have the appropriate fields completed and signed by the nominee. Forms may be submitted at Galleria table 1B, in the offering baskets, or at the church office. Candidate information sheets will be available on Sunday, December 27, and there will be an opportunity to hear from the candidates during the evening service on January 10. **The election is scheduled for Sunday, January 17, 2010.** Contact: Bev Modzell, 704.341.5331, bmodzell@calvarychurch.com

Next Sunday is Calvary Family Day

Stay Healthy!

Flu and pneumonia shots will be available at a special tent at Family Day, 2:00-5:00 PM for those with Medicare-B, Aetna, Partners Medicare Choice, Humana Gold, and Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance. Immunizations are for ages 9+. Flu shot is FREE; pneumonia is \$45. Bring your insurance card and photo ID.

Sunday, October 4 ■ 2:00-7:00 PM, Athletic Fields

Please get your tickets TODAY for Calvary's church-wide Family Day. We'll enjoy food and fun with friends! Highlights this year include the popular rock climbing wall, inflatable bouncy play areas, organized sport competitions, and more. Popcorn and cotton candy will be available for 50¢. **Dinner from the grill will be served at 5:00-6:30PM**, including hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad, chips, lemonade/tea/water. Plus, seating will be provided under giant tents on the grounds!

And don't forget dessert! Enter the annual Calvary Dessert Contest with your best pie, cake, or sweet treat (sign up in advance). Our panel of judges will award prizes, then we'll share the fabulous desserts!

Get tickets at Galleria table 5 ■ Cost is \$5 per person, with a \$25 maximum per family. Your ticket becomes an "all access" pass to the games and dinner on Family Day. *Note: There will be no evening service on October 4.* Contact: Sandy McKee, smckee@calvarychurch.com

Women to host prayer breakfast

Ladies, you are warmly invited to breakfast and a special time of prayer, worship, and fellowship on Saturday, October 17 at 8:45 AM in the Crown Room. We'll hear from Kellie Hawkins, wife of Pastor Dean Hawkins, as she shares her uplifting testimony. We'll also welcome Debbie Durrell, with an update on the ministry of Lois' Lodge.

Breakfast is FREE, but please bring stamps and blank note cards to donate to Lois' Lodge. Help us plan by **registering online by October 11**, or sign up at Galleria table 5B today. All reservations after October 11 will cost \$7. Contact: Mitzi Koch, 704.341.5417, mkoch@calvarychurch.com

Student Ministry's got big plans...

High School "Lock IN" ■ October 9-10, 5:00 PM-7:00 AM

It's an "all-nighter" of fun! We'll go to NASCAR Speed Park for go carts, laser tag, and arcade games. Then we're back to Calvary for worship and Bible teaching, guy talk/girl talk, a midnight glow-in-the-dark scavenger hunt, snacks, games, and movies. Cost is \$20. Register online!

Middle School "BIG aMAIZE-ing Event" ■ October 24, 12:00-9:15 PM

We're headed out for a day of fun! First stop is Hendrick Motor Sports for a behind the scenes tour. Then we're off to "The MAiZE" at Country Time Farms in Indian Trail to explore the 13 acre corn maze, plus a bonfire, cookout, and hayride. Cost is \$20. Register online!

updates this week

September 27 at Calvary

8:30 AM Adult Life Groups

9:45 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary
"Living Wisely in a Hostile World"
(Daniel 1)

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 Evening Service

"The Will of God" (Col. 1:9-11)
Nursery, Joyful Praise Choir,
Youth University

Serving this week

Elder Howard Nicholson 704.525.0235
Deacons Gordon Pettit 704.362.0808
Phil Rimer 704.849.8876

Pastor of the Week—Phil Divine
For pastoral emergencies: **704.957.7200**

Missionaries of the week

Joel & Irena Colon serving with Saturation Church Planting International in Kyiv, Ukraine

Journey 2009 daily reading

Monday Hebrews 6
Tuesday Hebrews 7
Wednesday Hebrews 8
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www.calvarychurch.com/journey2009

Galleria tables directory

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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 ■ September 30

BBQ pork, baked beans, coleslaw, hush puppies, dessert, and beverage

Child's Meal: Hotdog & tater tots

Dedication of children

Trey & Sandy Bondurant dedicate their daughter, **Lauren Olivia Bondurant**

Jon & Michelle Davies dedicate their daughter, **Teagan Renee Davies**

Mark & Angela Fisher dedicate their daughter, **Ashlyn Lillie Fisher**

Steven & Kristin Stout dedicate their daughter, **Gabriella Hope Stout**

For the record...

General Fund offering on 9/20 **\$127,986**
General Fund weekly goal \$121,000

Attendance on 9/20
9:45 AM Worship Service 2958
11:00 AM Spanish Service 300
Morning Total **3258**
6:00 PM Evening Service 659
Total **3917**

Upcoming messages

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

Oct 4 9:45 AM "Handling a Crisis God's Way" (Daniel 2:1-30)
Calvary Family Day, No PM service

Oct 11 9:45 AM "Kingdoms Rise and Fall" (Daniel 2:31-49)
6:00 PM "Thank You Lord!" (Colossians 1:12-14)

Oct 18 9:45 AM Dr. Norman Geisler
6:00 PM Baptism Service
Pastor Jim Cashwell

Oct 25 9:45 AM "Our God Is Able" (Daniel 3)
6:00 PM "The Image of God" (Colossians 1:15)

[GROUP HIGHLIGHT]

Adult Life Group in focus this week...

Family Life ■ This group (mostly couples in their 40s) shares strong bonds of friendship. We emphasize prayer, fellowship, and caring for each other. Our format is typically an open discussion, with applications to marriage, family, and parenting. We will soon begin a study of Colossians and Philemon. Larry Reed and Tony Gray lead this group at 11:15 AM in room 222. Stop by and check it out!

Family Foundation ■ Is family a top priority for you? If so, please consider the Family Foundations ALG. We are truly intergenerational—meaning parents, children, and singles attend and learn together. Our current focus is *Lord, I Want to Know You*, a Precept Bible study on the names of God. Bill Tucker leads this group at 8:30 AM in the Banquet Room. Join us!

Boundaries are a healthy thing

Do you have difficulty saying "no" to others? Do you wonder who you really are, or feel confused about how to set limits in your relationships at home and work? If you are interested in learning new ways of relating to people and loving others out of freedom instead of guilt, consider joining the Boundaries support group tomorrow, **Monday, September 28 at 7:00 PM** in room 233. *Registration for this group will close after September 28.*

These confidential Calvary support groups are also accepting registrants: DivorceCare, DC4Kids, GriefShare, Overcoming Addictions, and Stress Management. Register at www.calvarychurch.com/supportgroups. Contact: Galina Olivera-Celdran, 704.887.3681, galinao@calvarychurch.com

Morning Glories share lunch with friends

Senior single women, we invite you to enjoy lunch with us tomorrow, September 28, at 10:30 AM in the Guest Café. Our special guests will be Dr. and Mrs. Munro, along with Ruth Durie, who will sing and share about her recent trip to Kenya. Prepare a covered dish and join us for fellowship with good friends! Contact: Jody Ballard, 704.846.3781

along the way...

Flu Prevention Children's Ministry is working hard to keep our families healthy!

Children should use the hand sanitizer as they enter their classrooms. Parents, please do NOT bring your children to church if they have a yellow runny nose or have had a fever or thrown up in the last 24 hours. And, **in case your child becomes ill** at church, please be sure your name is on your ALG roster, so we can locate you during the 11:15 AM class time. Thank you!

On a Mission Calvary member **Rachel Smith will be commissioned today** as a new short-term missionary to South Korea, where she will be teaching middle school at an International Christian School beginning October 15. Remember to pray for Rachel!

Life Chain Join this **peaceful, public witness of pro-life Americans praying** in repentance for our nation and for an end to abortion. Next Sunday, October 4 at 1:00-3:00 PM, we'll join churches throughout the US in support of the sanctity of human life by standing along Highway 51 to display Life Chain signs. Afterwards, we will join the Family Day activities. Contact Debbie Ware, deborahware@yahoo.com

Baptism class **Are you ready to be baptized?** Please register online to attend the required preparation class on Sunday, October 11, 5:00-5:45 PM in room 401. Our next baptism services will be October 18 and November 8 at 6:00 PM. Contact: Anna Coyle, 704.341.5329, acoyle@calvarychurch.com

Calvary membership The **Calvary Membership Course**, taught by Senior Pastor Dr. John Munro, is required for all those considering church membership. The next two-session course will be offered October 31 and November 7, 9:00 AM-12:15 PM. Please register at www.calvarychurch.com.

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