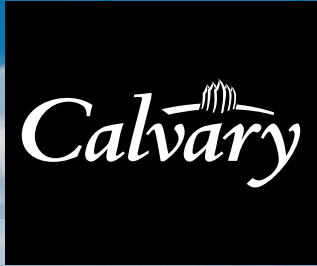


WALK & PRAY

Next Sunday, Calvary begins a weekly series of open "Prayer Walks" as we renew our focus on prayer in 2018. This will be a special opportunity for us to pray together for our families, church, leaders, and spiritual revival for our community and beyond. Each prayer walk has a designated leader and will follow a path around our church campus. Check out the schedule at calvarychurch.com/prayerwalks and plan to join us!

WORSHIP & CONNECT TODAY

- 8:30 AM Adult Life Groups [ALGs]
- 9:45 AM **Worship Service**
"The Battle of 2018" Matt 4:1-11
- 9:45 AM Nursery, Preschool, & KidZone
- 11:15 AM Nursery, Children's Ministry, Student Life Groups & ALGs
- 6:00 PM **Evening Service**
"We Believe in the Inerrancy of Holy Scripture" 2 Peter 1:16-21
Communion



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Join us on Wednesdays!

Electives, Awana, IGNITE, & Dinner—it's family night at Calvary

Elective Bible Studies | Wednesdays, January 10–March 21, 6:30–8:00 PM

This week, we begin a new series of Wednesday Bible study courses. Whether you're a long time Christ-follower or just curious to learn more about God's Word, choose your study and join us!

It's Family Night | During electives, middle and high school students gather for **IGNITE**—their student-led worship night at 6:30 PM in the Calvary Life Center. Children have tons of fun learning God's Word in **Awana Bible Clubs**. Nursery is provided for ages 3 and under. And before the programs begin, your whole family is invited to **Fellowship Dinner, served 5:00–6:15 PM** in the Crown Room on the third floor. No reservations needed; adults \$7, kids \$4.

Choose Your Study | Check out the options below! Get course descriptions and register at calvarychurch.com/electives. Questions? Contact: Debbie Bordwine, 704.341.5328, dbordwine@calvarychurch.com

Survey of the New Testament

Room 233 | Rob Reece

Essentials of the Faith

Room 234 | Peter Farynyk

Got Bible Questions?

Calvary Café | Pastor Nathaniel Pearce

Nehemiah: Lessons on Leadership

Room 241 | Pastor Jim Cashwell

Discipling Others through Life's Challenges

Room 402 | Pastor Jim Pile

Minor Prophets of the Bible

Room 222 | Sam Jacks

Prayer Prayer Room | Paul Hundrieser

How to Avoid Marriage Fail

Room 401 | Pastor Rodney Navey

What Are They Thinking? For parents of teens

Room 231 | Joshua Erlien

Single & Parenting, Part 1

Conf Rm A | Debbie Bordwine & Greg Goodlett

Financial Peace University

Room 242 | Rhondale & Deborah Haywood

Overcoming Obstacles to Sharing Christ

Room 238 | Siby Rajappan

Estudio Bíblico en Español

Salón 227 | Bill Ogden

Membership Course begins January 24

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The Word of God

In today's morning and evening services, our Pastor of Family Ministries, Rodney Navey, will be emphasizing the supreme importance of the Word of God. We believe that when the Bible speaks, God speaks, as it is the very Word of God.



John & Gudny Munro

I am sure that many of us have made a commitment this year to read and study and memorize the Scripture more diligently than we did throughout 2017. The Bible must not only be read but obeyed. You will find the more you read the Holy Scriptures, the greater your love for its author will grow. The less you read the Bible, the less you will desire to read it. "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever" (Isaiah 40:8). ■

Leadership election will be January 28

Calvary's annual election of elders and deacons will be held on Sunday, January 28 at the conclusion of the 9:45 AM service. Calvary members (ages 18+) should prepare to vote by reviewing the candidate profiles. **Copies of the profile document are available today at Galleria table 2** or download the PDF at calvarychurch.com/election. Contact: Miriam Aneses, 704.887.3679, maneses@calvarychurch.com

Are you ready to become a member?

CALVARY MEMBERSHIP COURSE
Wednesdays, January 24–March 7
6:30–8:00 PM, Room 232

At Calvary, we see membership as a significant spiritual decision. It's an ongoing commitment to participate in the life and ministry of our church family.

In the membership course, you'll get an overview of Calvary's beliefs, vision, and mission. It's a great opportunity to get to know Pastor Munro and his wife, Gudny. Please bring your Bible. Register for this six-session class at calvarychurch.com/membership. Contact: Miriam Aneses, 704.887.3679, maneses@calvarychurch.com

Seniors, this luncheon will be a special treat

Senior Adult Luncheon | Thursday, January 25, Noon–1:30 PM, Crown Room

We'll kick off the new year with the Envoys as the featured guests at our January luncheon. You'll appreciate their joyful blend of inspiration, humor, and Southern Gospel music. Come early for an organ concert at 11:00 AM featuring Calvary organist Elizabeth Hildebrand. Register at calvarychurch.com/SAL or get tickets in the Word Room bookstore before January 18. Cost is \$7. Contact: Jennifer Sharpless, 704.341.5417, jsharpless@calvarychurch.com

Ladies, new Bible studies begin this week

Tuesdays, beginning January 9 | Classes offered at 9:30 AM & 7:00 PM

There's a place for you to grow in faith at Calvary! Join a women's Bible study this week and begin connecting with new friends. Choose your study for the semester:

Discerning God's Voice // Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven // 1,2,3 John & Jude // Acts – Part 2, Precept Upon Precept // 1 & 2 Timothy & Titus // No Worries: Learning to Trust God

Get course descriptions at calvarychurch.com/womensbiblestudies and register at your first class. Childcare is available during morning classes for children through age 5. Contact: Jenna Mascia, 704.517.6606, jmascia@live.com

Worship Ministry welcomes adults & kids

CALVARY WORSHIP MINISTRY // The **Calvary Choir, Orchestra,** and **Tech Team** will be welcoming new members early in the month of January. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 6:30–8:00 PM. Contact the Worship Ministry office to arrange a **visit to a rehearsal**. Contact: Christy Driscoll, 704.887.3687, cdriscoll@calvarychurch.com

CHILDREN'S & STUDENT WORSHIP CHOIRS // We can't wait for our choirs to resume tonight! New kids and students are welcome to join. Our **Student Worship Choir** meets on Sunday afternoons at 5:00–5:45 PM in the Choir Room. **Joyful Praise Children's Choir** is for 1st–5th graders, and **Wee Praisers** is for 4–6-year-olds. Both groups are dismissed from the 6:00 PM service to participate. Get details at calvarychurch.com/worshipministry. Contact: Chelsea Hathaway, 704.341.5435, chathaway@calvarychurch.com

Thank you, Hearts & Hammers teams!

Hearts & Hammers Breakfast | Saturday, January 20, 7:30 AM, Banquet Room

Hearts & Hammers volunteers, you're invited to a special appreciation breakfast—come enjoy a hearty meal and great fellowship as we look forward to a new year of serving together. Please help us prepare for you by registering for breakfast at calvarychurch.com/hearts&hammers.

Want to get involved? Hearts & Hammers helps widows, those who are disabled, single parents, senior adults, and others who need long term assistance with home maintenance and repairs. Join us for breakfast, then stay for team training at 8:45 AM. Register for training at calvarychurch.com/hearts&hammers. Contact: Chuck Robinson, chuckrobinson@windstream.net

Get support through life's challenges

Support Ministry Classes | Mondays, beginning January 8, 6:30–8:00 PM

Calvary's Support Ministry offers **Boundaries**, **GriefShare**, and **DivorceCare** classes beginning this week! Childcare is available for ages 2–7 with preregistration. Get details and register at calvarychurch.com/support. Contact: Sandra Moore, 704.887.3681, support@calvarychurch.com

Students, sign up now for EXCHANGE weekend

EXCHANGE Student Ministry Retreat Weekend | February 16–18

EXCHANGE promises to be a powerful weekend for **all Middle School & High School** students here at Calvary! We'll join in worship led by **David Walker** and hear challenging messages by **Brandon Hiltibidal**. You'll stay overnight in host homes for lots of small group discussion and connection. Meet new friends and grow in your faith. Cost is \$50. Register at calvarychurch.com/exchange. Contact: Pastor Eric Hill, 704.887.3678, ehill@calvarychurch.com

CHAMP offers leagues for kids & adults



CHAMP Men's Basketball & Coed Volleyball, Ages 18+ | Invite your friends and neighbors, or sign up as a team with your ALG! Basketball games are on Mondays or Thursdays; volleyball games are on Fridays. Seasons run February 26–May 7. League cost is \$40–60, including jersey. It's a lot of fun!

CHAMP Spring Youth Leagues | CHAMP Sports provides a fun, family-friendly, Christian environment where kids develop athletic skills, learn sportsmanship, and make friends. This spring we're fielding **youth soccer** (ages 4–18), **flag football** (ages 6–14), **T-ball** (ages 5–6) and **coach-pitch baseball** (ages 7–8). The season runs **February 26–May 19**. Leagues cost \$90–150, including uniform. Stop by Galleria table 5 today! champsportsinfo.com Contact: Kelly Lamb, 704.887.3689, klamb@calvarychurch.com

NEWS & NOTES

■ **STEP-BY-STEP ALG** Check out **Step-By-Step, a new Adult Life Group** with Pastor Jim Cashwell on Sundays at 11:15 AM in room 241. ■ **THE JOURNEY** College students & young adults gather on **Tuesdays, beginning January 9 at 7:30–9:30 PM [new time]** in the Calvary Life Center to build community, worship, and grow through Bible-teaching. Check it out at calvarychurch.com/college. Contact: Pastor Khalil Ayoub, 704.887.3688, kayoub@calvarychurch.com ■ **LEARN ENGLISH** Calvary offers six levels of instruction in **English as a Second Language**. Classes meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 AM in room 300. The **winter semester begins January 9**, and cost is \$30. Contact: Vince Eaton, 704.341.5322, veaton@calvarychurch.com. ■ **MADE FOR MORE "Perspectives"** is a unique 15-session course **beginning on Tuesday, January 16** that educates believers about **God's global purpose**. Discover your role and gain a deeper understanding of God's ultimate plan. Get details and register at calvarychurch.com/perspectives. ■ **NEW BELIEVERS CLASS**

This 5-week class for **children in grades 1–6** will meet on Sunday mornings, January 21–February 18 at 9:45–11:00 AM in room 300. Learn lots of new things about God, Jesus, the Bible, your church, and yourself, as you discover **what it means to be a Christian**. Parents participate in the **first class meeting at 9:30 AM**. Please preregister at calvarychurch.com/newbelievers. ■ **WOODLANDS CAMP** Kids ages 8–11 are invited to a great week of adventure at **Woodlands Camp, June 11–15**. We offer **Junior Camp & Xtreme Junior Camp** options! Get details and **register by February 18** at calvarychurch.com/woodlandscamp.

NEW TODAY? WELCOME!

Thank you for choosing to worship with us at Calvary! Please stop by the Calvary Café following the service this morning. We'd love to meet you and welcome you with a Calvary gift bag!

Families with children, teens, or special needs—Check in at the Family Welcome Desk on the first floor near the elevators. We'll help you register your children and find their classrooms.

LEADERS OF THE WEEK

Elder	Dennis Abbott	704.619.3635
Deacons	Brian Willis	803.322.5061
	David Lyon	704.847.0097

PASTOR OF THE WEEK

Pastor Jim Cashwell, supported by Rob Reece, Director of Community Life, 704.622.6156

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Jody & Maurita serving in USA

IN THE GALLERIA TODAY

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FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Join us in the Crown Room, 5:00–6:15 PM

Cost: \$7/adult, \$4/child, \$20 max per family
No reservations: purchase ticket at the door

MENU ■ Wednesday, January 10

Baked chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, succotash, rolls, dessert, & beverage

Child's Meal: Pizza & Chips (or sub apples & carrot sticks), dessert, & beverage

Salad Entrées: Chef Salad or Veggie Salad

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Carol Brock	Bethany Mears
Douglas Chen	Bonnie Montgomery
Shelly Chen	Ross Montgomery
William Hurd	Gary Williamson
Mary Anne Lagerman	Pat Williamson
Roland Lagerman	

DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO...

Steve & Julie Johnson and family in the passing of Julie's sister, **Mrs. Susan Scott**, on December 28

Larry & Carole Huck and family in the passing of Carole's sister, **Mrs. Sara Jones**, on December 23

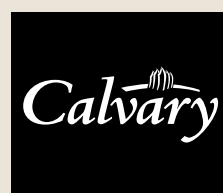
FOR THE RECORD

General Fund Offering on 12/31 \$411,355

\$1,553,377	Received through 12/31
\$1,211,976	General Fund December Goal
	<i>Praise God for His goodness and faithfulness! Our General Fund giving goal was met and exceeded. Thank you!</i>

UPCOMING MESSAGES

Jan 14	9:45 AM	"The Priority of Prayer" Colossians 4:2 Pastor Jim Pile
	6:00 PM	"We Believe in the Triune God" Pastor Jim Pile
Jan 21	9:45 AM	"Sanctity of Life" Pastor Nathaniel Pearce
	6:00 PM	"Meet the Candidates" for Leadership Election Pastor Rodney Navey



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