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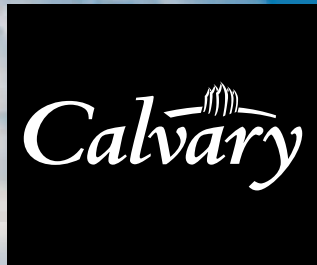
EXCHANGE

Gaining Through Giving Up

EXCHANGE promises to be a powerful weekend retreat for all Middle School & High School students here at Calvary! Come explore the Gospel, how it can impact your life, and what you gain by exchanging self-focus for a Christ-centered life. David Walker will lead our worship, and Brandon Hiltibidal is our guest speaker. You'll stay overnight in host homes for lots of small group discussion and connection. Cost is \$50. Register today at calvarychurch.com/exchange. Contact: Pastor Eric Hill, 704.887.3678, ehill@calvarychurch.com

WORSHIP & CONNECT TODAY

- 8:30 AM Adult Life Groups [ALGs]
 9:45 AM **Worship Service**
 "The Priority of Prayer"
 Colossians 4:2
 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 Triune God"
 2 Peter 1:16-21



Looking UP

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Connect & grow in a group study

MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES | Monday & Tuesday AM & PM options

Calvary offers several options for weekly men's Bible study groups—early morning or evening! Come enjoy fellowship, accountability, and grow in your faith. No cost or registration. Just bring your Bible—newcomers are always welcome!

MONDAY MORNINGS: 6:30-7:30 AM

Romans // Dave Wentink, Room 242

Exodus // Tom Miller, Conf. Rm A

TUESDAY MORNINGS: 6:30-7:30 AM

Ephesians // Bill Harding, Room 306

Detours Bible Study // Jeffery Arrington & Sy Pugh, at Stonecrest Chick-Fil-A

TUESDAY EVENINGS: 7:00-8:30 PM

Romans: Renew Your Mind // Wayne Hackbarth, Room 401

Get course descriptions at calvarychurch.com/men. Contact: Pastor Nathaniel Pearce, 704.341.5424, npearce@calvarychurch.com

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES | Tuesdays, 9:30 AM & 7:00 PM

Ladies, there's a place for you to grow in faith at Calvary! Choose a Bible study and begin connecting with new friends this week:

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

Get course descriptions at calvarychurch.com/womensbiblestudies; 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

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 builds caring and helping relationships with 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. Contact: Chuck Robinson, chuckrobinson@windstream.net



Matt & Ronae
Thompson

Calvary welcomes new staff pastor

We're excited to welcome **Matt Thompson** to the Calvary staff as Pastor of Middle School Ministry. Matt is originally from Columbus, Ohio. Matt holds an M.Div. from The Master's Seminary in Los Angeles, CA. His passion is preaching and teaching the Bible and serving the church—and he has a heart for students to know Christ. Matt is married to Ronae, also from Columbus, and they have six children: Rodney, Jake, Sam, Luke, Madelyn, and Abby. Please extend a warm Calvary welcome to the Thompson family as they begin life and ministry with us!

Especially for parents of high school seniors...

Parenting Milestones | Sunday, January 21, 11:15 AM-12:15 PM, Room 200

Your son or daughter will soon be graduating from high school! How do you acknowledge this passage into adulthood and coach him or her to make wise life decisions? Pastors Khalil Ayoub and Rodney Navey will address these questions and more. Join us next Sunday!

Get a new "perspective" on your purpose

Perspectives Course | Tuesdays, January 16-May 8, 6:30-9:20 PM, Banquet Room

"Perspectives" is a unique 15-session course that educates believers about God's global purpose from four key vantage points—biblical, historical, cultural, and strategic. Discover your role and gain a deeper understanding of God's ultimate plan. You may participate at a "reading level" or earn college credit for the course. There are discounts for Calvary members, families, and for early registration. Get details today at Galleria table 4 and at calvarychurch.com/perspectives. Contact: Vince Eaton, 704.341.5322, veaton@calvarychurch.com

JANUARY 14, 2018

Let us pray

In our worship this morning, our focus is on prayer. May 2018 be a year when Calvary prays as never before!



John & Gudny Munro

Many years ago a friend referred me to the book, *Power Through Prayer*, by E. M. Bounds. It is one of the most convicting and challenging little books I have ever read. Bounds writes, "The church is looking for better methods;

God is looking for better men." He goes on to say (I have changed his references from *men* to *people*): "What the church needs today is not more machinery or better, not new organizations or more novel methods, but people whom the Holy Spirit can use—people of prayer, people mighty in prayer. The Holy Spirit does not flow through methods, but through people. He does not come on machinery, but on people. He does not anoint plans, but people—people of prayer."

"Praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication" (Ephesians 6:18). ■

Get involved with prayer TODAY

WATCHMAN PRAYER | Complete the card in Looking Up to join!

Commit to pray ONE HOUR each week in 2018 for Calvary Church! You'll receive prayer requests via email once a month.

PRAYER WALKS | Today at 11:20 AM, meet outside in the Galleria courtyard

Today Calvary begins a weekly series of open Prayer Walks! This is a special opportunity for us to pray together for our families, church, leaders, community, and beyond. Each prayer walk has a designated leader and will follow a path around our church campus; allow about 25 minutes. Everyone is welcome! Check out the schedule at calvarychurch.com/prayerwalks and plan to join us!

Leadership election scheduled on 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. Get to know the candidates! Short candidate bios are available at Galleria table 2 or download the PDF at calvarychurch.com/election.

Kids & adults, come on out and play!



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. Register at champsportsinfo.com Contact: Kelly Lamb, 704.887.3689, klamb@calvarychurch.com

You'll enjoy this Southern Gospel luncheon

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 at Galleria table 3 or in the Word Room before January 18. Cost is \$7. Contact: Jennifer Sharpless, 704.341.5417, jsharpless@calvarychurch.com

It's time to register for Woodlands Camp!

Mark your calendar for June 11–15—that's our big week at WOODLANDS CAMP this summer! **Kids ages 8–11** (currently in grades 2–5) will be challenged with powerful Bible teaching and have tons of fun with all their favorite camp activities. Cost is \$415 for the awesome traditional **Junior Camp** or \$515 for the more rustic and adventurous **Xtreme Junior Camp**. Get full details and register with a non-refundable deposit **by February 18 at calvarychurch.com/woodlandscamp**. Contact: Sue Ridge, 704.887.3695, sridge@calvarychurch.com

Are you considering membership?

Calvary Membership Course | Wednesdays, Jan 24–Mar 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 at calvarychurch.com/membership. Contact: Miriam Aneses, 704.887.3679, maneses@calvarychurch.com

NEWS & NOTES

■ **WE BELIEVE** At the **evening service tonight** at 6:00 PM, we continue the new series "We Believe." Each message focuses on the biblical basis for one of **our foundational beliefs**.

Rediscover **why we believe** what we believe! ■ **AFTER HOURS** All middle and high school **students and their families** are invited to **meet for dinner tonight**, 7:30–9:00 PM, at Brooklyn Pizza (Colony Road). It's always a great time of fellowship after the evening

service! calvarychurch.com/afterhours ■ **READ YOUR BIBLE** Get a copy of the new **2018 Daily Bible Reading Guide** at Galleria table 2A or download at calvarychurch.com/readingplan. ■ **BAPTISM** If you wish to personally declare your **commitment to Christ** by being baptized, please register at calvarychurch.com/baptism. The next baptism service

will be on Sunday, February 18, at 6:00 PM. ■ **THE JOURNEY** **College students & young adults** gather on **Tuesdays 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. ■ **LIFE CHALLENGES** Calvary's Support Ministry offers **Boundaries, GriefShare,**

and DivorceCare classes to provide **biblical insight** and support through the struggles of life. Childcare is available for ages 2–7 with preregistration. Get details at calvarychurch.com/support. ■ **WIDOWS FELLOWSHIP** Widows of all ages are invited to meet on Thursday,

January 25 at 11:00 AM–Noon in the Banquet Room for **"Inspiring Hope Widows Ministry."**

We'll enjoy a time of devotions, fellowship, and small group prayer. Join us for the Senior Adult Luncheon afterwards in the Crown Room. Contact: Donna Bridges-Martin, 704.301.5991

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	Bob Gowdy	704.607.9377
Deacons	Mark Furr	704.847.8520
	Hugh Grey	704.619.8116

PASTOR OF THE WEEK

Pastor Eric Hill, supported by Siby Rajappan, Director of Outreach, 704.907.7497

PRAYER WALK

Meet **Bill Bailey** today at **11:20 AM** outside the Galleria in the courtyard for the Prayer Walk. Allow about 25 minutes. Everyone is welcome!

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

Andrew & Ania serving in Europe

IN THE GALLERIA TODAY

2018 Bible Reading Plan	Table 2A
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Perspectives Course	Table 4A
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Widows Ministry	Table 4B

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 17

BBQ pork, baked beans, coleslaw, steak fries, dessert, & beverage

Child's Meal: Chicken nuggets & chips (or sub apples & carrot sticks), dessert, & beverage

Salad Entrées: Chef Salad or Veggie Salad

DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO...

The family of **Mrs. Florence Jean Slater** in her passing on January 8

Dot Whiteside and family in the loss of her husband, **Dr. John H. Whiteside**, on January 7

Gail Ammons and family in the loss of her brother, **Mr. Wayne Brown**, on January 6

Rommy & Marta Tarlton and family in the loss of Rommy's father, **Mr. Brady Tarlton**, on January 6

Pastor Jonathan Scott and family in the loss of his wife, **Mrs. Kathleen Scott**, on January 4

Chuck & Shannon Crawford and family in the loss of their son, **Mr. David Crawford**, on January 3

Bill & Laura Bailey and family in the loss of Bill's mother, **Mrs. Ginny Bailey**, on December 29

FOR THE RECORD

General Fund Offering on 1/7	\$138,374
General Fund weekly goal	\$155,000

UPCOMING MESSAGES

Senior Pastor John Munro will bring the message unless otherwise noted:

Jan 21	9:45 AM	"Life Matters" Ecclesiastes 12:1–8 Pastor Nathaniel Pearce
	6:00 PM	"Meet the Candidates" for Leadership Election Pastor Rodney Navey
Jan 28	9:45 AM	"The Justice of God" Romans 3:25–26
	11:15 AM	Congregational Meeting Leadership Election
	6:00 PM	Ordination of Rob Reece

