

Interested in becoming a member of Calvary?

Calvary Membership Course (*Choose either session*)

Two Saturdays | March 17 & 24, 9:00 AM–12:15 PM, Banquet Room

Six Wednesdays | April 11–May 16, 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. If you have trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and seek to be and make authentic followers of Christ, it will be our privilege to welcome you as a member! Led by Pastor John Munro, the Calvary Membership Course provides a common foundation for those considering membership at Calvary. Please bring your Bible! Get details and register at calvarychurch.com/membership. Contact: Miriam Aneses, 704.887.3679, maneses@calvarychurch.com

WORSHIP & CONNECT TODAY

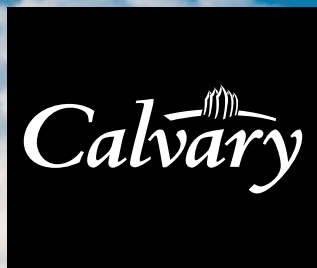
8:30 AM Adult Life Groups [ALGs]

9:45 AM **Worship Service**
"Trusting God for the Impossible"
Romans 4:18–25

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 Ascension"
Pastor Timothy Hathaway



Looking UP

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Celebrate and serve this Easter!

Good Friday Service | March 30 at 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday Services | April 1 at 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Easter is just a few weeks away! We hope you'll plan now to celebrate at Calvary with your family and friends—and invite others! Get full service details at calvarychurch.com/easter. We look forward to welcoming many first-time visitors and out-of-town guests to our campus for Easter services. A friendly smile and warm greeting can make a tremendous difference!

Here's how you can help!

WELCOME TEAM VOLUNTEERS // Our Welcome Team needs additional volunteers to cover all the Usher and Greeter positions during both services. If you are able to serve as an **Usher**, please contact **Malcolm Weeks** at Malcolm.Weeks@xerox.com. Those interested in serving as **Greeters**, please contact **Pastor Rob Reece** at reece@calvarychurch.com.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS // Our Children's Ministry team needs volunteers for the Nursery/Preschool areas **especially during the Good Friday service**, as well as both Easter Sunday services. All volunteers must have a background check on file. Please sign up today at Galleria table 4A or register at calvarychurch.com/servechildrensministry. Contact: Laura Schlesing, 704.341.5399, lschlesing@calvarychurch.com

Grow with us in new spring electives

Elective Bible Studies | Wednesdays, beginning April 11, 6:30–8:00 PM

As Easter approaches, our current elective studies will draw to a close on Wednesday, March 21. But after Spring Break on March 28 and April 4, we have a new series ready to launch! Check out the new options at calvarychurch.com/springelectives—choose your class and register now! IGNITE for students, Awana & Gopher Buddies for kids, prayer meeting, and Worship Ministry rehearsals will also resume on April 11.

Looking forward to high school...

Family Transitions with 8th Graders | Sunday, March 18, 11:15 AM–12:15 PM, Room 200

Parents, as your eighth grader looks forward to high school, you're invited to this Family Transitions session with Pastor Eric Hill. Come find out what to expect in the Calvary High School Ministry! It's also important for parents to have a plan in place for handling issues, including phones, cars, jobs, dating, church, and extra-curricular activities. We will equip you with biblical principles and help you plan a weekend get-away to guide your son or daughter into this next phase. No registration needed. Contact: Pastor Eric Hill, 704.887.3678, ehill@calvarychurch.com

ESL spring classes begin this week

ESL English as a Second Language | Spring Semester begins March 13

Hundreds of internationals in our church and community learn to speak English as a second language through Calvary's multi-level ESL program. **ESL classes meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 AM–Noon**. Cost is \$30 per semester. Childcare is available. Register at calvarychurch.com/esl. Contact: Vince Eaton, 704.341.5322, veaton@calvarychurch.com

Seniors, get tickets for this musical luncheon

Senior Adult Luncheon | Thursday, March 15, 12:00–1:30 PM, Crown Room

Come enjoy a delicious meal, great fellowship, and special musical program with Southern Gospel singer Billy Myers! Billy sang bass with The North State Quartet for over 15 years. Now he travels with his wife, Christine, to minister through song and share his testimony. **Get tickets today at Galleria table 5B** or register at calvarychurch.com/SAL. Cost is \$7. Be sure to arrive at 11:00 AM to attend a free organ concert in the Sanctuary with guest organist Lee Northcutt. Contact: Jennifer Sharpless, 704.341.5417, jsharpless@calvarychurch.com

Wedding planning? Engaged? Newlywed?

"Tying the Knot" Marriage Preparation | Sundays, beginning April 8, 4:30–5:30 PM

You're invited to spend six Sunday afternoons with Pastors Rodney Navey and Jim Pile looking at foundational issues and biblical principles that will help you have a healthy marriage. You'll work through issues like conflict, expectations, communication, finances, and intimacy and get to know your spouse on a deeper level. We'll use Rob Green's book, *Tying the Knot: A Premarital Guide to a Strong & Lasting Marriage*, as a realistic, hopeful, and actionable guide toward a Christ-centered marriage. Cost is \$20 per couple. Register at calvarychurch.com/marriage. Contact: Erika Morton, 704.341.5331, emorton@calvarychurch.com

MARCH 11, 2018

From the Senior Pastor

The secret of my work is God

I was very impressed by the response of Billy Graham when he was asked, "What is your secret?" He responded, "The secret of my work is God." That is, he relied on a supernatural God who does the impossible. Billy Graham's trust was in



John & Gudny Munro

God—not just for salvation but for all of life. He preached the Word of God in the power of God for the glory of God.

As I read these words, I thought how simple and yet how profound

was "the secret" of his life and ministry.

What a tremendous example as we seek to please God. Without faith it is impossible to please God!

This morning, we look at the outstanding example of a man of faith, Abraham. Paul makes it clear that the Scriptures about Abraham "were not written for his sake alone, but for ours also" (Romans 4:23–24). I think today's message is one of the most important I have ever preached. I assure you, I have first preached it to my own heart and now preach it to you. May all of us live by faith. ■



NEWCOMERS RECEPTION

**Are you new to Calvary?
Welcome!**

Please join John & Gudny Munro in the Calvary Café TODAY at 11:15 AM, immediately after the worship service.

Enjoy light refreshments, meet other newcomers, and find out more about the ministry and mission of our church!

It's a special Saturday for dads & sons!

KidZone Father & Son Fun Day | Saturday, March 24, 3:00–4:30 PM, CLC

All 1st and 2nd-grade boys and their dads are invited to a great afternoon of crazy games and snacks in the Calvary Life Center. Cost is \$5 per family. Register at calvarychurch.com/gametime. Contact: Suzanne Phillips, 704.887.3693, sphillips@calvarychurch.com

Single? Parent? Let's talk...

EQUIP: Single Parents Roundtable | Thursday, March 15, 6:30–8:00 PM, Conf. Rm. A

Single parents, Calvary Support Ministry invites you to an informal roundtable discussion with the facilitators of our DivorceCare team. We'll have a short DVD segment and light refreshments. There is no cost, but please register at calvarychurch.com/equip. Need childcare? Register kids ages 2–7 in advance. Contact: Support Ministry, 704.887.3681, support@calvarychurch.com

Learn to share the Gospel conversationally

Go2Proclaim | Saturday, March 17, 1:00 PM, Calvary Café

Learn how to engage people in Gospel conversations with grace and love by joining Calvary's Go2Proclaim team. This group meets on the third Saturday of each month for training at 1:00–1:30 PM. Then they head to nearby walking trails and parks to do conversational evangelism. Contact: Siby Rajappan, 704.341.5336, srajappan@calvarychurch.com

STUDENTS CHECK IT OUT.

Carowinds Spring Break Day ★ Wednesday, April 4, 10:00 AM–7:00 PM

Students, join us for action-packed rides and awesome fellowship at Carowinds during Spring Break week! We'll meet at the drop-off location/bus parking lot at 10:00 AM for check-in. Cost is \$35, plus money for food/snacks; no charge for Carowinds season pass holders. Register at calvarychurch.com/carowinds.

After Hours ★ TONIGHT, 7:30–9:00 PM, Meet at Stonecrest

All students, families, and leaders are invited to meet for Sunday Supper tonight! We'll gather at the fountain area at Stonecrest. Hope to see you there!

Middle School REC Night ★ Friday, March 23, 6:00–9:00 PM, CLC

Come hang out! Invite your friends! Pizza, drinks, and snacks available to purchase.

Middle School Summer Camp ★ Teen Valley Ranch, June 11–16

Get details and register now at calvarychurch.com/TVRcamp.

High School Summer Camp ★ Generate Camp, July 11–16

Get details and register now at calvarychurch.com/generatecamp.

NEWS & NOTES

■ **BAPTISM** If you wish to make a public profession of faith in Christ, our next baptism service will be on **Sunday evening, March 18**. Please get details and preregister at calvarychurch.com/baptism. Contact: Miriam Aneses, 704.887.3679, maneses@calvarychurch.com

■ **WEEKEND MIRACLES** Calvary is partnering with Mecklenburg County DSS to

unite **children in foster care** with stable, caring adult mentors through the Weekend Miracles program. Find out how you can be involved at the **info meeting on Thursday,**

March 15 at 6:30 PM in room 401. Contact: Sarah Noell, sgnnoell@gmail.com ■ **HEARTS & HAMMERS** Men, we need you **one Saturday morning** each month! If you're good with a

hammer, a rake, and simple household chores, join a team of men to do **light handiwork** for Calvary members who need long-term assistance. **Come to training on Saturday, March 17**

at 8:00 AM in room 226. Preregister at calvarychurch.com/hearts&hammers. Contact: Chuck Robinson, chuckrobinson@windstream.net ■ **REVIVING THE DREAM** You and your family

are invited to remember the life and **legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.** on Saturday, April 14 **at Little Rock AME Zion Church**. From 9:00 AM–12:00 PM, you'll be inspired by a

program sponsored by the **American Bible Society** featuring perspectives from national and local leaders and participant dialogue. Afterward, enjoy a reception with food, music, and fun

at First Ward Community Center from 12:00–2:00 PM. Space is limited, so RSVP now for this free event at mlk.bible/charlotte.

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 Pile supported by Siby Rajappan, Director of Outreach, 704.907.7497

PRAYER WALK

Meet **Scott Paulson** today at 11:20 AM in the Galleria under the world map for the Prayer Walk. Allow about 25 minutes. Everyone is welcome! calvarychurch.com/prayerwalks

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

Daniel & Stephanie serving in Africa

IN THE GALLERIA TODAY

@Calvary Ministry Guide FREE	Table 1
Caleb Ministries	Table 5A
Nursery Volunteers	Table 4A
Senior Adult Luncheon	Table 5B
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, March 14

Baked ham, hashbrown casserole, mixed vegetables, rolls, dessert, & beverage

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

Salad Entrées: Chef Salad or Veggie Salad

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Preschool Kitchen Cook | Seeking full-time, experienced cook with ServSafe certification. Resumes to HR@calvarychurch.com.

Calvary Child Development Center | Part-time morning and afternoon staff for Infant/Toddler and Preschool. Contact: Pat Collins, 704.341.5360, pcollins@calvarycdc.com

DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO...

Ray & Audrey Storms and family in the loss of Ray's brother, **Mr. Donald Lee Storms**, on March 1

Lupita Ramos-Strobel and family in the loss of her husband, **Mr. Juan Alberto (Yany) Strobel**, on March 4

The family of **Mr. Robert Hoagland** in his passing on March 6

FOR THE RECORD

General Fund Offering on 3/4	\$176,058
General Fund weekly goal	\$155,000
Annual Missions Offering on 3/4	\$48,193
Total received to date	\$219,817
Annual Missions Offering Goal	\$250,000

UPCOMING MESSAGES

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

Mar 18	9:45 AM	"Christ Loves the Church"
	6:00 PM	"We Believe in the Return and Reign of Jesus Christ" Pastor Rob Reece
Mar 25	9:45 AM	"Christ Gifts the Church"
	6:00 PM	"We Believe in the Fall"
Mar 30	7:00 PM	Good Friday Service "Christ Dies for the Church" Communion
	Apr 1	9:00 & 11:00 AM

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