

CALVARY WORSHIP MINISTRY

NEXT GEN NIGHT OF WORSHIP
TONIGHT AT 6:00 PM

— FEATURING —

STUDENT WORSHIP CHOIR
STUDENT BAND • ONE VOICE
JOYFUL PRAISE CHILDREN'S
CHOIR & WEE PRAISERS

Sons & Daughters

• OF GOD •

WORSHIP & CONNECT TODAY

- 8:30 AM Adult Life Groups [ALGs]
- 9:45 AM **Worship Service**
"Pursuing Christ" Phil. 3:4–21
Pastor Nathaniel Pearce
Communion
- 9:45 AM Nursery, Preschool, & KidZone
- 11:15 AM Nursery, Children's Ministry,
Student Ministry, & ALGs
- 6:00 PM **NextGen Night of Worship**
"Sons & Daughters of God"



Looking UP

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Honor & Remember...

Memorial Breakfast | Saturday, May 20, 8:30–10:00 AM, Crown Room



Lt. Col. Jim Israel

All veterans and active military service personnel and their spouses/families are invited to this special breakfast at Calvary. It will be an **opportunity to remember** those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in service of our country as well as a **meaningful tribute** to our veterans, active duty military, Reserve, and National Guard. Guests will enjoy a delicious breakfast, great music, fellowship, and a keynote message by **Lieutenant Colonel Jim Israel** (retired).

Afterwards, guests are invited to visit the Mobile Vet Center outside the Galleria. MVCs are provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide information and resources to veterans that help with the transition between military and civilian life. Don't miss this patriotic morning! Cost is \$7; **register at calvarychurch.com/memorialbreakfast or get tickets at Galleria table 4 today.** Contact: Jennifer Sharpless, 704.341.5417, jsharpless@calvarychurch.com

★ Honor your loved one at the Memorial Wall

- ★ In observance of Memorial Day, we invite you to post a tribute on the **Calvary Memorial Wall** in honor of your family members and friends who served and gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country. The wall is located in the Galleria near the missions display. Cards and pens are available for you to create your special tribute. Come help us remember the great men and women who gave their lives to protect the freedom we enjoy. Thank you for sharing!

Find out about summer GO Trips

GO Trips Information Meeting | TODAY, 12:30 PM, Room 231

There is still time to join several of our short-term missions trips this summer! Join us today to find out more about these upcoming Global Outreach Trips:

- GO Kenya | June 21–July 2**
- GO Costa Rica | July 7–15**
- GO Jamaica | July 22–29**
- GO Moldova | July 27–August 5**

You'll hear a brief explanation of the mission and ministry of each trip from the team leaders. Come ask questions! Find your place to GO! Application packets will be available at the meeting. Check out calvarychurch.com/gotrips for details. Contact: Vince Eaton, 704.341.5322, veaton@calvarychurch.com

Teachers and leaders invited to seminar

Deeper Roots, Wider Shoots: The Intolerance of Post-Modernism
Wednesday, May 17 | 6:30–8:00 PM, Room 401

All ALG teachers/leaders, Bible study and electives teachers, elders, deacons, and their spouses are invited to a special evening of spiritual nourishment and revitalization! Join the interactive discussion led by **Pastor of Discipleship, Nathaniel Pearce** on the topic of "The Intolerance of Postmodernism." This is not a training session, rather it will be a time to be refreshed and renewed through the encouragement of God's Word. Please register at calvarychurch.com/deeproots so we may provide materials for you. Contact: Debbie Bordwine, 704.341.5328, dbordwine@calvarychurch.com

Graduates, we're celebrating with you!

High School Senior Day | Sunday, June 4

Congratulations Class of 2017! On Senior Day, you'll be **recognized at the 9:45 AM** worship service. Wear your graduation cap and gown and meet in CLC 1400 **promptly at 9:00 AM for a class photo.** Afterwards, you'll be seated as a group with Pastor Dean Hawkins in the Sanctuary.

Graduates and their families are **invited to the Graduate Banquet** in the Crown Room from 12:45–2:00 PM. **Please RSVP** for yourself and your family by May 26 to Jennifer Porras at 704.341.5320 or jporras@calvarychurch.com.

This year, we are introducing our seniors via video. **Students, if you haven't already filmed or scheduled your video shoot, please email Michele Davies** at mdavies@calvarychurch.com ASAP! Get full details at calvarychurch.com/HSgraduation.



■ MAY 7, 2017

From the Senior Pastor

Persecution



Greetings from Kazakhstan! Fred and I met with our missionaries and local church leaders this week.

When Saul (who later became Paul) was on the road to Damascus, he heard a voice saying: "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" (Acts 9:4). We understand that Paul was persecuting the church—but Jesus makes it very clear that in fact, he is persecuting our Lord!

I thought of this passage of Scripture earlier this week, while on the missions trip to Kazakhstan with Fred Bridges. In a list of the 50 most persecuted countries in the world, Kazakhstan ranks at 43! This week we have met believers from Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan as well. We heard a testimony from a man from Uzbekistan who explained that he was raised a Muslim, but in God's grace came to saving faith in Jesus Christ, and now many of his family members are following Jesus. However, persecution here is severe.

Yet, the Gospel is flourishing through underground Uzbek churches. They meet informally in homes. At any moment the police could arrive at their door to search for any incriminating materials! For example, you are only allowed one Bible in your home. If a second Bible is found, it is confiscated and a fine levied against the believers in Christ. They could not celebrate on Easter Sunday because they were under observation, so they just celebrated Easter a few days ago. But these believers are not afraid. Like the early followers of Jesus they realize that they are blessed when they are persecuted. Their reward will be great in heaven (Matthew 5:11–12).

To hear such accounts firsthand is humbling yet also tremendously inspiring! We should use the wonderful freedoms we have to always display and proclaim our Lord Jesus Christ without compromise. Fred and I deeply appreciate your prayers. Lord willing, we will return to Charlotte tomorrow evening. ■

Hear more about GO Kazakhstan

Follow along with Pastor Munro and Fred Bridges on their missions trip to Kazakhstan on social media. And check out **Pastor Munro's blog at johnmunro.com**. He has posted a number of detailed accounts about the trip!

Serve with Calvary kids!

We're growing! It's a great time to join us

Children's Ministry is growing! It is a great blessing to share God's love and His Word with the children at Calvary. Will you join us? We're looking for additional volunteers during the spring and summer months! You can **serve on a rotating schedule** in the areas listed below. Contact: Susan Grigg, 704.341.5356, sgrigg@calvarychurch.com

KidZone | **First Grade Teacher** twice a month and a **Worship Leader** at 9:45 AM

Preschool | **Teachers & Assistants** on Sundays at 9:45 AM and **volunteer helpers** at 11:15 AM

Nursery | Rock babies, push buggies, and love our littlest ones! We need **volunteers at both 9:45 AM and 11:15 AM** on Sundays. You'll be a blessing to our young families!

Special Needs | Additional volunteers are needed during our **9:45 AM and 11:15 AM classes**.

Vacation Bible School | We need 150+ additional volunteers for **"ANCHORED" VBS, June 26-30**, including small group leaders, assistants, and helpers in many areas. Be part of this awesome outreach! Get details and register at calvarychurch.com/vbsvolunteers.

Seniors, get your luncheon tickets today

Senior Adult Luncheon | **Thursday, May 25, Noon, Crown Room**

Our luncheon program this month features popular local author, Robert Whitlow. Robert specializes in legal dramas set in the south and is the winner of the prestigious Christy Award for Contemporary Fiction. Join us at noon in the Crown Room for a delicious meal and great fellowship. Register by May 18 at calvarychurch.com/SAL or get tickets (\$7) today at Galleria table 5A. Arrive early for a free Calvary Grand Organ concert with Elizabeth Hildebrand at 11:00 AM. Contact: Jennifer Sharpless, 704.341.5417, jsharpless@calvarychurch.com

Calvary offers employment opportunities

Summer Intern — Middle & High School Ministries | This paid internship requires 25+ hours per week, June – August. Responsibilities include helping with summer events, camps, Xtreme VBS, home Bible studies, and Student Life Groups. Preference given to Calvary members. Submit cover letter and resume to Pastor Eric Hill at ehill@calvarychurch.com.

Summer Intern — College & Young Adult Ministry | This paid summer internship requires 25+ hours per week, mid-May through mid-August. Responsibilities include planning and helping with summer events, small group discipleship, home Bible studies, Sunday morning ALG, and the Journey. Preference given to Calvary members. Send cover letter and resume to Pastor Khalil Ayoub at kayoub@calvarychurch.com.

Director of Ministry Support | The full-time position of Director of Ministry Support reports to the Senior Pastor. The Directors of Finance, Human Resources, Information Technology, Operations, and Security, with a combined staff of 54, report to this position. The ideal candidate will possess significant leadership and management experience related to these areas of responsibility. Candidates must be (or willing to be) an active member of Calvary. Submit resumes to HR@calvarychurch.com.

NEWS & NOTES

■ **OVERTIME** All students, Student Ministry leaders, and their families are invited to meet at

Brooklyn Pizza (Colony Road) **TONIGHT** after the worship concert for dinner and fellowship.

Cost is \$5 for students; adults and families pay regular menu price. ■ **MOTHER'S DAY**

SCHEDULE As we honor mothers and **celebrate family life next Sunday, May 14**, please

note that there will be **no ALGs at 8:30 & 11:15 AM** and **no Student Ministry and Children's**

Ministry at 11:15 AM. There will also be **no evening service**. ■ **POLICE WEEK** May 14-20

is **National Police Week**—show your support and pray for our law enforcement officers!

Consider participating in **"Adopt-a-Cop"** for the Charlotte Metro squad. Just commit to pray and send a personal note along with a small gift card. To participate, contact Desiree Skipper at desiree.skipper@yahoo.com. ■ **WIDOWS LUNCHEON** Ladies, join us on Thursday, May 11

at noon in the Crown Room for our **"Inspiring Hope" luncheon**. Cost is \$6. Stop by Galleria

table 6 today to connect and sign up. ■ **HEARTS & HAMMERS** Men, join a team to do

household repairs and yard work for Calvary members who need long-term assistance. We

serve **one Saturday morning** each month. Find how you can help at our **training session**

on Saturday, May 20 at 8:45-9:30 AM in room 226. Register by May 18 at calvarychurch.com/hearts&hammers.

Contact: Chuck Robinson, chuckrobinson@windstream.net

LEADERS OF THE WEEK

Elder	Jack Broadhurst	704.589.8189
Deacons	Len Firebaugh	704.654.8475
	Phil Comstock	704.443.7085

PASTOR OF THE WEEK

Rodney Navey, 336.803.2817

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

Joshua & Carol Ngunta serving with SIM in Mali ■ calvarychurch.com/missionaries

IN THE GALLERIA TODAY

Career Ministry	Table 5B
Memorial Breakfast	Table 4
Senior Adult Luncheon	Table 5A
VBS Music Team	Table 7
Widows Ministry	Table 6

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, May 10**

BBQ pork, potato wedges, green beans, coleslaw, hushpuppies, dessert, & beverage

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

Salad Entrées: Chef Salad or Veggie Salad

CELEBRATING BAPTISM

These believers were baptized on April 30:

Anitha Jasmin John Manoharan

Christine Mendoza

Heidee Mendoza

Medardo Mendoza

Christopher Murphy

Lynne Takac

Betsy Woog

AUDIO & VIDEO ONLINE

Catch up on messages from Pastor John Munro's current **Revelation** series and browse the FREE audio and video archive at **media.calvarychurch.com**. You'll find videos of favorite worship songs, ministry highlight videos, and audio/video of messages and past sermon series.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO...

Jon & Julie Limmer and family in the loss of Jon's father, **Mr. Kenneth Limmer**, on May 1

FOR THE RECORD

General Fund Offering on 4/30	\$130,515
General Fund weekly goal	\$150,000

UPCOMING MESSAGES

Senior Pastor John Munro will bring the messages below, unless otherwise noted:

May 14	9:45 AM	"Lessons from My Mother" Mother's Day
May 21	9:45 AM	"The Final Judgment" Revelation 20:11-15
	6:00 PM	Season Finale Worship Calvary Choir & Orchestra Communion
May 28	9:45 AM	"The New Heaven and Earth" Revelation 21:1-8
June 4	9:45 AM	"Counterculture Faith" High School Senior Sunday

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NEW TO CALVARY? WELCOME!

Thank you for choosing to visit Calvary Church today! Please stop by the Calvary Café following the service this morning. We'd love to meet you, answer any questions, and give you a small welcome bag. We're glad you're here!

Families with children, teens, or special needs — Stop by the **Family Welcome Desk** on the first floor near the elevators. We'll be glad to help you register your children, get security name tags if needed, and find the appropriate classrooms.

SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTION

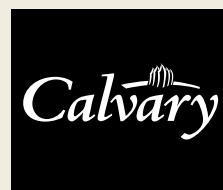
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