

Invite your neighbors — it's FREE!

Friends & Family Day

Sunday, October 1 | 9:45 AM Worship, 11:30 AM–3:00 PM, Lunch & Activities

Family & Friends Day is next Sunday! This annual event is always a great opportunity for our Calvary family, CHAMP, and CCDC families to come together for worship and fellowship. **After the 9:45 AM service, we'll head outside** to the athletic fields for lunch, organized sports and games, and inflatable play areas for the kids! Get details at calvarychurch.com/familyday.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ■ We need volunteers in 1-hour shifts to help with set up, tear down, games, and food service. Contact: Jerry Schmitt, 704.589.1139, jschmitt@artguildinc.com

WORSHIP & CONNECT TODAY

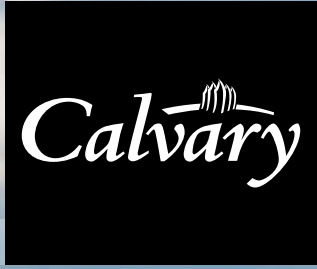
8:30 AM Adult Life Groups [ALGs]

9:45 AM **Worship Service**
"The Priority of the Gospel"
Romans 1:8–15

9:45 AM Nursery, Preschool, & KidZone

11:15 AM Nursery, Children's Ministry,
Student Ministry, & ALGs

6:00 PM **Evening Service**
"Satan Hates the Jews"
Esther 3, Communion



Looking UP

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Make a difference!

Check out serving opportunities at the Local Ministry Fair today

Visit the tables in the Galleria to learn more about these Calvary-supported local ministries and Calvary outreach ministries. Many currently offer service opportunities. Ministry leaders are available at the tables to answer your questions!



Operation Christmas Child | Table 3A

During National Collection Week, November 13–20, Calvary will be an official shoe box collection point for our community! **Action Points:** Volunteers are needed to receive, record, and load boxes for transport to the OCC Distribution Center. Additional volunteers, ages 13+, are invited to participate in **Calvary Night at OCC** on December 6. Contact: Sharyn Thackston, sthackston@carolina.rr.com



Street Ministry | Table 3B

Calvary volunteers cook and serve a hot breakfast to hundreds of homeless people every Saturday in Uptown Charlotte. **Action Points:** Volunteer drivers are needed to pull the food trailer. Vehicle must have a trailer hitch. Contact: Pete Delahunt, 312.375.4806



Community Impact | Table 4A

This ministry coordinates Calvary's participation with important local, regional, and national issues and events. **Action Point:** Join the national Life Chain on Sunday, October 1, 2:00–4:00 PM. Contact: Debbie Ware, 704.650.6095, deborahhware@yahoo.com



Caleb Ministries | Table 5A

This ministry offers compassion, support, and biblical encouragement for women who have lost a baby due to miscarriage, stillbirth, and early infant death, and those who have experienced infertility or had an abortion. **Action Points:** Experienced seamstresses, crochet/knitters are needed to make gowns, bonnets, blankets, and booties for PAT Memory Boxes. Join us on Saturday, September 30 at 10:00 AM in Room 242. Contact: Ellen Daniel, 704.609.8403, edaniel@carolina.rr.com



Changed Choices | Table 6A

Changed Choices helps women who have experienced incarceration to lead restored lives marked by healthy decisions and self-sufficiency. **Action Points:** Volunteers are needed for spiritual mentoring, special events, fundraising, and yard work. Contact: Marilyn Chambers, 704.341.6082 or Gail Clark, gail@changedchoices.org



Lois' Lodge | Table 6B

This Christian maternity home provides support for women experiencing unintended pregnancy, including housing, counseling, education, and life preparation. **Action Points:** Current volunteer needs include class facilitators, fundraising, events, craft projects, facility upkeep, and administrative assistance. Contact: Pamela Terry, 704.332.4024, pamt@loislodge.org or Pam Wilde, 704.332.4003, pamloislodge@aol.com



Joni and Friends | Table 7A

Joni and Friends shares the Gospel and equips churches worldwide to evangelize and disciple persons affected by disabilities. They help churches improve outreach through disability ministry. **Action Points:** Volunteers are needed for administrative tasks, greeters, assistants, hostesses at special events, and camps. Contact: Jim Cashwell, 704.841.1177, jcashwell@joniandfriends.org



Pregnancy Resource Center | Table 7B

PRC is a non-profit, Christian ministry serving over 3000 women each year in the Charlotte area during and beyond their crisis pregnancies. Free support services include crisis intervention counseling, pregnancy testing, and medical ultrasound. **Action Point:** Attend an interactive volunteer training session at PRC on November 16, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM. Contact: Mary Fleishman, 704.372.5981, mary@prccharlotte.com



Jail Ministry | Table 8A

Volunteers share the Gospel at the Mecklenburg County jail with inmates in a monthly Bible study. Contact: Judy McElhaney, 704.287.6898, judyb.mcelhaney@gmail.com

Calvary Prison Ministry | Table 8B

We conduct worship services and Bible studies in prisons across the Carolinas. During the holiday season, we also provide Christmas worship services and dinners for inmates. **Action Point:** Volunteers age 18+ are needed to help prepare food at Calvary, serve meals in facilities, and participate in worship services with inmates, November 17–December 24. Orientation is required for first-time volunteers. Contact: Siby Rajappan, 704.341.5336, srajappan@calvarychurch.com

■ SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

From the Senior Pastor

The obedience of faith

Last week we considered "the obedience of faith" which Paul refers to in Romans 1:5. This is the faith which consists of obedience.



John & Gudny Munro

We are not saved by obeying Christ, but when we trust Christ we then seek to live a life of obedience. This obedience demonstrates the reality of our trust in Christ. Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (John 14:15).

The Apostle John writes, "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome" (1 John 5:3). One of the clear commandments of our Lord is that His followers be baptized. The teaching of the New Testament is that this obedience follows our conversion rather than preceding it. I realize some people are "baptized" or "christened" as babies, but that is not biblical baptism. If you are a true follower of Jesus Christ, the command is that you should be baptized as a believer. If you truly love Christ why are you not obedient to Him? Is your pride or fear or stubbornness preventing you from obeying this simple command of our Lord?

I will have the joy of baptizing some people next Sunday morning. I will meet with those desiring to be baptized **TODAY at 5:00 PM in room 401 for the Baptism Preparation Class**. I look forward to seeing you there. We will have the joy of seeing you obey the Lord and follow His command to be baptized. ■

Submit nominations for elders & deacons

At Calvary, our church leadership is made up of elected elders and deacons. The nomination period for the 2018 leadership election is open **through Sunday, October 1**. If you would like to nominate a candidate for consideration, please complete the form (available at Galleria table 2 and calvarychurch.com/election). Be sure the nominee signs the form. Submit your nomination in the box at Galleria table 2. The election is scheduled for January 28.

Let's get ready for Fall Festival

Fall Festival | Friday, October 27, 6:30–8:30 PM, Calvary Life Center

Fall has arrived! And Children's Ministry is excited to host a Fall Festival for families in our church and community. You can help by donating candy, volunteering to serve at the festival, and inviting friends and neighbors. It's a FREE event! Contact: Su Trull, 704.341.5458, strull@calvarychurch.com

Candy Donations & Event Volunteers | We'll need thousands of pieces of candy for festival game prizes. Please drop off **sealed bags of individually wrapped, nut-free candy** in the Galleria. Will you help us run the carnival games for kids in the CLC? It's lots of fun! To join our event team, please register at calvarychurch.com/servefallfestival.

It's CHAMP hoops time! Sign up now!

CHAMP fun continues beyond soccer and football season! We offer coed basketball leagues for kids ages 5 to 18. Teams practice one night per week in the CLC Gym **beginning the week of November 27**. Games are played on Saturdays, December 9–February 10. Ages 5–11 play in the CLC Gym; U15 and U18 leagues play some games at other Charlotte locations. **Don't wait—this program fills quickly!** Cost is \$130, including uniform. Register at champsportsinfo.com. Contact: Kelly Lamb, 704.887.3689, klamb@calvarychurch.com

Stand up for unborn children at Life Chain

On Sunday, October 1, Calvary will participate in the National Life Chain. This is an annual, peaceful and prayerful public witness in support of the sanctity of human life. From 2:00–4:00 PM, we will stand along Pineville-Matthews Road and pray in repentance for our nation and for an end to abortion. Participants will meet outside the Chapel entrance at 2:00 PM, rain or shine! You may participate in the Life Chain and then return to the fun at Family & Friends Day, or join us when it concludes at 3:00 PM. Visit Table 4A in the Galleria for more information. Contact: Debbie Ware, 704.650.6095, deborahware@yahoo.com

Students, plan ahead. This is major!

Student Ministry Fall Retreat // Great Wolf Lodge REGISTER ASAP!

All students are invited to this big weekend of worship, Bible teaching, and thrill rides at the massive indoor waterpark! Cost is \$95, including lodging, transportation, and two meals. Register at calvarychurch.com/retreat.

Generate Camp 2018 // High School EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT

We're headed to Lookout Mountain, GA for **Generate Camp 2018** next summer, July 11–15. Register by November 1 for the discounted rate of \$325 at calvarychurch.com/generatecamp. Contact: Jennifer Porras, 704.341.5320, jporras@calvarychurch.com

NEWS & NOTES

■ **ISRAEL TRIP MEETING** Pastor Munro and Gudny will be leading a **trip to Israel on**

April 15–26, 2018. There will be an **information meeting on Thursday, September 28** at 7:00 PM in the Banquet Room. Please plan to attend if you're interested in going on the trip!

See calvarychurch.com/israel2018 for more details. Contact: Erika Morton, 704.341.5331, emorton@calvarychurch.com

■ **SUPPORT MINISTRY** Get caring, biblical support through some of life's toughest challenges! We offer **Boundaries, GriefShare, DivorceCare,** and **Destiny** classes on Mondays at 6:30–8:00 PM. Details at calvarychurch.com/support.

Contact: Sandra Moore, 704.887.3681, support@calvarychurch.com

■ **APOLOGETICS CONFERENCE** Southern Evangelical Seminary needs several Calvary volunteers to act as **room hosts for the break-out sessions** during the **SES National Conference on**

Christian Apologetics, October 13–14. If you are interested in serving, please email Bobbie Freyler at admin@ses.edu. For information about the conference, see calvarychurch.com/apologeticsconference

■ **ACC FOOTBALL ROADTRIP** Join the **College & Young Adult** group on Friday, September 29 for the **Duke versus Miami football** game. Meet in the CLC at 2:30 PM. Cost is \$40. Register at calvarychurch.com/footballgame. Contact: Pastor Khalil Ayoub, 704.887.3688, kayoub@calvarychurch.com

■ **IN THE WORD ROOM** Stop by for

Lessons From a Sheep Dog, A True Story of Transforming Love by Phillip Keller. It's an inspiring little book by the author of *A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23*.

LEADERS OF THE WEEK

Elder	Bill Bailey	704.451.4529
Deacons	Rod Turnham	704.953.6202
	Steve Swicegood	704.395.1576

PASTOR OF THE WEEK

Pastor Timothy Hathaway, 704.560.2819

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Terrill & Roselyn serving in USA

IN THE GALLERIA TODAY

Elder & Deacon Nomination Forms	Table 2B
Life Chain & Voter Information	Table 4A
Local Missions Fair	Tables 3–8
Romans Study Books	Table 1
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, September 27
 Fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas & pearl onions, rolls, dessert, & beverage
Child's Meal: Pizza & chips (or sub apples & carrot sticks), dessert, & beverage
Salad Entrées: Chef Salad or Veggie Salad

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

CHAMP Sports: Paid substitute part-time group fitness instructor for adult exercise classes. Must be a Calvary member. Training provided. Contact: Kelly Lamb, 704.887.3689, klamb@calvarychurch.com

Calvary Child Development Center: Part-time staff in Preschool & Infant/Toddler departments. Contact: Pat Collins, 704.341.5361, pcollins@calvarychurch.com

CHILD DEDICATION

Paul & Cynthia Kwon dedicate their daughter, **Elena Yeaen Kwon**

Tim & Shea Slaughter dedicate their daughter, **Harper Lynn Slaughter**

Jordan & Christina Benham dedicate their daughter, **Adalind Faith Benham**

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to **Jordan & Jaqueline Shaw** on the birth of their daughter, **Natalie Christine Shaw**, on September 19

Congratulations to **Madhanjar Arputham & Anitha Jasmin** on the birth of their son, **Jason Michael Arputham** on September 19

DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO...

The family of **Betty Williams** in her passing on September 14

Mark & Corin Buskey and family in the loss of Corin's step-father, **Mr. David Phillips**, on September 13

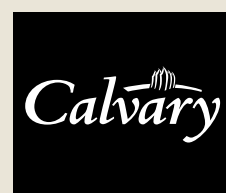
FOR THE RECORD

General Fund Offering on 9/17	\$119,088
General Fund weekly goal	\$155,000

UPCOMING MESSAGES

Senior Pastor John Munro will bring the messages below:

Oct 1	9:45 AM	"The Power of the Gospel" Romans 1:16–17
	11:30 AM – 3:00 PM	Family & Friends Day Lunch & Fellowship
Oct 8	9:45 AM	"The Wrath of God" Romans 1:18
	6:00 PM	"For Such a Time" Esther 4



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