

STUDENT MINISTRY FALL RETREAT AT GREAT WOLF LODGE

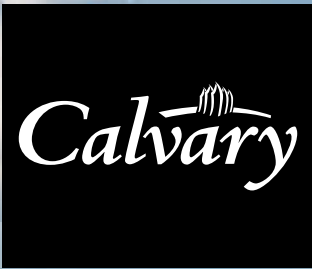
NOVEMBER 17-18

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS—here's your chance to make a splash! We want you to be part of our incredible **Fall Retreat at Great Wolf Lodge**. We'll kick off the weekend with powerful worship and a message with Nathan Smith on Friday night. On Saturday, you'll enjoy all the thrill rides and slides in the massive indoor waterpark!

Cost is \$95, including resort lodging, transportation, dinner Friday night and breakfast Saturday morning. **Registration deadline is TODAY at calvarychurch.com/retreat**. Contact: Jennifer Porras, 704.341.5320, jporras@calvarychurch.com

WORSHIP & CONNECT TODAY

- 8:30 AM Adult Life Groups [ALGs]
- 9:45 AM **Worship Service**
"No Excuses" Romans 1:19-23
Communion
- 9:45 AM Nursery, Preschool, & KidZone
- 11:15 AM Nursery, Children's Ministry,
Student Ministry, & ALGs
- 6:00 PM **Evening Service**
"Life's Defining Moments"
Esther 5



Looking UP

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It's shoebox time!



Good News. Great Joy. *A small shoebox can teach a child about the love of God, lead him or her to faith in Christ, inspire pastors, and plant new churches. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out is eternal. Be a part of changing lives through the power of a simple gift. Pack a Christmas shoebox for a child this year!*

TODAY IS SHOEBOX SUNDAY // Pick up an official shoebox today at Galleria table 3, or just use a plastic or sturdy cardboard shoebox. Fill the box with gifts for a boy or girl ages 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. **Select a quality "wow" toy** such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal. Then add other fun toys, hygiene items, clothes, and school supplies. **Get updated gift recommendations**, packing instructions, and details in the OCC brochure included in Looking Up today. **NEW THIS YEAR:** Candy and toothpaste are not allowed in shoeboxes. Check online for complete instructions at samaritanaspurse.org/occ.

COMMUNITY DROP-OFF CENTER // Collection Week: November 13-20

All our Charlotte area neighbors can drop off their shoeboxes at Calvary during National Collection Week! Volunteers serve a 2-3 hour shift at Calvary receiving, recording, and loading boxes. Do you have a large truck? If so, we need YOU to help transport the shoeboxes to the OCC Processing Center! **Sign up today at Galleria table 3 to serve.**

CALVARY NIGHT AT OCC // Tuesday, December 5, 5:45-10:00 PM

This is always a fun evening to serve with the Calvary family at the OCC Processing Center. Space is available for 150 adults and teens (age 13+). **Reserve your spot at calvarychurch.com/calvarynightocc**. Contact: Sharyn Thackston, 704.577.6487, sthackston@carolina.rr.com

Are you ready for Calvary membership?

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! The **Calvary Membership Course** provides a common foundation for those considering church membership. Join Pastor John Munro on **Saturdays, October 21 & 28, 9:00 AM-12:15 PM** in room 232. Bring your Bible! Please preregister at calvarychurch.com/membership. Contact: Miriam Aneses, 704.887.3679, maneses@calvarychurch.com

Seniors, get luncheon tickets today

Senior Adult Luncheon | Thursday, October 26, Noon, Crown Room

Get your tickets at Galleria table 5 today for our October luncheon featuring Calvary missionary Bill Harding and musicians Renato & Jennifer Costa. Join us for a delicious meal, great Christian fellowship, and an inspiring program! You may also register online at calvarychurch.com/SAL or get tickets in the Word Room by October 19. Cost is \$7. Be sure to arrive early for a free organ concert with Lee Northcutt at 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary. Contact: Jennifer Sharpless, 704.341.5417, jsharpless@calvarychurch.com

Invite neighbors to Fall Festival

Friday, October 27 | 6:30-8:30 PM, Calvary Life Center

It's Fall Festival time! Calvary Children's Ministry provides this **FREE**, positive, wholesome event for all families with preschool and gradeschool kids. It's a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors! We'll have carnival games, fun activities, candy prizes, and hayrides. **Isaiah Blair is bringing his Wild Earth Encounters show**, featuring amazing creatures including a bearded lizard, python, a baby crocodile, and more. Get details at calvarychurch.com/fallfestival.

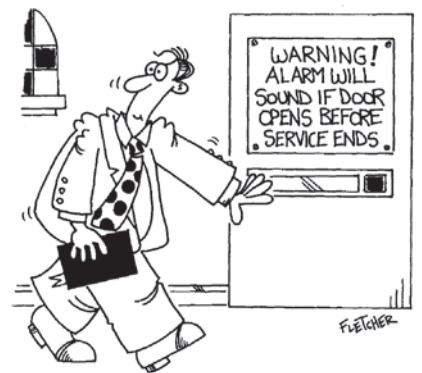
Candy Donations & Event Volunteers | We still need THOUSANDS of pieces of candy for festival game prizes. Please drop off **sealed bags of individually wrapped, nut-free candy** in the Galleria at table 8. Will you help us run the carnival games for kids in the CLC? It's lots of fun! To join our volunteer event team, please register at calvarychurch.com/servefallfestival.

PLEASE NOTE: Parents must stay with their children at all times. Please eat dinner before arriving. **No scary costumes.** Contact: Su Trull, 704.341.5458, strull@calvarychurch.com

■ OCTOBER 15, 2017

From the Senior Pastor

Worship



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Iask that people not leave the Sanctuary until after the benediction! Obviously emergency situations can occur, but getting to your Life Group to hand out the donuts or to eat a muffin or to exit the parking lot quickly are not counted as emergencies!

In all seriousness, the close of a worship service is very important. The Lord Jesus said that when the Word of God is sown "Satan immediately comes and takes away the Word" (Mark 4:15). When we leave early, we may distract others who are making a personal response to the preaching of the Word of God. — *Pastor John H. Munro* ■

Calvary hosts Veterans Day Breakfast outreach

Saturday, November 11

8:30-10:00 AM, Crown Room

Military veterans and active service personnel and their families are invited to the Veterans Day Breakfast hosted by the Calvary Military Ministry. Guests will enjoy a delicious breakfast buffet, great fellowship with members of all branches of service, inspiring music, and an encouraging message.

We're pleased to welcome **Dr. Don Bouldin** as our featured speaker. Don is a former combat Chaplain and retired local Senior Pastor. Plus, we'll hear an update on veterans issues currently before Congress.

Don't miss this patriotic morning for veterans and active service men and women of all ages! Cost is \$7. Please register at calvarychurch.com/veterans. Contact: Jennifer Sharpless, 704.341.5417, jsharpless@calvarychurch.com

Update your estate plan — or start now!

Estate Design Seminars | Thursday, October 26, 2:00 & 7:00 PM, Banquet Room

"We look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal" — 2 Corinthians 4:18

When making end-of-life plans, it is important to consider both the temporal and eternal perspectives—and to do so with God's Word in mind. This seminar, and the subsequent process, will assist you with this approach. In addition to addressing typical concerns, you will be invited to ask yourself: "What would the Lord have me do?" Our objectives include:

- *Strengthening (not straining) family relationships*
- *Care and guardianship of minor children*
- *Avoiding negative impacts on beneficiaries*
- *Taking an all-encompassing approach*
- *Achieving the greatest Kingdom impact*

Either update your current will and estate plan or get started now! There is NO cost for the seminar, and the process is absolutely confidential. You'll benefit no matter your stage of life—whether you're starting a family or reviewing plans as an empty-nester. Register at calvarychurch.com/estatedesign. Contact: Carl Austin, 704.341.5346, caustin@calvarychurch.com

Ladies, help set the table for Christmas Tea

Christmas Tea | Saturday, December 2, 1:00–3:00 PM, Crown Room

Ladies, do you love to decorate for the Christmas season? If so, we want YOU to decorate a table for our Christmas Tea. All you need is eight plates, eight cups & saucers (or mugs), two teapots, two creamers, two sugar bowls, and a centerpiece. Decorating set-up times are the Thursday and Friday before the tea, 10:00 AM–7:00 PM. Our table decorators have the first option to purchase eight tickets to the tea! **Save the date**—tickets for the event will be sold on Sunday, November 12 at 4:30–5:30 PM in the Rea Room. Get details at calvarychurch.com/christmastea. Contact: Reena Chow, 704.340.0621, davcreec@gmail.com

Make a difference with Hearts & Hammers

New Team Member Training | Saturday, October 21, 8:45–9:30 AM, Room 226

Men, we need you to join us during the busy fall season! If you can tackle yard work, home maintenance, and simple household chores and repairs, we need you on a Hearts & Hammers team. One Saturday morning each month, our teams gather for prayer and then head out to serve. Our goal is to go beyond the service opportunity by building relationships and ministering to Calvary members who need long-term assistance. It's a tremendous blessing! Join us for training on October 21. Register in advance at calvarychurch.com/hearts&hammers. Contact: Chuck Robinson, chuckrobinson@windstream.net



NEWS & NOTES

■ **CHAMP BASKETBALL** CHAMP offers **basketball leagues for**

kids ages 5–18. Practice begins November 27, and the season runs

December 9–February 10. Cost is \$130, including uniform. This program

fills quickly! COACHES, it's time for you to sign up too! Register at champsportsinfo.com.

Contact: Kelly Lamb, 704.887.3689, klamb@calvarychurch.com ■ **NURSERY NEEDS** We

need your help in the Nursery (with infants to age 4) during upcoming **holiday worship**

services, especially the **Thanksgiving service** on Tuesday, November 21 at 7:00 PM. Thank

you for considering this ministry to our young families! Stop by Galleria table 7 or register at

calvarychurch.com/holidaynursery. Contact: Laura Schlesing, 704.341.5399, lschlesing@

calvarychurch.com ■ **PASTOR APPRECIATION** At Calvary, **we are blessed** to have

pastors who love, preach, teach, and minister well to our church family and community. We

give thanks for their dedication to the Lord and His church. We offer our continued prayers

and sincere thanks and appreciation for each of our pastors and their families! ■ **BACK TO**

THE BASICS Pastor Munro's recent message series, "Back to the Basics" is now available as

a **boxed CD album**. Cost is \$10. Stop by the **Word Room bookstore** for this foundational

resource. Want to listen online? It's free at media.calvarychurch.com. ■ **PRAY. THINK.**

VOTE! **Election Day is Tuesday, November 7.** The City of Charlotte and the townships

within Mecklenburg County will elect their mayors, city council representatives, school board

members and vote on bonds. **Be a prepared voter!** Get information at Galleria table 4A today.

LEADERS OF THE WEEK

Elder	Bob Gowdy	704.607.9377
Deacons	Mark Furr	704.290.5137
	Hugh Grey	704.619.8116

PASTOR OF THE WEEK

Pastor Jorge Prado, 704.560.3576

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Bill & Grace serving in USA

IN THE GALLERIA TODAY

Fall Festival Candy Collection	Table 8
Nursery Holiday Volunteers	Table 7
Operation Christmas Child	Table 3
Senior Adult Luncheon	Table 5
Voter Information	Table 4A
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, October 18

Barbecued chicken, roasted potatoes, green beans, rolls, dessert, & beverage

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

Salad Entrées: Chef Salad or Veggie Salad

BAPTISM PREPARATION

If you wish to make a public profession of faith in

Christ through baptism on **Sunday, October 22**

at 6:00 PM, please register at calvarychurch.com/baptism.

A pastor will arrange to

meet with you personally beforehand to

talk about the biblical significance and

meaning of baptism. Contact: Miriam Aneses,

704.887.3679, maneses@calvarychurch.com

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Calvary Child Development Center:

Part-time staff in the Preschool & Infant/

Toddler departments. Contact: Pat Collins,

704.341.5361, pcollins@calvarychurch.com

DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO...

Larry & Connie Pratt in the passing of Connie's mother, **Mrs. Ellen Eshter Ahlm**, on October 7

FOR THE RECORD

General Fund Offering on 10/8 \$170,981

General Fund weekly goal \$155,000

UPCOMING MESSAGES

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

Oct 22 9:45 AM "A Depraved Society" Romans 1:24–32

6:00 PM "The Gallows" Esther 6–7

Oct 29 9:45 AM "Judging and Being Judged" Romans 2:1–11

6:00 PM "Brilliant Reversals" Esther 8

Nov 5 9:45 AM Dr. Floyd Elmore

6:00 PM Pastor Khalil Ayoub

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.

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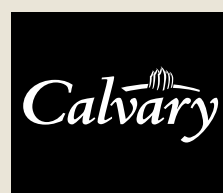
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