

Ladies, join us for tea!

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

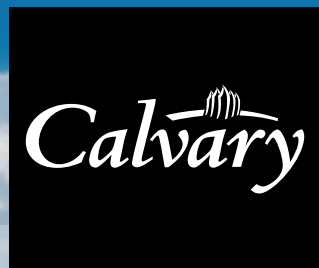
Focus your heart on the true meaning of Christmas at our annual Women's Ministry Christmas Tea. We'll enjoy sweet fellowship and a delightful luncheon served at beautifully decorated tables. Our featured speaker will be author and Bible teacher **Donna Navey**. In her message, "Purposeful Presents," she will invite us to consider gifts from God's Word that last for eternity.

Purchase tickets TODAY ONLY at 4:30–5:30 PM in the Rea Room

Tickets for the Christmas Tea will be available ONLY this afternoon! The cost per ticket is \$15, with a two (2) ticket maximum per person. Tickets are assigned by table number and distributed randomly on a first-come, first-served basis. No group reservations are provided. Contact: Reena Chow, 704.340.0621, davcreec@gmail.com

WORSHIP & CONNECT TODAY

- 8:30 AM Adult Life Groups [ALGs]
- 9:45 AM **Worship Service**
"Principles of Divine Judgment"
Romans 2:12–16
- 9:45 AM Nursery, Preschool, & KidZone
- 11:15 AM Nursery, Children's Ministry,
Student Ministry, & ALGs
- 6:00 PM **Evening Service**
"Celebration and
Remembrance"
Esther 9, Communion



Looking UP

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Open your heart...

"Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world" — James 1:27

Today is International Orphan Sunday—a time to pray, become informed, and respond with love to meet the needs of orphans in our community, across America, and around the world. Calvary HOME Ministry exists to bring awareness and to minister to those who are orphaned, abandoned, or fatherless. If you want to make a difference, please visit **Galleria tables 4 & 5** today. Representatives from our HOME Ministry are ready to share ways you can be involved and impact the lives of orphans. Contact: Kody Krady, 704.941.4974, kodykrady@gmail.com

Celebrate Pastor Prado's 50 years of ministry

Worship Service & Reception | Saturday, November 18, 6:30 PM



Pastor Jorge Prado

Everyone is invited to a special worship service on Saturday evening, November 18, as we praise God for Pastor Jorge Prado's 50 years of ministry on the occasion of his retirement. The service will include testimonies and special music! A dessert reception will follow in the Galleria.

Pastor Jorge Prado began his pastoral ministry in his homeland, Brazil, in 1967. After serving with churches in New York and New Jersey, Jorge and his wife, Vilma, were called to ministry at Calvary Church in 2000. Join us as we welcome Pastor Prado's family and friends for this evening of worship, celebration, and fellowship!

Seniors, you'll enjoy this musical luncheon

Senior Adult Luncheon | Thursday, November 16, Noon, Crown Room

Join us for our final luncheon of 2017, featuring the extraordinary Southern Gospel music ministry of the **The Rick Webb Family**. Arrive early for an organ concert with Vickie McKibben at 11:00–11:30 AM. Get tickets at Galleria table 6B today or register at calvarychurch.com/SAL. Cost is \$7. Contact: Jennifer Sharpless, 704.341.5417, jsharpless@calvarychurch.com

Facing the holidays through loss

EQUIP Surviving the Holidays | Thursday, November 16, 6:30 PM, Rooms 232 & 242

Holidays can be especially difficult for those who are grieving the death of a loved one or have experienced the pain of divorce. Join our GriefShare and DivorceCare classes for these special EQUIP seminars. We'll take a practical, Christ-centered look at holiday challenges. There is no charge, but please help us prepare for you by preregistering at calvarychurch.com/equip. Contact: Sandra Moore, 704.887.3681, support@calvarychurch.com

It's shoebox collection week!



Share love. Pack a box! ■ Pick up an official shoebox today at Galleria table 3A, or just use a plastic or 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 fill the box with small toys, clothing, hygiene items, and school supplies. No candy or toothpaste this year! Get UPDATED gift recommendations, packing instructions, and details at samaritanaspurse.org/occ.

Community Drop-off Center ■ National Collection Week, November 13–20

Let your school, sports team, neighborhood, and office know they can bring shoebox gifts to Calvary this week! Volunteers will receive boxes from groups at the covered portico (Rea Road Entrance 3) next to the Galleria, Monday–Friday, 11:00 AM–6:00 PM plus Saturday and Sunday, 1:00–5:00 PM. Individuals may drop off boxes on the collection racks in the Galleria any time!

Calvary Night at OCC ■ Tuesday, December 5, 5:45–10:00 PM

This is always a fun evening to serve at the Operation Christmas Child Processing Center. In the warehouse we'll sort, inspect, fill, and tape shoeboxes for their journey to kids around the world. 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

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From the Senior Pastor

Welcome

Returning from Scotland this summer, I appreciated the immigration officer at JFK saying, "Welcome home!" All of us enjoy being welcomed, particularly in situations where we may feel a little awkward or are not sure if we are wanted. On behalf of all of us at Calvary, I want to say "Welcome!" to everyone who is here for the first time. We are so glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Immediately after the morning worship service, my wife and I will be welcoming people in the Café. We want to meet you and explain a little bit about Calvary Church.



John & Gudny Munro

At our 6:00 PM service this evening, the Lord Jesus welcomes to The Lord's Supper all who love Him. All those saved by His grace are welcomed by our Savior to this time of communion. What an incredible privilege! "Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God" (Romans 15:7). ■

Serve in the Nursery

We need your help in the Nursery during our **special Christmas services** in the month of December. Please stop by Galleria table 8 today to sign up and complete a background check form. Or register at calvarychurch.com/holidaynursery. Thank you for serving our young families and many guests during the holidays! Contact: Laura Schlesing, 704.341.5399, lschlesing@calvarychurch.com



NEWCOMERS RECEPTION

Are you new to Calvary? Welcome!

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

Enjoy light refreshments, meet other newcomers, and find out more about our church!

HOMELESS



WINTER CLOTHING & BLANKET DRIVE

Please bring new or gently used adult-size **coats, jackets, warm clothing, sweatshirts/pants, gloves, hats, thermal socks, blankets, sleeping bags, backpacks, duffle bags, and travel-size hygiene items** for the homeless in Uptown Charlotte. Drop off items in the Galleria through November. calvarychurch.com/warm

Help welcome special friends at Luke 14

LUKE 14 BANQUET | Saturday, December 9, 5:30–8:00 PM, Crown Room

Families with special needs members and caregivers are invited to this dinner.

LUKE 14 LUNCHEON | Tuesday, December 12, 11:30 AM–1:30 PM, Crown Room

Group home residents and caregivers are invited to enjoy this luncheon.

Calvary's Luke 14 Banquets offer a special celebration of the Christmas season for those in our church and community with special needs. They, along with their families and caregivers, are treated to a delicious holiday meal, a program of singing, a Gospel presentation, and a gift. We need hundreds of volunteers and gifts—here's how you can help!

200+ VOLUNTEERS // On December 9 & 12 we need volunteers (Calvary members ages 18+) in Food Service, greeters, and table hosts. Please sign up today at Galleria table 6A or register at calvarychurch.com/serve/luke14.

800+ GIFTS & PROCESSING // We need 800+ gifts for our Luke 14 guests! **Get a list of gift suggestions** and details at Galleria table 6A today. We also need volunteers to help process gifts on December 4–9. Contact: Vince Eaton, 704.341.5322, veaton@calvarychurch.com

Reach out to inmates during the holidays

Holiday Prison Dinners | November 28 and December 5, 15 & 22

Required Volunteer Training | November 19 & 26, 4:00–5:00 PM, Conf. Rm. A

Calvary Prison Ministry will provide worship celebrations and meals for inmates in two South Carolina facilities during the holiday season. We need volunteers to help prepare food in Calvary's kitchen, serve meals at the prisons, and participate in worship services with inmates.

Background checks and training are required for new volunteers serving at the prisons. Get details at Galleria table 2 today and online at calvarychurch.com/serve/prisonministry. Contact: Siby Rajappan, 704.341.5336, srajappan@calvarychurch.com

GO Trip opportunity for Bible teachers

GO Philippines, January 4–13 | On this GO Trip, a team of four will lead a conference for church elders and evangelists focusing on the doctrine of the Holy Spirit and including a study of angels and demons. Ideal for pastors, elders, and Bible teachers. Get details at calvarychurch.com/gotrips. Contact: Vince Eaton, 704.341.5322, veaton@calvarychurch.com

NEWS & NOTES

■ **THANKSGIVING SERVICE** Join us for a joyful celebration of God's blessings at our

Thanksgiving worship service on Tuesday, November 21 at 7:00 PM. Pastor John Munro will

deliver a special message, and we will share The Lord's Supper. Childcare is provided through

age 4. After the service, everyone is invited to **enjoy fellowship in the Galleria** with coffee,

warm spiced cider, and pumpkin and pecan pie! ■ **THANKSGIVING DINNER** Celebrate at

the annual **College & Young Adult Thanksgiving dinner** on Friday, November 17 at 7:00 PM

at the home of Jonathan & Lori Eaton. Please **bring dessert and drinks** to share. No cost for

dinner; just RSVP! Contact: Pastor Khalil Ayoub, 704.887.3688, kayoub@calvarychurch.com

■ **BAPTISM** If you wish to **make a public profession of faith** in Christ through baptism

on Sunday, November 19 at 6:00 PM, please register at calvarychurch.com/baptism. Contact:

Miriam Aneses, 704.887.3679, maneses@calvarychurch.com

LEADERS OF THE WEEK

Elder Marc Martens 704.840.0326
Deacons Rhondale Haywood 609.331.0171
 Jonathan Eaton 704.905.5256

PASTOR OF THE WEEK

Pastor Timothy Hathaway, supported by Siby Rajappan, Director of Outreach, 704.907.7497

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Julio & Olga serving in South America

IN THE GALLERIA TODAY

Luke 14	Table 6A
Nursery Holiday Volunteers	Table 8
Operation Christmas Child	Table 3
Orphan Sunday	Tables 4 & 5
Prison Ministry	Table 2
Senior Adult Luncheon	Table 6B

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, November 15

Pot roast with gravy, potato wedges, mixed vegetables, rolls, dessert, & beverage

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

Salad Entrées: Chef Salad or Veggie Salad

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Food Service Worker: Calvary Preschool Kitchen has a full-time (40 hours) position.

Cafeteria or restaurant experience preferred.

Please complete an application (available at the Security Desk in the Galleria) or send resume to hr@calvarychurch.com.

Calvary Child Development Center:

Part-time afternoon position available in the Preschool Department. Contact Pat Collins at 704.341.5360 or pcollins@calvarycdc.com.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO...

The Willis family in the passing of **Mrs. Phyllis Willis** on November 4

Catherine Thornburg and family in the loss of her son, **Mr. Theodore "Ted" Thornburg**, on November 5

David & Nancy Writebol and family in the loss of Nancy's mother, **Mrs. Mary Sullivan**, on November 5

Edel Kuch and family in the loss of her mother.

John & Mary Keefe in the passing of John's mother, **Mrs. Charlotte Keefe**, on November 8

FOR THE RECORD

General Fund Offering on 11/5 **\$148,810**
 General Fund weekly goal **\$155,000**

UPCOMING MESSAGES

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

Nov 18 6:30 PM Celebration for Pastor Prado's 50 Years in Ministry

Nov 19 9:45 AM "Profession but Not Possession"
 Romans 2:17–29

6:00 PM "Absent but Always Present" Esther 10

Nov 21 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Service & Communion

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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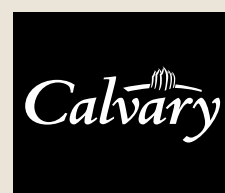
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