

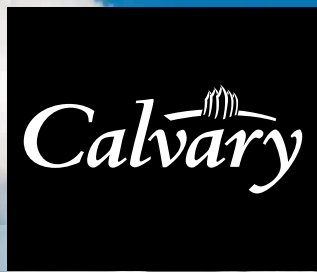
HOMELESS

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

WORSHIP & CONNECT TODAY

- 8:30 AM Adult Life Groups [ALGs]
- 9:45 AM **Worship Service**
"Profession but Not Possession"
Romans 2:17-29
- 9:45 AM Nursery, Preschool, & KidZone
- 11:15 AM Nursery, Children's Ministry, Student Ministry, & ALGs
- 6:00 PM **Evening Service**
"Absent but Always Present"
Esther 10



Looking UP

Calvary Church Weekly News

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11,499 pipes proclaim His praise

Holiday Organ Concert | Sunday, November 26, 6:00 PM

Join us to celebrate the beginning of the Christmas season with a magnificent evening of music! Calvary organist Elizabeth Hildebrand and friends from the Calvary Orchestra will present a powerful program of instrumental hymns and carols featuring the Calvary Grand Organ, the Calvary Brass, piano, and strings. This worship concert is free and open to everyone. Nursery is provided to age 4. Contact: Christy Driscoll, 704.887.3687, cdriscoll@calvarychurch.com

Men of Calvary reach out...

Men's Christmas Breakfast | Friday, December 8, 7:00-8:30 AM

Here's YOUR opportunity for outreach this holiday season! Men, invite your coworkers, friends, and neighbors to join us in the Crown Room for a hearty breakfast buffet, a great time of fellowship, and a message by Pastor Jim Pile on "Being a Man of Integrity." Register at calvarychurch.com/mensbreakfast by Monday, December 4 or stop by Galleria table 4A. Cost is \$10. Contact: Jennifer Sharpless, 704.341.5417, jsharpless@calvarychurch.com

Luke 14 hosts special families and friends

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.

You can share a Christmas blessing with those in our church and community who have special needs, along with their families and caregivers. At Luke 14 events Calvary serves a delicious meal, presents a festive Christmas program, and provides a gift to all who attend.

HOW CAN YOU HELP? We need 200+ hosts, greeters, and volunteers for the events, as well as 800+ gifts. **Pick up a list of gift suggestions** at Galleria table 6A today. We also need volunteers to help process gifts on December 4-9. Get details and sign up at calvarychurch.com/serveLUKE14. Contact: Vince Eaton, 704.341.5322, veaton@calvarychurch.com

Help reach 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/serveprisonministry. Contact: Sibuj Rajappan, 704.341.5336, srajappan@calvarychurch.com

We're sending shoeboxes around the world

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+). The center is located at 7100 Forest Pointe Boulevard in Charlotte. **Reserve your spot at calvarychurch.com/calvarynightocc.** Contact: Sharyn Thackston, 704.577.6487, sthackston@carolina.rr.com



Share a Christmas blessing!

This morning there is a special offering envelope enclosed in Looking Up. This is an opportunity for you to share a Christmas blessing with our 86 missionary families.

These missionaries share the good news of Jesus Christ in the US and around the world through evangelism, Bible translation, church planting, discipleship, aviation, education, medical assistance, and a variety of ministry support roles. The offering goal is \$30,000. Contact: Vince Eaton, 704.341.5322, veaton@calvarychurch.com

■ NOVEMBER 19, 2017

From the Senior Pastor

Give thanks

"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!"
— Psalm 118:1

I often say that one of the inevitable characteristics of the mature Christian is thankfulness. In life, there are always plenty of things to complain about, but



John & Gudny Munro

the closer we follow the Lord Jesus the more thankful we are. At Calvary, we give thanks to the Lord as we look back over the past year. What is true for the Body of Christ at Calvary is true for us as families and as individuals. I

realize all of us experience disappointments, problems, setbacks, discouragements, and disappointments. But with Christ, we are on the winning side!

Join us on Tuesday at 7:00 PM for a time of Thanksgiving. We will have an opportunity as the family of God at Calvary to give a testimony or prayer of thanksgiving. The service will conclude with communion as we "give thanks" for our Savior and for our salvation. Come with a thankful heart! ■

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations." — Psalm 100:4-5



THANKSGIVING WORSHIP & COMMUNION

**Tuesday, November 21
7:00 PM, Sanctuary**

Join us for a joyful celebration of God's blessings! Senior 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 the Galleria for coffee, warm spiced cider, and pumpkin and pecan pie!

Serving & Sharing...

Advent Service & Tree Lighting | Sunday, December 3, 6:00 PM
Christmas Concert with the Gettys | Sunday, December 17, 6:00 PM
Candlelight Christmas Eve | Sunday, December 24, 9:45 AM, 4:00 & 6:30 PM

At Calvary, we're delighted to host thousands of guests during the Christmas season! Our special services, concerts, and events give us opportunities to proclaim the Gospel and share the love of Christ as we welcome Charlotte newcomers, first-time visitors, friends, and relatives to our church. Because some guests attend church *only* during the holidays, it's so important that we extend our warmest hospitality! Will you help?

Christmas Ushers & Greeters —

We need additional ushers and greeters for our Christmas concert and Candlelight Christmas Eve services. Volunteers must arrive 45 minutes prior to the start of the service to help with seating, provide directions and information, receive the offering, and help with lighting candles. **Ushers Contact: Malcolm Weeks**, 704.551.2071, malcolm.weeks@xerox.com // **Greeters Contact: Rob Reece**, 704.887.3696, rreece@calvarychurch.com

Serve in the Nursery —

As we welcome many young families to Calvary at Christmas, the need for Nursery volunteers greatly increases at all our special services. Volunteers must have a background check on file and arrive 20 minutes early to receive children before the services begin. Register at calvarychurch.com/holidaynursery or stop by Galleria table 8 for details. Contact: Laura Schlesing, 704.341.5399, lschlesing@calvarychurch.com

Help with Food Service —

Help us plate, serve, set-up, and/or clean-up at special holiday events! Stop by Galleria table 6B today to find out more about volunteering with the Calvary Food Service team. We have many opportunities for you to serve and lots of scheduling options! Contact: Calvary Food Service, 704.887.3663, foodservice@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

New devotional plan on YouVersion app

"Next Steps in Following Jesus," a 10-day reading plan by Pastor Munro, is now available on the YouVersion Bible app! Pastor Munro challenges new and longtime believers to continue to grow in their journey as followers of Christ, highlighting a different Bible passage each day. Users can also link to the Calvary website for more info. This is Pastor Munro's second plan for the app, following "Turning Off the Noise." See calvarychurch.com/youapp for more details.

NEWS & NOTES

■ **FOOD PANTRY** Calvary's Food Pantry serves so many **families in need during the holidays!** Please help **restock our shelves** with **non-perishable food and household supplies**. Drop off donations in the Galleria at the cupboard near the escalator. Thank you!

■ **CHRISTMAS TEA** Tickets for the **Christmas Tea on Saturday, December 2** are currently sold out. If you would like to be added to the waiting list, or if you have extra tickets available, please let us know. Contact: Reena Chow, 704.340.0621, davcreec@gmail.com ■ **JOURNEY TO ISRAEL 2018** Join Pastor John and Gudny Munro on a life-transforming **journey to the Holy Land, April 15–26, 2018**. Imagine yourself experiencing the sights, culture, and breathtaking landscapes of Israel with your Calvary friends. See calvarychurch.com/israel2018 for trip details. Contact: Erika Morton, 704.341.5331, emorton@calvarychurch.com ■ **ONLINE**

REVIEWS **Want to help people find Calvary?** Consider reviewing Calvary on **Yelp** or **Google**. It's easy! Just go to yelp.com and choose "Write a Review." Or go to **Google Maps**, search for Calvary Church, and choose "Write a Review." By sharing your thoughts, you may help someone choose to worship with us during the holiday season!

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	John Tartt	704.542.8801
Deacon	Ron Elmore	704.904.7427

PASTOR OF THE WEEK

Pastor Rodney Navey, 336.803.2817

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Eric & Carol serving in the USA

IN THE GALLERIA TODAY

Christmas Invitations Cards	Table 1
Food Service Volunteers	Table 6B
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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Mark your calendar for Calvary's special Christmas services and concerts! Pick up flyers and invitation cards in the Galleria to share with friends. Get all the details at calvarychurch.com/christmas.

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Thank you to our Calvary Food Service volunteers and staff who prepare and serve delicious meals so faithfully throughout the year! Fellowship Dinner will resume on Wednesday, **January 10, 2018**.

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 positions available in the Preschool Department. Contact Pat Collins at 704.341.5360 or pcollins@calvarycdc.com.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO...

Don & Gretchen Cheney and family in the passing of Don's father, **Mr. Preston Cheney**, on October 27

FOR THE RECORD

General Fund Offering on 11/12	\$157,391
General Fund weekly goal	\$155,000

UPCOMING MESSAGES

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

Nov 21	7:00 PM	Thanksgiving Service & Communion
Nov 26	9:45 AM	"Final Arguments" Romans 3:1–8
	6:00 PM	Holiday Organ Concert
Dec 3	9:45 AM	"A Guilty Verdict" Romans 3:9–20
	6:00 PM	Advent Service & Christmas Tree Lighting
Dec 10	9:45 AM	"The Miracle of Christmas" John 1:1–18
		No evening service
Dec 17	9:45 AM	"The Humble Servant of Christmas" Philippians 2:5–11
	6:00 PM	"Sing! An Irish Christmas" with the Gettys & the Calvary Choirs

