



THE PEOPLE WHO WALKED IN DARKNESS have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone." *Isaiah 9:2*

IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." *John 1:1-5*

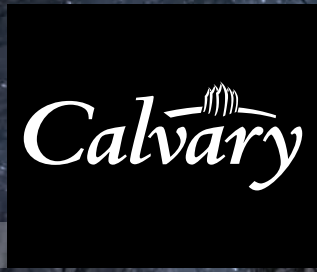
JESUS SPOKE TO THEM, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." *John 8:12*

8:30 AM Adult Life Groups [ALGs]

9:45 AM **Worship Service**
"The Miracle of Christmas"
John 1:1-18

9:45 AM Nursery, Preschool,
& KidZone Classes

11:15 AM Nursery, Children's Ministry,
Student Ministry, &
Adult Life Groups [ALGs]



Looking UP

Calvary Church Weekly News

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Sing

AN IRISH CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
WITH KEITH & KRISTYN GETTY
Sunday, December 17, at 6:00 PM



Sing! An Irish Christmas with Keith and Kristyn Getty is a Christmas concert celebration with a unique blend of Celtic, bluegrass, Americana, and classical music focused on the true message of the season. Come sing along with Keith and Kristyn and the Calvary choirs for a vibrant evening of worship and celebration! Concert is free—no tickets or reserved seating. Doors open at 5:00 PM. Invite family and friends! ASL interpretation will be provided. *Childcare to age 4.*



CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE
Sunday, December 24
9:45 AM, 4:00 & 6:30 PM

Join us for Help from Heaven as we worship and celebrate the gift of a Savior. All services will feature our choirs, orchestra, and band as well as a special message from Pastor John Munro. Spanish & Chinese translation will be provided at 9:45 AM & 6:30 PM; ASL provided at 6:30 PM. *Childcare provided to age 4 at all three services.*

Help us welcome holiday guests!

Christmas Ushers & Greeters | Help welcome our many guests at the Christmas concert next Sunday and at our Candlelight Christmas Eve services! Arrive early to help with directions and seating. Ushers Contact: Malcolm Weeks, 704.551.2071, malcolm.weeks@xerox.com // Greeters: Rob Reece, 704.887.3696, rreece@calvarychurch.com

Nursery Volunteers | Consider attending one Christmas Eve service and volunteering for another! We offer childcare at all three services this year. Volunteers must have a background check on file; please stop by Galleria table 8 for the forms. Register at calvarychurch.com/holidaynursery Contact: Laura Schlesing, 704.341.5399, lschlesing@calvarychurch.com

Calvary hosts international outreach tonight

International Christmas Banquet | TONIGHT at 6:00 PM, Crown Room

Calvary is hosting a Christmas outreach for international friends and neighbors! Guests will enjoy a music program, "Born to Save the World," as part of a wonderful evening of worship and fellowship. Contact: Sibu Rajappan, 704.341.5336, srajappan@calvarychurch.com

ESL teaches English & builds community

ESL Registration | January 2 & 4 at 9:00 AM in Room 300

ESL Classes | Tuesdays & Thursdays beginning January 9, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Calvary's English as a Second Language classes help internationals learn to speak and understand English and American cultural expressions. We offer six proficiency levels to improve vocabulary and conversational skills. Students are encouraged to participate in Life Discussion Groups and Pronunciation Classes as well. Cost is \$30. Child care is provided. Get details and register now at calvarychurch.com/esl. Contact: Vince Eaton, 704.341.5322 or veaton@calvarychurch.com

Get a new "perspective" on world missions

Perspectives Course | Tuesdays, January 16-May 8, 6:30-9:20 PM, Banquet Room

"Perspectives" is a unique 15-session course that educates believers about God's global purpose from four key vantage points—biblical, historical, cultural, and strategic. Discover your role and gain a deeper understanding of God's ultimate plan. You may participate at a "reading level" or earn college credit for the course. There are discounts for Calvary members, families, and for early registration. Get details today at Galleria table 4 and at calvarychurch.com/perspectives. Contact: Vince Eaton, 704.341.5322, veaton@calvarychurch.com

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From the Senior Pastor

Ministry changes

Last Sunday morning I announced that Jim Cashwell is rejoining our pastoral staff as Pastor of Missions and Outreach. Jim previously served in



John & Gudny Munro

that position and then left to serve with Joni and Friends. Vince Eaton will continue as Director of Missions, and Sibu Rajappan continues as Director of Outreach.

Pastor Tim Hathaway will oversee all Worship Ministries.

Pastor Rodney Navey will oversee all Family Ministries, including Student Ministries and Children's Ministries. Pastor Nathaniel Pearce will oversee our Discipleship Ministries, which will now include our Seniors and Counseling Ministries led by Pastor Jim Pile. Pastors Hathaway, Navey, Pearce, and Cashwell will form a new Pastoral Leadership Team reporting directly to myself.

With Matthew Thompson joining us next month as Pastor of Middle School Ministry, we now have an outstanding ministry team of pastors, directors, and coordinators. Pray for us as we continue to shepherd the flock and reach out with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. ■



CHRISTMAS
· Outreach ·

Invitation Cards

for our Christmas Concert with the Gettys and Candlelight Christmas Eve services are available in the Galleria!

Calvarychurch.com/christmas
Info about all concerts and services

Calvarychurch.com/serve
Check out the full list of current serving opportunities

Social Media

Sharing a post on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram helps get the message out!

Email

Use our event images to create your own posts or emails—download at calvarychurch.com/christmas



CELEBRATE WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS!

Family Christmas Celebration | Friday, December 15, 6:30–8:00 PM, Crown Room

All KidZone and Zone345 1–5 graders, plus parents and siblings, are invited to a fun Christmas celebration with games, music, and sweet treats for the whole family. Register at calvarychurch.com/kidzonechristmas. Contacts: Sue Ridge, 704.887.3695, sridge@calvarychurch.com // Suzanne Phillips, 704.887.3693, sphillips@calvarychurch.com



Middle School Christmas Party | Friday, December 15, 6:30–8:30 PM, CLC 1300

Enjoy this festive dinner with a tacky sweater contest, Christmas music, and fun gift exchange! Get details and REGISTER TODAY at calvarychurch.com/MSChristmas.



High School Christmas Party | Friday, December 15, 6:30–8:30 PM, CLC 1400

Come celebrate with great food, games, and door prizes. Wear your ugliest sweater! Get details and REGISTER TODAY at calvarychurch.com/HSChristmas.



College & YA Christmas Party | Tuesday, December 19, 7:00 PM, CLC 1400

Wear your worst sweater, bring your best attitude, and get ready for an awesome evening! NOTE — In the new year, The Journey will meet at a NEW TIME — **Tuesdays at 7:30 PM beginning January 9.**



Facing a challenge? Get support

Support Ministry Classes | Mondays, beginning January 8, 6:30–8:00 PM

Sometimes the holidays intensify personal challenges and relationship struggles. Don't face it alone! Calvary's Support Ministry offers practical, Christ-centered studies that provide biblical insight and the caring support of others who face similar issues. Classes for the winter session include **Boundaries**, **GriefShare**, and **DivorceCare**. Childcare is offered for ages 2–7. See calvarychurch.com/support. Contact: Sandra Moore, 704.887.3681, support@calvarychurch.com

Ladies, choose your study for the new year

Tuesdays, beginning January 9 | Classes offered at 9:30 AM & 7:00 PM

There's a place for you to grow in faith here! Join a women's Bible study and connect with new friends. Choose a new study or continue your class from the fall semester. Course descriptions and registration are available now at calvarychurch.com/womensbiblestudies. Childcare will be provided during morning classes for children through age 5. Stop by Galleria table 3 today for more information! Contact: Jenna Mascia, 704.517.6606, jmascia@live.com

NEWS & NOTES

🎁 Help teach ESL Be part of Calvary's growing **English as a Second Language**

ministry! We have openings for **teachers and assistants**, as well as the vital **curriculum supervisor and ESL coordinator roles** for the winter term. Help us provide a top quality ESL program and a powerful Gospel outreach! Contact: Vince Eaton, 704.341.5322, veaton@calvarychurch.com

🎁 Homeless Outreach Thank you to everyone who **donated** items for our **Winter Clothing Drive** for the **homeless in Uptown Charlotte**.

Your gifts were distributed to neighbors in need by the **Calvary Street Ministry** on December 2. **🎁 Year-End Giving** As you **pray about this opportunity**, you may want to consider gifting appreciated securities. Scott Henry, Calvary's Director of Ministry Support and Treasurer, is available to **answer your questions** or assist you in making such a gift. Contact: Scott Henry, 704.341.5330, shenry@calvarychurch.com

🎁 New Believers Class Calvary Children's Ministry will offer a New Believers Class for

1st–6th graders on Sunday mornings January 21–February 18 at 9:45–11:00 AM. Please preregister at calvarychurch.com/newbelievers for this age-appropriate introduction to what it means to be a Christ-follower. Contact: Su Trull, 704.341.5458, strull@calvarychurch.com

🎁 Ready for Baptism? If you wish to make a public profession of your **faith**

in Jesus Christ, please register at calvarychurch.com/baptism for the upcoming baptism service scheduled for Sunday, January 14 at 6:00 PM. Contact: Miriam Aneses, 704.887.3679, maneses@calvarychurch.com

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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LEADERS OF THE WEEK

Elder	Jeremy Hyman	704.576.7069
Deacons	Bobby Snow	704.291.0205
	Butch Thompson	704.507.9830

PASTOR OF THE WEEK

Pastor Jim Pile, 704.840.5908

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

George & Kathy serving in USA

IN THE GALLERIA TODAY

Christmas Invitations Cards	Table 1
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CALVARY MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Wednesday Course [6 Sessions]

January 24–March 7, 6:30–8:00 PM

Register at calvarychurch.com/membership. Contact: Miriam Aneses, 704.887.3679, maneses@calvarychurch.com

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Kossi Afanou	Alina Kochergin
Sandra Afanou	Vitaliy Kochergin
Emma Blaskewicz	Gabriela Lauritzen
Jodi Brown	Holly Major
Timothy Brown	Fred Martin
Matthew DeBoer	Susan Martin
Tammy DeBoer	Benjamin Mayo
Rodrigo Hajj	Grace Mayo
Nathalie De Oliveira Hajj	Hope Mayo
Beth Henry	Joy Mayo
Scott Henry	Laura Mayo
Hannah Holbrook	Peter Mayo
Barbara Holtz	Larry Mosley
Daniel Holtz	Lina Webster
Brian Kay	Matthew Webster
Isabel Kay	

DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO...

Annie Ji Hong He and family in the loss of her husband, **Mr. Gary Kitchens**, on December 2

George & Caroline Abernethy and family in the loss of Caroline's father, **Mr. Denis Kay**, on November 30

FOR THE RECORD

General Fund Offering on 12/3 \$218,604

\$1,211,976	General Fund December Goal
\$993,372	Balance needed to meet goal
\$218,604	Received through 12/3

Missionary Christmas Gift Offering

MC Gift Offering received through 12/3 \$32,952

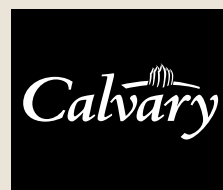
MC Gift Offering Goal \$30,000

Thank you — the MC Gift goal has been met!

UPCOMING MESSAGES

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

Dec 17	9:45 AM	"The Humble Servant of Christmas" Philippians 2:5–8
	6:00 PM	"Sing! An Irish Christmas" with the Gettys & the Calvary Choirs
Dec 24	9:45 AM	"Help from Heaven"
	4:00 & 6:30 PM	Candlelight Christmas Eve
Dec 31	9:45 AM	"Grace Alone" Romans 3:21–24



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