

BUT YOU, O BETHLEHEM Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days." *Micah 5:2*

HE WILL BE GREAT and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." *Luke 1:32-33*

BLESSED BE THE LORD GOD of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people." *Luke 1:68*



8:30 AM Adult Life Groups [ALGs]

9:45 AM **Worship Service**
"The Humble Servant of Christmas" Phil. 2:5-8

9:45 AM Nursery, Preschool, & KidZone

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

6:00 PM **Christmas Concert**
"Sing! An Irish Christmas"



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Sing

AN IRISH CHRISTMAS

Come celebrate with us TONIGHT!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
WITH KEITH & KRISTYN GETTY
6:00 PM — Doors open at 5:00 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. Invite family and friends! ASL interpretation will be provided. *Childcare to age 4.*

About the Gettys | Keith and Kristyn Getty are known world-wide for their modern hymns and carols that encourage individuals, families, and churches to sing and worship together! They live between Northern Ireland and Nashville with their daughters, Eliza Joy, Charlotte, and Grace. This is their sixth annual tour of **Sing! An Irish Christmas**, as featured on PBS to over 45 million households and audiences in concert venues across the globe. The Gettys' CDs, including their latest album, **Facing a Task Unfinished**, are available in Calvary's Word Room bookstore.



Three services next Sunday!

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE
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 provided at 9:45 AM & 6:30 PM; ASL provided at 6:30 PM. Life Groups (ALGs & SLGs) will not meet. *Childcare to age 4 at all three services.*

You can help on Christmas Eve

Christmas Ushers & Greeters | Help welcome our many guests at the Candlelight Christmas Eve services! Arrive 45 minutes prior to the start of the services to assist with directions and seating, distributing Looking Up, receiving the offering, and lighting the candles. 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! Volunteers must have a background check on file. Register at calvarychurch.com/holidaynursery Contact: Laura Schlesing, 704.341.5399, lschlesing@calvarychurch.com

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 caring, practical, Christ-centered studies that provide biblical insight and the support of others who face similar issues. Classes for the winter session include **Boundaries**, **GriefShare**, and **DivorceCare**. Childcare is offered for ages 2-7 with preregistration. Get course details and register today at calvarychurch.com/support. Contact: Sandra Moore, 704.887.3681, support@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

DECEMBER 17, 2017

From the Senior Pastor

Learning from Jesus

On one occasion Jesus said to His disciples: "Learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart" (Matthew 11:29). Today we want to learn about true humility, and consider "the humble servant of Christmas," our Lord Jesus



John & Gudny Munro

Christ. No one was higher, and no one became lower. Communion this morning is a time to reflect on our pride and selfishness. How can we be proud in the light of the incarnation of our Savior? "He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:8). This morning, let's learn from our Savior. Let's learn humility—an essential virtue of authentic followers of Jesus Christ. ■



LOOKING AHEAD

to 2018

JAN 7 | NEW ALG

Check out **Step-By-Step**, a new Adult Life Group with Pastor Jim Cashwell. We'll meet on **Sundays at 11:15 AM in room 241** and learn to apply the truth of God's Word to everyday life!

JAN 10 | ON WEDNESDAYS

Bible study electives for adults, **Awana Bible Clubs** for kids, and **Student Ministry IGNITE** will resume on Wednesdays at 6:30-8:00 PM. Join us for **Fellowship Dinner** in the Crown Room at 5:00-6:15 PM.

JAN 14 | PRAYER WALKS

In 2018, we will highlight a renewed focus on prayer. Join us for a new series of weekly prayer walks. Read more at calvarychurch.com/prayerwalks.

JAN 24 | MEMBERSHIP

The **Calvary Membership Course** provides a common foundation for those considering church membership. Pastor John Munro leads the **6-session course** on Wednesday evenings. Register at calvarychurch.com/membership.

EXCHANGE

Gaining Through Giving Up

DEATH FOR LIFE.
SELF FOR CHRIST.
HATE FOR LOVE.
COMFORT FOR CALLING.

STUDENT MINISTRY RETREAT WEEKEND :: February 16–18

Find out what you gain by exchanging self-focus for a Christ-centered life. It's a great weekend for all students at Calvary with worship led by **David Walker** and messages by guest speaker **Brandon Hiltibidal**. You'll stay overnight in host homes for lots of small group discussion and connection. Cost is \$50. Get the details and register today at calvarychurch.com/exchange. Contact: Pastor Eric Hill, 704.887.3678, ehill@calvarychurch.com

Get a new "perspective" on your purpose

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. Participate at a "reading level" or earn college credit. Get details today at Galleria table 4 and at calvarychurch.com/perspectives. Contact: Vince Eaton, 704.341.5322, veaton@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 at Calvary! 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

THANK YOU for serving with LUKE 14

Over 800 special needs guests, family members, and caregivers attended the Luke 14 banquet and luncheon last week. Everyone was blessed by the table hosts, greeters, and food service volunteers who shared Christ's love with them. The gifts you provided were received with delight by all! We humbly thank each of you who served and provided gifts. You were truly the hands and feet of Jesus!

NEWS & NOTES

📦 *Special Opportunity* Do you have a heart for serving with our **Special**

Needs Ministry beyond the Luke 14 Christmas celebrations? Join us as a teacher, assistant,

friend/buddy, or greeter—or **visit one of our classes** to decide where you may best be

equipped to serve. Special Needs classes meet on Sundays at 9:45 and 11:15 AM, and we

participate in a wide variety of ministry activities! Contact: Julie Daugherty, 704.236.1862,

jdaugherty@calvarychurch.com 📦 *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 📦 *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

📦 *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 📦 *College Celebration* Don't miss the **College**

& Young Adult Christmas party on Tuesday, December 19, at 7:00 PM in CLC 1400. Wear your

worst sweater, bring your best attitude, and get ready for an awesome evening!

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	Jerry Schmitt	704.589.1139
Deacons	Doug Goforth	704.905.3635
	Matthew Hagler	704.841.7317

PASTOR OF THE WEEK

Pastor Nathaniel Pearce, 704.626.8625

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Grant & Regina serving in South America

IN THE GALLERIA TODAY

Christmas Invitations Cards	Table 1
Perspectives Course	Table 4
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Calvary Child Development Center | Part-time staff position available three days per week, 7:00 AM–2:00 PM. Contact: Pat Collins, 704.341.5360, pcollins@calvarychurch.com

Food Service | Full-time position available in the Preschool Kitchen. Experience in a school cafeteria or restaurant preferred. Send resume to HR@calvarychurch.com or complete application at the Security Desk in the Galleria.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to **Andrew & Kat Bierma** on the birth of their daughter, **Helaina Ruth Bierma**, on December 12

DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO...

Ronnie & Ruth Ann Freeman and family in the loss of Ronnie's brother, **Mr. James Freeman**, on December 7

Allison Gilliam and family in the loss of her father, **Mr. Al Gilliam**, on December 11

Roger & Becky Dunlap in the passing of Becky's brother, **David Hall**, on December 13

FOR THE RECORD

General Fund Offering on 12/10 \$188,438

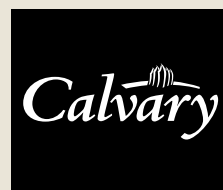
\$1,211,976	General Fund December Goal
\$804,934	Balance needed to meet goal
\$407,042	Received through 12/10

To be credited in 2017, contributions brought to Calvary must be received by December 31. Contributions received by mail must be postmarked no later than December 31. Gifts made by online giving must be initiated by 12:00 AM on December 31.

UPCOMING MESSAGES

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

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
Jan 7	9:45 AM	"The Battle of 2018"
		Matthew 4:1–11
		Pastor Rodney Navey
	6:00 PM	"We Believe in the Inerrancy of Holy Scripture"
		2 Peter 1:16–21
		Pastor Rodney Navey
		Communion



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