

O COME LET US ADORE HIM, CHRIST THE LORD



FOR TO US A CHILD IS BORN, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." *Isaiah 9:6*

GLORY TO GOD in the highest, and on earth peace..." *Luke 2:14*

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." *John 3:16*

WORSHIP AT CALVARY

Join us on our regular
schedule next week

Sunday Worship Service
9:45 AM, Sanctuary

Adult Life Groups | 8:30 & 11:15 AM

Student Ministry & Children's
Ministry programs | 11:15 AM

Evening Service | 6:00 PM
resumes January 7

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Merry Christmas

FROM THE SENIOR PASTOR



John & Gudny Munro

WELCOME TO CALVARY! On this unique day we joyfully celebrate the birth of our Savior and reflect on some of the very real implications our Savior's birth has for each of us.

For two thousand years people have heard the message: "Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11).

The birth of Jesus the Christ has forever changed human history. Our prayer is that your life will be changed by having a personal encounter with the Lord Jesus. May you know much of His love, joy,

and peace this Christmas season and throughout 2018. Thanks for worshiping with us this Christmas Eve, and we hope to see you again soon at Calvary! ■

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ADULT LIFE
GROUPS

SUNDAYS,
8:30 & 11:15 AM

THIS IS WHERE WE DO LIFE TOGETHER! These smaller groups are an essential part of helping everyone **connect at Calvary** and grow in faith together. Adult Life Groups meet to study God's Word, pray, and share the joys and challenges of life. We develop lasting friendships and enjoy real community. There are lots of options! Feel free to visit as many groups as you like to find the best fit for you—guests are always welcome! Get details at calvarychurch.com/lifegroups.

growing together

CALVARY KIDS

Our Children's Ministry actively partners with parents to engage each child with fun and creative age-appropriate programs which help build a strong spiritual foundation. Get details about our Nursery, Preschool, Kid Zone, Zone 345, Awana, summer camps, and VBS at calvarychurch.com/children.

STUDENT MINISTRY

Middle school and high school students connect in Student Life Groups on Sundays, IGNITE worship night on Wednesdays, and special events and camps year-round. Check out the big EXCHANGE weekend retreat on February 16-18. calvarychurch.com/middleschool & calvarychurch.com/highschool

U18 WORSHIP MINISTRIES

Children's & Student Worship Choirs meet on Sunday evenings beginning January 7—we welcome all kids and students! Student Worship Choir is for 6-12th graders. Joyful Praise Children's Choir is for 1-5th graders. Our Wee Praisers choir is for ages 4-6. calvarychurch.com/worshipministries

INTERNATIONALS

Calvary is exceptionally diverse with more than 70 countries and dozens of language groups represented. No matter your background, you are welcome! The worship service is translated into Spanish, Chinese, and Russian. ESL classes begin on Tuesday, January 9. calvarychurch.com/internationals

SENIOR ADULTS

Seniors enjoy caring community in Adult Life Groups on Sunday mornings, monthly Senior Luncheons with organ concerts, morning exercise classes, and many opportunities to serve. Our next luncheon is on Thursday, January 25 with the Southern Gospel Quartet, The Envoys! calvarychurch.com/seniors

CHAMP SPORTS

Playing sports, making friends, instilling character, and learning about the love of Jesus Christ—find out more about CHAMP at champsportsinfo.com. Spring youth soccer leagues, flag football, and baseball programs play February 26-May 19. Registration opens December 31.

DECEMBER 24, 2017

Join us on New Year's Eve

Worship with us again next Sunday, December 31 at 9:45 AM. It will be another great Sunday of worship and celebration—and it's a perfect opportunity to pick up our study of the **book of Romans** as Pastor Munro speaks on the topic "*Grace Alone*."

Our Sunday evening services will resume on Sunday, January 7 at 6:00 PM. Get to know Calvary as our pastors begin a new series on "**We Believe**." Each week we'll look at the biblical basis for our foundational beliefs. Learn more at calvarychurch.com/series.



LOOKING AHEAD to 2018

JAN 7 | NEW ALG

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

JAN 8 | SUPPORT MINISTRY

Don't face personal challenges and relationship struggles alone! Calvary's Support Ministry offers **Boundaries**, **GriefShare**, and **DivorceCare** on Monday evenings. Get details & register at calvarychurch.com/support.

JAN 9 | THE JOURNEY

College students & young adults gather on Tuesdays at 7:30 PM [NEW TIME] in the Calvary Life Center for pizza, fellowship, worship, and Bible teaching. calvarychurch.com/college

JAN 14 | PRAYER WALKS

In 2018, we will highlight a renewed focus on prayer. Join us on Sundays for a new series of weekly prayer walks on the Calvary campus. 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.

Something for everyone on Wednesdays

Elective Bible Studies | Wednesdays, January 10–March 21, 6:30–8:15 PM

In January we begin a new series of free Bible study courses. Whether you're a long time Christ-follower or just curious to learn more about God's Word, join us! Check out the options below and get details at calvarychurch.com/electives.

It's Family Night | During electives, middle and high school students gather for **IGNITE** — their student-led worship night at 6:30 PM in the Calvary Life Center. Children have tons of fun in **Awana Bible Clubs**. Nursery is provided for ages 3 and under. And before the programs begin, your whole family is invited to **Fellowship Dinner, served 5:00–6:15 PM** in the Crown Room on the third floor. No reservations needed; adults \$7, kids \$4.

Choose Your Study | Check out the options below! Get course descriptions and preregister at calvarychurch.com/electives. Questions? Contact: Debbie Bordwine, 704.341.5328, dbordwine@calvarychurch.com

Survey of the New Testament

Room 233 | Rob Reece

Essentials of the Faith

Room 234 | Peter Farynyk

Got Bible Questions?

Calvary Café | Pastor Nathaniel Pearce

Nehemiah: Lessons on Leadership

Room 241 | Pastor Jim Cashwell

Discipling Others through Life's

Challenges Room 402 | Pastor Jim Pile

Minor Prophets of the Bible

Room 222 | Sam Jacks

How to Avoid Marriage Fail

Room 401 | Pastor Rodney Navey

What Are They Thinking? For parents of teens

Room 231 | Joshua Erlien

Single & Parenting, Part 1

Conf Rm A | Debbie Bordwine & Greg Goodlett

Financial Peace University

Room 242 | Rhondale & Deborah Haywood

Overcoming Obstacles to Sharing Christ

Room 238 | Siblu Rajappan

Estudio Bíblico en Español

Salón 227 | Bill Ogden

Prayer 3rd Fl. Prayer Room | Paul Hundrieser

LEADERS OF THE WEEK

Elder	Bill Bailey	704.451.4529
Deacons	Rod Turnham	704.953.6202
	Steve Swicegood	704.395.1576

PASTOR OF THE WEEK

Pastor Rodney Navey, 336.803.2817

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Steve & Debbie serving in USA

Calvary's Gospel outreach is world-wide! Check out short-term GO Trips & our annual Missions Conference at calvarychurch.com/missions.

SERVING OTHERS

Looking for ways to make a positive difference? Find a full list of current volunteer opportunities at calvarychurch.com/serve.

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.

Details: calvarychurch.com/employment

DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO...

Don & Yvonne Little and family in the loss of Yvonne's son, **Mr. Mitchel Williamson**, on December 15

FOR THE RECORD

General Fund Offering on 12/17 \$420,804

\$1,211,976	General Fund December Goal
\$384,130	Balance needed to meet goal
\$827,846	Received through 12/17

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 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
Jan 14	9:45 AM	"The Priority of Prayer" Colossians 4:2 Pastor Jim Pile
	6:00 PM	"We Believe in the Triune God" Pastor Jim Pile

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 your class for the new semester:

Discerning God's Voice // Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven // 1,2,3 John & Jude // Acts – Part 2, Precept Upon Precept // 1 & 2 Timothy & Titus // No Worries: Learning to Trust God

Course descriptions and registration are available now at calvarychurch.com/womensbiblestudies. Childcare will be provided during morning classes for children through age 5. Contact: Jenna Mascia, 704.517.6606, jmascia@live.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 at calvarychurch.com/perspectives. Contact: Vince Eaton, 704.341.5322, veaton@calvarychurch.com

NEWS & NOTES

Worship Ministry The **Calvary Choir, Orchestra, and Tech Teams** will be welcoming new members early in the month of January. We rehearse every Wednesday evening from 6:30–8:00 PM. Contact Pastor Hathaway to arrange a **visit to a rehearsal** to see what it is really like to be a part of this dynamic team. Contact: Tim Hathaway, 704.341.5344, thathaway@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

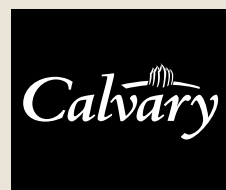
Year-End Giving As you **pray about this opportunity**, you may want to consider gifting appreciated securities. Scott Henry, Calvary's Director of Ministry Support and Treasurer, is available to **answer your questions** or assist you in making such a gift. Contact: Scott Henry, 704.341.5330, shenry@calvarychurch.com

CONNECT WITH US!

Thank you for choosing to worship with us at Calvary for Christmas! We hope you'll consider coming back in the new year.

In the meantime, check out our online resources at media.calvarychurch.com (or see calvarychurch.com homepage Menu / Worship / Sermons & Media). Watch Dr. Munro's sermons, enjoy worship highlights, and see videos related to our ministries. To connect on a daily basis, follow us on social media!

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