

## **HIGHLIGHT: John Munro (Gudny) – Senior Pastor**

*“Follow the pattern of sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.” (2 Timothy 1:13-14)*

Calvary’s theme verse is *“For the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus” (John 1:9)*. So, the two unshakeable pillars upholding the life and ministry of Calvary Church are the Word of God, and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. There can be no compromise on either of these.

As we enter 2018, we will continue our emphasis on the Gospel by continuing the series on Romans which, Lord willing, I will resume on January 28. Paul gives his brilliant exposition of the Gospel of God concerning His Son our Lord Jesus Christ. This Gospel is to be understood, personally accepted, lived, and communicated to others!

On Sunday evenings, we are focusing on Calvary’s Articles of Faith. I have called the series “We Believe.” On January 7, Pastor Rodney Navey begins with “We Believe in the Inerrancy of Holy Scripture.” Without this biblical foundation, compromise comes quickly! Each Sunday evening one of our pastors will deal with an Article of Faith. This will not be a dry academic discourse, but rather a strengthening of our faith as we look to the Word of God on these various Articles of Faith.

### **Praises:**

- Praise God for the many open doors for displaying and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Praise God for the thousands of people who were impacted by Calvary Church in December through many events that included Women’s Tea, Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, Luke 14, International Banquet, Prison Ministry, Getty Concert, radio spots, Christmas Eve services, and Men’s Christmas Breakfast.
- Praise God for His supernatural help as we presented the Gospel on many occasions.
- Praise God for those who have professed faith in Jesus Christ.

### **Requests:**

- Pray for God to strengthen and guide my fellow pastors and myself as we preach the Word.
- Pray that God would guide the congregation as they select new elders and deacons.
- Pray for God to pour His grace and peace on Rob Reece, as he is ordained at the evening service on January 28.
- Pray as I teach the membership classes on Wednesday commencing January 24.

## **Tim Hathaway (Vicki) – Pastor of Worship**

*“Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name. I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever” (Psalm 86:11-12).*

### **Praises:**

- Praise God for His help during the Christmas season and the many people who responded to the Gospel message at the Christmas Eve and other worship services!
- Praise God for the faithful ministry of the Worship Ministry teams and leaders (including the Calvary Choir, Orchestra & Tech Teams, Student Worship Choir & One Voice Student Ensemble, and the Joyful Praise & Wee Praisers Children’s Choirs) as these groups participated in the special worship services and several outreaches this fall and during the Christmas season.
- Praise God for the successful new platform lighting installation.
- Praise God for the wonderful evening of praise with Keith & Kristyn Getty on December 17.
- Praise God for the outstanding musicians who served at the International Banquet on December 10.

### **Requests:**

- Continue to pray for God-centered, life-transforming worship every week at Calvary Church.
- Pray for the Worship Ministries as they begin a new season on Wednesday, January 3.
- Pray that God would bring us godly and skilled servants to serve in our Adult Choir, Orchestra & Tech Team Ministries this coming season.
- Pray for the Worship Staff and other ministry leaders making plans for the new season - including Easter!
- Pray that new families would come to Calvary Church and that they will participate with our Children & Student Worship Ministries.

## **Rodney Navey (Donna) – Pastor of Family Ministries**

*“Consequently, He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.” (Hebrews 7:25)*

### **Praises:**

- Praise God for the focus on “Help from Heaven” during the Christmas Eve services at Calvary.
- Praise God for His love among His people as evidenced in our Christmas gatherings.
- Praise God for the many guests/contacts at our special services and events and for the “touches” for Christ.
- Praise God for the privilege to serve as a pastor at Calvary for 2017.
- Praise God for the faithful prayer warriors over this last year.

## **Rodney Navey (continued)**

### **Requests:**

- Pray for God to lead us in the new structure of Calvary's Pastoral Team.
- Pray that God would bring revival to our church and community in 2018.
- Pray for God to give me wisdom as I lead our Family Ministry Team.
- Pray that God will give great joy to Matt and Ronae Thompson as they begin serving in the Middle School Ministry and on the Family Ministry Team.
- Pray for God to equip parents of 12<sup>th</sup> graders in our upcoming class on Sunday, January 21, as they call their students out to adulthood.
- Pray that God will enable me to be faithful to Him and His Word as I speak and lead in services and classes during the month of January.

## **Nathaniel Pearce (Cheryl) - Pastor of Discipleship**

*"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers" (Acts 2:42)*

### **Praises:**

- Praise God for the many men and women who serve with our Support Ministry team.
- Praise God for the men and women currently being disciplined to teach.
- Praise God for His provision of a team for the GO Philippines trip and ministry.
- Praise God for many lives impacted through our adult discipleship ministry in 2017.
- Praise God for the opportunities He will give us to serve and honor him in 2018.

### **Requests:**

- Pray that God will draw many to attend the winter Support Ministry classes.
- Pray for God's provision of nursery services for parents wanting to attend the *Single & Parenting* winter elective.
- Pray for a smooth launching of a new ALG, Step by Step, taught by Pastor Jim Cashwell and that many who will be disciplined through it.
- Pray for the protection of the GO Philippines team and for strength as we serve.
- Pray that God will give us a thirst for prayer, and that our campus prayer walks will lead to spiritual revival.

## **Jim Pile (Sharay) - Pastor of Senior Adults & Counseling**

*"Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth." (Psalm 47:1-2)*

### **Praises:**

- Praise God for the ministry opportunities we had to serve Him in 2017.
- Praise God for the wonderful fellowship and teaching that occurred at the Women's Christmas Tea on December 2.

**Jim Pile (continued)****Praises:**

- Praise God for the volunteers who serve faithfully in our Telecare and Martha Ministries.
- Praise God for the positive response to our study of Proverbs in our Pathfinders ALG.
- Praise God for Pat Stutts and Velma Meissner who faithfully serve in the Word Room.

**Requests:**

- Pray for our Senior Adult, Women's and Counseling ministries this year as we seek to equip the body at Calvary Church to more effectively disciple others.
- Pray for our new Women's Bible studies that start on January 9.
- Pray for my new Wednesday elective, *Discipling Others through Life's Challenges*, that starts on January 10.
- Pray for our Senior Adult luncheon on January 25.

**Khalil Ayoub (Alyssa) – Pastor of College & Young Adults**

*“Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with a willing spirit.” (Psalm 51:12)*

**Praises:**

- Praise God for the growing community and the spiritual growth and discipleship that is happening within our group of college and young adults.
- Praise God for the outreaches during final exam week on the Queens College campus.
- Praise God for the willingness and hearts of the students stepping up to help facilitate community groups.
- Praise God for the honesty and transparency that is happening in our community between the young adults and college students. This has allowed us to break through built up walls and see genuine restoration of hidden sin through the Gospel.
- Praise God for the new faces who have become actively involved in our group over the last month.

**Requests:**

- Pray that God would move in our hearts to be more outreach-oriented.
- Pray for God to help us grow in brotherly love for one another.
- Pray that God would continue to deepen our connection and vulnerability with Him, with ourselves, and one another.
- Pray that God humbles our hearts to see our blind spots and seek out godly older men and women to speak into our lives.
- Pray for God to give us a willing spirit to fight sin and be diligent in our personal walks.

## **Eric Hill (Amanda) – Pastor of High School Ministry**

*“Therefore let those who suffer according to God’s will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.” (1 Peter 4:19)*

### **Praises:**

- Praise God for all of the students who participated in the Getty Concert and the Christmas Eve worship services.
- Praise God for faithful and consistent leaders who give of their time and energy to help students be and make authentic followers of Christ.
- Praise God for a great fall semester of ministry.

### **Requests:**

- Pray for God to use Matt Thompson as he comes on the ministry team as the new middle school pastor.
- Pray that God would use Tristan Shore as he transitions into the position of Student Outreach Coordinator.
- Pray for God to open more doors for ministry in our area public schools
- Pray that God would bring many students to our *Ignite* worship service on Wednesday nights, which resume January 10.

## **Su Trull (Chuck) – Director of Children's Ministries**

*“You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.” (Isaiah 26:3)*

### **Praises:**

- Praise God for His great love and the gift of our Savior.
- Praise God for each of the volunteers that are training up this next generation, and for those that will step forward this month to meet our needs.
- Praise God for all the people that stepped forward to help us during all the special events and services at Calvary Church during December.
- Praise God for the amazing ministry that occurred during the Luke 14 banquets.

### **Requests:**

- Please pray for our ability to teach the truth of His Word to this next generation. Pray that we can help them focus their minds on what God wants them to understand is important and excellent, as we point children to the Lord!
- Please pray for parents to step forward and lead their families. Pray that their busyness does not prevent them from using precious time to train their children God’s way.
- Please pray for the Children’s Ministry Team as we leave on January 15 for the Children’s Pastors Conference; that we will come back refreshed, refocused, and with new ideas for teaching our children authentically, as we engage and equip them to walk with confidence in our God.
- Please pray for people to join the volunteer ministry team on Sunday mornings as preschool volunteers and hallway greeters.
- Please pray for volunteers to sign up and help us on Sunday and Wednesday evenings in our nursery.

## **Pat Collins (Buddy) – Director of Calvary Child Development Center**

*“Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.” (Proverbs 4:23)*

### **Praises:**

- Praise God for His faithfulness throughout this Christmas season and throughout 2017!
- Praise God for His provision and abundance as so many people came to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ during December!
- Praise God for courageous steadfast staff that ministers to others, knowing that they are enabled to fulfill God’s will in their lives.
- Praise God for the opportunity to partner with Him as we minister to parents and children making sure that God’s Word is planted in small children’s lives each day.

### **Requests:**

- Pray for God to give our staff His wisdom as we make decisions daily concerning our students.
- Pray that God would continue to protect and shield staff/students/families from Satan’s attacks that occur each and every day.
- Pray for God to remind us, as we remind others, that God loves us by showing and living like Jesus and demonstrating joy and peace to others.
- Pray that God will continue to bless us as our enrollment for next school year begins in January.
- Pray for God to lead us as He speaks His Word to us and may we obediently respond.
- Pray that God will reassure and give all of His children hope as we pray over each child - that the unselfish love of Jesus will dominate their hearts and lives!

## **Jim Cashwell (Anna) - Pastor of Missions & Outreach**

*“Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel...” (Philippians 1:27)*

### **Praises:**

- Praise God for our missionaries, many of whom are using this Christmas season to share the Gospel with friends and neighbors.
- Praise God for community outreaches to our jail and prison, internationals, people affected by disabilities, and local ministries.
- Praise God for faithful Calvary members who continue to share the love of Christ through Operation Christmas Child.
- Praise God for CHAMP Sports Outreach as each Saturday they share Christ through sport.
- Praise God for the opportunity for the Cashwell family to return and serve the people of Calvary Church.

**Jim Cashwell (continued)****Requests:**

- Pray for God to bring revival to our hearts to see the people in this lost and dying world who so desperately needs the Savior.
- Pray that God would protect our missionaries both home and abroad during these difficult and dangerous days.
- Pray for God to challenge us to accept the Savior's purpose to seek and save that which is lost.
- Pray that God prepares our hearts for our upcoming Mission Conference.
- Pray for God to call His church to mission service.

**Rob Reece (Jennifer) – Director of Community Life**

*“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.” (2 Peter 3:18).*

**Praises:**

- Praise God for all the guests and visitors who attended the Christmas Eve services at Calvary Church. Pray as we reach out to them and connect them to Calvary Church.
- Praise God for our volunteers (Ushers, Greeters, and Café hosts) who warmly welcomed our visitors during the Christmas events.
- Praise God for a great start to the CHAMP basketball season. Pray that many will come to know the Lord through their participation.
- Praise God for our Sunday guests and visitors, as well as visitors to the ALG classes. Pray that all find Calvary to be their church home.

**Requests:**

- Pray for God's guidance as we continue to reach out to CHAMP and CDC unchurched families. Pray that they find Calvary to be their church home.
- Pray that God would raise up CHAMP coaches from Calvary Church for the upcoming spring season – knowing that having our Calvary families involved is key in helping to assimilate unchurched families into attending and participating in the activities of Calvary Church.
- Pray for the upcoming Wednesday night electives. Pray that all grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord.
- Pray that God raise up additional volunteers from the youth ministries to help serve on our growing Welcome Team.



## **Peter Farynyk (Mereda) – Director of CHAMP Sports Outreach**

*“The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith” (1 Timothy 1:5).*

### **Praises:**

- Praise God for a great opening day to the CHAMP basketball season!
- Praise God for the dedication and hard work of CHAMP’s coaches.
- Praise God for the many opportunities we each had to share the Gospel with our friends, family, and neighbors during the Christmas season.
- Praise God for the thousands of smiles that we have seen on the faces of CHAMP players this year!
- Praise God for all of the relationships and friendships that have been built in 2017 through the CHAMP Sports ministry!

### **Requests:**

- Pray for God to prepare the hearts of our basketball players to hear and truly understand the Gospel of God concerning His Son, Jesus Christ.
- Pray that God would cause each one of us to grow in our understanding of the salvation that we have in Christ Jesus.
- Pray for God to use Calvary Church mightily in our community, nation, and world in 2018.
- Pray that God would provide CHAMP staff wisdom as we seek to minister to CHAMP players and their families in 2018.
- Pray that we would walk humbly with our God, and that He would lavish His grace upon us.

## **Vince Eaton (Martha) – Director of Missions**

*“And this Gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.” (Matthew 24:14)*

### **Praises:**

- Praise God for the approval of Calvary’s newest missionaries – Greg and Tina Burt who serve in Thailand with New Tribes Mission.
- Praise God for hundreds of Calvary people who served as table hosts, greeters, gift processors and in food service during the Luke 14 events. Over 900 gifts were donated as well.
- Praise God for providing a financial blessing beyond the goal for the Missionary Christmas gift offering.
- Praise God for almost 5,000 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes collected during National Collection Week – Calvary members provided half of those collected.
- Praise God for Calvary Church’s 82 missionary families!

### **Requests:**

- Pray for God to call Calvary members into full-time missions service in 2018.
- Pray for God’s blessing during ESL registration and classes during the first quarter of 2018.



## **Vince Eaton (continued)**

### **Requests:**

- Pray that God would prepare the hearts and minds of missionaries who will be preparing for their roles in the 2018 Missions Conference.
- Pray for God to bring people with an interest in world missions to Perspectives on the World Christian Movement classes that begin mid-January.
- Pray that God will direct the work of the Missions Conference planning team.

## **Sibu Rajappan (Nisha) – Director of Outreach**

*“... for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.” (Acts 4:20)*

### **Praises:**

- Praise God for the winter clothing drive that collected 35 boxes of clothing items, tents, sleeping bags, and other items that will be donated to the homeless in Uptown Charlotte.
- Praise God for great participation in the International Banquet and for the many hearts touched that night.
- Praise God for the Prison Ministry volunteers who served 700+ inmates at Kirkland and Kershaw for the Christmas outreaches. Praise God for 21 inmates who gave their lives to the Lord and 16 inmates who rededicated their lives!
- Praise God for the many volunteers who are serving in the Food Pantry and Jail Ministry. Praise God for the many lives touched and changed through these ministries.
- Praise God for the faithful volunteers who went out for the third Saturday Evangelism to invite people to our concerts.

### **Requests:**

- Pray for God to continue to touch the hearts of those who heard the Gospel in the above-mentioned outreaches.
- Pray that God would guide us as we plan to equip His servants at Calvary in 2018. Also, pray for wisdom as I prepare to teach a Wednesday night elective on evangelism.
- Pray for God to raise His servant(s) to lead/coordinate the Prison Ministry.
- Pray for God to raise His servants at Calvary to become ambassadors in the workplaces, public squares, schools, and neighborhoods.

Please keep our Calvary Elders and Deacons in prayer:

**2017 Elders**

Dennis Abbott (Cheri)  
Bill Bailey (Laura)  
Jack Broadhurst (Beth)  
John Buenavides (Julie Rose)  
Rob Davis (Allyson)  
Bob Gowdy (Joyce)  
Jeremy Hyman (Angie)

Don Little (Yvonne)  
Marc Martens (Denise)  
Mike Osteen (Genie)  
Chuck Robinson (Gina)  
Jerry Schmitt (Andrea)  
John Tartt (Sherri)

**2017 Deacons**

Pat Beekman (Liz)  
Andrew Bierma (Kat)  
Doug Burgess (Traci)  
Doug Campbell (Erin)  
Phil Comstock (Carol)  
Jonathan Eaton (Lori)  
Ron Elmore (BJ)  
David Farynyk (Rachel)  
Mark Fine (Lisa)  
Len Firebaugh (Gwen)  
Mark Furr (Alice)  
Tom Gaddy (Meredith)  
Doug Goforth (Lisa)  
Hugh Grey (Shari)  
Matthew Hagler (Sharon)  
Rhondale Haywood (Deborah)  
Mark Krein (Becky)  
David Lyon (Madeline)  
Tyler Reynolds (Kristin)  
Jack Robinson (Sam)  
Wayne Smith (Kim)  
Bobby Snow (Elizabeth)  
Steve Swicegood (Angela)  
Butch Thompson (Stacey)  
Rod Turnham (Phyllis)  
Brian Willis (Rae)