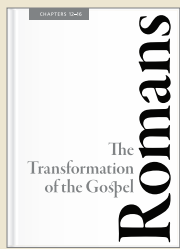


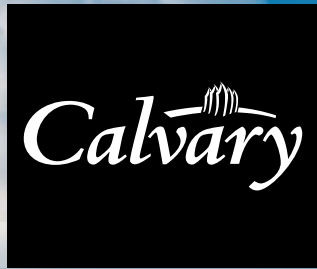
New Romans study guide available today in the Galleria



Senior Pastor John Munro and our pastoral staff have prepared the final study guide for our Romans series, covering chapters 12–16. The Part 4 edition includes weekly Bible studies with questions, background articles, a full outline of Romans, pages for message notes, and memory verse cards. Books are available today after the morning worship service. **Stop by the distribution tables on the Rea and Chapel concourses and Galleria table 1.** One free book per household. All four study guides are available digitally for your phone or tablet; just access at calvarychurch.com/romans.

WORSHIP & CONNECT TODAY

- 8:30 AM Adult Life Groups [ALGs]
- 9:45 AM **Worship Service**
"The Challenge of a Lifetime"
Romans 12:1
- 9:45 AM Nursery, Preschool, KidZone & Special Needs
- 11:15 AM Nursery, Children, Students, Special Needs & ALGs
- 6:00 PM **Evening Service**
"David and God's Word"



Looking UP

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Join us on Wednesdays

Electives, Awana, IGNITE, & Dinner—come connect & grow!

Elective Bible Studies | Wednesdays, January 9–March 27, 6:30–8:00 PM

This week, we begin a new series of Wednesday Bible study courses. Whether you're a long time Christ-follower or just curious to learn more about God's Word, choose your study and join us!

Make it a 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 learning God's Word 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. No reservations needed; adults \$7, kids \$4.

Check out the options below! Get course descriptions and register at calvarychurch.com/electives. Contact: Debbie Bordwine, 704.341.5328, dbordwine@calvarychurch.com

Marriage Was Made for So Much More Room 401 | Pastor Rodney Navey

General and Pastoral Epistles Room 238 | Pastor Jim Cashwell

Heresy: Yesterday and Today Room 233 | Pastor Rob Reece

Slaying the Giants in Your Life Room 402 | Wayne Smith & Manoj Kothuri

How We Got the Bible Room 226 | Pastor Nathaniel Pearce

Cults and Occults: How to Evangelize Them Room 237 | Pastor Siby Rajappan

Single & Parenting, Part 1 Conf Rm A | Debbie Bordwine & Greg Goodlett

Financial Peace University Room 242 | Rhondale & Deborah Haywood

His Path to Golden Glory, Part 2 Room 402 | Pastor Jim Pile
This class for senior adults meets at 3:30–5:00 PM.

Estudio Bíblico en Español Salón 227 | Bill Ogden

Wednesday Prayer Meeting 3rd Fl. Prayer Room | Paul Hundrieser

Leadership election will be January 27

Calvary's annual election of elders and deacons will be held on Sunday, January 27 at the conclusion of the 9:45 AM service. Calvary members (ages 18+) should prepare to vote by reviewing the candidate profiles. **Copies of the profile document are available today at Galleria table 2** or download the PDF at calvarychurch.com/election. Contact: Miriam Aneses, 704.887.3679, maneses@calvarychurch.com

Are you considering membership?

Calvary Membership Course | January 12 & 19, 9:00 AM–12:15 PM, Room 232

At Calvary, we see membership as a significant spiritual decision. It's an ongoing commitment to participate in the life and ministry of our church family. In the membership course, you'll get an overview of Calvary's beliefs, vision, and mission. It's a great opportunity to get to know Pastor Munro and his wife, Gudny. Register for this two-session class at calvarychurch.com/membership. Contact: Miriam Aneses, 704.887.3679, maneses@calvarychurch.com

Ladies, our new Bible studies begin this week

Tuesdays, beginning January 8 | 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. We have lots of morning and evening options. Get course descriptions at calvarychurch.com/womensbiblestudies. Children's program are available during morning classes. Contact: Jenna Mascia, 704.517.6606, jmascia@live.com

Men, let's get together for breakfast!

Annual Men's Breakfast | Friday, January 11, 7:00–8:30 AM, Crown Room

Don't miss this great morning of fellowship! We'll enjoy a delicious meal and be challenged and inspired by Pastor Munro's message on the theme, "*Men of Strength and Courage*." Register online today at calvarychurch.com/mensbreakfast. Cost is \$10. If you'd like to **purchase tickets—or a table of eight** to give to friends, stop by Galleria table 5 this morning. Contact: Helen Stewart, 704.887.3681, hstewart@calvarychurch.com

Men's Weekly Bible Studies | Connect in a men's Bible study—this is a great time to start! Join our conversational study of 1 & 2 Corinthians on **Tuesdays at 7:00 PM in room 401**. Choose from **four small groups at 6:30 AM on Mondays & Tuesdays**. Check out the details at calvarychurch.com/mensbiblestudies. Bring your Bible and join us!

JANUARY 6, 2019

From the Senior Pastor

Accept the challenge

At the beginning of every year, I present to our staff themes for the coming year. These themes are then integrated into the various ministries of Calvary Church. (You'll



John & Gudny Munro

find this year's themes inserted in today's Looking Up.) The primary theme for 2019 relates to today's message: **"Accept the Challenge of Total Commitment"** (Romans 12:1–2). The first two verses of

Romans 12 are foundational for the remainder of Paul's letter to the Romans.

The first eleven chapters of Romans have overwhelmed us with the grace of God and the riches of God toward us. We have grown in our understanding of this abounding grace, and we have worked through some of the results of living a life of grace. Now Paul issues the challenge in these opening two verses of Romans 12.

We must confess that all too often we have accepted a cultural Christianity, a comfortable Christianity, a tame Christianity which has little impact on our surrounding culture. I challenge you to make a fresh and radical commitment to follow, love, and serve Jesus with all of your heart. Will you accept this challenge of total commitment? ■



NEWCOMERS RECEPTION

Are you new to Calvary? Welcome!

Please join John & Gudny Munro in the **Calvary Café**, located in the Galleria, at **11:15 AM** after the worship service this morning.

Enjoy light refreshments, meet other newcomers, and find out more about the life and ministry of our church.

Give winter clothing & gear for homeless

Collection Month: January | Distribution: January 26

The coldest winter months are just ahead! Will you help demonstrate God's love to our homeless neighbors in Uptown Charlotte? On Saturday, January 26, Calvary Street Ministry will distribute much-needed winter items along with a hot breakfast. You can help!

Please donate new or gently used **winter coats, hats, gloves, hooded sweatshirts, socks, shoes, boots, rain ponchos, tents, sleeping bags, backpacks, and blankets.** Men's adult large sizes are most requested. We also need **travel size hygiene items** such as moisturizer, lotion, and toothpaste.

Place donated items in the **drop boxes designated on the Galleria concourses.** Get details at calvarychurch.com/warm. Contacts: Pastor Siby Rajappan, 704.341.5336, srajappan@calvarychurch.com & Pete Delahunt, 312.375.4806, pdelahunt25@gmail.com

Worship Ministry welcomes adults & kids

CALVARY WORSHIP MINISTRY // The **Calvary Choir, Orchestra,** and **Tech Team** will be welcoming new members **early in the month of January.** Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 6:30–8:15 PM. Contact the Worship Ministry office to arrange a **visit to a rehearsal.** Contact: Christy Driscoll, 704.887.3687, cdriscoll@calvarychurch.com

CHILDREN'S & STUDENT WORSHIP CHOIRS // **Our choirs resume TONIGHT!**

New kids and students are welcome to join! The **Student Worship Choir** meets on Sundays at 5:00–5:45 PM in the Choir Room. **Joyful Praise Children's Choir** is for 1st–5th graders, and **Wee Praisers** is for 4–6-year-olds. Both groups are dismissed from the 6:00 PM service to participate. Get details at calvarychurch.com/worshipministry.

This senior luncheon will be a special treat

Senior Adult Luncheon | Thursday, January 24, Noon–1:30 PM, Crown Room

We'll kick off the new year with the Heritage Quartet as the featured guests at our January luncheon. Their joyful Southern Gospel harmonies will touch your heart! Register at calvarychurch.com/SAL or get tickets in the Word Room bookstore **before January 17.** Cost is \$7. Arrive early for a free organ concert at 11:00 AM featuring Calvary organist Elizabeth Hildebrand. Contact: Jennifer Sharpless, 704.341.5417, jsharpless@calvarychurch.com

Get support through life's challenges

Support Ministry Classes | Mondays, beginning January 14, 6:30–8:00 PM

Calvary Support Ministry offers **DivorceCare, Boundaries,** and **Trading Grief for Hope.** These caring, practical, Christ-centered studies provide biblical insight and support. Childcare available for ages 2–7. Stop by Galleria table 4 or register at calvarychurch.com/supportclasses.



Plan now for summer camp!

Summer camp can be a life-changing experience for students! It's a unique opportunity to experience Bible-teaching, worship, spiritual growth, and relationship-building. **Calvary Student Ministry Camp 2019 will be July 22–26.** Families, find out more at a short info meeting on January 27 at 12:15 PM in CLC 1400. Get details and register now at calvarychurch.com/camp2019.

NEWS & NOTES

■ **THE LIFE OF DAVID** Come tonight at 6:00 PM, as Pastor John Munro continues our study of the life of David, the young shepherd who became Israel's greatest king—and the only person described in Scripture as “a man after God's own heart.” ■ **NEW ALG** You're invited to check out **Ambassadors for Christ, a new Adult Life Group** with Pastor Siby Rajappan on Sundays at 11:15 AM in room 200. Visit this multi-generational, multi-ethnic group today! ■ **LEARN ENGLISH** Calvary offers six levels of instruction in **English as a Second Language.** Classes meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 AM in room 300. The **winter semester begins January 8,** and cost is \$40. Childcare is provided. Contact: Vince Eaton, 704.341.5322, veaton@calvarychurch.com. ■ **AWANA GRAND PRIX** The annual Awana Grand Prix race is coming up on Friday, February 22! If this is your first Grand Prix or you would like **assistance with constructing your car,** come to the **workshop on Saturday, January 12, 8:00 AM–4:00 PM,** in CLC 1105, with Mike Caskey for how-tos and lots of great tips. Contact: Craig Mears, ckmeas93@gmail.com

LEADERS OF THE WEEK

Elder	Chuck Robinson	704.841.9113
Deacons	Tom Gaddy	704.995.4462
	Andrew Bierma	309.264.5022

PASTOR OF THE WEEK

Pastor Matthew Thompson, 661.481.4590

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Alyssa serving in Africa

IN THE GALLERIA TODAY

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FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Join us in the Crown Room, 5:00–6:15 PM

Cost: \$7/adult, \$4/child, \$20 max per family
No reservations: purchase ticket at the door

MENU ■ Wednesday, January 9

Baked chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, succotash, rolls, dessert & beverage

Child's Meal: Chicken nuggets & fries (or sub apples & carrot sticks), dessert, & beverage

Salad Entrées: Chef Salad or Veggie Salad

BIBLE READING PLAN

Read God's Word with us every day in 2019! Calvary's daily Bible reading plan is available in the Galleria and is posted online at calvarychurch.com/readingplan

BAPTISM

If you wish to make a public profession of your faith in Jesus Christ through baptism, please register at calvarychurch.com/baptism for the baptism service scheduled for **Sunday, January 27 at 6:00 PM.** Contact: Miriam Aneses, 704.887.3679, maneses@calvarychurch.com

UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

Have a change of address? New phone number? New email? Please update your contact information with our Membership Office! Contact: Miriam Aneses, 704.887.3679, maneses@calvarychurch.com

FOR THE RECORD

General Fund Offering:	
Sunday, 12/30	\$260,316
Additional offering through 12/31	\$80,495

\$1,363,251	Received through 12/31
\$1,332,443	General Fund December Goal
	<i>Praise God for His goodness and faithfulness! Our General Fund giving goal was met and exceeded. Thank you!</i>

UPCOMING MESSAGES

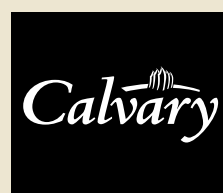
Jan 13	9:45 AM	“God's Will for Your Life” Romans 12:2
	6:00 PM	“David Displays Grace” Communion
Jan 20	9:45 AM	“Humility, Unity, and Diversity” Romans 12:3–6
	6:00 PM	Meet the Candidates

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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