

# Life is precious...

TODAY IS SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY. This national observance marks the anniversary of the Roe v Wade Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion in America in 1973. Calvary solemnly observes this occasion by displaying white crosses on the front lawn of the church this week. We recognize that God is the Creator of every human life. "For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:13-14).

Calvary HOME Ministry provides information and advocacy for families pursuing adoption, foster care, and orphan support. Find out more about our programs and volunteer opportunities at Galleria table 5 and [calvarychurch.com/homeministry](http://calvarychurch.com/homeministry).

## WORSHIP & CONNECT TODAY

- 8:30 AM Adult Life Groups [ALGs]
- 9:45 AM **Worship Service**  
"Humility, Unity, and Diversity"  
Romans 12:3-6
- 9:45 AM Nursery, Preschool, KidZone & Special Needs
- 11:15 AM Nursery, Children, Students, Special Needs & ALGs
- 6:00 PM **Evening Service**  
"Shepherds of the Flock"  
Meet the Candidates



# Looking UP

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## Final week to donate gear & clothing for Charlotte homeless

**Street Ministry distribution Uptown will be Saturday, January 26**

Next Saturday, Calvary Street Ministry will distribute much-needed winter clothing and gear to our homeless neighbors in Uptown Charlotte—along with the hot breakfast they serve each week. You can help! The items we still need most are new or gently used **boots, rain ponchos, tents, sleeping bags, backpacks, and blankets**. We also need **travel size hygiene items** such as moisturizer, lotion, and toothpaste. Get a full list of items at [calvarychurch.com/warm](http://calvarychurch.com/warm).

Place donations in the **drop boxes designated on the Galleria concourses early this week!** Contacts: Pastor Sibu Rajappan, 704.341.5336, [srajappan@calvarychurch.com](mailto:srajappan@calvarychurch.com) & Pete Delahunt, 312.375.4806, [pdelahunt25@gmail.com](mailto:pdelahunt25@gmail.com)

## Are you considering membership?

**Calvary Membership Course | Wednesdays, February 13–March 20, 6:30–8:00 PM**

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 our next six-session class at [calvarychurch.com/membership](http://calvarychurch.com/membership)**. Contact: Miriam Aneses, 704.887.3679, [maneses@calvarychurch.com](mailto:maneses@calvarychurch.com)

## Get direction and support in your job search

**Career Workshop | Saturdays, February 9, 16 & 23, 7:30 AM–12:00 PM, Room 401**

Whether you are currently at a crossroads in your career or just starting out, the **"Maximize Your Career"** workshop can help! This is an in-depth, three-session course that will help you to hear and follow God's calling as you explore careers and search for the right job. Discover your strengths, learn to target opportunities, improve your resume writing and interviewing skills, and develop the right attitude. The course includes a workbook, Strengths-Finder assessment, and over 200 online tools and resources. Cost is \$30. Register at [calvarychurch.com/career](http://calvarychurch.com/career).

**Volunteer Opportunity** | If you have a heart to help people connect their faith to their career, we have an opportunity for you. Calvary Career Ministry is looking for volunteers to help others discover the career/job they are called to do. No job or career counseling experience is necessary. Contact: Jennifer Sharpless, 704.341.5417, [jsharpless@calvarychurch.com](mailto:jsharpless@calvarychurch.com)

## Wedding planning? Engaged? Newlywed?

**"Tying the Knot" | Tuesdays, March 5–April 9, 6:30–8:00 PM, Room 402**

Ready to get married? If so, you're invited to join us for six Tuesday evenings to look at **foundational issues** and **biblical principles** that will **help you have a healthy marriage**. In each marriage preparation session, we'll work through issues like conflict, expectations, communication, finances, and intimacy. You'll get to know your spouse on a deeper level as we pursue a realistic, hopeful, and actionable guide toward a Christ-centered marriage. Pastors Rodney Navey and Jim Pile will lead the class. Register now at [calvarychurch.com/engaged](http://calvarychurch.com/engaged). Contact: Erika Morton, 704.341.5331, [emorton@calvarychurch.com](mailto:emorton@calvarychurch.com)

## Plan for upcoming marriage conference

**"Pursuing the Heart of Your Spouse"**

**Friday, March 15, 6:00–9:00 PM, Crown Room**

Marriage isn't just a happy ending. It's the beginning of a lifelong pursuit of growing together in oneness. It's a journey on which you grow more in love with your spouse—committing to a deeper love and enjoying intimacy within a Christ-centered partnership rooted in God's Word that beautifully mirrors Christ and the Church.

What is the secret to achieving this lifelong love? How do you continuously pursue your spouse on this journey? Join us for Calvary's marriage conference: **"Pursuing the Heart of Your Spouse."** Pastor John Munro will deliver the keynote message, and we'll enjoy two breakout sessions led by Calvary staff. One will be a men's and women's session, and the other will feature groups for different stages of life.

Cost is just \$20 per couple before March 1—including dinner, childcare, and materials. Don't miss this special evening! Register now at [calvarychurch.com/marriage](http://calvarychurch.com/marriage). Contact: Erika Morton, 704.341.5331, [emorton@calvarychurch.com](mailto:emorton@calvarychurch.com)

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*From the Senior Pastor*

## Election

It is important that the members of Calvary vote prayerfully and intelligently regarding who will serve as elders and deacons. These are not popularity



John & Gudny Munro

contests based on whether or not we like a particular individual.

Passages such as 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1 set out the biblical qualifications for elders and deacons. In a large church, it is difficult

to get to know all of the candidates on a personal basis. Read the profile sheet carefully. Come tonight and hear the testimonies of the candidates for elders, and also meet the deacons. After the service there will be an opportunity for you to ask any of the candidates questions which you may have or simply chat with them.

Please be in prayer that those of the Lord's choosing are elected. At the conclusion of the morning worship service on Sunday, January 27, there will be a brief congregational meeting for our members to vote. ■

## Leadership election scheduled January 27

Calvary's annual election of elders and deacons will be held next Sunday, January 27 at the conclusion of the 9:45 AM service.

**ALGs, Student Ministry, and Children's Ministry programs will meet as regularly scheduled** after the election.

The candidates will be introduced during the evening service tonight, plus short **candidate profiles are available at Galleria table 2B** and at [calvarychurch.com/election](http://calvarychurch.com/election). Calvary members ages 18+ who are present for the election are eligible to vote. No absentee ballots will be accepted, and no ballots may be placed in the "late offering" box in the Galleria.

## ROMANS STUDY GUIDE



The final study guide for our Romans series covers chapters 12–16. Pick up your free copy at Galleria table 1. All four study guides are available digitally at [calvarychurch.com/romans](http://calvarychurch.com/romans).

## Will your student graduate this spring?

**Family Transitions: 12th Grade | Sunday, February 10, 11:15 AM–12:15 PM, Choir Room**

Parents, if your son or daughter is a high school senior, you know the exciting milestone of graduation is just ahead. It's major life transition! How do you celebrate this important accomplishment with your son or daughter, and also express what it means to take responsibility now as an adult? In this Family Transitions session, Pastors Rodney Navey and Khalil Ayoub will address these questions and more. You'll learn how to plan a special rite of passage ceremony and what to communicate about next steps. No registration needed; just join us! Contact: Erika Morton, 704.341.5331, emorton@calvarychurch.com

## It's time to register for summer camp!

**Student Ministry Camp Info Meeting | Sunday, January 27, 12:15 PM, CLC 1400**

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 without everyday distractions. This year, Calvary Student Ministry Camp will be **July 22–26** at Camp Bob Cooper, a great lake-side facility in Summertown, SC. Our theme is an important one for all students: **"Just Believe."** Parents, come find out more at a short meeting next Sunday. Camp registration is open now at [calvarychurch.com/camp2019](http://calvarychurch.com/camp2019).



## Get in the game with CHAMP

**Register now! Spring season runs February 25–May 18**

CHAMP Sports provides a fun, family-friendly, Christian environment where kids and students develop athletic skills, learn sportsmanship, and make friends in our church and community. This spring we're fielding **youth soccer** (ages 3–18), **flag football** (ages 6–18), **T-ball** (ages 5–6) and

**coach-pitch baseball** (ages 7–8). Registration is open now at [champsportsinfo.com](http://champsportsinfo.com). Leagues fill quickly, so don't delay! **Hey coaches, we need you to sign up now, too!** Contact: Kelly Lamb, 704.887.3689, klamb@calvarychurch.com

## NEWS & NOTES

■ **WORSHIP MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY** The **Calvary Choir, Orchestra, and Tech**

**Team** will be **welcoming new members** early in the month of January. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 6:30–8:15 PM. Contact the Worship Ministry office to **arrange to visit a rehearsal**. Contact: Christy Driscoll, 704.887.3687, cdriscoll@calvarychurch.com ■ **BAPTISM**

If you wish to personally declare your **commitment to Christ by being baptized**, please register at [calvarychurch.com/baptism](http://calvarychurch.com/baptism). The next baptism services will be on January 27 and February 17, at 6:00 PM. ■ **CALEB MINISTRY**

**Experienced seamstresses, knitters** and those who **crochet** are invited to join this Calvary sewing group. Volunteers make infant gowns, blankets and bonnets to be included in the Caleb Ministry **PAT (Preserving a Treasure) boxes**—beautiful keepsake gifts for women who have experienced a stillbirth or early infant death. We'll meet on Saturday, January 26, 10:00 AM–Noon in Room 242. Contact: Margaret Dunbar, 704.560.9086 ■ **MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES**

Calvary offers several **Monday and Tuesday options** for weekly men's Bible study groups—**early morning or evening!** Come enjoy fellowship, accountability, and grow in your faith. Just bring your Bible—newcomers are always welcome! Get times and locations at [calvarychurch.com/mensbiblestudies](http://calvarychurch.com/mensbiblestudies). ■ **SUPPORT MINISTRY**

Don't struggle alone! Calvary Support Ministry offers **DivorceCare, Boundaries, and Trading Grief for Hope**. Join us for biblical encouragement, Christ-centered guidance, practical tips to overcome challenges, and fellowship with those who are going through similar life circumstances. Childcare is available for ages 2–7. Find out more at [calvarychurch.com/supportclasses](http://calvarychurch.com/supportclasses). Contact: Helen Stewart, 704.341.5681, hstewart@calvarychurch.com ■ **SERVING TOGETHER**

As authentic followers of Christ, we want to be active in our faith and **serve Christ by serving others**. It's easy to get involved! Check [calvarychurch.com/serve](http://calvarychurch.com/serve) for a list of current and ongoing ministry volunteer needs.

### LEADERS OF THE WEEK

|                |                 |              |
|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| <b>Elder</b>   | Bob Gowdy       | 704.607.9377 |
| <b>Deacons</b> | Hugh Grey       | 704.619.8116 |
|                | Ron Engebretsen | 612.889.4611 |

### PASTOR OF THE WEEK

Pastor Jim Pile, 704.840.5908

### MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Denis & Olga serving in Asia

### IN THE GALLERIA TODAY

|                                    |         |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| HOME Ministry                      | Table 5 |
| Leadership Election Candidate Bios | Table 2 |
| Romans Study Guide                 | Table 1 |
| Widows Ministry                    | Table 4 |

### 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 23**

Beef tacos, chicken enchiladas, fiesta rice, southwestern corn, rolls, dessert & beverage

**Child's Meal:** Hot dog & tater tots (or sub apples & carrot sticks), dessert, & beverage

**Salad Entrées:** Chef Salad or Veggie Salad

### 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

### 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](http://calvarychurch.com/readingplan)

### DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO...

The family of **Mrs. Dorothy "Dot" Whiteside** in her passing on January 16

**Doug & Patty Englebaugh** and family in the loss of Patty's mother, **Mrs. Yvonne Cooke**, on January 15

**Jerry Gruber** and family in the loss of his sister, **Mrs. Nancy Switzer**, on January 9

**Bill & Dusty Sorenson** and family in the loss of Dusty's brother, **Mr. James Salter**, on December 26

### FOR THE RECORD

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| <b>General Fund Offering</b> on 1/13 | <b>\$145,774</b> |
| General Fund weekly goal             | \$160,000        |

### UPCOMING MESSAGES

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

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|---------------|---------|--|
| <b>Jan 27</b> | 9:45 AM | "You Don't Have What It Takes" Hebrews 4:11–16<br>Pastor Rodney Navey<br>Leadership Election |
|               | 6:00 PM | Pastor Matt Thompson<br>Psalm 3  |
| <b>Feb 3</b>  | 9:45 AM | Alex McLellan<br>Josh McDowell Ministries  |
|               | 6:00 PM | Pastor Siby Rajappan<br>Psalm 4  |
| <b>Feb 10</b> | 9:45 AM | Dr. Timothy Brown<br>Southern Evangelical Seminary   |
|               | 6:00 PM | Pastor Khalil Ayoub<br>Psalm 5   |

## NEW TODAY? WELCOME!

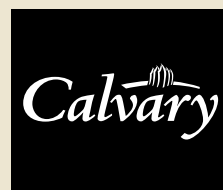
**Thank you for choosing to worship with us at Calvary!** Please stop by the Calvary Café following the service this morning. We'd love to meet you and welcome you with a Calvary gift bag! **Families with children, teens, or special needs**—Check in at the Family Welcome Desk on the first floor near the elevators. We'll help you register your children and find their classrooms.

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