

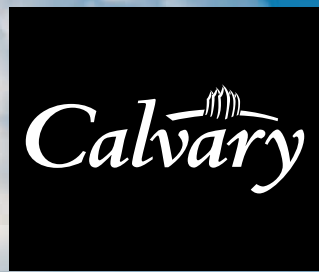
# Pray. Invite. Serve.

*"You are serving the Lord Christ" — Colossians 3:24*

OUR HOLIDAY SERVICES AND MINISTRY ACTIVITIES offer us the privilege of welcoming many guests to Calvary—and sharing the hope of the Gospel! Please **PRAY** for all of our services and outreaches during the holidays. **INVITE** others to join us—pick up Christmas invitations at Galleria table 2 today! **Share the joy of the season by SERVING!** We need many Luke 14 hosts, greeters, and gifts. Be an ambassador at the International Reception on December 9. Be an usher or greeter at the Christmas concerts or Christmas Eve services. Take care of little ones in the nursery—what a blessing! Or lend a hand with our food service team! Get details and register to serve today at [calvarychurch.com/serve](http://calvarychurch.com/serve).

## WORSHIP & CONNECT TODAY

- 8:30 AM Adult Life Groups [ALGs]
- 9:45 AM **Worship Service**  
"Hearing and Believing"  
Romans 10:14–21
- 9:45 AM Nursery, Preschool, KidZone,  
Special Needs
- 11:15 AM Nursery, Children's Ministry,  
Special Needs, Students, ALGs
- 6:00 PM **Holiday Organ Concert**  
Elizabeth Hildebrand & Friends



# Looking UP

Calvary Church Weekly News [CALVARYCHURCH.COM](http://CALVARYCHURCH.COM)

## Celebrate Christmas at Calvary

### Holiday Organ Concert TONIGHT at 6:00 PM

Join us tonight for a fantastic evening of music with organist Elizabeth Hildebrand and friends from the Calvary Orchestra! Highlights include a piano and organ duet, an oboe concerto with organ, and trumpet tunes in collaboration with the Calvary Brass. The concert is FREE and open to everyone! *Nursery available to age 3.*

### Advent Service & Tree Lighting

Sunday, December 2, at 6:00 PM

**Usher in the season** at this evening of worship featuring favorite Christmas carols. We'll conclude by lighting the beautiful tree in the Galleria. Stay afterward to enjoy fellowship and refreshments! *Nursery available to age 3.*

### "He Is Worthy" Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 9 at 9:45 AM & 6:00 PM

**Worship Christ the King!** Join us for a powerful Christmas worship celebration for all ages as the Calvary choirs—adults, students, and children—plus orchestra, band, and ensembles lead us in a concert of praise, featuring a message by Pastor Munro. *At 9:45 AM, regular Children's Ministry programs meet, Nursery-Kindergarten. At 11:15 AM, no ALGs, Student Ministry, or Children's Ministry. At 6:00 PM, nursery available to age 3.*

Immediately following the 6:00 PM concert, our international families and guests are invited to attend Calvary's **annual International Reception at 7:30 PM** in the Crown Room. RSVP by December 5 to Pastor Sibu Rajappan at [srajappan@calvarychurch.com](mailto:srajappan@calvarychurch.com).

### Candlelight Christmas Eve

Monday, December 24 at 4:00, 6:00, & 8:00 PM

**Celebrate "The Coming of the Savior" with us** on Christmas Eve at Calvary! All services will feature our choirs, orchestra, and band as well as a special message from Pastor Munro. ASL interpretation provided at 6:00 PM. Get details on live language translation in Spanish, Russian, and Chinese at [calvarychurch.com/christmaseve](http://calvarychurch.com/christmaseve). *Nursery available to age 3 at the 4:00 and 6:00 PM services.*

Get invitation postcards for the Christmas concert and Candlelight Christmas Eve at Galleria table 2 today. Find all the details about Calvary's holiday services and concerts at [CALVARYCHURCH.COM/CHRISTMAS](http://CALVARYCHURCH.COM/CHRISTMAS)

## Luke 14 events welcome special friends

**LUKE 14 BANQUET | Saturday, December 8, 5:30–8:00 PM, Crown Room**

*Families with special needs members and caregivers are invited to this dinner.*

**LUKE 14 LUNCHEON | Tuesday, December 11, 11:30 AM–1:30 PM, Crown Room**

*Group home residents and caregivers are invited to enjoy this luncheon.*

**Calvary's Luke 14 Banquets** offer a celebration of the Christmas season for those in our church and community with special needs. Our guests, along with their families and caregivers, are treated to a delicious meal, a Christmas program, music, and a Gospel presentation. Plus everyone receives a gift! **As this ministry continues to grow, the need for volunteers and gifts is greater than ever. Here's how you can help!**

**200+ VOLUNTEERS** // On Tuesday, December 11, we still need volunteers in **FOOD SERVICE** to plate and serve the meal. We need **GREETERS** for both events to welcome guests and escort them to the Crown Room. We need **TABLE HOSTS** for both events (Calvary members ages 18+) to enjoy the meal with our guests and share hospitality. **Please sign up today at Galleria table 5 or register at [calvarychurch.com/serve/luke14](http://calvarychurch.com/serve/luke14).**

**800+ GIFTS** // We still need about 800 gifts to provide one for every guest, family member, and caregiver. **Please pick up a list of gift suggestions** and details at Galleria table 5. Contact: Vince Eaton, 704.341.5322, [veaton@calvarychurch.com](mailto:veaton@calvarychurch.com)

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From the Senior Pastor

## Sowing seed

One of my favorite parables is the parable of the sower. It appears in three of the four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Jesus reminds us that the seed is the Word of God which falls on all kinds of soils, including hard



John & Gudny Munro

hearts and superficial responses. Yet, there is good soil which produces an abundant harvest.

With the approach of Christmas, Calvary is sowing a lot of seed. Keep sowing and don't be discouraged! I

thought of this with the radio broadcast, The Verdict. We have seven cities which now hear the programs: Charlotte, Raleigh, Wilmington, Asheville, Pittsburgh, Kansas City, and Indianapolis. What is their response? What will be the response to our Christmas outreaches? What will be the response of you personally communicating the Gospel of grace to someone at work?

Irrespective of the response, our responsibility is to keep sowing seed. "It is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes" (Romans 1:16). ■

## As we approach year-end giving...

With the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons upon us, it is a wonderful time as individuals and as a church to reflect upon God's blessings. Also, it is often a time for planning. As the end of the year approaches, we annually review our budgeted giving. Experience indicates that our giving is more likely to be on budget at the end of the June 30 fiscal year if we are on budget by the end of the calendar year.

This fiscal year, Calvary Church has received General Fund contributions of \$2,888,741 through November 18, which is \$471,259 behind budget for this fiscal year. For our giving to be on budget at the end of the calendar year, we need to receive \$1,431,259 by December 31. By God's goodness and faithfulness, you gave \$1,737,150 over the same time period last year. We ask that each of us prayerfully consider our response. We are available to answer related questions and to assist with the gifting of appreciated securities and contributions from an IRA. Contact: Scott Henry, 704.341.5330, [shenry@calvarychurch.com](mailto:shenry@calvarychurch.com)



## Share a Christmas blessing...

This morning there is a special offering envelope enclosed in Looking Up. This is an opportunity for you to share a Christmas blessing with our 86 missionary families. These missionaries

proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ in the US and around the world through evangelism, Bible translation, church planting, discipleship, aviation, education, medical assistance, and a variety of ministry support roles. The offering goal is \$30,000; we have received already \$10,000. Any gifts over and above our goal will be applied toward GO Trip participant costs. Contact: Vince Eaton, 704.341.5322, veaton@calvarychurch.com

## Help send shoebox gifts around the world!

**Calvary Night at OCC | Tuesday, December 4, 5:45–10:00 PM**

This is always a fun evening to serve at the Operation Christmas Child Processing Center. In the warehouse we'll sort, inspect, fill, and tape shoeboxes for their journey to kids around the world. Space is available for 150 adults and teens (age 13+). The center is located at 7100 Forest Pointe Boulevard in Charlotte. **Reserve your spot at [calvarychurch.com/occ](http://calvarychurch.com/occ)**. Contact: Sharyn Thackston, 704.577.6487, sthackston@carolina.rr.com

## CELEBRATE WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS

### ZONE FAMILY FUN!

**Family Christmas Celebration | Friday, December 14, 6:30–8:00 PM, Crown Room**

All KidZone and Zone345 1–5 graders, plus parents and siblings, are invited to a fun Christmas celebration with games, music, and sweet treats for the whole family. (It's not a drop off event.) There's no cost, but please register at [calvarychurch.com/zonefamilychristmas](http://calvarychurch.com/zonefamilychristmas). Contact: Sue Ridge, 704.887.3695, sridge@calvarychurch.com

### STUDENT MINISTRY PARTIES

**Middle School Christmas Party | Friday, December 14, 6:30–8 PM, CLC 1300**

**High School Christmas Party | Friday, December 14, 6:30–8 PM, CLC 1400**

Join Pastor Matt and Pastor Eric and all our leaders for festive food, Christmas music, and lots of fun games. Bring a \$5–\$10 gift to exchange (no gag gifts.) There's no cost! But please help us plan by registering before December 9. Get specific details at [calvarychurch.com/MSchristmas](http://calvarychurch.com/MSchristmas) or [calvarychurch.com/HSchristmas](http://calvarychurch.com/HSchristmas).

### COLLEGE & YOUNG ADULTS

**C&YA Christmas Party | Tuesday, December 18, 7:00 PM, CLC 1400**

Reconnect over college break and enjoy yummy food, fantastic fellowship, crazy games, and our annual Ugly Sweater Contest. Bring your worst sweater, your best attitude, beverages to share, and be ready for an awesome evening!

## NEWS & NOTES

**FOOD PANTRY** The Calvary Food Pantry serves so many families in need during

the holidays! Please help restock our shelves with non-perishable food and household supplies. Drop off donations in the Galleria at the cupboard near the escalator. Thank you!

**CHRISTMAS TEA** Ladies, tickets for the Christmas Tea on Saturday, December 1 are currently sold out. If you would like to be added to the waiting list or if you have extra tickets available, please let us know. Contact: Reena Chow, 704.340.0621, davcreec@gmail.com

**NEW BELIEVERS CLASS** In this five-session class on Sunday mornings, January 13–

February 10, children in 2<sup>nd</sup>–5<sup>th</sup> grades receive an age-appropriate introduction to what it means to be a Christian and come to understand their decision to follow Christ. Parents

and children complete homework assignments together and establish open family

conversations about faith. Space is limited; get details and preregister at [calvarychurch.com/newbelievers](http://calvarychurch.com/newbelievers).

**CHAMP COACHES** If you have a desire to serve the Lord by working

with our kids and their families, we would love to speak to you about coaching basketball

with CHAMP Sports. Just two to three hours per week can make a huge impact in the lives

of our kids. Training is provided. Register at [champsportsinfo.com](http://champsportsinfo.com). Contact: Kelly Lamb,

704.887.3689, klamb@calvarychurch.com

### LEADERS OF THE WEEK

<b>Elder</b>	Rob Davis	704.618.0092
<b>Deacons</b>	Mark Fine	980.312.4823
	Jon Allen	704.999.2080

### PASTOR OF THE WEEK

Pastor Khalil Ayoub, 678.371.3834

### MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Dana serving in South America

### ROMANS STUDY GUIDE



Pastor Munro has prepared a new study guide, *Romans: Defense of the Gospel*, covering chapters 9–11. It includes weekly Bible studies with questions, background articles about Israel, pages for message notes, and memory verse cards. Stop by Galleria table 1 today to get your FREE copy.

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### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Student Ministry Outreach Coordinator |** Part-time (30 hours weekly) position overseeing efforts to reach students and their families in grades 6–12, under the supervision of the High School Pastor. Seminary student is preferred.

**Student Ministry Intern |** Part-time (10–15 hours weekly for one year) position to help plan and prepare activities and services with a focus on discipleship within Student Ministry. Calvary membership preferred.

Details at [calvarychurch.com/employment](http://calvarychurch.com/employment). Send resume to HR@calvarychurch.com.

### DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO...

**Charlotte Lochstampfor** and family in the passing of her husband, **Mr. Edgar Franklin Lochstampfor**, retired Calvary missionary, on November 15

### FOR THE RECORD

<b>General Fund Offering</b> on 11/18	<b>\$129,188</b>
General Fund weekly goal	\$160,000

### UPCOMING MESSAGES

<b>Dec 2</b>	9:45 AM	"Israel's Unbelief" Romans 11:1–24
	6:00 PM	Advent Service & Christmas Tree Lighting
<b>Dec 9</b>	9:45 AM & 6:00 PM	<b>Christmas Concert</b> "He Is Worthy"
<b>Dec 16</b>	9:45 AM	"Israel's Future" Romans 11:25–32
<b>Dec 23</b>	9:45 AM	"The Coming of the King" Communion
<b>Dec 24</b>	4:00, 6:00 & 8:00 PM	<b>Candlelight Christmas</b> Eve "The Coming of the Savior"
<b>Dec 30</b>	9:45 AM	"To God Be the Glory" Romans 11:33–36

## NEW TODAY? WELCOME!

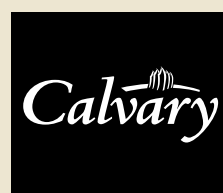
**Thank you for choosing to worship with us at Calvary!** Please stop by the Calvary Café following the service this morning. We'd love to meet you and welcome you with a Calvary gift bag!

**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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