

# Pray. Invite. Serve.

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

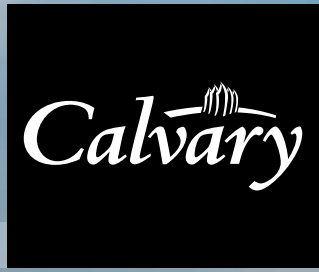
OUR HOLIDAY SERVICES AND MINISTRY ACTIVITIES offer us the privilege of welcoming many guests to Calvary—and sharing the hope of the Gospel! Please **continue to PRAY** for our holiday concerts and services. **INVITE others to join us**—pick up Christmas invitations at Galleria table 2 today. **Share the joy of the season by SERVING!** We still have needs for:

- **Ambassadors for the International Reception** on December 9 at 7:30 PM after the concert
- **Over 500 gifts for the Luke 14 events**—drop off in the Galleria by December 5
- **Ushers, Greeters, and Nursery volunteers** for the concert and Christmas Eve services.

Get details and register today at [calvarychurch.com/serve](http://calvarychurch.com/serve). Thank you for serving!

## WORSHIP & CONNECT TODAY

- 8:30 AM Adult Life Groups [ALGs]
- 9:45 AM **Worship Service**  
"Israel's Unbelief"  
Romans 11:1–24
- 9:45 AM Nursery, Preschool, KidZone, Special Needs
- 11:15 AM Nursery, Children's Ministry, Special Needs, Students, ALGs
- 6:00 PM **Advent Service & Christmas Tree Lighting**



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## Celebrate Christmas at Calvary

### Advent Service & Tree Lighting

TONIGHT 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 to enjoy fellowship and refreshments! *Nursery available to age 3. Children's choirs will be dismissed from the service as usual.*

### "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. ASL interpretation provided at 9:45 AM. Spanish, Russian, and Chinese translation available at both 9:45 AM and 6:00 PM.

*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 Siby 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. Spanish, Russian, and Chinese translation available at 6:00 PM. *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)

## Seven ways to invite others to our Christmas concert and services

- 1 Insert our event artwork into an email or text to your friends. Download images at [calvarychurch.com/invite](http://calvarychurch.com/invite).
- 2 Tag friends and family in one of Calvary's social posts, or simply share!
- 3 Share the Calvary Facebook event, or create your own and invite a group.
- 4 Go live on Facebook, Instagram, or another platform and invite the viewers who join you.
- 5 On the **Nextdoor** neighborhood network? Post event information and an invitation.
- 6 Sending Christmas cards? Include a personal note and a Calvary invitation (Galleria table 2).
- 7 Have long-distance relatives or friends? Send the livestream info: [live.calvarychurch.com](http://live.calvarychurch.com).  
*Questions? Have another idea to share? Email us at [media@calvarychurch.com](mailto:media@calvarychurch.com).*



## Share a Christmas blessing with our missionaries

Today 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 \$17,367. Any gifts over and above our goal will be applied toward GO Trip participant costs. Contact: Vince Eaton, 704.341.5322, [veaton@calvarychurch.com](mailto:veaton@calvarychurch.com)

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From the Senior Pastor

## Peace be upon Israel

I know that chapters 9, 10, and 11 of Romans are not the easiest, but we must read and study them as they are very important. Not only do they establish a



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future for the nation of Israel, but they should deepen our love for the Jewish people and our desire to explain that Jesus is the promised Messiah.

Gudny and I have had the privilege of traveling to Israel several times with groups from Calvary. Each time, my understanding of Scripture is deepened, and my love for the Jewish people increases. I praise God for His amazing plan of salvation and His purposes for Jew and Gentile. Some have argued that present day Jews are saved under the Old Covenant, whereas Gentiles are saved under the New Covenant. This is contrary to Paul's teaching in these chapters.

Let's display our Savior to all people, including those of the Jewish faith. Let's also thank God that His purposes are steadfast, and His promises are utterly dependable. Great is His faithfulness! ■

## Look for Calvary on Instagram

Our newest social media account will bring you sights and sounds from many Calvary ministries and activities! Be sure to follow us at [Instagram.com/calvarycft](https://www.instagram.com/calvarycft)—and tag your Calvary posts [#calvarycft](https://www.instagram.com/calvarycft).



## NEWCOMERS RECEPTION

**Are you new to Calvary?  
Welcome!**

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

Enjoy light refreshments, meet other newcomers, and find out more about our church!

## ZONE CHRISTMAS 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, 6:30–8:30 PM, CLC 1300**

**High School Christmas Party | Friday, December 14, 6:30–8:30 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!

## Men, mark your calendars now!

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

Let's face it. The distractions of our world can make it difficult to honor our commitments and consistently serve Christ. Yet, as men we are called to take a stand and live courageously for Him! How would our lives, homes, church, and communities be transformed if we were surrounded by more men of strength and courage? Join us to be inspired and challenged at Calvary's annual men's breakfast. Pastor Munro will speak on the importance of being "Men of Strength and Courage." Early registration is available now at [calvarychurch.com/mensbreakfast](http://calvarychurch.com/mensbreakfast). The cost is \$10. Invite your friends and colleagues to join us for a delicious hot breakfast and this important message as the new year begins! Contact: Helen Stewart, 704.887.3681, hstewart@calvarychurch.com

## Calvary offers 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. See full details at [calvarychurch.com/employment](http://calvarychurch.com/employment). Send resume to HR@calvarychurch.com.

## NEWS & NOTES

📖 **ROMANS STUDY GUIDE** Pastor Munro has prepared a new study guide, *Romans:*

*Defense of the Gospel*, covering chapters 9–11. Stop by Galleria table 1 today to get your

FREE copy. 📖 **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).

📖 **JOURNEYS OF PAUL** Set sail with Pastor Munro and Gudny on

a once-in-a-lifetime adventure from June 6–16, 2019, as you **explore the route of Paul's**

**missionary journeys** through Greece and Turkey aboard the **Star Flyer clipper ship**. Trip

highlights include visiting Athens, touring the Island of Patmos where John wrote the book of

Revelation, exploring the ancient cities of Ephesus, Philippi, and Corinth, and seeing the Greek

islands of Mykonos and Skyros. You'll enjoy wonderful fellowship, worship, and Bible study! Get

trip details at [calvarychurch.com/JourneyofPaul](http://calvarychurch.com/JourneyofPaul).

### LEADERS OF THE WEEK

<b>Elder</b>	Mike Osteen	704.542.1791
<b>Deacons</b>	Doug Campbell	704.641.7192
	Dale Mitchell	731.443.6216

### PASTOR OF THE WEEK

Pastor Eric Hill, 980.833.3273

### MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Boniface & Millicent serving in Africa

### IN THE GALLERIA TODAY

Christmas Invitation Cards	Table 2
Food Service Volunteers	Table 7
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### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Charlene Abdo	Steven Haessly
Stephen Abdo	John Lollis
Patti Asta	Margaret Anne Lollis
Vincent Asta	Susan Milner
Mary Ellen Blackburn	Irene Poff
Scott Barnes	Robert Poff
Stephanie Davis Barnes	David Russell
Marilyn Duncan	Patricia Russell
Robert Duncan	Victoria Winsky
Aimee Cassada Haessly	Ann Wright

### DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO...

**Rob & Allyson Davis** and family in the loss of Rob's father on November 27

The family of **Mrs. June Urbanczyk** in her passing on November 24

**Bill & Betty Harding** and family in the loss of Betty's brother, **Reverend Dalton Ward**, on November 23

The family of **Mrs. Mary Ann Blansett** in her passing on November 23

The family of **Ms. Ardith J. Brown** in her passing on November 23

**Kenneth Lowery** and family in the loss of his wife, **Mrs. Carol Ann Cates Lowery**, on November 22

**John Reid** and family in the passing of his father, **Mr. Walter Banks Reid, Jr.**, on November 21

**Cornelius & Michele Wright** and family in the loss of Michele's mother, **Mrs. Lorraine Dundee**, on November 20

### FOR THE RECORD

**General Fund Offering** on 11/25 **\$108,816**  
General Fund December goal **\$1,332,443**

**Missionary Gift Offering** 11/25 **\$7,367**  
Missionary Gift Offering to date **\$17,367**  
Missionary Gift Offering Goal **\$30,000**

### UPCOMING MESSAGES

**Dec 9** 9:45 AM Christmas Concert  
& 6:00 PM "He Is Worthy"

**Dec 16** 9:45 AM "Israel's Future"  
Romans 11:25–32

**Dec 23** 9:45 AM "The Coming of the King"  
Communion

**Dec 24** 4:00, Candlelight Christmas  
6:00 & 8:00 PM Eve "The Coming of  
the Savior"

**Dec 30** 9:45 AM "To God Be the Glory"  
Romans 11:33–36

## NEW TODAY? WELCOME!

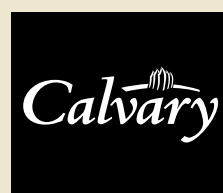
*Thank you for choosing to worship with us at Calvary! Please stop by the Calvary Café following the service this morning. We'd love to meet you and welcome you with a Calvary gift bag! Families with children, teens, or special needs—Check in at the Family Welcome Desk on the first floor near the elevators.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

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