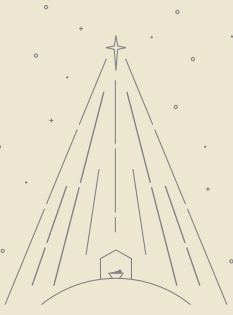


ANTICIPATING THE PROMISED KING



BEHOLD, WISE MEN FROM THE EAST CAME to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." *Matthew 2:1-2*

...SAYING that there is another king, Jesus. *Acts 17:7*

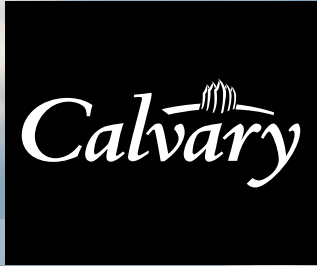
HE WILL BE GREAT and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end. *Luke 1:32-33*

TODAY'S WORSHIP

9:45 AM **Worship Service**
"The Coming of the King"
Communion

9:45 AM Nursery, Preschool, KidZone,
& Special Needs

No Adult Life Groups, Student Ministry, and
11:15 Children's Ministry today.
No evening service. Our regular schedule
resumes next Sunday, December 30.



Looking UP

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Celebrate Christmas at Calvary

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! This special evening of worship is open to our entire community. All three services include candles, carols, choir, band, and orchestra, plus a powerful message from Pastor Munro. You're invited — bring your family and friends!

ASL interpretation and Spanish, Russian, and Chinese translation will be provided at 6:00 PM. Nursery is available to age 3 at the 4:00 and 6:00 PM services. Not able to attend? Join us at 6:00 PM via livestream at live.calvarychurch.com or simulcast at facebook.com/calvarychurch.charlotte.

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Men, let's start the new year strong!

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

Make it a priority to attend the Calvary Men's Breakfast! We'll enjoy a delicious meal together and be inspired to move forward in the new year—ready to faithfully serve the Lord and make an eternal difference in our homes, church, and community. Senior Pastor John Munro will share from God's Word on the theme, "Men of Strength and Courage." Don't miss this great morning of fellowship!

Reserve your spot today by registering online at calvarychurch.com/mensbreakfast. Cost is \$10. If you'd like to **purchase tickets—or a table of eight—to give to friends** and colleagues, stop by Galleria table 5 this morning. Contact: Pastor Nathaniel Pearce, 704.341.5424, npearce@calvarychurch.com

Men's Bible Studies | We also offer many opportunities for men in weekly Bible studies. Choose an early **morning group on Mondays or Tuesdays**. Or join us on **Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM**. This is a great time to get started! Check out the details at calvarychurch.com/mensbiblestudies. Contact: Helen Stewart, 704.887.3681, hstewart@calvarychurch.com

Ladies, choose your new Bible study

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. Choose your class for the new semester; we have morning and evening options:

Stronger // Philippians // Psalms, Part 2 // I'm Stuck, but I Want to Be Free // Lord, I Want to Know You // The God You May Not Know // Called to Contentment // 1 John

Get course descriptions and register now at calvarychurch.com/womensbiblestudies. During morning classes, a program is provided for children to age 5, and a homeschool class is offered for grades 1–5. Contact: Jenna Mascia, 704.517.6606, jmascia@live.com

Interim Director appointed for CCDC



Lori Koppelman

Calvary is pleased to announce that Lori Koppelman has been appointed Interim Director of the Calvary Child Development Center, effective January 1, 2019. Lori has served at the Center in various positions since 2011 and is currently the Staff Manager. She is a committed follower of Jesus Christ, an active member of Calvary Church, and a person of integrity, compassion, and competence. She will provide excellent leadership through this time of transition. Thank you for supporting and encouraging her!

During 2019, we will begin a search for a permanent Director for the Calvary Child Development Center. Please pray that the Lord will continue to guide, protect, and bless all of our children, families, and staff.

DECEMBER 23, 2018

From the Senior Pastor

Good news!

Through 2018, all of us have been exposed to some bad news. Some of that relates to national and international situations, but many



John & Gudny Munro

have received bad news in connection with health, family, employment, relationships, and life. Whatever bad news you have received this year, the message of Christmas is unbelievably good news! That was the word of the angel to the shepherds as he told them to "fear not." He was bringing "good news of a great joy" from heaven for "all the people." Not one of us is excluded from this good news!

The love of God embraces the whole world. Throughout the world at Christmas, there is this incredible celebration of "good news." The message of Christmas is one of hope, of peace, of forgiveness. Have you responded to this good news?

Today we are reflecting on the fact that not only was a baby born at Bethlehem, a king was born—King Jesus. Let's worship Him, serve Him, and love Him with all of our hearts. ■

Looking Ahead

JAN 6 | 2019 CHALLENGE

Pastor Munro begins the new year in Romans 12 with "The Challenge of a Lifetime." Join us on Sundays at 9:45 AM.

JAN 6 | SUNDAY EVENINGS

Pastor Munro resumes his series, "David: A Man After God's Own Heart" at 6:00 PM. Don't miss it!

JAN 9 | ON WEDNESDAYS

Bible study electives for adults, Awana Bible Clubs for kids, and Student Ministry IGNITE will begin on Wednesdays at 6:30–8:00 PM. Come enjoy Fellowship Dinner in the Crown Room at 5:00–6:15 PM.

JAN 12 & 19 | MEMBERSHIP

The Calvary Membership Course provides a common foundation for those considering church membership. Pastor John Munro leads the 2-session course on Saturday mornings. Register at calvarychurch.com/membership.

ALGs

ADULT LIFE GROUPS

SUNDAYS,
8:30 & 11:15 AM

GET CONNECTED IN THE NEW YEAR!

These smaller groups are an essential part of helping everyone **connect at Calvary** and grow in faith together. Adult Life Groups meet to study God's Word, pray, and share the joys and challenges of life. We develop lasting friendships and enjoy real community. Pastor Siby Rajappan will launch a **new ALG, Ambassadors for Christ, on January 6** in room 200 at 11:15 AM. Check it out! Get details about all ALGs at calvarychurch.com/lifegroups.

Something for everyone on Wednesdays

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

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

Make it a Family Night | During electives, middle and high school students gather for **IGNITE** at 6:30 PM in the Calvary Life Center. Children have tons of fun in **Awana Bible Clubs**. Nursery is provided for ages 3 and under. And everyone is invited to **Fellowship Dinner, served 5:00–6:15 PM** in the Crown Room. No reservations needed; adults \$7, kids \$4.

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

How We Got the Bible

Room 226 | Pastor Nathaniel Pearce

Slaying the Giants in Your Life

Room 402 | Wayne Smith & Manoj Kothuri

General and Pastoral Epistles

Room 238 | Pastor Jim Cashwell

Marriage Was Made for So Much

More Room 401 | Pastor Rodney Navey

Heresy: Yesterday and Today

Room 233 | Pastor Rob Reece

Cults and Occults: How to Evangelize

Them Room 237 | Pastor Siby Rajappan

His Path to Golden Glory, Part 2

Room 402 | Pastor Jim Pile

Class meets at 3:30–5:00 PM

Single & Parenting, Part 1

Conf Rm A | Debbie Bordwine & Greg Goodlett

Financial Peace University

Room 242 | Rhondale & Deborah Haywood

Estudio Bíblico en Español

Salón 227 | Bill Ogden

Wednesday Prayer Meeting

3rd Fl. Prayer Room | Paul Hundrieser

ESL teaches English & builds community

ESL Classes | Tuesdays & Thursdays beginning January 8, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

ESL classes help internationals learn to speak and understand English and American cultural expressions. Calvary offers six proficiency levels to improve vocabulary and conversational skills. Cost is \$40 per semester. Child care is provided. Register at the first class or online at calvarychurch.com/esl. Contact: Vince Eaton, 704.341.5322, veaton@calvarychurch.com

Facing a challenge? Get support

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

Sometimes the holidays intensify personal challenges and relationship struggles. Don't face it alone! Calvary Support Ministry offers caring, practical, Christ-centered studies that provide biblical insight and the support of others who face similar issues. Join us for **DivorceCare**, **Boundaries**, or **Trading Grief for Hope**. Childcare is available for ages 2–7. Register at calvarychurch.com/supportclasses. Contact: Helen Stewart, 704.887.3681, hstewart@calvarychurch.com

NEWS & NOTES

🕊️ **READY FOR BAPTISM?** If you wish to make a public profession of your **faith in Jesus**

Christ, please register at calvarychurch.com/baptism for the upcoming baptism service scheduled for Sunday, January 27 at 6:00 PM. Contact: Miriam Aneses, 704.887.3679, maneses@calvarychurch.com

🕊️ **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**. You'll

enjoy wonderful fellowship, worship, and Bible study! Find out more at calvarychurch.com/JourneysofPaul.

🕊️ **YEAR-END GIVING** As you **pray about this opportunity**, you may want to consider gifting appreciated securities. Scott Henry, Calvary's Director of Ministry

Support and Treasurer, is available to **answer your questions** or assist you in making such a gift. Contact: Scott Henry, 704.341.5330, shenry@calvarychurch.com

LEADERS OF THE WEEK

Elder	Jeremy Hyman	704.576.7069
Deacons	Butch Thompson	704.507.9830
	Bobby Snow	704.291.0205

PASTOR OF THE WEEK

Pastor Siby Rajappan, 704.907.7497

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Rich & Julia serving in Europe

IN THE GALLERIA TODAY

Christmas Eve Invitation Cards	Table 2
Romans Study Guide, Part 3	Table 1
Men's Breakfast	Table 5

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Warmest congratulations to these families:

Daniel & Barbara Holtz on the birth of their daughter, **Maria Joy Holtz**, on December 16

Bob & Maria Gritsay on the birth of their son, **Samuel Jude Gritsay**, on December 13

Reuben & Susan Burton on the birth of their son, **Jonathan Reuben Burton**, on December 13

Aaron & Erica Frederiksen on the birth of their daughter, **Genevieve Louise "Evie Lou" Frederiksen** on September 20

DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO...

The Mack family and Progressive Baptist Church in the passing of **Pastor Charles Mack** on December 18

The family of Mrs. **Sylvia Lemelin** in her passing on December 17

Steve & Valerie Ahearn and family in the loss of Valerie's brother, **Mr. Brian Bracaloni**, on December 15

Jay Lutz and family in loss of his mother, **Marilyn Miller**, on December 15

Pastor Jim & Anna Cashwell and family in the loss of Jim's mother, **Mrs. Dorothy Cashwell**, on December 13

FOR THE RECORD

General Fund Offering:

Week of 12/16 **\$277,037**

\$1,332,443	General Fund DECEMBER Goal
\$690,210	Balance needed to meet goal
\$642,233	Received through week of 12/16

To be credited in 2018, contributions brought to Calvary must be received by December 31. Contributions received by mail must be postmarked no later than December 31. Gifts made by online giving must be initiated by 12:00 AM on December 31.

UPCOMING MESSAGES

Senior Pastor John Munro brings the messages:

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

Dec 30 9:45 AM "Israel's Future" Romans 11:25–36

Jan 6 9:45 AM "The Challenge of a Lifetime" Romans 12:1

6:00 PM "David and God's Word"

NEW TODAY? WELCOME!

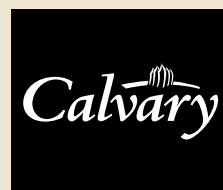
Thank you for choosing to worship with us at Calvary! Please stop by the Calvary Café following the service this morning. We'd love to meet you and welcome you with a Calvary gift bag! **Families with children, teens, or special needs**—Check in at the Family Welcome Desk on the first floor near the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

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