

# ALGs

ADULT LIFE  
GROUPS

SUNDAYS,  
8:30 & 11:15 AM

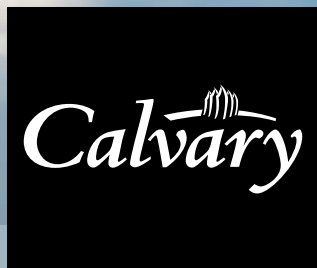
## GET CONNECTED IN THE NEW YEAR!

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. Visit several groups to find the best fit for you!

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](http://calvarychurch.com/lifegroups).

## WORSHIP & CONNECT TODAY

- 8:30 AM Adult Life Groups [ALGs]
- 9:45 AM **Worship Service**  
"Israel's Future"  
Romans 11:25-36
- 9:45 AM Nursery, Preschool, KidZone & Special Needs
- 11:15 AM Nursery, Children's Ministry, Student Life Groups, Special Needs & Adult Life Groups



# Looking UP

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## MEN OF STRENGTH and COURAGE

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

You're invited to join us for Calvary's annual Men's Breakfast! We'll enjoy a delicious meal and be inspired to move forward in the new year, faithfully serving the Lord 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://calvarychurch.com/mensbiblestudies). Contact: Helen Stewart, 704.887.3681, [hstewart@calvarychurch.com](mailto:hstewart@calvarychurch.com)

## Grow with us 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](http://calvarychurch.com/electives). Contact: Debbie Bordwine, [dbordwine@calvarychurch.com](mailto: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

This class for senior adults 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 Biblico en Español

Salón 227 | Bill Ogden

#### Wednesday Prayer Meeting

3rd Fl. Prayer Room | Paul Hundrieser

## Ladies, be part of a 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 // A Message from God**

Get course descriptions and register now at [calvarychurch.com/womensbiblestudies](http://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](mailto:jmascia@live.com)

## ESL teaches English & builds community

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

Calvary's English as a Second Language classes help internationals learn to speak and understand English and American cultural expressions. We offer six proficiency levels to improve vocabulary and conversational skills. We encourage students to participate in Life Discussion groups and English Pronunciation classes as well. Cost is \$40 per semester. Child care is provided. Register at the first class or online at [calvarychurch.com/esl](http://calvarychurch.com/esl). Contact: Vince Eaton, 704.341.5322, [veaton@calvarychurch.com](mailto:veaton@calvarychurch.com)

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From the Senior Pastor

## Looking back

Throughout Scripture, we are encouraged to look back and reflect on the goodness and faithfulness of the Lord. We give thanks to God for the way He has led us as a church throughout 2018. I thank God for the many hundreds of you who have



John & Gudny Munro

served in all kinds of ways this year.

I am sure we all have our own highlights for 2018, but I praise God for the Missions Conference, the many GO Trips, the outstanding VBS and music camps, all the new members, the

expanding radio ministry of The Verdict, the generous giving, the outreaches locally and globally, the live streaming of our services, and the thousands reached through our Christmas concerts and Christmas Eve services.

Above all, I praise God that we seek to be a community of believers committed to "the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ." It is so easy for the church to focus on entertainment, feeling good about ourselves, or political and social activism. But I praise God that we have seen the glorious Gospel of the grace of God transform lives in and through the people of Calvary. ■

## ROMANS STUDY GUIDE, PART 4



Senior Pastor John Munro and our pastoral staff have prepared the final study guide for our Romans series. Get your FREE copy at Galleria table 1 (one per household, please). Part 4 begins Sunday, January 6.

## Considering Calvary membership?

### Saturdays, January 12 & 19 9:00 AM-12:15 PM, Room 232 (2 Sessions)

Led by Senior Pastor John Munro, the **Calvary Membership Course** provides a common foundation for those considering membership at Calvary Church. We want everyone to understand who we are, what we believe, and our mission and vision in the service of our Lord Jesus Christ. Bring your Bible! Preregister at [calvarychurch.com/membership](http://calvarychurch.com/membership).

## Get in the game this spring with CHAMP

CHAMP Sports provides a fun, family-friendly, Christian environment where kids develop athletic skills, learn sportsmanship, and make friends. 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). The **spring season runs February 25–May 18**. Registration is open now at [champsportsinfo.com](http://champsportsinfo.com). Leagues fill quickly! Contact: Kelly Lamb, 704.887.3689, [klamb@calvarychurch.com](mailto:klamb@calvarychurch.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** to see what it is really like to be a part of this dynamic team. Contact: Christy Driscoll, 704.887.3687, [cdriscoll@calvarychurch.com](mailto:cdriscoll@calvarychurch.com)

**CHILDREN'S & STUDENT WORSHIP CHOIRS** // We can't wait for our choirs to resume on Sunday, January 6. New kids and students are welcome to join! Our **Student Worship Choir** meets on Sunday afternoons 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](http://calvarychurch.com/worshipministry). Contact: Chelsea Hathaway, 704.341.5435, [chathaway@calvarychurch.com](mailto:chathaway@calvarychurch.com)

## Don't struggle alone. 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's Support Ministry offers caring, practical, Christ-centered studies that provide biblical insight and the support of others who face similar issues. Classes for the winter session include **DivorceCare, Boundaries, and Trading Grief for Hope**. Childcare is offered for ages 2–7 with preregistration. Get details and register at [calvarychurch.com/supportclasses](http://calvarychurch.com/supportclasses). Contact: Helen Stewart, 704.887.3681, [hstewart@calvarychurch.com](mailto:hstewart@calvarychurch.com)

## Class expanded for kids and families

**New Believers Class | Kick-off lunch on January 27 & classes March 10–31**

In this updated class, children in 2nd–5th grades learn the foundational truths of Christianity and better understand their decision to follow Christ. **At the kick-off lunch, families get an overview** of the program. Then **for six weeks, parents and children complete assignments** together (about 10 minutes on weekdays) and establish open conversations about faith in their home. Parents accompany their child to the first class on March 10, and then **kids complete the Sunday sessions** at 9:45 AM. Please register at [calvarychurch.com/newbelievers](http://calvarychurch.com/newbelievers). Contact: Susan Grigg, 704.341.5356, [sgrigg@calvarychurch.com](mailto:sgrigg@calvarychurch.com)

## It's time to build your Awana race car!

**Race Car Workshop | Saturday, January 12, 8:00 AM–4:00 PM, CLC 1105**

**Awana Grand Prix | Friday, February 22, 6:00–9:00 PM, CLC**

Awana families, the annual Grand Prix is coming soon, and everyone is invited to the big event! It's always a fun, competitive race! Ready to start working on your car? You may purchase a kit today at Galleria table 8. If this is your first Awana Grand Prix or you would like assistance with constructing your car, plan to come to the workshop with our Calvary Grand Prix expert, Mike Caskey, for how-tos and lots of great tips. Contact: Craig Mears, [ckmears93@gmail.com](mailto:ckmears93@gmail.com)

## NEWS & NOTES

■ **THE LIFE OF DAVID** Beginning **next Sunday at 6:00 PM**, 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.” Join us on **Sunday**

**evenings in the new year!** ■ **READY FOR BAPTISM?** If you wish to make a public

profession of your **faith in Jesus Christ**, please register at [calvarychurch.com/baptism](http://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](mailto:maneses@calvarychurch.com) ■ **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](mailto:shenry@calvarychurch.com)

### LEADERS OF THE WEEK

<b>Elder</b>	Bill Bailey	704.451.4529
<b>Deacons</b>	Rod Turnham	704.953.6202
	Manoj Kothuri	617.957.5479

### PASTOR OF THE WEEK

Pastor Rodney Navey, 336.803.2817

### MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Joel & Luda serving in Europe

### IN THE GALLERIA TODAY

Awana Grand Prix	Table 8
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Romans Study Guides, Parts 3 & 4	Table 1
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### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Caleb Abebe	Stephen Gesin
Abe Asaad	Abigail Hoffman
Susanna Asaad	John Hoffman
Jennifer Colon	Jonathan Hoffman
Reynaldo Colon	Karen Hoffman
Melie Debela	Barock Tesfaye
Melissa Eccleston	Brenda Thrasher
Mike Eccleston	Carl Thrasher
Jackie Gesin	

### BIBLE READING PLAN

Read God's Word with us everyday in 2019! Calvary's daily Bible reading plan is included in Looking Up today and posted online at [calvarychurch.com/readingplan](http://calvarychurch.com/readingplan)

### PRAY. INVITE. SERVE.

Thank you to EVERYONE who made a positive difference this Christmas at Calvary by praying, inviting others, and serving so faithfully! “You are serving the Lord Christ” (Colossians 3:24). Find new and ongoing volunteer opportunities at [calvarychurch.com/serve](http://calvarychurch.com/serve).

### FOR THE RECORD

#### General Fund Offering:

Sunday, 12/23	<b>\$277,020</b>
Christmas Eve, 12/24	<b>\$103,187</b>

<b>\$1,332,443</b>	<b>General Fund DECEMBER Goal</b>
<b>\$310,003</b>	Balance needed to meet goal
<b>\$1,022,440</b>	Received through 12/24

*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

<b>Jan 6</b>	9:45 AM	“The Challenge of a Lifetime” Romans 12:1
	6:00 PM	“David and God's Word”
<b>Jan 13</b>	9:45 AM	“God's Will for Your Life” Romans 12:2
	6:00 PM	“David Displays Grace” Communion
<b>Jan 20</b>	9:45 AM	“Humility, Unity, and Diversity” Romans 12:3–6
	6:00 PM	Meet the Candidates

## NEW TODAY? WELCOME!

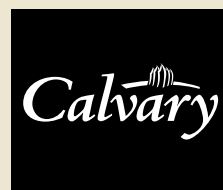
**Thank you for choosing to worship with us at Calvary!** Please stop by the Calvary Café following the service this morning. We'd love to meet you and welcome you with a Calvary gift bag! **Families with children, teens, or special needs**—Check in at the Family Welcome Desk on the first floor near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

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