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NEW SERMON SERIES STARTING DECEMBER 2



But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children.

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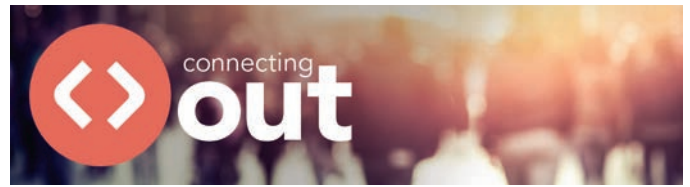


The Global Missions Offering is a way for people at Calvary to give to Christ's cause: the church. 50% of the offering goes to Calvary-directed missions and the other 50% goes to IMB-directed missions. The IMB (International Mission Board) is our primary partner in God's Kingdom. The goal for this year's offering is \$700,000. If this year's goal is met, Calvary will give \$350,000 to the IMB (their Lottie Moon fund), which will go entirely to thousands of IMB missionaries (some of whom are Calvary members) serving around the world. Calvary will use the other \$350,000 to give towards various missions partnerships (including the IMB). For a further breakdown of the Global Missions Offering, go to calvarynow.com/missions.

@CHRISTMAS CALVARY

CANDLELIGHT CAROL SING
DEC 16 | CALVARY CENTRAL | 5:00p

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
DEC 24 | CALVARY WEST | 5:00p



DECEMBER 5 | Widowers' Luncheon

Gentlemen, please join us Wednesday, December 5 for a time of food and fellowship in the Chambers Room. RSVP by Monday, December 3. Details: 336.714.5430 (Kara Polston).

DECEMBER 7 | Calvary Kids Jingle Jam

Families of K-5th Graders, come join our first ever Calvary Kids Jingle Jam! This will be in the Calvary Central Worship Center at 6:30p on December 7. Details: email amabe@calvarynow.com (Ashlee Mabe) or vpittman@calvarynow.com (Victoria Pittman) for Central and jdahmer@calvarynow.com (Jennifer Dahmer) for West.

DECEMBER 16 | Starting Point for Adults

The next class will be Sunday, December 16, at Calvary West in Room 3309 at 9:45a led by Campus Pastor Ryan Showalter. Details: calvarynow.com/startingpoint.

DECEMBER 17 | Senior Adult Luncheon

This month's senior adult luncheon will be Monday, December 17, at 10:30a in the Calvary Central Dining Room. Lunch is \$4 per person, no reservations required. Details: 336.714.5430 (Kara Polston).

Women's Bible Study Leaders Needed

Come together in the community of God's Word. If you are interested in leading a women's Bible Study for the January-March winter semester, please contact: 336.714.5424 or ahall@calvarynow.com (Anita Hall).

Church Offices Closed

The church office will be closed December 24 & 25 and January 1. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Inclement Weather Policy

If there is winter weather, we will use email, social media, and push notifications through the CalvaryNow app to communicate if there is a delay or closing. Decisions regarding church services will be announced by 6:00a that morning. More details are available on calvarynow.com.

End of Year Giving

As you consider your desire for generous living this year, remember that all gifts to Calvary need to be postmarked or received by December 31. If you are considering giving stock or other assets before the year ends, contact the business office at 336.659.3500, by December 15.

WELCOME

We would like to welcome the following baby born into the Calvary family: Milo James Novenario, born October 20, 2018, to parents Jean & Margie.

DECEMBER 2 | Mission Revolution

Come to the B-building entrance at Calvary Central between 12:15-3:00p and greeters will help you get a free lunch, check-in children (ages 5th grade & under), and direct you to the workshops. Free lunch is from 12:15-2:00p. Todd Ahrend will lead 3 one-hour workshops from 1:00-4:00p so you can come for 1, 2, or all 3. Details: calvarynow.com/missions or speak with a lobby representative this morning.

JANUARY 8-APRIL 23 | Perspectives

Perspectives is returning to Calvary in January and will happen on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-9:00p. Register by Friday, December 7 for an Early Bird Discount of \$50. Additional scholarships are also available so that cost will not prohibit anyone from attending the course. Details: perspectives.org or kathybrehm@gmail.com or 336.462.7738.

JANUARY 9 | Wednesday PM Activities Resume

All regularly scheduled Wednesday evening activities resume on January 9.

JANUARY 9 | Women's Bible Study Begins

Come be part of a community of women who want to deepen their relationship with God in a small group environment. Classes meet on Wednesdays at 9:30a at Calvary Central. You can find a list of classes at calvarynow.com/women. Details: 336.714.5424 (Anita Hall).

JANUARY 15 | Calvary Day School K-12 Open House

Experience all of what CDS has to offer and get your questions answered. Tours will be available for lower and upper school. January 15 at 6:00p in The Edge & The Loft Room. Register at calvaryday.school/open-house.

Volunteers Needed

Once a month volunteers are needed in the Connections Cafe at Calvary Central: host in the cafe, urn washers, and dryers. Sundays 8:15-9:15a or 10-11:00a. Details: dschmidts@earthlink.net (Darlene Schmidt).



TODAY | Calvary Kids Worship

There will be NO Calvary Kids Worship on December 16, 23 or 30 at Calvary Central and Calvary West. We cannot wait to get back to worshipping with you guys on January 6, 2019. Have a great Christmas and New Year!

Calvary Kids Help Needed

Calvary Kids Ministry is in need of volunteers If you love to have fun and enjoy loving on kids, we need you. Details: amabe@calvarynow.com (Ashlee Mabe) or vpittman@calvarynow.com (Victoria Pittman).

ARE YOU WILLING TO GIVE IT ALL UP?

A STORY OF SUBMISSION

Our names are Josh and Christine Andrews*, and we are normal people who were called to be missionaries almost ten years ago. Our calling was not a romantic one; it was shocking and unexpected, but it has led to greater joy than we ever thought possible. A year or so into our marriage, we listened to a sermon at Calvary and I (Christine) began to feel a call to vocational ministry. I shared this with Josh, but at the time, he had a great job that he loved, so his response to me was “You may feel this call, but I don’t. So you will need to pray for me.” So that was what I did. For the next thirteen years, I prayed for Josh every day, that he would submit to the Lord in whatever service He called us to, and that we would both go where He led us. During that time, we served in various areas within the church, we coached sports teams together, we loved on families that were far from God who were a part of our teams, we homeschooled, we hung out with other Christians, and we never went on a mission trip.

In 2008, we felt the Lord leading us to visit other churches. As much as we loved Calvary, we started to wonder if we could serve more at a smaller church. We found another church we liked, and around the time we started contemplating joining, we found out that Calvary was having a missions weekend (Global Impact Celebration), so I (Christine) asked Josh if we could go back to Calvary for the weekend, and so we did, and we decided we would pray and ask God where He wanted us to be. We visited a new Bible Fellowship class that Sunday morning, and there was a woman speaking about witnessing to Muslims in the Middle East. She told an incredible story about a Muslim man who had a dream where God came to him and told him to go to a specific location because someone had a book for him. When the man arrived at that location, he was given a Bible, and that man went on to lead many Muslims to Christ. I (Christine) was blown away by this contemporary Saul/Paul story, and immediately, I wanted to be a part of this. I prayed, “Lord, I will go, if you call Josh.” We went to the service after class, and being surrounded by so many nationalities and races within the same church building was awe-inspiring. I began to fill out a card saying I wanted to learn more about missions, and when I went to look for Josh as I handed the card in, he wasn’t anywhere to be seen. A little while later, I saw Josh walking back into the worship center, and I could tell he was near tears. I gripped the pew and thought, “God, did you do it? Did you just call him to missions?” When I got the chance to talk to him, he broke down and told me that he was feeling a call to missions, but he had no idea what that meant. So we decided to pray.

I (Josh) sought the Lord like never before those next few months. I spent much of my free time in prayer and reading the Word. I would often wake up in the middle of the night and go sit in our rocking chair and pray and read. We were living the American dream: we had a nice home that we loved, we homeschooled our kids, we had a great church family, and we had lots of friends. I began to sense God’s quiet voice saying “Are you willing to give all of this up for me?” I struggled with the idea that God wanted to use me, but I continually listened to His voice. And slowly but surely, the Lord began to move my heart in a new direction. In just 8 months, I went from absolutely loving my job to coming home miserable every day. I went from loving our home to being completely content with the idea of selling it and moving across the world. I even found myself looking at mission opportunities on the IMB website frequently. As time went on, I began to share all of these thoughts with Christine. She felt the exact same way, and we eventually found ourselves tired of our “normal” life; we wanted to move, we wanted to leave everything behind, we wanted to go where God was calling us and reach others for Christ, though we didn’t know where yet. We began to ask ourselves a tough question: were we going to be faithful and obedient, or were we going to focus on the details and allow them to determine our decision instead of God? We chose to say yes to God in January of 2009.

From there, we watched God take care of everything, even the smallest detail.....

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