

## **Calvary Church**

(For more information, visit <https://www.calvarychurch.com>)

Calvary Church is a growing, multi-ethnic, non-denominational evangelical church of more than 3,000 attendees located in Charlotte, NC. Active in ministry for over 80 years, Calvary is committed to being and making authentic followers of Jesus Christ and known for its focus on the Bible as the living, inerrant Word of God. Calvary's theme verse is "*For the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ*" (Revelation 1:9).

This commitment is reflected in the diversity of ministries focused on proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ through biblical worship, preaching, teaching and discipleship for all ages; and local outreach and global missions. Our Calvary Child Development Center (preschool/daycare) and CHAMP Sports program are well attended from our local community.

The current campus sits on over 100 acres in south Charlotte and includes a large Sanctuary (renovated in 2019), a Life Center, a Chapel, extensive classroom and event space, a bookstore, multiple sports fields, and a cemetery.

During the pandemic Calvary Church leadership and staff swiftly adjusted, implementing technology and creative solutions to remain engaged in ministry while complying with necessary protocols to maintain a safe environment. Current ministry highlights include:

- Expanding to two Sunday morning worship services in the Sanctuary with Covid protocols in place
- Livestreaming of all services (with online congregation regularly including 10-20 countries)
- Weekly Adult Life Groups meeting by Zoom
- Children's Ministry and Student Ministry activities with Covid protocols
- Worship Ministry utilizing multiple praise teams, intergenerational choir and instrumental groups, and virtual worship events and concerts
- Men and women's Bible study programs via Zoom
- Modified VBS and NextGeneration Music Camps
- New membership classes continued via Zoom
- Focused community outreach via blood drives, food pantry operations, prison ministry support, Hearts & Hammers and homeless ministries.

In 2006, the congregation called Dr. John H. Munro as Senior Pastor. Originally a lawyer in Scotland, Pastor Munro is known for his strong expository preaching delivered in an engaging, straightforward style. *The Verdict* is Calvary's radio ministry. It features the preaching of Pastor Munro in a daily 25-minute broadcast in 16 states, the United Kingdom and East Africa, and is also available on all major podcast platforms.

Calvary is blessed to be debt-free. Over the past 15 years Calvary has completed two capital campaigns which eliminated previous mortgage debt and paid for the construction of the Calvary Life Center in full.

**Charlotte, North Carolina**

Charlotte, North Carolina is a fast-growing metropolis, the seat of Mecklenburg County, and home to more than 850,000 people. It's also the center of a region known as the "Charlotte-Mecklenburg" area that encompasses 16 counties in North and South Carolina, with a population exceeding 2.9 million people. A healthy job-market, affordable real estate and a strong economy have contributed to the steady number of individuals relocating to this area. The mild climate, the city's intentional creation and preservation of green spaces, and proximity to both beaches and the mountains make Charlotte a good choice for those who enjoy nature. Additionally, Charlotte offers a vibrant arts community, several professional sports teams and a wide variety of neighborhood options. To access additional information, please go to <https://charlottenc.gov/AboutCharlotte/Pages/AboutTheQueenCity.aspx>.