

SPECIAL GIFTS

To Red Bird Toys by Gary and Renee Rockett.
To UMCOR South Carolina Floods by Ted and Brenda Alexander, Ray and Marsha Smith.
To R and R in memory of Maxine Black and John Black and in honor of Alice Jarrell by Joe Black.
To R and R by Harding Shinn, Ted and Brenda Alexander, Jae and Kim Lee, Carl and Betty Pinion, Ray and Marsha Smith.
To R and R in memory of Ellen Harton by Henry and Laurretta Forrest, June Severs, Ted and Brenda Alexander, Harding Shinn, Ray and Marsha Smith.
To R and R in memory of Rev. Zane Grey Norton by Ray and Marsha Smith.
To UMCOR – SC Floods by Harding Shinn.
To Operation Christmas Child shipping by Phyllis Hale.
To R and R in memory of Ellen Harton by Earl and Becky Beckham.
To R and R in honor of Kathleen Shaw's 101st birthday by Harding Shinn.
To R and R in honor of Ray and Marsha Smith by Tom and Lib Phillips.
To CUMC in memory of Bill Pressley and Tom Hoover's birthday month by Pat and Herb Tesh.
To CUMC in memory of Dot Richardson by Henry and Laurretta Forrest.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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MEETING JESUS on CHRISTMAS

As we welcome Advent and Christmas season, I wonder how to meet Jesus on our Christmas. Our sanctuary is decorated with Advent wreaths and a beautiful Christmas tree, and our Outreach Committee donates monetary gifts for impoverished children and less privileged people. While we sing and hear Christmas carols and cantata, do we really experience the presence of Jesus Christ?

“And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn” (Luke 2:7).

The Bible teaches us that Jesus came to us through the lowest place! Jesus' birth was a radical event for ordinary people, in particular, for those who are poor, homeless, weak, lonely, and vulnerable! That is why Christmas is the season of love, humility, and care.

Meeting Jesus may happen in a simple way of life. If we are too busy with many things, Jesus may come but cannot find a place in us. In our simpler and less busy life, we can encounter Christ Jesus who comes into our lives. I pray that all of us experience the joy of Christ's birth!

Love and blessings, Jae



ADVENT / CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

Third Sunday (Dec. 13): "What Should We Do?" (Luke 3:10-18)

*Christmas Cantata

Fourth Sunday (Dec. 20): "What Will Be Our Song Today?" (Luke 1:46-55)

*Children's Handbells

Christmas Eve Service (Dec. 24): "Go and See!" (Luke 2: 7-20)

*Candlelighting

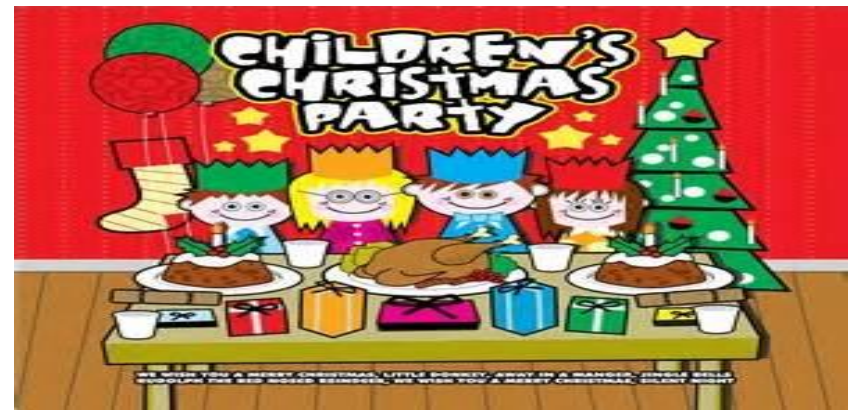
First Sunday after Christmas (Dec. 27): "Home Alone" (Luke 2:41-52)

*Baptism



DINNER FOR WILMORE COMMUNITY

Our church is hosting dinner for Wilmore Neighbors on Dec. 7, Monday at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall. Church Vitality team and UMM will support this outreach opportunity for being a friendly neighbor to Wilmore Community. Please wear church T-Shirt (If you need one, please let Pastor Jae know) and serve the meal for our community.



KIDS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

The kids of Calvary will be enjoying a Christmas party right after church in the fellowship hall on December 20. We will be having lunch, decorating gingerbread houses, playing games, having a Chinese gift exchange, and enjoying celebrating the season! Please put the word out to all the kids of Calvary that they are all welcome! It should last until 1:30 at the latest. Any questions please see Patty.

Patty Pressley



WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

We have our Bible study on each Wednesday at 11:00am in the fellowship hall. Let us come together and polish our spiritual awareness with the Word. The leader is our own pastor Jae, and he looks forward to seeing you all! Don't forget to bring your bag lunch for fellowship!



CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Calvary's Chancel Choir will present a special Christmas music, "Night of Miracles," on Dec. 13 during our worship service. It will be a meaningful time to listen to the music and readings on Christ's birth. Please invite your family and friends to this special service with music. We thank you, our choir and Gene Oliver, for your efforts to bring the joy of Christmas with a great music!

SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Dot Richardson who entered her heavenly home on Monday, Nov. 16th. Keep this family in your Prayers.

2016 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

Your 2016 Offering Envelopes will be ready for pickup in the vestibule on the first Sunday of December. **Please do not begin to use these envelopes until the 1st Sunday in Jan 2016.** Using these envelopes is very important, as the envelope number is your account number and all posting is done by account number. To insure accuracy please use only the envelopes that have been assigned to you and discard all prior year envelopes, as the numbers change each year.



WHAT WILL A DOLLAR BUY?

What will a dollar buy? Not much; a soft drink, a bag of chips, a small candy bar. We spend our dollars with little thought of their value. While a dollar may not be worth much to us, to a hungry and starving people it can mean a matter of life and death.

In some countries a dollar can feed a family for a day. In our own city, the Charlotte Rescue Mission feeds and cares for one who has lost his/her way for two dollars a day. Some may not be giving because they feel their gift will do little good.

However, we see that is not true. Your dollar each Sunday adds up to fifty two dollars each year. If each of us gives a dollar or an extra dollar each Sunday with 170+ members, just imagine what great things will happen. Let's celebrate Jesus' birthday by doing just that. What better gift can we give him?

Finance Committee



LOAVES AND FISHES REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2015
Our pantry fed 215 people 4,515 meals for the month of October with 241 volunteer hours.



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

This year we will have a Christmas Eve candlelight service on Dec. 24 at 6:00pm in the sanctuary. This special service will provide the spirit of Christ’s birth among us. After the service, several men will provide refreshments for all worship participants. Let us come together on Christmas Eve and experience the joyful night with Christ.



Brenda Alexander, Betty Matthews, Will Simmons, Nancy Fennell, Robert Black, Jim Gilman, Preston Savage, The Eddings family, The Edwards family, Dillon Webb, Nancy Short, J.C. Witte, Jackson Johnson, Jim Johnson, Stella Schlagowsky, Beatrice Brown, Daisy Dunlap, Phyllis Hale, Mary Anne Koon, Mason and Shirley Butler, Joyce Beyer, Faye Smith, Barbara Pressley, Noah Collins, Linda Baucom, Annette James, Mary Brotherton, Mary Grace Covington, Alice Jarrell, Betty Pinion, Margaret Bumgardner, Millie King, Shannon Taylor, Joyce and Johnny Puckett, Tom and Lib Phillips and all of our sick and shut-ins and those serving our country.

BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER

Gene Lail	16	Margaret Bumgardner	16
Don Mills	18	Autumn Smith	20
June Severs	23	Beth Phillips	25



HUMOR

How many Christians does it take to change a light bulb?

Amish: What’s a light bulb?

Baptists: At least 15 – One to change the light bulb, and three committees to approve the change and decide who brings the potato salad and fried chicken.

Charismatic: Only 1 – Hands are already in the air.

Episcopalians/Anglicans: 3 – One to call the electrician, one to mix the drinks, and one to talk about how much better the old one was.

Lutherans: None – Lutherans don't believe in change.

Methodists: Undetermined – Whether your light is bright, dull, or completely out, you are loved. You can be a light bulb, turnip bulb, or tulip bulb. Bring a bulb of your choice to the Sunday lighting service and a covered dish to pass.

Mormons: 5 – One man to change the bulb, and four wives to tell him how to do it.

Nazarene: 6 – One woman to replace the bulb while five men review church lighting policy.

Pentecostal: 10 – One to change the bulb, and nine to pray against the spirit of darkness.

Presbyterians: None – Lights will go on and off at predestined times.

Roman Catholic: None – Candles only.