

SPECIAL GIFTS

To CUMC in memory of Tom Hoover and Bill Pressley by Barbara Pressley.
To R and R in memory of Dot Richardson by Ray and Marsha Smith
and Beth Phillips.
To Loaves and Fishes in memory of John and Martha Black by JB, Sharon,
Jake and Nick Black.
To Society of St. Andrews by Ted and Brenda Alexander.
To Loaves and Fishes "Keep Pounding" by Carly Hensley and Beth Phillips.
To World Hunger by Betty Matthews.
To World Hunger by Terry Frye.
To R and R by Harding Shinn, Ted and Brenda Alexander, Keith Price,
Carl and Betty Pinion, Ray and Marsha Smith.



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A CROSS-BEARING COMMUNITY

This 'shape poem' stands for a communion chalice and implies unity among different people in the body of Christ Jesus at Calvary UMC. During this Lenten season, I pray that our egocentric desires and self-centered voices are melting away in the love of Jesus Christ and that we experience renewal of our spirit. We may become a cross-bearing community in which all are welcomed and embraced in the love of Christ our Lord!

Obeying the Father, Jesus dives into the cup, giving himself up:

His bones, veins, and skin are melted together into one cup.
It is a heavenly expression of love for his Father's people,
giving his body, soul, and spirit up for our Father's people.
In the cup, there is no divisiveness of 'you or I,' and 'he or she.'
All we are one body of Christ Jesus by his blood and flesh:
Mutual love, perfect harmony, and communion of all saints.
God incarnates, Christ discards, and the Holy Spirit anoints.
As we drink, Jesus abides in our bodies and minds.
Christ breathes in your heart, flows in my veins.

Jesus Christ activates a new life in you:

"You in me, I in you,"

Christ in us!

Ah, this is

what

Christ

meant

for us!

Touched

by his love,

my will, my voice,

your desires, your dreams,

our egocentric characters disappear.

Only the Spirit of Jesus Christ lives evermore.



PASTOR JAE'S MARCH SCHEDULE

Jae is excited to prepare a New Members' Class for those who have committed to be part of Calvary family in March. If you are interested in joining Calvary UMC, please talk with our pastor. During the Lenten journey, Jae will pray and prepare meaningful worship services such as Holy Thursday Tenebrae Service and Easter Sunday Celebration. He will continue to visiting our homebound members. If you need pastoral support, please feel free to contact him at 704-408-0909 or at jlee@wnccumc.net.



A REPORT FROM THE SPECIAL FOOD DRIVE

The total number of food items collected by the Western North Carolina Conference during the food drive was 584,410 along with 45,000 pounds of potatoes given by the Society of St. Andrew to the cause.

The North Carolina Conference collected 52,481 items from 75 churches and organizations, along with 132,000 pounds of potatoes from two gleaning events.

Between the two conferences, we collected a total of 636,891 items and 177,000 pounds of potatoes.

We appreciate your generous support and participation at Calvary UMC.



Our deepest sympathy and prayers are extended to the family of Skip and Sharyn Johnson who have lost their loving mother, Jessie Johnson.

Our sympathy is extended to Scott and Ashley Barr at the passing of Scott's mother, Cindy Barr. Remember this family in prayer.



Brenda Alexander, Phyllis Hale, Michael Gill, Betty Matthews, Earl Beckham, Keith Faquin, Vernell Dye, Robert Black, Jim Gilman, Preston Savage, The Edwards family, Dillon Webb, J.C. Witte, Jackson Johnson, Jim Johnson, Stella Schlagowsky, Beatrice Brown, Daisy Dunlap, 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.



LOAVES AND FISHES REPORT FOR JANUARY

Calvary's Loaves and Fishes Pantry fed 142 people with 2,922 meals. Our volunteers worked 146 hours.



MARCH

Jeffrey Rockett	4	Jung Woo Lee	5
Harding Shinn	5	Erin Johnson	10
Gaynell Lail	12	Megan Mills	14
Ray Smith	19	Bob Braswell	20
Buck Bailes	31		



VITALITY TEAM MEETING

There will be a Vitality meeting on March 20th in the fellowship hall, following our Sunday worship service. We will have a guest speaker, Justin Lane, from Wilmore Community. Hope we can listen to the needs of our local community and develop our partnership together.

Ty Lail, Facilitator



HOLY THURSDAY SERVICE

Calvary UMC will have a special service of meditation and reflection on Jesus' suffering and death on March 24th at 6:30pm in the sanctuary. This tenebrae (Latin for "shadow" or "darkness") service will provide us with an opportunity to deepen our understanding on the passion and death of Jesus for us. Let us come and experience the love of God.



Barbara Pressley expresses her appreciation and thanks to Ruby Vincent, Lauretta Forrest, and Gaynell Lail for their visits and support.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS ON MARCH 13

Just a reminder to change your clocks on March 13, by advancing your time one hour.



METRO DISTRICT LAITY ROUNDTABLE

March 5, University City UMC
3835 West W. T. Harris Blvd., Charlotte, NC

Entrance on lower level and is marked "Church Office Entrance".
Training areas: SPRC/Lay Leader/Finance Committee/Communications/
Websites/Leadership Nominations/Trustees/Church Vitality.

If you plan to attend these training sessions, please let Pastor Jae know.
Registration is required



CHURCH WEBSITE: calvaryumcnc.org

We need to update our church website. Please send recent pictures and reports to our church office so that we can post your pictures and reports on our church website. Our Pastor Jae also shares "Today's Word" with our church facebook friends Monday through Friday. Be a friend through facebook and meditate on the Word of God each day.



CHURCH HUMOR

When a young minister was still single, he preached a sermon he entitled, "Rules for Raising Children." After he got married and had children of his own, he changed the title of the sermon to "Suggestions for Raising Children." When his children got to be teenagers, he stopped preaching on that subject altogether.

— Rev. Bernard Brunsting

A man had been shipwrecked on a remote island in the Pacific, and was alone for 20 years. When a ship finally arrived, his rescuers were impressed with the three buildings he had built and asked him about them.

"Well," the man replied, "this is my house, and that building over there is my church. It's a wonderful church and I hate to leave it."

"And what is the third building yonder?" a rescuer asked.

"Oh, that is the church I used to go to," the man replied.

— via Palmer Stiles
Melbourne, FL