

SPECIAL GIFTS

To Society of St. Andrews by Ray and Marsha Smith.
To CUMC in memory of Maxene Black and John Black by Joe Black.
To Loaves and Fishes in honor of Harley Lail's birthday on Jan 3rd.
To R and R in honor of Harley Lail by Joe Black.
To R and R by Tom and Lib Phillips.
To World Hunger by Kathleen Shaw, Harding Shin and Terry Frye.

CALVARY CURRENT

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“POWER” of GOD

The year of 2016 was a fruitful season of harvest as we received four new members, including two adult baptisms. We also initiated young adult ministry, called 10/10 Spiritual Club, which meets every Sunday for study and fellowship. Our Vitality Team continued to build our relationship with Wilmore Neighbors, hosting Christmas dinner, participating in community picnic and community clean-ups, and serving refreshments at their quarterly meetings. Sunday school classes as well as Wednesday Bible study group have studied the Word of God for our spiritual formation and disciple development. Our Outreach Team and Loaves & Fishes Ministry have actively served for local and global missions.

According to our annual statistical report, Calvary has increased in many areas such as young adult members, spiritual formation group, giving numbers for missions and outreach ministries. Above all, as the spiritual leader I have sensed that Calvary UMC moves toward God's vision and works hard to imitate the heart of Christ Jesus.

In order to move toward a hopeful future, I have meditated on the “POWER of God” for Calvary UMC. “POWER” stands for five verbs that will be our working focus each year.

P (prepare): is about listening to God, one another, and one's inner voice to discern God's call and our church's purpose. Through this step, Calvary UMC will clarify its own mission and vision for the future.

O (organize): is to build team oriented ministry. Calvary has traditional committee system, and it needs to be reorganized for its effective working.

W (worship): is to make current traditional worship passionate and alive and create a new worship for millennials. As an effort to reach out to those who are young and unchurched in our local community, Calvary will need a new service which may meet their spiritual needs.

E (embrace): is to expand our boundaries through boundary spanning process and develop our relationships by welcoming and embracing different ideas, ministries, and people.

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R (renew): is to revisit our ministries and strengthen or change them through honest feedback and evaluation.

This is my pastoral meditation for our church's future. I would like to pay attention to one action per each year. For example, this year we will focus on "P" – prepare – and I pray that we prepare ourselves to become God's living sanctuary through our small group studies and worship. When we put ourselves on the power of God, our church's future will be promising and hopeful. Of course, on the way of our faith journey we will confront challenges and trials. That is why we need to pray hard without ceasing. When we put ourselves in the power of God, we will be well prepared for a next step. Dear Calvary family and friends, shall we work together for our future hope!

Blessings and love, Jae



OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

All these classes meet on Sunday at 10am!

Sam Hinson Sunday School Class (Leader: Bob Braswell)

Sam was the teacher for over 50 years and passed away in 1986. John Tanzy, Willis Linder, Mary Brotherton, and Bob Braswell started to teach once a month, one Sunday each – then John passed away in 1993, leaving three of us until Willis moved away about 2000, leaving just two until Mary moved into assisted living at Sharon Towers several years ago. We are down to a small class now, but Hinson Sunday Class is a gathering among faithful Christ's disciples. We welcome you to visit us and become a member.

Bill Cobb Sunday School Class (Leader: Brenda Alexander)

The Bill Cobb class is an older adult class that meets each Sunday morning at 10:00am. The International Bible Lessons for Christian teaching is the lesson material. The class members enjoy a time of fellowship after the lesson.

The J. Clyde Smith Sunday School Class (Leader: Henry Forrest)

This adult Sunday School Class has been known as the "Pop Smith" Class for over 50 years. Prior to that period, the name was the Young Adult Class. All of the current members have been in the class for over 50 years. The class motto is "Small in Numbers and Large in Service."

Outreach Sunday School Class (Leader: Ray Smith)

This class is made up of men and women from various ages. Our main theme is to learn how the Scriptures relate to us in today's daily life. We feel the Scriptures are more than a history lesson. We welcome all ages and races to our class.

10/10 Spiritual Club (Leader: Rev. Jae Lee)

This is a brand new small group for young adults at Calvary UMC. Currently we are studying *New Beginnings* which deals with Christian core values. While we have a spiritual leader, we learn from each other. We believe that our network is a key for growing together. Come and experience our "cool" warmth!



LENTEEN STUDY AND ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Lenten season begins with Ash Wednesday on March 1st. This year we will have two worship service options, partnering with Dilworth UMC. We will have a noon service at Calvary, and there will be an evening service at Dilworth. Both pastors from Dilworth and Calvary will serve together for special worship experience on Ash Wednesday. During the Lenten season, we will have a special Lenten study Wednesdays at 11:00am. Please bring your Bible and a bag lunch with you for study and fellowship.

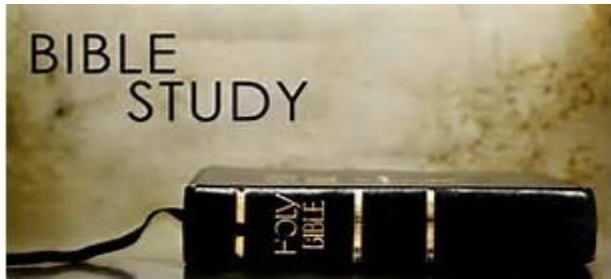
PASTOR JAE'S SCHEDULE

Our pastor Jae will participate in a conference from Feb. 6 to 8 in Louisville, KY as he is a recipient of Pastoral Study Project Grant from Louisville Institute in 2017-2018. Jae will be out of town on Feb. 17-19 as his children attend Pastor's Kids' Retreat at Camp Tekoa in Hendersonville, NC. On Feb. 19th our Lay Servant, Becky Pinion will deliver the Word of God. Jae will work with Dilworth UMC for Ash Wednesday services and attend a pastors' conversation on reconciliation issue at Myers Park UMC on Feb. 27th.

R & R LUNCH / CHURCH COUNCIL

We will have R & R (Repair and Replace) Lunch which helps us maintain and upgrade our church facilities on Feb. 5th right after our worship service. The lunch is available at \$5 and we will eat world famous BBQ with Papa Jack's sauce. The Church Council will follow the R & R Lunch. All Council members are requested to attend our first meeting in 2017.

Church Council Chair, Ray Smith



WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

We will study Paul's Letter to the Galatians. This is a time for us to deeply meditate the Word of God so that we may live the Word in our daily lives. After the study, we will eat our lunch together. Please bring a bag lunch for fellowship. Following the Bible study, there is choir rehearsal as well.

UMW SUNDAY

There will be 2017 United Methodist Women's Sunday on Feb. 12. This is a special Sunday to acknowledge and celebrate our women's leadership and ministries at Calvary. We appreciate Calvary's women who have faithfully served the Lord through diverse ministries.

UMW President, Brenda Alexander

NURSERY WELCOMES LITTLE CHILDREN



Our church provides childcare during the Sunday School class and our worship service (10:00am to 12:10pm) at nursery. Taquea Aldamuy and one volunteer from our congregation will take care of your children so that young parents can fully participate in the Bible study and worship service. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Nursery Director, Sharyn Johnson

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to Rob Sheridan at the death of his mother, Lucile VanKoevering. Please keep Rob and his family in your prayers.



Annette James, Kathleen Shaw, Becca Boyd, Ruth Pettus, Brenda Markham, Valerie Ware, Doug Hinson, Dina Faquin, Brenda Alexander, Merwin Foard, Henry McCannon, Paul Brackbill, Michael Gill, Vernell Dye, Robert Black, Preston Savage, The Edwards family, Dillon Webb, J.C. Witte, Dale and Dawn Hauser, Stella Schlagowsky, Daisy Dunlap, Mary Anne Koon, Mason and Shirley Butler, Joyce Beyer, Faye Smith, Barbara Pressley, Noah Collins, Linda Baucom, Buck Bailes, 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.



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Joe Black	3	Valerie Ware	7
Henry McCannon	8	Keith Price	9
Kamryn Lail	11	Earl Beckham	20
Brenda Alexander	23	Becky Pinion	24



The Outreach Committee has decided to offer a service as part of Helping Hands to anyone in our congregation who may have a need for transportation to a doctor, etc. Marsha Smith will be the transportation contact, and her telephone number is 704-399-8569. Please try to give her a two-week notice before the medical appointment to make the transportation arrangement. If you can volunteer as a driver, please speak with Marsha.

Brenda Alexander, Outreach Chair



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LOAVES AND FISHES YEAR END REPORT

Calvary's Loaves and Fishes Pantry fed 1,952 people with 40,992 meals. Our volunteers worked 2,532 hours. We open the pantry only on Tuesdays from 10 am to 1 pm.