

## SPECIAL GIFTS

- To Project Agape by Gene and Gaynell Lail.  
To Project Agape in honor of Pat Smathers and Pam Bane by Ted and Brenda Alexander.  
To Project Agape by Henry and Laretta Forrest, Rob Sheridan, John Hale, Harding Shinn, Jae and Kim Lee, Ray and Marsha Smith.  
To World Hunger by Shirley Weeks.  
To CUMC in memory of Jane Saxon by George and Marilyn Hege.  
To Loaves and Fishes in memory of Mary Brotherton and Barbara Pressley by Ty and Myra Lail.  
To CUMC Children's fund in memory of Barbara Pressley and Doug Hinson by Ray and Marsha Smith.  
To CUMC Children's fund in memory of Doug Hinson by Ted and Brenda Alexander.  
To CUMC in memory of Mary Brotherton by Ted and Brenda Alexander, Terry Frye, June Severs, Harding Shinn and Hazel Crump.  
To CUMC in memory of Santana Edwards by Ted and Brenda Alexander and Harding Shinn.  
To R and R in memory of Mary Brotherton by Ray and Marsha Smith, Carl and Betty Pinion, Henry and Laretta Forrest.  
To R and R in memory of Santana Edwards by Ray and Marsha Smith, Carl and Betty Pinion.

*Special Gifts continued...*

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## CALVARY CURRENT

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### WHEN THE WINE RUNS OUT

Every June I go back to Lake Junaluska to attend Annual Conference of the Western North Carolina Conference. While many things happen at the conference, I always enjoy worship experiences. Here I post some parts of the sermon from a guest preacher, Bishop Lawson Bryan from South Georgia Conference, so that you may have a taste of annual conference worship service.

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For a long time I wrestled with Jesus' first miracle as recorded in John 2:1-11. It just did not make sense to me that his very first miracle would be turning water into wine in an out-of-the-way village like Cana of Galilee. Wouldn't it be better to start with a dazzling miracle like opening the eyes of the blind, or healing the lame, or feeding the 5,000? But water into wine at a wedding reception --- really? Isn't that a lackluster beginning? Isn't a waste of divine power? This miracle got under my skin so much that I could not preach on it.

It was at that point I heard the Lord say to me: "You've finally got it." Got what, I wondered. "The truth is your wine is always running out and the only reason you ever have more wine is that I turn water into wine. Your job is to pour the water; I am the one who turns the water into wine. You don't like that because you want to turn water into wine."

This is liberating --- the wine is always running out --- it will always seem that there is not enough to go around; not enough people; not enough money; not enough energy; not enough commitment.

But the good news is that while the wine is always running out --- God is always turning water into wine.

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We do not turn water into wine. But we do have a key role to play. Our role is that of the servants in the story. Jesus told them to pour the water. Fill those thirty gallon jars to the brim. And then Jesus told the servants to draw some out and take it to the master of ceremonies.

1. Pour the water in your own life.
  2. Pour the water in your church.
  3. Pour the water in your community.
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From this sermon, I would like to renew our own calling as a servant who is called to pour the water into our lives, into our church, and into our community. If you like to read the whole sermon, it is available at [wnccumc.org](http://wnccumc.org), clicking on the 2017 annual conference.

*Blessings and peace, Jae*

## **PASTOR'S JULY SCHEDULE**

On July 12-13 and August 2-3, Pastor Jae will be trained to help new pastors who are in their RIOM (residency in ordained ministry) groups as a facilitator. He will also attend Metro District Missional Network leaders' meeting on July 26. He will lead our church's young adult group's retreat on July 14-16 at Lake Junaluska. Jae will have his family vacation on July 17-21.

## **R & R LUNCH / CHURCH COUNCIL**



We will have an R & R (Repair & Replace) Luncheon after the worship service on July 2, and everyone is invited. After the luncheon there will be a Church Council meeting. If You are a member please plan to attend this important meeting.

## **UMW GENERAL MEETING**

Our UMW General Meeting will be on July 9 after the worship service. Remember to bring a donation for the Relatives. As always, husbands are invited to join us for our salad luncheon.

*Brenda Alexander, President*

## **YOUNG ADULT (10/10 SC) RETREAT**



Calvary's young adult group, 10/10 Spiritual Club, will have its first retreat at Lake Junaluska on July 14 through 16. Through worship service, plenary sessions, and other activities, they will develop their relationships with God and with one another and discuss the future plans of young adult group at Calvary UMC.

## **CHILDREN/YOUTH HIKING**

Pastor Jae invites Calvary's children and youth members to join him for a fun day of hiking at South Mountain State Park in Connelly Springs on July 29, Saturday. It may be an opportunity to get to know each other and cultivate a team spirit among young members and their parents. The detailed information will be followed.

## **SUMMER BREAK FOR WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY**

During the summer (July and part of August), we will not have Wednesday Bible study. During the summer break, all participants are encouraged to read *Hebrews* at your home. We will resume our Bible study on August 23.

## NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION CLASS

If you want to be part of Calvary UMC, please see our pastor who will meet you at your convenient time and guide you with informal ways. Calvary welcomes all people of God who want to live and grow in the loving relationship with Christ Jesus.



### In the Month of July

Jim Shaw	2	Deborah James	5
Shannon Smith	10	Jessica Browning	13
Gwen Butler	14	Stella Schlagowsky	19
Kane Browning	21	Scott Barr	20
Hazel Crump	27	Henry Forrest	29
Preston Savage	30		

## 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*



Calvary's Loaves and Fishes Pantry for the month of June fed 87 people with 1743 meals. Our volunteers worked 103 hours. Thank you for your faithful service and support!



Annette James, Kathleen Shaw, Brenda Markham, Melanie Mason, Delores Foster, Lonnie Myers, Valerie Ware, Dina Faquin, Brenda Alexander, Merwin Foard, Henry McCannon, Paul Brackbill, Michael Gill, Vernell Dye, Robert Black, Preston Savage, Dillon Webb, J.C. Witte, Dale and Dawn Hauser, Stella Schlagowsky, Daisy Dunlap, Mary Anne Koon, Mason and Shirley Butler, Joyce Beyer, Faye Smith, Noah Collins, Linda Baucom, Buck Bailes, 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.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR METHODIST MEN

In the future when paying dues or making donations to Methodist Men, please make a check to "Calvary UMC," for Methodist Men. Thanks.



***SPECIAL GIFTS CONTINUED...***

To CUMC in memory of Dough Hinson by Harding Shinn.  
To CUMC Video System by Mike Earnhardt, Zero Waste Recycling, LLC  
(Will Simmons), and Luke Selzer.  
To CUMC in memory of Tom and Mary Hoover's wedding anniversary on  
April 17 by Pat Hoover Tesh and Herb.  
To Society of St. Andrew by Ted and Brenda Alexander, Ray and Marsha  
Smith.  
To R and R in memory of Jane Saxon by June Severs, Ray and Marsha Smith  
To CUMC in memory of Jane Wingate Saxon by Charles "Bud" R. Shaney.  
To World Hunger by Harding Shinn.  
To CUMC in memory of Jane Saxon by Stella Schlagowsky.  
To CUMC in memory of Bill Pressley by Barbara Pressley and Pat and Herb  
Tesh.  
To Project Agape by Stella Schlagowsky.  
To CUMC in memory of Barbara Pressley by Hazel Crump.  
To CUMC Bereavement fund in memory of Barbara Pressley by Henry and  
Lauretta Forrest, Gene and Gaynell Lail, Becky and Carl and Betty Pinion.  
To CUMC in memory of Mary Brotherton by Bo Rader, Donnie Smith, and  
the  
Hinson Bible Class.  
To CUMC in memory of Barbara Pressley by Rick and Debbie DeLugo.  
To Loaves and Fishes in memory of Barbara Pressley by M.A. Price-Rhodes,  
PHD.  
To CUMC in memory of Barbara Pressley by Judy L. Hinson.  
To CUMC in memory of Barbara Pressley by Amanda D. Tucker.  
To CUMC in memory of Barbara Pressley by Clyde and Mary Marrow.  
To CUMC in memory of Barbara Pressley by Herbert and Patricia Tesh.  
To CUMC in memory of Barbara Pressley by Thom and Debbie Dittman.  
To Calvary Bereavement Fund in memory of Barbara Pressley and Mary  
Brotherton by Nancy and Louis Fennell.



**Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July**  
**God Bless America**