

## SPECIAL GIFTS

To CUMC in memory of Mary Brotherton by Connie Collins.  
To CUMC in memory of Mary Brotherton and Barbara Pressley by Earl and Becky Beckham.  
To CUMC Bereavement Fund in memory of Mary Brotherton and Barbara Pressley by Nancy and Louis Fennell.  
To CUMC in memory of Tommy Hoover by Harding Shinn.  
To R and R in honor of Circle #1 by Carl and Betty Pinion.  
To R and R in memory of Barbara Pressley, Mary Brotherton, Doug Hinson, Theresa Mc Lendon's granddaughter by Beth Phillips.  
To CUMC in memory of Barbara Pressley by June Severs and Ruby Vincent.  
To R and R by Harding Shinn, Ray and Marsha Smith, Ted and Brenda Alexander, Earl and Becky Beckham.  
To R and R in memory of Barbara Pressley, Mary Brotherton, and Dick Keeter by Joe Black.  
To Adv. #3029960 Dr. Sam Om salary support by Ted and Brenda Alexander. A very generous gift was given to R and R in loving memory of Barbara Pressley by the Pressley Family.  
To Calvary UMW by Harding Shinn.  
To Calvary Flower Fund in memory of Mary Brotherton by Circle #1.  
To Project Agape Shoes in memory of Phyllis Hale on her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday, July 25<sup>th</sup> by Ray and Marsha Smith.  
To Calvary Flower Fund in memory of Joy Beyer by Gene and Gaynell Lail and Circle #1.  
To R and R in memory of Joy Beyer by Ray and Marsha Smith.  
To Calvary Bereavement Fun in memory of Joy Beyer by John and Paula Vincent.  
To CUMC in memory of Joy Beyer by Terry Frye, June Severs, Stella Schlagowsky, Ted and Brenda Alexander.  
To Project Agape Shoes in memory of (MeMe) Phyllis Hale on her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday by Shannon Smith and Rachel Graves.  
To Project Agape Shoes by Ted and Brenda Alexander.

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## BEING SMALL AND HUMBLE

The worldly culture teaches us that big and great is better than small and that more is better than less. While they seemingly make sense to us, Jesus' teaching is radically different. From the parable of a mustard seed in Matthew 13:31-32, Jesus reveals the kingdom of God.

Jesus introduces that a mustard seed is the smallest one and grows and becomes the greatest of shrubs. The change from the smallest to greatest of shrubs is a surprising secret of the kingdom of God. "Being small" implies its potential for a surprising growth. In fact, smallness is not a demerit or failure. Rather, being small has its own beauty as it is. In particular, I discover strengths of a small church which is like an extended family. By being small, people may know each other and keep deeper relationships together. Most of all, in a small church each person has a significant meaning as a constituent part of one body. I plan to develop small groups at Calvary because people can truly listen to each other and share their lives in a small group.

I also learn "being humble" in the parable of a mustard seed. While it grows and becomes the greatest of shrubs, the mustard tree is not a gigantic oak tree. It is still a shrub. In other words, God's kingdom does not require us to be great or perfect. It recognizes our weakness, vulnerability, and limitedness. The beauty of being humble is to do God's missions while we have our own weakness, vulnerability, and limitedness. A small church can provide hospitality and caring support for others as a mustard tree provides nests for the birds.

We are called to be a church in which we must have a foretaste of the kingdom of God. As a church of loving people, Calvary is blessed with its being small and humble. Let's discover God's working hands among us even in our smallness.

*Blessings and peace, Jae*

## PASTOR'S AUGUST SCHEDULE

Pastor Jae will attend RIOM Launching Event of our annual conference as a RIOM leader on Aug. 2-3 in Hickory. RIOM means Residency in Ordained Ministry, and each RIOM group consists of newly graduated pastors from seminaries. Jae and his family will participate in the biennial convocation for UM pastors and families who are under cross-racial and cross-cultural appointments in Chicago from Aug. 7 through 10. Then he will spend the weekend in Chicago with his family. Pastor Jae will prepare and teach Wednesday Bible study which resumes on Aug. 23. If you need pastoral support, Jae can be reached at [jlee@wncumc.net](mailto:jlee@wncumc.net).

## CHILDREN / YOUTH POOL PARTY



Calvary's children and youth are cordially invited to a pool party at Ray and Marsha Smith' on August 19, Saturday. The detailed information will be announced soon. Don't miss this fun activity for our children and youth.

## VBS AND LOCK-IN FOR KIDS

Children's Ministry will host a VBS and Lock-in at church on September 16, Saturday. It will be a day of learning and having fun together. We will share further information as time comes closer.

*Patty Pressley, Children's Ministry*



It is time to go back to school! It is not about children but for adults. Our Wednesday Bible Study will resume on August 23 at 11am and invite anyone who wants to learn and live the Word of God. We will continue to study *the Book of Hebrews*. Please bring your bag lunch for fellowship after study. Our leader is our own Dr. Jae.



## 2017 HOMECOMING SUNDAY

Please mark Calvary's Homecoming Sunday on your calendar, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am. Our guest preacher is Metro District Superintendent, Rev. Mark Andrews. It will be a joyful celebration of Calvary's 152 years of ministry. Let us invite our families and friends in advance.

## CROP WALK FOR STOP HUNGER

2017 CROP Walk will be held on October 14<sup>th</sup>, Saturday. This year we plan to invite our children, youth, and adults to walk together for stopping hunger in Charlotte area. Please join us in this meaningful action and support it with your generous donations.



Annette James, Kathleen Shaw, Brenda Markham, Melanie Mason, Delores Foster, Lonnie Myers, Valerie Ware, Dina Faquin, Brenda Alexander, Merwin Foard, Henry McCannon, Paul Brackbill, 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, 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.

## 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.



Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Joyce Beyer who was received into God's eternal home. Please continue to pray for Ruby Vincent and her family.

### SHOES FOR PROJECT AGAPE CHILDREN



Each fall we collect donations for Project Agape. One of the great needs is shoes for the children so that they can attend school. The Outreach Committee is asking for donations to purchase new shoes for the children.

It is heartbreaking to hear that children who want to attend school in Armenia can't because they don't have a pair of shoes to wear. Children in Armenia value an education as it is their only way out of poverty. All God's children should have at least one new pair of shoes in their lifetime. You could make that happen.

Would you give generously to Shoes for Project Agape Children? Donations will be accepted through **August 27** so that members of the Outreach Committee can purchase the shoes. You may make your check payable to the church and on the memo line write, **Shoes for Project Agape Children**.

The Outreach Committee appreciates your donations.

*Brenda Alexander, Chair*

### PROJECT AGAPE FALL DONATIONS

The Outreach Committee will be collecting items for Project AGAPE for the fall pickup. The following are needed: **Children's, Women's, and Men's Clothes**

The families who come to the Agape Center depend on the shipments from our Conference for clothes for themselves and their children. Please ask your family members for donations of used clothes as they shop for new school clothes for their children. The clothes should be clean.

Winter coats for women, men, and children are really needed. If you bring the coats, I will wash them or have them drycleaned. **We need winter coats!**

The following school supplies are needed:

- Pencils
- markers
- glue
- colored pencils
- spiral notebooks
- pens
- rulers
- erasers
- Scotch tape
- crayons
- children's scissors
- construction paper
- notebook paper

**THE DEADLINE FOR DONATIONS IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17.**

Donations can be left in the Pop Smith's Sunday School Classroom.

*Brenda Alexander, Chair of Outreach Committee*



### AUGUST

Carly Hensley	5	Mary Grace Covington	6
Lauretta Forrest	8	Gary Rockett	10
Randy Combs	15	Robin Davis	15
Maddie Pressley	15	Rachel Graves	16
Wanda Grant	21	Carl Pinion	24
Kaylan Pressley	31	Rose Smith	31

## ADDRESS UPDATE

Rob Sheridan recently moved away from Charlotte. His new address is 1562 Stocks McLawhorn Rd. Hookerton, NC 28538

## PHONE NUMBER CORRECTION

Shirley Weeks correct phone number is 704 395-0881. Please make note of this in your directory.

## CHURCH HUMOR

