

SPECIAL GIFTS

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 91st birthday by Shannon Smith and Rachel Graves.

To Project Agape Shoes by Ted and Brenda Alexander.

To CUMC in memory of Joyce Beyer by Anne Marchand and Family, Marian Vickers Irish, Mary G. Edwards, Joan and Stan Cude, Joseph and Betty Noah, George and Agnes Smith, Jackie Davidson, Tommie C. Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. William Reinke, Hazel Crump, Carl and Betty Pinion.

To Project Agape in memory of Joyce Beyer by Henry and Lauretta Forrest.

To CUMC in memory of Joyce Beyer by Mary Frances Bennett, Bill Stoess and Mary Cartwright, Frances Rily, Jean Caldwell, Annett James and Anne Williams.

To CUMC Flower Fund in memory of Joyce Beyer by Earl and Becky Beckham.

To World Hunger in memory of Joyce Beyer by Betty Matthews.

To R and R in memory of our Father, Paul Schlagowsky, by Paul Jr., Larry and David Schlagowsky.

To Project Agape Shoes by Harding Shinn.

To CUMC Flower Fund in memory of Ann Price and in honor of our children and grandchildren by Keith Price.

To CUMC in memory of Joyce Beyer by William Parlier and David and Rachel Hart.

To CUMC in memory of Mary Hoover's birthday and Bill and Barbara Pressley's anniversary by Pat and Herb Tesh.

To CUMC in memory of Joyce Beyer by Gloria Budge.

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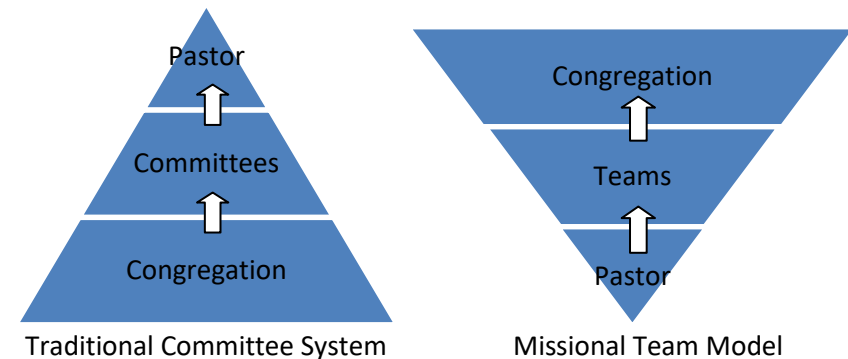
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TEAM CALVARY

As we move toward a harvest season of fall in 2017, I would like to offer a new ministry paradigm, which is a team ministry. Currently we have a committee system which has been a traditional way to discuss, discern, and make decisions on ministries. For a larger membership church, this may be an efficient way of ministry.

However, for a small membership church like Calvary, a team ministry model may work better. Team ministry model is based on "missional" structure. Let me describe them with diagrams:



As you see in the diagrams above, in the traditional committee system, many ideas of missions are brought to the committees by congregation. However, only some of them are approved by committee based on budget and resources and will be led by pastor and leaders. In the missional team model, on the contrary, pastor and a few people begin to talk on missions, and team leaders will invite more people in the congregation and multiply their missional vision. In its nature, more people are involved in and carry out missional works in the team model.

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I would like to actively talk with two or three persons of a team for small projects. Then the team leaders may engage with more people and practice your own missional project. This way we will not have winners (approved by committee) or losers (disapproved by committee). Rather, team members will enjoy working together as a small group and multiply their vision with others in missional team model.

If you are seeking for “meaning” in your spiritual life or having a “burning” issue, please share them with me. I will support you to begin a small team with a few team members. Then you will develop your own ideas and engage with more people to practice your team ministry. It will take time to organize and reorganize our ministry structure, but it will begin with your first courageous step in faith.

Do we want to make Calvary a passionate and missional church? Then let us share our vision with one another, taking our small steps toward a future. May God bless and guide us in this new journey of team ministry. Go, Team Calvary!

Blessings and love, Jae

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR CHURCH FINANCES

When the Apostle Paul was faced with tough challenges, he would remind himself that “he could do all things through Christ who gave him strength” (Philippians 4:13). Calvary’s current challenge is that our expenses are more than our income due to unexpected building maintenance.

Church repairs have been really high for the last several months: A/C over \$17,000; water heater and other repairs \$3,500. This has depleted our “Repair and Replace” (R & R) account. Calvary needs your help! Please consider making a generous donation to the R and R Fund. Remember Philippians 4:13 – “We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.”

Thank you for your prayers and faithful support!

<i>Pastor</i>	<i>Finance Chair</i>	<i>Council Chair</i>	<i>Trustees President</i>
<i>Rev. Dr. Jae Lee</i>	<i>Rachel Graves</i>	<i>Ray Smith</i>	<i>Earl Beckham</i>

YOUNG ADULT GROUP FELLOWSHIP

Calvary’s young adult group, 10/10 SC, will have a fellowship gathering at Shannon and Rachel’s on Sept. 10th. It will be a time of catching up with one another by sharing dinner together. If you want to invite your friends, please let Shannon and Rachel know so that they may prepare enough food for all.

MISSIONAL PARTNERSHIP WITH GIDEON INTERNATIONAL

On Sept. 24, Calvary will have guest speakers, John Surrat and his Gideon friends. Pastor Jae has met John several times and discussed how to reach out to diverse people in our local community. As a missional effort, John and his friends will share the Word of God in our worship service. Let us come and be contagious with passionate Christian witness.



R & R LUNCH AND CHURCH COUNCIL

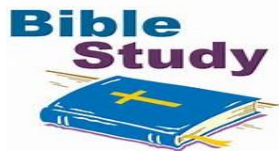
There will be Repair & Replace (R & R) Luncheon on October 22. It is our fundraising fellowship to keep up with church facilities. Church Council will follow the R & R in order to prepare Calvary’s annual Charge Conference on Nov. 5th.



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 soon.

Patty Pressley, Children’s Ministry



WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

It is time to go back to school! It is not about children but for adults. Our Wednesday Bible Study resumed on August 23 at 11am and invites 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.



Please mark Calvary's Homecoming Sunday on your calendar, October 8th 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.



2017 CROP Walk will be held on October 14th, 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.



Carl Pinion, Annette James, Kathleen Shaw, Brenda Markham, Delores Foster, Valerie Ware, Dina Faquin, Brenda Alexander, Merwin Foard, Henry McCannon, Paul Brackbill, Vernell Dye, Robert Black, Preston Savage, Dillon Webb, 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, Joyce and Johnny Puckett, Tom and Lib Phillips, and all of our sick and shut-ins and those serving our country.



NEW MEMBER 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.



SYMPATHY & PRAYERS

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Joyce Beyer who passed away on July 20th. Please continue to pray for this family.

ADDRESS UPDATE

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



BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

Cody Smith	2	Peggy Cromer	11
Judith Houghton	22	Shirley Butler	27



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

THE DEADLINE FOR DONATIONS IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17.

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

*Brenda Alexander,
Chair, Outreach Committee*

HURRICANE HARVEY FLOODS



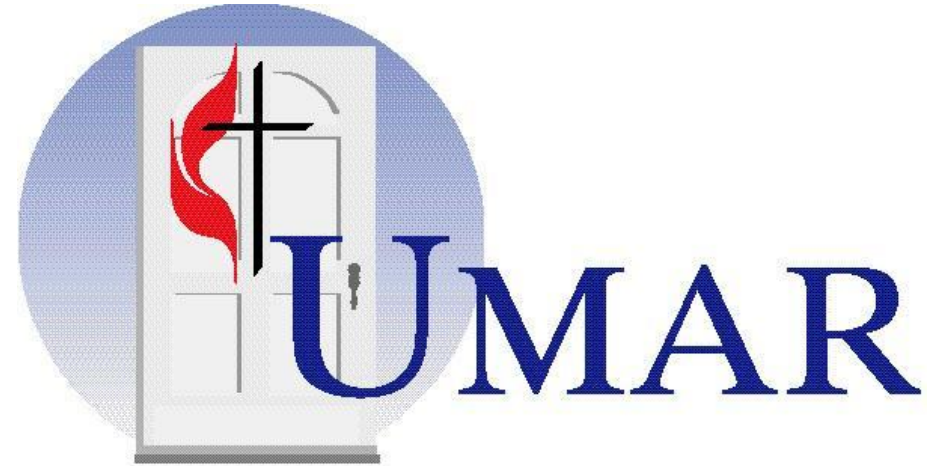
I looked on UMCOR's website, and they stand ready to help. Trained Early Response Teams are on standby waiting to be notified when FEMA and local authorities are ready to receive volunteers.

United Methodists ministers have been among those rescued from rising waters in Houston as Tropical Storm Harvey has brought catastrophic flooding to much of south Texas. Many UMC churches have flood damage, and some ministers have lost their homes.

We can stand with our neighbors on the Gulf Coast during this time. Our gifts ensure that UMCOR will be able to provide help and hope for those left homeless or otherwise affected by this disaster for years to come.

If you would like to donate, write your check payable to Calvary and on the memo line write "*Disaster Response*" **Advance #901670**. Wanda Grant, our Treasurer, will forward the donations to UMCOR.

Brenda Alexander, Outreach Chair



UMAR SPECIAL SUNDAY OFFERING

We will take a special offering for UMAR (Unite Move Act Reachout) on Sunday, **September 17**. UMAR provides an array of programs and services to more than 400 adults across Western North Carolina and was founded by the Western North Carolina Conference in 1983.

UMAR operates group homes and apartments across Western North Carolina to allow individuals to experience independent living. Our own special UMAR adults, Gwen Butler and Kristin Hunter, have their own apartment at the McCleskey Apartments in Huntersville.

You can make your check payable to the church and on the memo line write, UMAR Special Offering.

Outreach Committee