

## SPECIAL GIFTS

To Flower Fund by Ted and Brenda Alexander.  
To R and R in memory of John and Mot Black by Melanie Mason.  
To CUMC in memory of John and Sarah Tanzy by Ora T. Escott.  
To Homecoming Fund by Louis and Nancy Fennell.  
To R and R by Henry and Laretta Forrest, Harding Shinn, Stella Schlagowsky, Ted and Brenda Alexander, Ray and Marsha Smith.  
To R and R in honor of Robert Black and Carl Pinion and in memory of Maxine Black and John Black by Joe Black.  
To Christmas Toys-Red Bird Mission by Calvary UMW, Ted and Brenda Alexander, Ray and Marsha Smith.  
To UMCOR US Disaster Relief by Calvary UMW.  
To World Hunger by Kathleen Shaw.

Calvary UMC  
512 W. Blvd.p  
Charlotte, NC 28203



**to Calvary UMC**

## CALVARY CURRENT

Calvary United Methodist Church

Phone 704 333-3388      512 West Blvd. Charlotte, NC 28203  
Email: [calumc@bellsouth.net](mailto:calumc@bellsouth.net)      Website: [CalvaryUmcNc.org](http://CalvaryUmcNc.org)

VOLUME 50

NO. 11

NOVEMBER 2017

### PASTOR'S REPORT FOR CHARGE CONFERENCE

The year of 2017 was a hopeful one for Calvary UMC as we have produced many fruits in ministry. As part of Vitality Team Ministry, we initiated and strengthened young adult ministry, 10/10 Spiritual Club, regularly meeting on Sunday mornings and having outings for fellowship. In particular, the young adult group had a spiritual retreat at Lake Junaluska for relationship development with God and with one another.

For children's ministry, we launched a new Sunday school class for all age groups. We plan to nurture them with the Word of God every Sunday and gradually multiply children's classes with appropriate age groups.

For adult ministry, we continued adult Sunday school classes and Wednesday Bible study. As the pastor of Calvary UMC, I deeply appreciate and honor our Sunday school teachers, Bob Braswell, Henry Forrest, Brenda Alexander, Ray Smith, and Patty Pressley for their faithful teaching and leadership!

While celebrating our achievements, I also recognize challenges in ministry. This year we lost four faithful members by death, and some of our active members withdrew due to their physical weaknesses. It is a natural process as an aged congregation but still affects worship attendance and spiritual atmosphere in the church. Calvary needs to develop caring ministry for senior adults and focus on developing new leadership for church's future.

One thing I look for is middle age members who are crucial for bridging between senior adult and young adult groups. Even though we do not have many of them, I plan to begin a small group for middle age group to encourage and support one another in 2018.

Calvary is blessed with faithful lay people who serve the Lord and practice God's Word in their daily lives. In order to develop laity leadership, our church will have servant leadership class once a month so that we may grow and strengthen lay leadership. I pray that each of us sees, welcomes, and receives God's promise!

*Blessings and peace, Jae*

## THANKS TO SERVING HANDS at R & R LUNCH

We had a great fellowship through R & R Lunch Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you for your faithful service and support. A special thanks to the Methodist Men for preparing this wonderful meal.



Come one come all!!! We launched a new Sunday school class for kindergarteners to high schoolers starting on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>. We will be meeting in a new Sunday classroom. We are very excited about this new class!! As the class grows, we can start breaking down into individual classes more specific to the ages. Any questions please see Patty or Jae.

## CAR WASH AND BAKE SALE

The Calvary kids had their car wash/bake sale on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> to raise money for the CROP walk. It was a very successful project and money was raised for CROP WALK. We thank you for your generous support!

## LOAVES & FISHES REPORT



Calvary's Loaves and Fishes Pantry for the month of Oct. fed 80 people with 1,680 meals. Our volunteers worked 131 hours. Thank you for your faithful service and support!

## ADDRESS UPDATE

**Mrs. Shirley Butler** – Stanley Total Living Center P. O. Box 489 Stanley, NC 28164-2064

**Rev. Bob and Pat Boggan, Jr.** – 4512 Wilshire Ct. Gainesville, GA 30504 H: 470 252-5935 C: 704 236-4443 [rebogganjr@gmail.com](mailto:rebogganjr@gmail.com)



Carl Pinion, Angel Sheridan, Dale and Jack Harton, 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.



Calvary United Methodist Church had another wonderful Homecoming on the 8<sup>th</sup> of October. Our guest preacher was Metro District Superintendent, Rev. Mark Andrews. It was a joyful celebration of Calvary's 152 years of ministry. Thank you all who have been part of our 2017 Homecoming!

## 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."

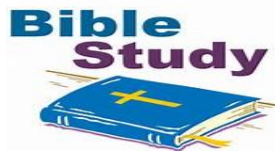
Thank you for your prayers and faithful support!

*Rachel Graves, Finance Committee Chair*



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Kathleen Shaw	3	Dale Harton	4
Jae Lee	10	Lonnie Myers	11
Alice Jarrell	18	Elijah Browning	19
Kristin Hunter	21	Mike Pressley	28
Becky Beckham	28		



We invite everyone who wants to learn and live the Word of God. We continue to study *the Book of Hebrews*. Please bring your bag lunch for fellowship after study. Our leader is our own Dr. Jae.

## 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. There is a place for you at Calvary!



Calvary UMC's Annual Charge Conference will be held on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> in the sanctuary, following our Sunday worship service. All members are requested to attend the Charge Conference.

## CHURCH HUMOR

Rev. Robert A. Pollauf of Detroit passed on this account of how Daniel saved his life in the lion's den: King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon was astonished that the hungry lions had not eaten Daniel. He summoned Daniel and promised him that if he would reveal his secret, the king would give him his freedom.

"It was easy, your excellency," Daniel said. "I went around and whispered in each lion's ear— 'After dinner, there will be speeches.'"

## THE MEANING OF "HOMECOMING"



By Amy Rockett

These very steps at Calvary UMC where we are standing on lead me to the church I grew up in. It leads me to the church I was baptized in with all of my cousins. It leads me to the church my parents got married in. It leads me to the church that I said my goodbyes to my pawpaw, my cousin and our beloved papa Jack. It leads me to the church that welcomes me with open arms. Full of people who have watched me grow into a mom of two perfect daughters...which they say...are the spitting image of me when I was younger. These may just seem like steps to a church but to me it represents "home." And on this homecoming I'm blessed to be able to stand on these steps again and walk into a beautiful church with my girls by my side, praising our love for our Savior!