

SPECIAL GIFTS

To Society of St. Andrews by Stella Schlagowsky.
To R and R by Preston Savage, Ruby Vincent, Ted and Brenda Alexander.
To UMC Student Day by Ted and Brenda Alexander.



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CALVARY CURRENT

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P“O”WER OF GOD: ORGANIZE WITH OBEDIENCE

In 2017 Calvary daringly started a courageous journey of faith: POWER of God based on Philippians 4:13. It consists of P (prepare with prayer), O (organize with obedience), W (worship with work), E (embrace with empowerment), R (renew with reaffirmation). We have “prepared” our spirits for future hope and our sanctuary with new sound and video system. Preparing ourselves for future hope, we focused on developing young people’s ministry. We initiated 10/10 SC (young adult group) and Calvary Kids with Christ (children/youth group).

The primary focus of Calvary ministries in 2018 is to “*Organize with Obedience.*” We are planning to organize various small groups and operate them in the spirit of “team.” In order to grow, we must to grow “small.” In small groups and teams, we may get to know each other, opening our hearts together. Small groups and teams are not limited to religious boundary but goes beyond such as cooking club, Y-exercise club, yoga club, zumba class, bowling club, walking club, single club, coffee talk, diversity group, book club, covenant group, prayer team, Gospel gourmet group, mission team, and etc.

If you have a sense of calling from God to initiate or participate in new small groups, could you say “yes” to God with your obedient hearts? This new year all church committees will have a new name of “teams,” and small groups may invite people beyond our church. I believe and hope that small groups may bring us a new spirit as an outward and missional church.

Our Vitality Team and Church Council will work together to encourage all members to be actively involved in small groups and teams. In 2018, could you connect your skills and favorite things to small teams and groups? I look forward to seeing various small groups and teams vibrant at Calvary!

Blessings and love, Jae

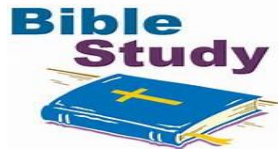


NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Come one come all! We have a Sunday school class for kindergarteners to high schoolers, including all children and youth on Sunday at 10am. 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. Joining the class or serving as a teacher? Please see Patty or Jae.

LOAVES & FISHES REPORT

Calvary's Loaves and Fishes Pantry for the month of Nov. fed 98 people with 2,037 meals. Our volunteers worked 131 hours. Thank you for your faithful service and support!



We invite anyone who wants to learn and live the Word of God. We will continue to study on Wednesdays at 11am from January 10th. Please bring your bag lunch for fellowship after study. Our leader is our own Dr. Jae.

WILMORE NEIGHBOR CLEANUP DAY

On Jan. 20, Saturday, 10am, Wilmore Neighbors will gather at the Community Center and clean up our local community. Calvary members are invited to this community event to make Wilmore a better place!

INFORMAL 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.



Shirley Weeks, 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.

WILMORE COMMUNITY DINNER

On Dec. 4, 2017, we served dinner for the Wilmore neighbors. The meal was great, and the fellowship was even greater. It was a wonderful time to build and create relationships with our neighbors.





JANUARY

Rick Combs	03	Harley Lail	03
Melanie Mills	13	Terry Frye	14
Derrick Wright	15	Kathy Combs	16
Kim Lee	16	Myra Lail	19
Nancy Short	30		

2018 MLK CELEBRATION

WNCC MLK CELEBRATION

JAN 13, 2018
10 AM - 2 PM
DOORS OPEN AT 9

BENNETT COLLEGE
900 E. Washington St.
Greensboro, NC 27401

50 Years Later "Reclaiming Our/God's Time"

Join Bishop Paul Leeland and friends from across Western NC as we celebrate Dr. King and recommit ourselves to his important work.

fellowship, worship, communion, music, small group dialogues,
youth session, & action steps

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
REV. DR. WILLIAM BOBBY MCCLAIN

Also featuring Duke Hispanic House of Studies, and honoring the Bennett Belles of the Sit-In Movement

NEHEMIAH 6:1-10

\$5 DONATION FOR MEAL

"Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend."
- The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Register by January 8 at www.wnccumc.org/mlkcelebration

SPECIAL THANKS

We thank James and Joanna Lee for their contribution in music to our Sunday worship service. We are grateful for their participation and the sharing of their talents with us. Pray for their continued spiritual growth in music and service. We also invite anyone who wants to share their musical gifts during our worship service. If you are interested in sharing your music, please talk with Gene Oliver, our music director.

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

CHURCH HUMOR



LORD'S BAPTISM SUNDAY

Next Sunday, Jan. 7, we will renew our own baptism by touching water on the baptismal font. As we begin a new year, let us come and renew our baptismal covenant as children of God. Holy Communion will be taking on Jan. 14.

CONFIRMATION

2018 Confirmation Class will begin from Jan. 14th. Every second and fourth Sundays from January to April, we will have confirmation class, following worship service. Please pray for our confirmands and youth members.

2018 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

If you have not picked up your 2018 Offering Envelopes in the vestibule, please do so. **You may begin to use these envelopes from Jan. 7, 2018.** Using these envelopes is very important, as the envelope number is your account number and all posting is done by account number. **Please discard all prior year envelopes** as the numbers change each year. If you are not a member and want to support our church with your regular offering, please request Gene to make your offering envelop. Thank you for your generous giving!

COMMITMENT SUNDAY



All members and friends of Calvary will receive your 2017 giving statement with commitment card in early January. When you receive your commitment card, we ask you to pray about your faith and covenant with God and bring your commitment card on Jan. 28th. During worship service, everyone will be invited to come to the altar and dedicate your commitment card. This is our spiritual practice of giving and support for God's church and its ministries.

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TRAINING (LAITY ROUNDTABLE SEMINARS)

February 3, 2018 - BLAIR ROAD UMC
(9135 Blair Rd Mint Hill, NC 28227)

Snow date: 2/10/2018

Opening Worship: 8:30AM

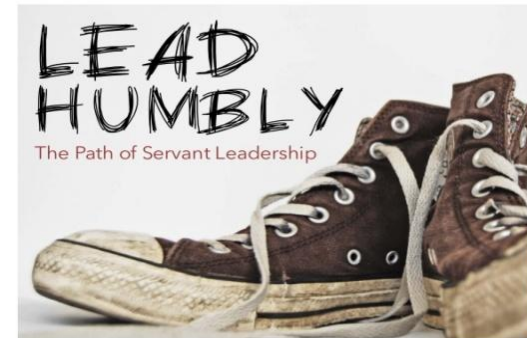
FIRST SESSION: 9:00AM - 10:15AM

SECOND SESSION: 10:45AM – NOON

Course Descriptions:

- The Role of Staff-Parish Committee in Affirming the Call to Ministry (Rev. Mark Andrews, District Superintendent)
- Local Church Lay Leader (Jatana Royster, District Lay Leader)
- What is a Disciple Making Church? (Rev. Stephanie Hand, District Vitality Strategist)
- Finance (Rev. Mark King, WNCC Conference Treasurer / Director of Administrative Services)
- How to be an effective church leader (Dr. Terry Moore, Senior Pastor - Weddington UMC)
- Church Historian / Archives (Rev. Jim Pyatt, WNCC Archivist / Historian)

SERVANT LEADERSHIP CLASS



All church members are invited to attend "servant leadership class" every third Sunday, beginning from Jan. 21st. We will learn together how to become true Christ's followers and servants. This class will provide us with Christian leadership basics and practical skills.