

## SPECIAL GIFTS

- To R and R by Nancy Short.  
To Society of St. Andrews by Henry and Laretta Forrest, Ted and Brenda Alexander, Ray and Marsha Smith.  
To CUMC in memory of Carl Pinion by Harding Shinn, Terry Frye, Ted and Brenda Alexander, Ray and Marsha Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hedberg.  
To CUMC Bereavement Fund in memory of Carl Pinion by Lonnie Myers and Gene Oliver.  
To R and R in memory of Carl Pinion by Henry and Laretta Forrest, Earl and Becky Beckham.  
To CUMC Children's Fund by Joe Black.  
To CUMC in memory of Carl Pinion by Nancy Fennell, Ron Ware, June Severs, Stella Schlagowsky, Skipper and Sharyn Johnson.  
To CUMC in memory of Carl Pinion by Ruby Vincent.  
To CUMC in memory of Carl Pinion by Gary and Renee Rockett.  
To R and R by Ray and Marsha Smith, Ted and Brenda Alexander, Harding Shinn and Stella Schlagowsky.

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## CALVARY CURRENT

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## SMALL TEAMS

As we depart a new journey in P"O"WER of God, Calvary will focus on "o"rganize (and reorganize) with "o"bedience. In January newsletter, I empathized two words, "small" and "team." In order to develop relationships, "smallness" is essential. Only in a small group, people may listen to each other's story and get to know one another in a deeper level.

Calvary's Church Council decided to drop a word, committee, and use "team." Why is "team" so crucial for our church? According to Dave Male, team is "a group of people with an agreed purpose to work together to achieve something that they could not do on their own."

1. A team working in harmony reflects the relational nature of God, the Trinity and models Christian community life.
2. A multicultural environment is more readily engaged by a team of a variety of people.
3. A team provides a model and a means of sharing authority and responsibility.
4. A team approach allows God to gather the human resources necessary to respond to the size of the task.
5. The work that can be achieved by team is greater than can be achieved by one individual.
6. The team provides a training group for future leaders.

Next month, I will share some possible small team ideas with you. For the meantime, would you reflect on your passion and vision for any small team? Let us pray together to see and hear those who might be part of our small teams.

*Blessings and love, Jae*

## PRAYERS FOR ALL

Joe Black, Brian Dobbins, Shirley Weeks, Angel Sheridan, Ellis Withers, Dale and Jack Harton, Annette James, Kathleen Shaw, Brenda Markham, Delores Foster, Dina Faquin, Brenda Alexander, Merwin Foad, 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, Linda Baucom, Buck Bailes, 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.



We will continue our confirmation class on Feb. 4 and 25. Please pray for three confirmands, Dhe'Ommei Foxx, Harley Lail, Maddie Pressley, who are in this spiritual journey.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



"Calvary Kids in Christ" will have a special presentation during children's time on February 4<sup>TH</sup>. We will also have our annual cooking contest on February 11 right after church in the fellowship hall. We are in need of judges again this year. If you're interested, please see Patty! All are welcome to stay after church and support our kids!

Patty Pressley

## LENTEN JOURNEY

This year our Lenten journey begins on Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, Ash Wednesday toward Easter Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. We will be partnering with Dilworth UMC again: There will be Ash Wednesday Services at 12pm in our church and at Dilworth UMC at 6pm on Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>.

Pastor Jae plans to preach on "the Way of the Cross" with a picture of Jesus' suffering and death each Sunday during Lent. Let us make this Lenten journey a time for deepening our spiritual relationship with God and others.



## "CALVARY KIDS WITH CHRIST" CLASS

Come one come all!!! We have a Sunday school class for kindergarteners to high schoolers. We meet in the sanctuary. We are very excited about this new class!! We are using a one room curriculum. As the class grows, we can start breaking down into individual classes more specific to the ages. Any questions, please see Patty or Jae.

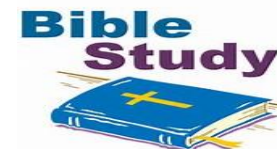
## LOAVES AND FISHES ANNUAL REPORT

Our Calvary Pantry and Volunteers have served the hungry for over 43 years. The following is the 2017 Annual Report for ALL 20 L&F Pantries.

Total people served in Charlotte: 75,038

Total meals served in Charlotte: 1,575,798

Calvary Pantry served 1,955 people with 41,055 meals and our Calvary Volunteers worked 1044 hours.



We invite anyone who wants to learn and live the Word of God. We will continue to study Jesus' teachings on the mountain, *Beatitudes*, based on Matthew's Gospel. 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.



### FEBRUARY

Joe Black	03	Valerie Ware	07
Henry McCannon	08	Keith Price	09
Kamryn Lail	11	Brenda Alexander	23
Earl Beckham	20	Becky Pinion	24

### SPECIAL THANKS

We give thanks to our servers who prepared delicious BBQ for our R & R (repair and replace) Lunch on Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to your generous donations, we raised \$1,040. The money will be directly used to repair and upgrade our church facilities.

### FEBRUARY SERVANT LEADERSHIP CLASS



Servant Leadership Class will be held on Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> at 10am. If you are not a regular Sunday School goer, it will be a great opportunity for you to experience a taste of small group and develop your leadership skills.

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SUNDAY



We will celebrate UMW Sunday on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>, and our guest speaker is Lynda Morris, Metro District UMW President. UMW luncheon and general meeting will follow the worship service.

### METRO DISTRICT DISCOVERY DAY

- February 16, 9:30am – 3pm
- University City UMC (3835 West WT Harris Blvd)
- Cost of lunch \$10
- New places for new people / development of new leaders  
7 seasons of church planting / 7 circles of fresh expressions  
strategic partnership / renewal – remissioning strategies

If you plan to attend this special workshop, please let pastor Jae know.

### CHURCH HUMOR



**CALVARY UNITED MEHTODIST CHURCH  
THE 12 STEPS in GIVING to A GREAT CHURCH  
ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS – YEAR 2017**

**Which Step Are You On?**

\$10,000 & over	4
\$5,001 - \$10,000	6
\$4,001 - \$5,000	2
\$3,501 - \$4,000	2
\$3,001 - \$3,500	3
\$2,501 - \$3,000	1
\$2,001 - \$2,500	0
\$1,501 - \$2,000	5
\$1,001 - \$1,500	8
\$501 - \$1,000	9
\$101 - \$500	6
\$1 - \$100	6 (Giving individuals or families)
\$0	?

According to 2017 Finance Report,  
Calvary UMC has 52 giving individuals or families.  
If each giving individual or family prayerfully considers its contribution  
and takes at least one step up,  
we can meet our 2018 budget of \$193,400!

**THE WAY TO GO IS UP!**



**HELP MAKE A GREAT CHURCH EVEN GREATER!**