

## SPECIAL GIFTS

- To CUMC in honor of Henry McCannon's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday by June Severs.  
To CUMC in honor of J.B. Spurrier by Al and Suzette Leonard.  
To CUMC in memory of Shirley Butler by Terry Frye, Ruby Vincent, June Severs, Ted and Brenda Alexander, Ray and Marsha Smith.  
To CUMC's Bereavement Fund in memory of Shirley Butler by Gene Oliver and Lonnie Myers, Henry and Laretta Forrest.  
To R and R in honor of Joe Black's great granddaughter, Hazel Springs by Joe Black.  
To Loaves & Fishes in memory of Carl Pinion and Shirley Butler by Ty and Myra Lail.  
To CUMC in memory of Shirley Butler by Donna Frye, Earl and Becky Beckham, and Harding Shinn.  
To CUMC's Bereavement Fund by Gene and Gaynell, and Nancy and Louis Fennell.  
To CUMC's Loaves & Fishes by Jean Johnson.

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## CALVARY CURRENT

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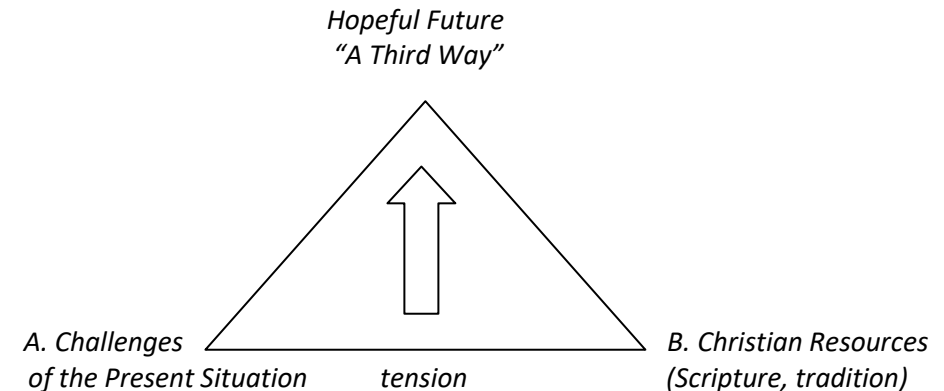
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## SMALL TEAMS AS A THIRD WAY

Modern people have been trained to select a better choice not only for schools, houses, and job careers but also for human relationships. Accordingly, successful leaders seem to have a capability of choosing a better choice out of the given options. Based on the 'either A or B' paradigm, many church leaders tend to find comfort in choosing more benefits than opportunity costs.

However, faithful church leaders seek 'a third way' which is not a choice of 'either A or B,' but an alternative resolution from the creative tension of 'both A and B.' Faithful leaders must rediscover the values of Christian faith such as Scripture and tradition in a specific cultural context, and emphasize transcendent values of Christ Jesus for all people. Through the imaginative dialogue between the challenges of the present context and the Christian resources, church leaders may help the congregation see a hopeful future as a third way.



Seeking a third way is like a marinating process. When meat or fish or fruit appropriately soaks in a source for a certain period of time, it adds a new flavor or becomes a new creation. Faithful church leaders must *take time* to

think, listen, converse, reflect, and pray until their adaptation or integrative thoughts are fully marinated in the faith of Jesus Christ.

Through prayerful marinating conversations between Christian resources (Scripture, church traditions, Christian values) and Calvary's present challenges and context (aging of membership and building, generational and cultural gaps, scarcity culture), we need to move toward a God sized vision. As your spiritual leader, I daringly present "small teams" as a third way for Calvary's hopeful future.

How can we faithfully plant, water, and grow healthy small groups and teams at Calvary? Where is God in this process, and what does God want me to be and do? Can we find a God sized vision in our small teams? In March and April, I would like to have a practice of small team: Prayer Team. All members will be asked to be part of small prayer teams with 3 members. Then we will share our prayer concerns and pray for one another. Let us do one thing at a time and see how God leads us!

*Blessings and love, Jae*

## PRAYERS FOR ALL

Annette James, Gene Oliver, Joe Black, Shirley Weeks, Brian Dobbins, Angel Sheridan, Ellis Withers, Laura Krown, Kathleen Shaw, Brenda Markham, Delores Foster, 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 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 March 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for three confirmands, Dhe'Ommei Foxx, Harley Lail, Maddie Pressley, who are in this spiritual journey.

## KIDS' COOKING CONTEST



"Calvary Kids in Christ" had the annual cooking contest on February 11<sup>th</sup>. They made not only delicious but also looking good meals, and the judges had hard time to decide the winner team due to their high quality of food. We give thanks to all participants and judges.

Patty Pressley, Children's Ministry

## OUTREACH TEAM MEETING

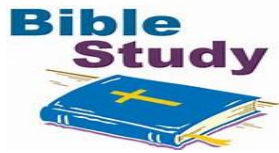
The Outreach Team will meet on Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:45am in Pop Smith Sunday School classroom.

Brenda Alexander, Outreach Chair



## "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.



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.



We welcome J. B. Spurrier, Matt, Nancy, and Jackson Johnson as Calvary's new families. J. B. renewed his membership after 39 years. Matt and Nancy grew up at Calvary as young children and joined as new members. We also had baptism for Matt and his son, Jackson. It was a meaningful time to celebrate their uniting in the body of Christ. Calvary welcomes all people of God who want to live and grow in the loving relationship with Christ Jesus.



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Jeffrey Rockett	4	Jung Woo Lee	5
Harding Shinn	5	Erin Johnson	10
Gaynell Lail	12	Megan Mills	14
Ray Smith	19	Bob Braswell	20
Buck Bailes	31		

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SUNDAY

Calvary celebrated UMW Sunday on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> with guest speaker, Lynda Morris, Metro District UMW President, who shared great news of "the power of bold." Calvary's UMW will continue to serve others with its missional efforts.

### MARCH SERVANT LEADERSHIP CLASS



Servant Leadership Class will be held on March 18<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 servant leadership skills.

### LENTEN JOURNEY



This year our Lenten journey began on Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> with Ash Wednesday Services that were held in Calvary and Dilworth UMCs. During the Lent, Pastor Jae preaches on "the Way of the Cross" with unique pictures that he took in Jeju Island, South Korea last year. Let us make this Lenten journey a time for deepening our spiritual relationships with God and others.

## UMCOR SUNDAY



Calvary will keep annual United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Sunday on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Your gifts on UMCOR Sunday will enable UMCOR to construct classrooms, school latrines, and provisions to collect and store fresh water in Haiti, Sudan, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, among other places. These are just a few examples of UMCOR's impact around the world. If you want to make donations to UMCOR, you may make a check to be payable to Calvary UMC and write UMCOR in memo. Thank you for your generous giving!

## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS ON MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>

Please do not forget to change your clock for Sunday worship at 11am!

### SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES

Palm Sunday – Gathering in front of the sanctuary at 10:55am and processing into the sanctuary with waving palm branches

Holy Thursday Tenebrae Service – On March 29 at 6:30pm, meditating on Jesus' passion narrative on the cross

Easter Celebration – Special music & flowering the cross with and Holy Communion for all worshippers

