

## SPECIAL GIFTS

To World Hunger by Amy Borhaug.  
To Project Agape Shoes by Ted and Brenda Alexander and Harding Shinn.  
To Project Agape Shoes in memory of Phyllis Hale on her 92<sup>nd</sup> Birthday by Ray and Marsha Smith.  
To Project Agape Shoes by Ray and Marsha Smith, Stella Schlagowsky, Peggy Cromer, Ruby Vincent, Bill Cobb's S.S. Class and Calvary UMW.  
To Project Agape Shoes by June Severs, Henry and Laretta Forrest.  
To R and R by Becky Pinion, Herb and Pat Tesh, Harding Shinn, Ted and Brenda Alexander and Jim Jeffries.  
To R and R in memory of Maxine Black and Phyllis Hale and in honor JB Spurrier by Joe Black.  
To R and R in honor of Rick and Kathy Combs by Stella Schlagowsky.  
To R and R in memory of Nancy Jeffries Fennell by Ray and Marsha Smith.  
To Agape Shoes by Nancy Short, Rick and Kathy Combs, and Betty Matthews.  
To CUMC in memory of Nancy Jeffries Fennell by Ted and Brenda Alexander and Terry Frye.  
To World Hunger in memory of Nancy Fennell by Harding Shinn.  
To World Hunger in memory of Randy Smith by Theresa McLendon.  
To World Hunger in memory of Carl Pinion by Skipper and Sharyn Johnson.  
To Agape Shoes by Kim and Jae Lee.

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## MEETING GOD ON THE MARGIN

Where have you met God? Through my life journey, I have experienced many spiritual ups and downs. Yes, life is full of challenges and crises as well as opportunities and hopes. While we seek peace and calmness in life, we often experience God in life's challenging moments rather than in peaceful times.

"There was a man named Jairus, a leader of the synagogue. He fell at Jesus' feet and begged him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, who was dying." (Luke 8:41-42)

We don't know many things about Jairus. From the phrase, "a synagogue leader," we simply assume that Jairus must have social reputation and religious authority in his community. It must have been very odd for a religious leader to come to a stranger, asking for help. In fact, Jesus was a powerless outsider from the perspective of Jewish religion. However, Jairus didn't care about social status or religious authority because he was on the margin: Jairus fell at the feet of Jesus because his only daughter was sick and dying. If his daughter were not sick, Jairus would not come to Jesus!

All of us are on our own margins. There may be so many different kinds of marginal elements among us: Health, race/ethnicity, economic possession and job, marriage, age, sexual orientation, educational background, and so on.

Surprisingly enough, God meets us on our margin. While we are struggling on the margin, we may find the need of God in our life. Rather than trying to overcome or hide our marginal status, can we be honest with God and simply ask for God's help? Just like Jairus, let us come before Christ Jesus and say, "I need you!" God will meet us on the margin.

*Peace and love, Jae*



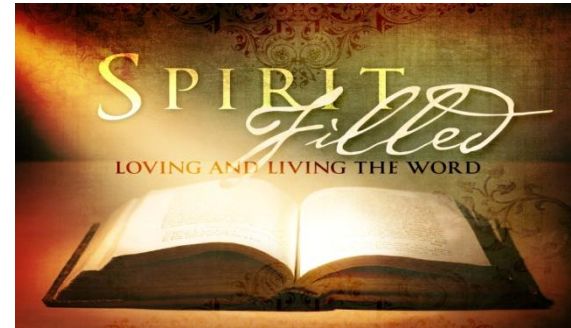
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## PRAYERS FOR ALL



Annette James, JB Spurrier, Dean Edwards, Cheryl Rogers, Pat Tesh, Stella Schlagowsky, Shirley Weeks, Brendon Boxler, Brenda Alexander, Angel Sheridan, Kathleen Shaw, Dina Faquin, Mary Stockton, Laura Krown, Brian Dobbins, Ellis Withers, Brenda Markham, Delores Foster, Merwin Foad, Henry McCannon, Paul Brackbill, Preston Savage, Dillon Webb, Dale and Dawn Hauser, 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 have a Summer break for Wednesday Bible Study for the months of July and August. Our Bible study will resume on the week of Sept. 12 after Labor Day week. We encourage you to continually read the Book of Exodus during the break.

## SYMPATHY AND PRAYER

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of Nancy Fennell. Nancy was the sister to Jimmy Jeffries and a dear friend of Calvary UMC.



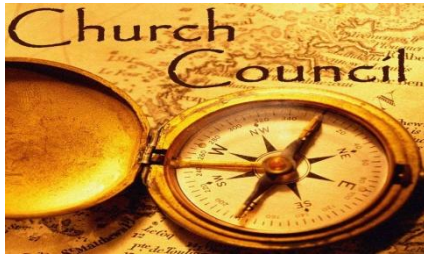
Joe Black - 1505 Union New Hope Rd. Gastonia, NC 28056, and his phone number is 704 461-8540.

JB Spurrier - 1680 South New Hope Road #36, Gastonia, NC 28054

Alice Jarrell - Atria Senior Living, 1628 Old Donation Pkwy #148, Virginia Beach, VA 23454

## R & R (Repair and Replace) LUNCH

We give thanks to UMW Circle One who hosted our R & R Lunch last Sunday. With your generosity, we raised \$1,244, and the money will be used to keep up with our church facilities.



Calvary's Church Council meets once a quarter according to UMC's Book of Discipline. We will have a meeting following the worship service on Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>. All council members are asked to attend this meeting.

## OUTREACH TEAM MEETING

Calvary's Outreach Team will have a meeting on Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> 9:45am in the Pop Smith Sunday School Classroom.

## SUPPORT FOR CROP WALK



On July 29<sup>th</sup> Bake Sale for CROP WALK was a great success with your generous support. There will be CROP WALK Luncheon on Aug. 12<sup>th</sup>. We invite you to participate in this fun fellowship. Your generous donations are deeply appreciated!

## YOUNG ADULT GROUP OUTING



On July 15<sup>th</sup>, Calvary's young adult group (10-10 Club) had a fun outing at Lake Wylie with boating. Our young people had a great time for fun together.

## LAITY CELEBRATION

There will be special Sundays in which our lay leaders will lead our worship services. On Aug. 26, Lay Servant, Becky Pinion will be preaching, and on Sept. 2, United Methodist Men will coordinate a special worship service.

## PASTOR'S SCHEDULE

Pastor Jae will be visiting his parents in South Korea from Aug. 20 to Sept. 6. During his visit in Korea, he will also preach and share his experiences from his unique ministry. Please pray for Kim and children during Jae's traveling.

## CHILDREN / YOUTH GROUP: RAY'S SPLASH



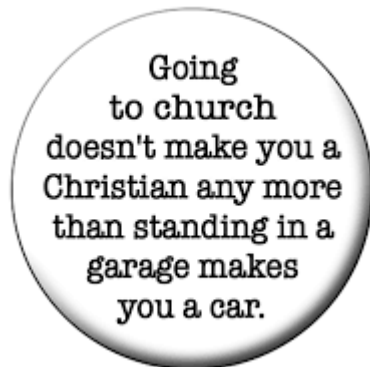
Calvary's children and youth are invited to Ray's Splash, a summer pool party, at Ray and Marsha Smith's on Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am to 2pm. Lunch will be provided, and you can enjoy water as much as you like!

## COLLECTION FOR WOMEN'S SHELTER



The Youth group is collecting any pocketbooks that you don't want anymore! We are going to fill them with items and give them to the women shelter. Items that we will be looking for would be sanitary items, shampoo, conditioner, hand wipes, baby powder, etc. If you have anything please give them to any of the youth group. There is no timeline on this as we will take them as we have the items to fill them and deliver them to the women shelter. Thank you as always for support!!

Patty Pressley



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