

SPECIAL GIFTS

- To R & R by Harding Shinn, Ted & Brenda Alexander, Ray & Marsha Smith and Stella Schlagowsky.
To R & R in honor of Ray & Marsha Smith and in memory of John Black, Fred Severs & Bill Cobb by Joe Black.
To United Methodist Men by Earl Beckham, Ted Alexander, Mike Earnhardt and Harding Shinn.
To Project Agape by Mark Shinn, Kim and Jae Lee.
To Calvary UMC in memory of Barbara Pressley's birthday on May 6th by Pat and Herb Tesh.
To Crop Walk by Harding Shinn.

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LIVING ON THE MARGIN

Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that took place over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, and they spoke the word to no one except Jews. But among them were some men of Cyprus and Cyrene who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists also, proclaiming the Lord Jesus. The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number became believers and turned to the Lord. (Acts 11:19-21)

In the Book of Acts, we observe how God changes challenges and crises into opportunities. The early followers of Jesus were scattered, escaping from the brutal persecution in Jerusalem. Through this trial, paradoxically, the words of God and the salvific works of Jesus Christ were spread out beyond Jerusalem and Judea. More Gentiles have heard the good news of Jesus Christ and become believers and turned to Christ Jesus. The Early Church was built on the margin!

Today we live in the post-Christendom era. This means that the church and Christian believers are not on the center anymore. In fact, many churches are declining and closing in the U.S. Once American communities put the church on the center: All commercial stores were closed on Sundays, and most residents worshipped God as extended families.

However, today's Sundays are different from those of the Christendom era: All business stores are open and busy; children and adults have their sports and arts performances; and there are great choices of entertainments on Sundays.

How do we live on the margin? Are we supposed to be invisible or silent in front of the gigantic mammon power today?

Surprisingly, it can be an opportunity for us to witness how God works from the margin. Living on the margin may lead us to go back to the basic, to the early Christian example, and to total dependence on God's grace. How's your living on the margin?

Blessings and love, Jae



JUNE

Betty Matthews	2	Addi Smith	7
Jessica Barnwell	14	Mason Butler	14
Della Rose Johnson	14	Ruby Vincent	21
Adam Johnson	24	Gene Oliver	27
Annette James	29		



PRAYERS FOR ALL

Calvary members: Hazel Crump, Gaynell Lail, Dale Harton, Harding Shinn, June Severs, Ruby Vincent, Henry Forrest, Annette James, Stella Schlagowsky, Shirley Weeks, Brenda Alexander, Kathleen Shaw, Daisy Dunlap, Margaret Bumgardner, Buck Bailes, Alice Jarrell, Betty Pinion, Henry McCannon, Preston Savage, Mason Butler, Faye Smith.

Friends of Calvary: Mary Arnold, Ray Crawford, Betty Bradley, Wade Cobb, William Hart, Michael Morgan, Marianne Sabo, Donnie Smith, Suzanne Severs, Danyel Healy, Dean Edwards, Dina Faquin, Mary Stockton, Cheryl Rogers, Elliott and Louise Cramer, Laura Krown, Brian Dobbins, Brenda Markham, Merwin Foard, Paul Brackbill, Brendon Boxler, Dillon Webb, Dale and Dawn Hauser, Mary Anne Koon, Linda Baucom, Millie King, Joyce and Johnny Puckett, Tom Phillips.

Community and beyond: Virginia Beach Community, Wilmore Neighbors and all those who serve for our community and country.

**If there is any change, please let church office know.*



Wednesday Bible Study continues Wednesdays at 11am. Choir rehearsal will follow the lunch fellowship after Bible study. We are a learning community, and all are invited!



Calvary will celebrate its 154th Homecoming on Oct. 13th, and our guest preacher is Rev. Bob Boggan, one of our beloved former pastors. Please mark this on your calendar and plan to attend with your family and friends.

OUTREACH TEAM MEETING



Calvary's Outreach Ministry Team will meet on June 12th 9:45am in the Pop Smith Sunday School Classroom. Outreach Team will decide the second quarter missional distribution.

WORSHIP PLANNING TEAM



Calvary's Worship Planning Team will meet on June 2nd in the Pop Smith Classroom right after our worship service.

FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION



We will celebrate Father's Day on June 16th. We give thanks and honor to our fathers and grandfathers.

BAKE SALE FOR CROP WALK



Children and youth raised \$231 for CROP WALK 2019 through Bake Sale in May. Thank you for your generous support to stop hunger in our local communities!

PENTECOST ON JUNE 9TH



We will have a special worship service for Pentecost! Let us experience the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.

GRADUATION SUNDAY



There will be Graduation Sunday to honor and congratulate our graduates for their accomplishments on June 30th.



Our delegates will participate in the Annual Conference of the Western North Carolina Conference on June 20-23 in Lake Junaluska. Please pray for our Bishop Paul Leeland and all lay and clergy delegates for their discernment and leadership toward a more hopeful future.

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