

SPECIAL GIFTS

To CUMC in memory of their aunt Hazel Crump by Jony & Wanda Bossolono, Larry & Elaine Ervin, Phillip & Traci Newton and Wayne & Lil Newton.

To Project Agape Shoes by Jae & Kim Lee and Ellen Kim.

To R & R by Henry & Loretta Forrest, Tom Phillips, Ruby Vincent, Gary Childers, Ted & Brenda Alexander, Nancy Short, Harding Shinn, Ellen Kim, Skipper & Sharyn Johnson, and Earl & Becky Beckham and Bill Cobb Sunday School Class.

To CROP WALK by Harding Shinn and Betty Matthews.

To Calvary UMW by Ellen Kim.

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FINDING A PLACE AT THE MARGIN

Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. (Luke 13:10-13)

As a Jewish man, Jesus was teaching the Word of God at a synagogue. It was a privilege as a Jew and a man. In a sense, he was on the center as a Jewish male teacher. Then there appeared a woman who was crippled for eighteen years. The sick woman was at the margin and wanted to listen to the Word of God, coming into the synagogue on the Sabbath.

As we clearly see in Luke's Gospel, Jesus did not stay at the center, away from the poor and crippled woman. Rather, he willingly moved to a place of margin where he could meet and recognize an unnamed sick woman. Jesus even touched her sick body and healed her. It was not only a physical healing of her body, but also a holistic healing of her body, spirit, and broken relationship with God and others. By providing her with freedom, Jesus restored her identity as a daughter of Abraham and reminded her of belonging to the community. Jesus did this by coming to the margin!

Healing on the Sabbath was criticized and blamed. Touching a sick person might make Jesus unclean as well. However, he did not care of those religious, social, and moral righteousness. By putting himself at the margin, Jesus showed us how to love others and live the Word in our real life.

We often put ourselves on the center. We want to have a spotlight and recognition from others. We seek a secure, successful, and central position. On the contrary, Jesus chose to be with those who were poor, lost, and outcast at the margin.

Can we find a place at the margin? I am sure that we will experience Christ Jesus there and be truly set free!

Blessings and love, Jae



SEPTEMBER

Cody Smith	2	Joy Lee	10
Peggy Cromer	11	Jude Houghton	22



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

Friends of Calvary: Helen Braswell, Chuck Comer, Mary Arnold, Betty Bradley, William Hart, Michael Morgan, Marianne Sabo, 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 Puckett, and Tom Phillips.

Community and beyond: All the students, teachers, school administrators, and parents in this back-to-school season, Wilmore Neighbors, and all those who serve for our community and country.

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

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM TRUSTEES

As you may know, for the last several years, our Repair & Replace (R & R) Lunch Fund and other donations paid the bills for our church facility repairs. Due to the age of our church buildings, our repair expenses have been more than our budget. We are \$ 19,300 behind in our R & R Fund. We also have a quote of \$13,200 for needed repairs to our church roof. This puts our R & R Fund “minus” \$32,500. For the next several months, we would like to ask your generous support to raise this money.

Calvary UMC Trustees



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.



Calvary’s dinner church, “Blessed Table,” had a meaningful success on August 25th with 25 participants. We deeply appreciate our working teams for dinner meal, decoration, sound system, praise music, and hospitality!

Next dinner church will be on September 29th at 5:30pm. Please invite your FRANKS (friends, relatives, associates, neighbors, and kids) to the Blessed Table!

We are planning to have a “Community Blessed Table” in order to reach out to more diverse people in our local communities.

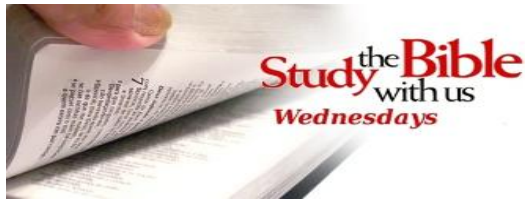
SHOES FOR PROJECT AGAPE CHILDREN



We deeply appreciate your generous donations for children in Armenia. This year Calvary's Outreach Team has purchased 92 pairs of shoes, which is over \$1,300, and will ship them through Project Agape Children. Today is the last day to receive donations, and again thank you for your generosity!

Brenda Alexander, Outreach Chair

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY



We will resume Wednesday Bible Study from Sept. 11th at 11am in the church fellowship hall. Please bring your lunch bag so that we share fellowship together after Bible study. We will study *Judges* from the Old Testament.

WORSHIP PLANNING TEAM MEETING



There will be a Worship Planning Team meeting on Sept. 1st right after worship service at Pop Smith Sunday School Classroom to discuss fall season worship services, including Homecoming Sunday.

WILMORE NEIGHBORS CLEANUP DAY



Please join the Wilmore Neighbors in cleaning up our local community on Sept. 7th, Saturday, from 9am. There will be drinks and doughnuts before the cleanup. People will gather at the Wilmore Community Center.

PROJECT AGAPE FALL DONATIONS

Calvary's Outreach Team will be also collecting clothing for children, women, and men for Project AGAPE for the fall pickup.

The families who come to the Agape Center depend on the shipments from our Conference for clothes for themselves and their children. Please ask your family members for donations of used clothes as they shop for new school clothes for their children.

Clothes must be freshly laundered and no stains. If you would not give these clothing donations to your family members, don't bring them to us.

The following school supplies are needed:

Pencils	pens	crayons
markers	rulers	children's scissors
glue	erasers	construction paper
colored pencils	Scotch tape	notebook paper
spiral notebooks		

THE DEADLINE FOR DONATIONS IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.

Donations can be left in the Pop Smith's Sunday School Classroom.

Brenda Alexander, Outreach Chair

CROP WALK LUNCHEON



In order to raise funds to support CROP WALK, we will have a CROP WALK Luncheon on Oct. 6th after our worship service. CROP WALK is a combined community effort to stop hunger in our local communities. Please plan to attend the luncheon and generously donate!

NEW MEMBERS ADDRESS UPDATE

Julie Trent: 5525 Eagle Lake Dr. Charlotte, NC 28217 (704-516-9116)
Wade and Karen Cobb: 5661 Lake Wylie Rd. Lake Wylie, SC 29710
(704-293-6144)

*If you have new addresses or contact numbers, please let our church office know.

UMAR SPECIAL SUNDAY OFFERING

We will take a special offering for UMAR (Unite Move Act Reach-Out) on Sunday, **September 15**.

In a letter from UMAR, it states that in the current fiscal year, UMAR must raise \$1.5 million to help bridge the gap between cost of care and government reimbursement for services. Only 96 churches (8%) in the Western NC Conference financially contributed to UMAR in 2018.

On an average the residents of UMAR live off \$66 per month after room and board. That money is used to purchase clothing, personal hygiene items, or tickets for entertainment.

Our own special UMAR adults, Gwen Butler and Kristin Hunter, have their own apartment at the McCleskey Apartments in Huntersville. You can make your check payable to the church and on the memo line write, UMAR Special Offering.

Outreach Team

