SPECIAL GIFTS

- To CUMC in memory of Annette James by Robin Davis, Harding Shinn, Ruby Vincent, Terry Frye, Ted & Brenda Alexander, Jerry & Victoria Houser, Larry & Velva Watts, and Bill Cobbs's Sunday Class.
- To CUMC in memory of Stella Schlagowsky and Annette James by Gene & Gaynell Lail.
- To UM Student Sunday by Ted & Brenda Alexander and Jae & Kim.
- To R & R in memory of Stella Schlagowsky, Annette James, Helen Braswell and Alice Jarrell by Joe Black.
- To R & R by Pat Little, Ray & Marsha Smith, Bob Braswell, Harding Shinn, and Ted & Brenda Alexander.
- To R & R in memory of Annette James by Skipper & Sharyn Johnson, and June Sever.
- To Red Bird Mission Toys in memory of Annette James by Henry & Lauretta Forrest.
- To CUMC in memory of Alice Jarrell by Pamala Johnson.
- To R & R as very generous donation in memory of Tom & Mary Hoover, all the people of Calvary, all those who are no longer with us holding a special place in our hearts by Pat & Herb Tesh.
- To R & R for Breeze Way Repair & in memory of Annette James by Earl & Becky Beckham.
- To Red Bird Mission Toys by Harding Shinn and June Severs.
- To R & R in memory of Bill Pressley's 85th birthday and Tom Hoover's 103th birthday by Pat & Herb Tesh.
- To R & R in memory of Stella Schlagowsky by Ron & Donna Ware.

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AWAKE, REPENT, AND WITNESS!



Advent is a significant Christian season of hope, joy, love, and peace as we wait for the birth of Jesus Christ. Our homes, churches, and most public places will be decorated with Advent wreaths and Christmas trees. People will be busy with buying gifts and having parties. Rather than reacting to the season with busy minds, however, I would like to invite Calvary family to reflect on Advent with small practices.

First, let us awake. Advent is a new beginning in the Christian calendar, and it is a good opportunity for us to start a spiritual habit. Leaving behind our old lifestyle, we may begin to align ourselves with God. Calvary provides daily devotionals for your spiritual awakening. May we begin our day with a five minute devotion?

Second, let us repent. Repentance is an invitation to put down our burdens in God's hands and turn around from self-centeredness toward God and others. May we give a small gift to those who are in need?

Third, let us witness. Looking into our deeper hearts, let us share the hope and promise of God with others. May we send a Christmas card to a person who might be alone or in sorrow this season?

These reflective small practices may enrich our Advent and Christmas season!

Blessings and love, Jae



DECEMBER

Jack Harton	4	Gene Lail	16
Margaret Bumgardner	16	Don Mills	18
Autumn Smith	20	Brandi Harton	21
June Severs	23	Beth Phillips	23
June Kim	26		



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

Friends of Calvary: Michael Maynor, Becky Blackmon, Everleigh Parker, 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, Paul Brackbill, Dillon Webb, Dale and Dawn Hauser, Mary Anne Koon, Linda Baucom, Millie King, Joyce Puckett, and Tom Phillips.

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

*If you want to add your loved one to our prayer list, please give the name to church office.

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. With your generous donations, Calvary could recently fix our roof. Please continue to support to raise our R & R funds.

Calvary UMC Trustees

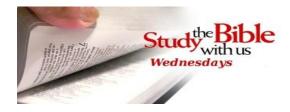
MANY THANKS TO CALVARY FRIENDS



The family of Annette James would like to thank you for all of your calls, cards, and prayers during her time of illness. She loved her church family dearly. We will miss her dearly but know that she is in a much better place.

Sincerely, Gary, Renee & Debbie

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY



We will continue Wednesday Bible Study at 11am on Dec. 4, 11, and 18 and have a winter break. During the Advent season, we will reflect on the Word of God focused on the Advent theme.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE



Calvary's Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held on Dec. 24th at 2pm in the sanctuary. Please come and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ for the world.

BLESSED TABLE ON JANUARY 26TH



Calvary's dinner church, "Blessed Table" was held on Nov. 17th with 20 participants. Next dinner church will be on Jan. 26th at 5:30 pm. Please invite your FRANKs (friends, relatives, associates, neighbors, and kids) to the Blessed Table!



Your 2020 Offering Envelopes are ready for pick up on the front table of the sanctuary. Please, **do not begin to use** these envelopes until the 1st Sunday in January 2020. Using these envelopes is very important, as the envelope number is your account number, and all posting is done by accont number. To insure accuracy, please use only the envelopes that have been assigned to you and discard all prior year envelopes as the numbers change each year.

Wanda Grant, Financial Secretary

CONGRATULATIONS



Our new member, Julie Trent and her fiancé, Curtis Gray will be marrying in our church on Dec. 14th. Please share your congratulations with them!

MISSION OPPORTUNITY



Calvary's Outreach Team prayerfully asks your generous donations to purchase a chrome book for students at Oasis Performing Arts School which uses our church facilities during the weekdays. A chrome book costs \$225, and your donations will be enhancing students' educational quality. You may make a check to Calvary UMC and write "chrome book" on the memo.

DAILY DEVOTIONALS FOR ADVENT



Society of St. Andrew's devotional booklet for this Advent season is entitled, "Written in the Stars." Advent is the four weeks leading up to Jesus' birth and is the beginning of the church year.

Society of St. Andrew is a gleaning network that gleans produce from farmers' fields with the help of volunteers and later delivered to agencies that feed the hungry.

Please stop by the table at the front of the sanctuary and pick up a devotional booklet to read during the days of Advent.

If you would like to make a donation to Society of St. Andrew, you can write your check to Calvary and on the memo line, write "Society of St. Andrew."

Brenda Alexander, Outreach Chair

WILMORE NEIGHBORHOOD DINNER



Each year Calvary serves community dinner for Wilmore Neighbors. This year we will dinner with them on Dec. 2, Monday, at 6pm in our fellowship hall. Please come and eat with our neighbors and get to know them! It is our effort to reach out to our local community!

OUTREACH TEAM WORK DAY





Calvary's Outreach Team volunteered at Conference Mission Response Center in Terrell, North Carolina on Nov. 13th. It was a very meaningful work for children in Armenia.

Brenda Alexander, Outreach Chair

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL!



Calvary's members, staff, and pastor Jae wish you a very merry Christmas!

May the Lord's peace and joy be with you and your family!