

SPECIAL GIFTS

- To R & R by Ted & Brenda Alexander, Pat Little, Earl & Becky Beckham and Harding Shinn.
- To R & R in memory of Stella Schlagowsky by Larry & Elena Schlagowsky and David & Dianne Schlagowsky.
- To Society of St. Andrew by Harding Shinn, Ray & Marsha Smith, Ted & Brenda Alexander and Henry & Laretta Forrest.
- To Oasis chrome book by Ted & Brenda Alexander, Ray & Marsha Smith and Jae & Kim Lee.
- To R & R in memory of Henry McCannon by Skipper & Sharyn Johnson, Ray & Marsha Smith and Joe Black.
- To Loaves & Fishes in memory of Annette James by Beth Phillips.
- To R & R in memory of Annette James by Rick & Kathy Combs.
- To R & R in memory of Henry McCannon by Harding Shinn, Henry & Laretta Forrest and Rick & Kathy Combs.
- To CUMC in memory of Henry McCannon by Terry Frye and Ted & Brenda Alexander.
- To Loaves & Fishes in honor of “Chick” Price by Chip Price.
- To CUMC: “Merry Christmas to my Calvary family. Love you all.” by Pat Little.
- To CUMC in honor of Margaret Bumgardner and in memory of Alvin Bumgardner by Linda & Dan Truette.
- To CUMC : “Your love and friendship is a great blessing in my life. May God bless you all.” by Jackie Davidson.
- To World Hunger in honor of our Loaves & Fishes crew by Henry & Laretta Forrest.
- To World Hunger by Daisy Dunlap.

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EMBRACE WITH EMPOWERMENT

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Happy New Year, Calvary families and friends!

Several years ago, Calvary launched a five year ministry plan, The POWER of God, based on Philippians 4:13. The acronym of POWER consists of five acting verbs, Prepare with prayers (2017), Organize with obedience (2018), Worship with works (2019), Embrace with empowerment (2020), and Re-create with renewal (2021).

With prayers, we prepared ourselves and church for God’s ministries. We created Church Vitality Team and installed screens for dynamic worship service; organized Team ministries, discarding the language of committees; and began a dinner church, Blessed Table, to reach out to diverse people. Calvary will continue to work for these ministries.

This year our ministry emphasis is “embrace with empowerment.” Calvary will embrace new, diverse, and young people and empower them with Christ’s love and teachings to equip them as disciples and leaders.

I plan to prepare every Sunday’s sermon focused on “discipleship” in 2020. Today’s church is confronted with drastic changes and critical challenges in the world, and the church needs vital disciples who live their faith in real life. Calvary’s Lay Leadership Development Team, Vitality Team, and Church Council will work together to accomplish our daunting mission to grow young and diverse leaders for our church and communities.

Can we stand firm in the Lord and work with one another? While we recognize that our challenge is huge, I believe that we can do everything in Christ who strengthens us!

Blessings and love, Jae



JANUARY

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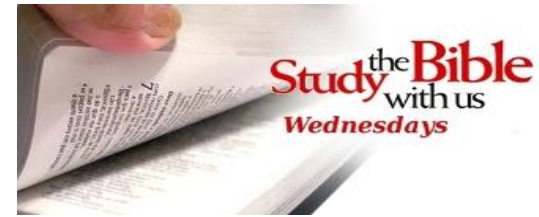
Calvary members: Betty Matthews, Ruby Vincent, Harding Shinn, June Severs, Henry Forrest, Donnie Smith, Wade Cobb, Shirley Weeks, Brenda Alexander, Kathleen Shaw, Daisy Dunlap, Margaret Bumgardner, Buck Bailes, Dale Harton, Betty Pinion, Preston Savage, Mason Butler, Faye Smith.

Friends of Calvary: Jackie Davidson, Michael Maynor, Becky Blackmon, Dean Edwards, Chuck Comer, Mary Arnold, Betty Bradley, William Hart, Michael Morgan, Marianne Sabo, Suzanne Severs, Danyel Healy, 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.*

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY



We will resume Wednesday Bible Study at 11am on Jan. 15th in the Fellowship Hall. In the month of January, we will deepen our understanding on “the Image of God.” Please come with your bag lunch so that we may learn from each other and develop our friendship together.

The choir will begin its regular practice from Jan. 8th at 10am.

BLESSED TABLE ON JANUARY 26TH



Calvary’s dinner church, “Blessed Table” is a new kind of faith community where we eat dinner together, share our stories and listen to each other, and embrace one another as sisters and brothers as Christ Jesus called us. 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!

R & R LUNCH / CHURCH COUNCIL

We will have a R & R (repair and replace) Lunch on Feb. 2 following our worship service. R & R is a fundraising fellowship to upgrade our church facilities. Your generous support is always appreciated.

Church Council will meet after R & R Lunch. All council members are requested to attend.



Calvary's Commitment Sunday for 2020 will be on February 2nd. All church members will receive their 2019 Giving Statement and 2020 Commitment Card by the middle of January. Please pray first, fill out your giving commitment on the card, and bring it to the church on February 2nd. During the worship service, all will be invited to come to the altar rail and put your Commitment Card with your prayer. Let us practice our joyful giving as our faith grows in the Lord!

WNCC UMC MLK CELEBRATION



Western North Carolina Conference of the UMC will host its annual MLK celebration on January 18th 10am – 2pm at St. Paul UMC in Winston Salem. A carpool may be available if you want to participate in the special event. The registration fee is \$10 which includes lunch.

2020 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR

Altar Flower Calendar is available outside the sanctuary. Please write your name on Sundays when you want to celebrate, honor, or remember your loved ones by donating money for altar flowers. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Combs.

METRO DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TRAINING



Metro District invites our lay people to a leadership training on February 1, Saturday, 8:30am to 12pm at University City UMC. There will be a plenary session and small group sessions.

Keynote speaker: Brian Zehr, Co-founder and Leadership architect

Keynote: Change in a Changing World (Brian Zehr) – 8:30am to 9:30am
Breakout Sessions (You may choose two sessions) – 9:45am to 10:45am (first)
11:00am to 12pm (second)

- Change in a Changing World
- Why the Church? What Are the “Third Places”? How Do I Engage?
- Leading Toward the Vision
- Pastor Parish Relations Committees and the Mission of the Church
- Communicating in the 21st Century: Strategies for Digital Storytelling
- Budgeting, Apportionments, Stewardship and Your Local Church

You can register at metrodistrictumc.org by clicking on Metro LEADs. If you are interested in joining this training event, please talk to Pastor Jae.



May the Lord keep you and your family and bless you all in the year of 2020! Let us faithfully practice our Christian commitments of prayer, presence, serve, gift, and witness at Calvary and see how God works among us!