

SPECIAL GIFTS

To R & R by Harding Shinn, Ray & Marsha Smith, Ted & Brenda Alexander, Earl & Becky Beckham, and Gary Childers.

To R & R in memory of Maxine Black, Alice Jarrell & Henry McCannon by Joe Black.

To Loaves & Fishes by Berryhill Baptist Church.

To CUMC in memory of Annette James by June Severs.



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LECTIO DIVINA: BOTH READING AND DOING

Lectio Divina means “Divine Reading” in Latin, and it is a way of reading Scripture which may deepen our understanding on God’s Word and help us pay attention to what God speaks.

Lectio Divina consists of four steps: Read – Meditate – Pray – Contemplate. Through these four steps, we come closer to God’s will for us who read the Word.

Let’s practice a Lectio Divina with Psalm 51:10. Before reading, you may close your eyes and have deep breaths, inhale and exhale... relaxing your body and spirit in the presence of God.

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me. (Psalm 51:10)*

When you are ready, please read it with your voice. For this first reading, let the words come to you and wash over you and then let go of. Simply let the words come and go with your reading.

In your second reading, listen for a word or a phrase that stands out in your mind. For example, if you have the word, “create,” focus on “create” and let others go. Through your meditation, you may connect “create” to God’s creation or to your own creative works.

In your third and fourth readings, you pray and consider how the word is touching your life and what it might be calling you to do. For example, through your prayer, you may deeply contemplate the word, “create,” and listen to what God is speaking to you. You may hear your inner voice that leads you to start a new spiritual habit for you, or to do a small thing for others, or to simply appreciate God’s creation in your life.

Lectio Divina will gently guide us to deeply read the Scripture and do what God speaks to us through the words. Our divine reading will eventually become our doing, and we will become a doer as well as a hearer of the Word.

Blessings and love, Jae



MARCH

Jeffrey Rockett	4	Jung Woo Lee	5
Harding Shinn	5	Erin Johnson	10
Gaynell Lail	12	Megan Mills	14
Ray Smith	19	Bob Braswell	20
Buck Bailes	31		



Calvary members: Betty Pinion, 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, Preston Savage, Mason Butler, and Faye Smith.

Friends of Calvary: Lauren Gift, Annie Bailes’ family in China, 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, and Tom Phillips.

Community and beyond: Wilmore neighbors, coronavirus patients and health providers, and all those who serve for our communities 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 gather and have Wednesday Bible Study at 11am in the Fellowship Hall. In the month of March, we will have a Lenten study, “The Passions of Jesus,” which is a video based study made by Western North Carolina Conference. Please come and join us in this learning community every Wednesday so that we may deepen our spiritual life in Christ.

The choir will have weekly rehearsals from 10am on Wednesdays.

BLESSED TABLE ON MARCH 29th



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 March 29th at 5:00-6:30 pm. Please invite your FRANKs (friends, relatives, associates, neighbors, and kids) to the Blessed Table!

CROP WALK LUNCHEON



Please join us for our first CROP Walk luncheon on March 8th. We are going to have soup, sandwiches and bingo! Plan on joining us right after church in the fellowship hall. Best meal in town for \$5. Thank you, Calvary for everything you do to continue to support CROP!

Patty Pressley, CROP WALK Coordinator at Calvary

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.

MISSION SUNDAY ON MARCH 15TH



Calvary will celebrate a special Sunday of Missions through United Methodist Men and Women on March 15th. We invite you to this meaningful time of worship to listen to our missional stories at Calvary.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN GENERAL MEETING

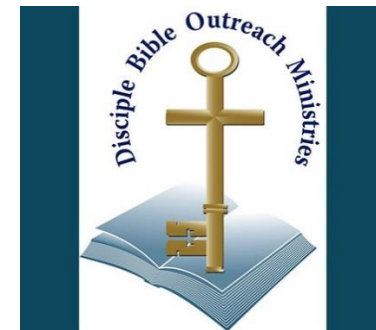


United Methodist Women will have their General Meeting after worship on March 15 with a salad luncheon. Husbands are invited to the luncheon. Remember to bring donations to be taken to the relatives.

Brenda Alexander, President

DISCIPLE BIBLE OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Special Offering on March 22, 2019



Disciple Bible Outreach Ministries began in 1999 and has reached out to prison inmates for 20 years. Thousands of inmates have heard the gospel through this ministry.

The Mission of Disciple Bible Outreach Ministries is: "Making disciples through Bible study to bring God's grace to a hurting world."

If you would like to donate to this ministry, write a check to Calvary and write DBOM on the memo line.

Brenda Alexander, Outreach Chair