



THE Mount Calvary MESSENGER

SMALL ENOUGH TO KNOW YOU, LARGE ENOUGH TO GROW YOU!



APRIL

2023

SPIRITUAL

Restoration Month

APRIL 2023



For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only son that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16 NLT

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A Message from the Spiritual Formation Ministry...

Rhythm of Sabbath: Rest and Restoration
Matthew 11:28



We are approaching Easter (Resurrection) Sunday on April 9th. During Lenten Season we have been journeying with the Theme, “*A Changed Heart*”: Repent, Renew, Return, Refocus. As we are leaving the Lenten Season, prayerfully, we have a desire to *refocus* and respond to the spiritual impact of the Lenten Season on our lives moving forward.

April is Spiritual Restoration Month, a time to glean from our Lenten Season encounters with the Holy. A time of *Rest and Restoration* in the Sabbath times of our lives.



Sabbath rest invites us to step back and see that it is good. “*Like God on the Sabbath*”; “God saw all that he had made, and it was very good” (*Genesis 1:31*).

We too are more able to pause and see how it is good”. Sabbath rest allows us to relax in a posture of “*Being*” and not doing; to have a balanced life and open ourselves up to total surrender to God.

The Rhythm of Sabbath helps us to appreciate God’s desire for us to live in the “*Now*”. You can only function in the *Now*. What you cannot do *Now*, leave it alone. Drop it. Come back to *Now*. It is all there is. Yesterday is history, tomorrow is mystery, there is only the *Now* of today. How is God present to you in the *Now*? Are you recognizing the Grace that God is bestowing upon you *Now*? Is your heart, mind, and attention clogged with things, distractions, and noise that fills up the spaces where Grace might be flowing in your life? If so, this breaks the Rhythm of Sabbath where you can only find the needed rest and restoration for your life. “*Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest*” (*Matthew 11:28*.)

Finally, “*Be anxious for nothing*” (*Philippians 4:6*). Examine yourself often (morning and night). If your soul has become anxious, make it a priority to bring it quietly back into the presence of God, placing all your hopes and aspirations under the Will of God and you will find *Rest and Restoration*.

Rev. Thomasine Adams
Prayer and Spiritual Formation Ministry

ORDER of *Worship*

Praise & Worship

Call to Worship

Invocation

Scripture

Welcome

Tithes, Missionary, and General Offering

This is My Tithe

I acknowledge that God is the giver of every good and perfect gift. I can only reap what I have sown. I cannot out give God no matter how I try, and as I act in obedience to the word of God, I bless my church, myself and my family.

This is the promise of God. Malachi 3:10

Selection

Preached Word of God

Invitation to Accept Christ

Benediction

“You’ve come to Worship, now leave to Serve!”

Mt. Calvary A.M.E. Church Mission and Vision

We are a Christ-Centered church that believes in the full gospel message. We believe in building and equipping disciples and we are committed to reaching our city, state, and world with the Gospel. We want to connect with people and grow an authentic relationship with Jesus. We are a word-based, soul-winning, love-centered church that hopes-

“The Distance Was Worth The Difference?”



Monthly Memory Scripture

For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.”

John 3:16 NLT

Monthly Theme:

“Responding to God’s Divine Love for us with “A Changed Heart”.

Please join us in our weekly POWER CELLS!

- The Jewel Cromwell Johnson Prayer Line
- Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday at 6am
Phone Conference Call Line: 725-735-9012. No Passcode:
 - Church School - Sundays at 9 am adults (*In Person*).
 - Intercessory Prayer - Tuesdays at 6pm (*On the Prayer Line*),
 - Noon Day Bible Study - Every Wednesday afternoon at 12pm (*On the prayer line*).
 - Church-wide Bible Study - Wednesdays at 7pm (*Face Book Live*).
 - Join us every Thursday for Thursday Treats for the Thirsty - Zooming in His Word at 7pm.
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Happy Birthday greetings go out to all those celebrating a birthday in the month of April from your CCU Leader Sis. June Bryant (db111072@gmail.com).



Sunday Online Services...

Join us online on Face Book Live for our Sunday Morning Worship Service at 10:00 am <https://www.facebook.com/MtCalvaryAMEChurch/> or dial 725-735-9012.

Church-Wide Announcements

- ◆ Sunday, April 2nd - Friday, April 7th 2023 - The Prayer & Spiritual Formation wants to remind us of Passion Week. Passion Week (also known as Holy Week) is the time from Palm Sunday leading up to Easter Sunday (Resurrection Sunday). Also included within Passion Week this year are Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. Passion Week is so named because of the passion with which Jesus willingly went to the cross in order to pay for the sins of the world.
 - Sunday, April 2nd - Communion & Palm Sunday - 10am
 - Friday, April 7th - Good Friday Service (Seven Last Words) - 7pm

- ◆ Sunday, April 9th - Easter Sunday - 10am Worship Service

- ◆ Friday, April 14th - The W.O.W Ministry will host their 2nd Friday session - Fill My Cup With Rev. Angie at 6:30 pm in the Family Life Center. The evening will be filled with authentic conversation, tea, and dessert.

- ◆ Monday, April 17th - The Ministerial Staff will host a Small Group Bible Study: From the Cross to Pentecost on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm, which will be held for seven sessions. Rev. Dawn will lead the group study on the Holy Spirit and Pentecost. They will be using the book, *Experiencing the Spirit: The Power of Pentecost Every Day*, which can be purchased on Amazon. To participate and get more information, please contact Rev. Dawn at dawn@dawnwayman.com.

- ◆ Thursday, April 27th - Saturday, April 29th - 207th Session of the Baltimore Annual Conference at Bethel AME Church, 1300 Druid Hill Ave. Baltimore, MD 21217.
 - Thursday, April 27: WMS Annual Convention - 8:00 AM-2:00 PM & Annual Conference Opening Worship Service - 7:00 PM
 - Friday, April 28: Lay Organization Service - 7:00 PM
 - Saturday, April 29: YPD Program - 8:00 AM -11:00 AM & Closing and Commissioning Service - 11:30 AM

Upcoming Event



The W.O.W. Ministry will be hosting a ticketed Honoring Women of Excellence banquet on Saturday, May 13, 2023, from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm in the Family Life Center. The attire for the event is *After 5* and tickets are \$40 per person. Please see Sis. Patricia Joyner to purchase your tickets.

Join Us For Our Palm Sunday Service...



Mount Calvary AME

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 2 10 AM

300 Eudowood Lane
Towson, MD 21286

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Join Us At Our Good Friday 7 Last Words Service...



METHODIST
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Mount Calvary AME Church presents

the 7 Last Words of Jesus Christ

April 7th
Good Friday
at 7pm

Host
Rev. Bobby B. Cox, Jr.,
Pastor

Rev. Melissa Higgs
Pastor of Ebenezer AMEC,
Chesapeake City, MD

Rev. Kirsten Spence Gilmore
Pastor of Bazzel AMEC,
Cockeysville, MD

Rev. Dawn Wayman
Ministerial Staff Mount
Calvary AMEC,
Towson, MD

Rev. Brandon Montague
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Poolesville City, MD

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Join Us at Our Easter Sunday Service...

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YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR

Easter
SUNDAY
SERVICE

With Pastor Bob



9TH
APRIL
at
10 AM

In Person
& Facebook Live

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Join the WOW Ministry at Fill My Cup With Rev. Angie Friday Session...



MT. CALVARY AME CHURCH W.O.W. MINISTRIES
invites you to

FILL MY CUP UP WITH
Rev. Angie

Friday, April 14, 2023
6:30 pm

TEA AND DESSERT WILL BE SERVED
COME WITH YOUR QUESTIONS AND EXPECTATIONS

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He is not here: for he is risen, as he said.
Come, see the place where the Lord lay.
(Matthew 28:6)

Easter Bible Quiz

1. According to Scripture, who arrived first on Easter Sunday at Jesus' grave?
2. On Easter Sunday, who asked, "Woman, why weep-est thou?" And the woman responded, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him."
3. According to Scripture, who was the first person to see Jesus after he was resurrected?
4. Which disciple went to where Jesus was buried to look for him?
5. Where did the angel tell the women to go and see the risen Savior?

Find the answers by visiting the following website: <https://www.christianity.com/wiki/holidays/easter-bible-trivia-questions-to-test-your-knowledge.html>

April Prayer List

Pastor Bob & Rev. Angie Cox
Bro. Bruce & Sis. Altrena
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Mother Virgie Brandt
Sis. Cassandra Brown
Mother Cleo Cole
Bro. Carlton & Sis. Roxanne Epps
Mother Mabel Gray



Mother Grace Hicks
Sis. Ann Norman
Sis. Barbra Palmer
Sis. Ursula Slade & Family
Bro. Anthony McDaniel
Sis. Kimberly Thomas
Bro. Warren & Sis. Tiny
Whitworth

Opportunities to Give...

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, says the Lord Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.
Malachi 3:10

5 Ways to Give

Mount Calvary AME Church

ONLINE www.mtcalvaryame.org
click the give tab.

PHONE 410-296-9474

MAIL-IN Mail your gift:
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PO Box 20416 | Towson, MD 21286

IN-PERSON
Drop off your gift at the church office; Mt. Calvary AME Church
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Items for the Messenger must be submitted by the 2nd Friday of each month. Leaders, please add the following address to your email contacts to receive a reminder: mtcalvaryamemessenger@gmail.com.