



THE *Mount Calvary* MESSENGER

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

JANUARY

2022

You have skirted this mount long enough; turn northward.
Deuteronomy 2:3 NKJV

REPOSITION

FOR I AM ABOUT TO DO SOMETHING NEW. SEE, I HAVE ALREADY BEGUN!
DO YOU NOT SEE IT? I WILL MAKE A PATHWAY THROUGH THE WILDERNESS.
I WILL CREATE RIVERS IN THE DRY WASTELAND. ISAIAH 43:19 NLT



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From The Pastor's Pen...



Once again, we can celebrate how God has kept us for another year!

In everything our faith tells us that we must always give thanks and praise to God. I am thankful to Him for His many blessings upon us as a church family. I must confess that your love and support has been immense each and every moment. I never fail to marvel at what a wonderful people you are. I am very proud and appreciative to you all. I sincerely thank you for your sacrifices and commitment to our church. I pray God will bless and reward you for your dedication and devotion. Thank you also for your tolerance, patience, understanding, goodwill, prayers, benevolence, cooperation, words of comfort, compliments, constructive criticism, and useful advice all of which continues to be a great source of strength and support for me. Your faith, smiles, and laughter have always lifted my spirit.

As we begin the New Year of 2022, it seems almost unbelievable that we are now entering what would be the third year of a Global Pandemic. The latest “variant” of the Covid-19 virus is called “Omicron.” I don't know about you, but perhaps there was a sense of hope last year at this time that as we turned the page on 2020, this would all be behind us within a few months. But that's not the case despite our best efforts of masks, vaccines, and mandates! While humanity can only do what we can in our strength, I want to remind you that God is still on the Throne regardless of where we have been or where we are going!

Even though we don't know exactly what is ahead as we enter a new year, we can move forward and fulfill what God has for us if we reposition ourselves. In a very real sense, for the last 2 years, we and the world have had to reposition ourselves because COVID ushered us into a new normal. What was is not commonplace anymore. Therefore, reposition is not just our theme for this year, but I believe we are in the beginning of a new spiritual era and each of us has an opportunity for a fresh start and a repositioning to see and experience the visions and assignments that the Lord will birthed in us.

A lot of folks subconsciously keep a mental list of things they'd like to change about themselves, especially around the new year. Things like, "I need to live a healthier lifestyle," "I need to stop criticizing myself and others," and "I need to be more patient with my family." Often, they end up turning to self-help books or podcasts to help them reach their goals.

I want to suggest to you 10 ways to help you reposition yourself: (1) Increase your prayer time. (2) Increase your Bible reading time. (3) Write down your goals. (4) Identify anything or anyone that attempts to take away your happiness.

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(5) Focus on the positive. (6) Align yourself with people and places that are positive forces within your life. (7) Stop complaining and bloom where you are. (8) Forgive yourself for allowing people to hurt you. (9) Forgive those who have hurt you. (10) Remember to be thankful for the gift of repositioning.

I am excited for what is to come in 2022. We are going to reposition ourselves to become more intentional in our personal growth to be better prepared to fulfill our individual and collective calling. As we begin 2022, let us Pray-Plan-Prepare to reposition ourselves for God's next in our lives.

Happy New Year,
Pastor Bob

ORDER of *Worship*

Welcome

Invocation

Selection

Scripture

Preached Word of God

Invitation to Accept Christ

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

Benediction

"You've come to Worship, now leave to Serve!"

This Month's Memory Scripture

“For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland.”

Isaiah 43:19 NLT

This Month's Theme

Reposition for what God is going to do next.

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 8:30 am adults (*On the prayer line*).
 - YPD Virtual Church, 4th Sunday at 1 pm on Facebook Live.
 - 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
To all members celebrating a
birthday this month, from your
January CCU Leaders
Sis. Patricia Joyner
(patjoy166@gmail.com).
*Happy Birthday & New Year .
May God Bless You!!*

MOUNT CALVARY AME CHURCH YEAR END REVIEW

2021

Ministry continued at Mt. Calvary despite the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. We engaged in virtual Sunday Worship Services, Sunday School, weekly Bible Study, Youth Church, church celebrations, annual days, auxiliary meetings and events, church and quarterly conferences, Harvest Meals, and food pantry distributions. A few highlights of the year includes:

- Three (3) new members joined our church this year and two (2) members completed **New Members' classes and were read-in** as full members via Zoom.
- We received weekly letters from our Pastor Bob this year encouraging us to stay in **God's grip**.
- Harvest Meals for the Hungry Ministry is incredibly grateful for your continued donations and hundreds of volunteer hours, and for the commitment, energy, prayers and love that made it possible for the Harvest Meals & Culinary Ministries to touch lives in the community by serving 3,588 Grab & Go Meals in 2021. To God be all the Glory!
- We celebrated our Pastor Bob's 4th Anniversary in July at one of our 1st in-person service for the year. Our theme was "The Fantastic Four," Rev. Roslyn Sellman was the guest preacher for the hour.
- The Steward Board worked tirelessly to return us to outdoor and indoor worship services; provided an opportunity for drive-by palm pickup for Palm Sunday and an outdoor Resurrection Sunday worship service on the church grounds, including our first Holy Communion service since the start of the pandemic. The Board also made communion elements available for pick-up each month for those worshipping virtually; welcomed Pastor Bob and the first family back after Annual Conference with heartfelt recorded messages from members of the congregation; celebrated Pastor Bob's 4th pastoral anniversary; observed Steward and Trustee Boards' Annual Day along with the 132nd Church Anniversary, the 24th Sanctuary Anniversary and 9th Family Life Center Anniversary; recognized and celebrated the observance of Pastor Bob's birthday and Pastor Bob's and Rev. Angie's wedding anniversary.
- The Beads of Wisdom seniors are indeed---"grateful, thankful and blessed." God comforted, strengthened, and blessed them in countless ways. This year, the Beads adopted a family for the entire year, held a virtual "Stay at Home Tea" event, held regular monthly meetings via Zoom and celebrated women during special presentations that included Sis. Cheron Hawkins; Wednesday Noon Day Bible Study, started telephone phone tree for members, celebrated Sis. Lauren Holley



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Allen's book release; returned to volunteering at the FLC front desk; held a refresher class on how to use Zoom; participated in Baltimore County "No Senior Eat Alone" project and bagged lunches were prepared and delivered to each member; participated in Pastor Bob's 4th Pastoral Anniversary special luncheon.

- The Christian Education Ministry provided quarterly BAM Bible Study tool; offered online New Members classes to two new members, and was pleased that 11 Mt. Calvary youth members were recognized at this year's Church School Convention.
- The Congregational Care Unit met monthly via Zoom, provided monthly and quarterly reports, sent cards to bereaved families, produced the monthly Messenger, and distributed throw blankets to 20 seniors in the Augsburg Assistant Living.
- The Crafty Hands Ministry which was created in October 2020 donated a total of 517 crocheted items. Organizations that received their donations included the Storks Nest for expectant mothers, Future Care Nursing home, Glenwood Life Counseling Center, as well as anti-bullying hats to our youth returning to school, breast cancer survivors and Christmas tree ornaments to Mt Calvary's congregation. The ministry held monthly meetings and included a new craft of polymer clay work in October 2021. The ongoing goal of the ministry is to create a treasure chest of items for the homeless and less fortunate.
- The Digital Arts Ministry filmed, produced, and streamed weekly Sunday morning Worship Services, Bible Study, and church events on Facebook and YouTube. In addition, produced all ads, managed the church's social media pages and website, designed graphics for ministries, and sent out email blasts messages.
- The Emma Jane Gardner Missionary Society has so much to be thankful. The ministry receive food donations from the Maryland Food Bank and donations from members, friends and the Assistance Center of Towson Churches (ACTC). They partnered with the WOW ministry and provided 32 bags for women who live at the Marian House; donated towards the Youth ministry's Paint and Praise event; collected and distributed school supplies for families; volunteered with ACTC with their back-to-school drive; donated to victims impacted by the hurricanes in various states; delivered water, wipes, deodorant, soap, diapers, socks and blankets to the Ebenezer AME church; purchased a new freezer with a donation from Worth Ministries; prepared 25 Thanksgiving baskets to families after receiving 20 turkeys from Bro. Andrew Adams' fraternity, Kappa Fi Si; adopted four (4) families for Christmas; continued to volunteer for the Harvest Meals Program & the Food Pantry weekly.
- The Health and Wellness Ministry held four (4) successfully Blood Drives in partnership with the American Red Cross this year. The ministry also held it's 4th annual Crushing Cancer Campaign in October.



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Participants in this year's campaign walked to raise awareness for breast cancer and celebrate the survivors.

- **The Men's Ministry** Established a Saturday Soup Kitchen to serve hot soup and sandwiches to the homeless and marginalized twice a month and the Men's Church school on the 2nd and 4th Sunday each month; collaborated with Towson Presbyterian Church and Brown Ministries to give out 175 pairs of hats and gloves at the "My Daily Bread" location; sponsored "Blankets for the homeless and "Tent City clients; and partnered with Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity of Catonsville Towson Alumni to donate and facilitate Christmas Gifts for families and children.
- The Prayer and Spiritual Formation Ministry sponsored a Grief and Loss Session: Hopelessness to Hopefulness seminar.
- The Youth Ministry participated in several connectional church events; led virtual Youth Church and Wonderful Wednesdays in the Word; participated in Vacation Bible School; sponsored the Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser, the Paint & Praise Party & 2021 Graduation Celebration, and the YPD's Juneteenth's Soaps & Socks for Homeless Men, the Back-2-School Backpack Give-Away, and the



Church-Wide Announcements

- ◆ In-Person Worship has been suspended until further notice. Please join us on [Facebook Live](#) or [YouTube](#) for our 2022 1st Sunday Communion Service beginning at 10am.
- ◆ On Monday, January 17, 2022, we celebrate an American icon, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.,. In honor of his work as a civil rights champion, learn more about him by observing this federal holiday and visiting the [Martin Luther King, Jr. Day webpage](#).
- ◆ The Beads of Wisdom Senior Ministry will host Noon Day Bible Study noon on the Prayer Line every Wednesday and Monthly Meeting (via Zoom) on Saturday, January 22, 2022 at 9:00am.
- ◆ On January 30th, we will celebrate Annual HBCU Day. Be sure to wear your HBCU swag.
- ◆ The 2021 Giving Statements will be available in January. To obtain your giving statement you must fill out the form on our website. Click on Member Login and then click on Member Contact Update & Giving Statement Request or click on the following link Click on the following <https://mcamecproposal.wufoo.com/forms/mkflb9b0di8m34/>. Complete the entire form and click submit.

January 2022 Prayer List

Rev. Thomasine Adams
Sis. Virgie Brandt
Rev. Bonnie Epps-Burgess
Pastor and Rev. Angie Cox
Bro. Brian & Sis. Shirl Creek
Sis. Vivian Fenton
Mother Mabel Gray
Mother Grace Hicks
Rev. Marvin Higgs
Sis. Sherrilyn Ifill
Bro. Ivo Knobloch



Rev. Merriel Lucas
Sis. Wendy Savoy
Sis. Sylvia Twiggs
Sis. Elizabeth Weh
Bro. Warren Whitworth
Coronavirus Patients/Survivors
Cancer Patients/Survivors
Health Care Workers
First Responders
Ministerial Staff & All Ministries

Opportunities to Give...

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my houses. For as 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:
Mount Calvary AME Church
PO Box 20416 | Towson, MD 21286

IN-PERSON
Drop off your gift at the church office: Mt. Calvary AME Church
349 Eudowood Lane | Towson, MD 21286

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Rev. Bobby B. Cox, Jr., Pastor
Rev. Angie Crawford-Cox, First Lady

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.