



THE *Mount Calvary* MESSENGER

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

JANUARY

2023

The Year of *Connections*

2023



CONNECT - COMMUNICATE - CELEBRATE

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. Love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22:37 &39

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From The Pastor's Pen...



Happy New Year Family!

Today, we begin a new year of potential and possibilities! The new year is a natural time to reflect on the past and set goals for the future. But as Christians, it is important that our goals are not just about achieving personal success or happiness, but rather about honoring God and living according to His will. One way to set godly goals is to start by prayerfully seeking guidance from God. Take time to listen to His voice and ask for His direction in your life.

The Bible says in Psalm 37:4, “Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.” When we seek God first, He will lead us and give us the desires that align with His will for our lives.

This year our church theme is, “The Year of Connections.” Connecting and reconnecting to God and each other. The scriptural reference is Matthew 22:37&39 “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. Love your neighbor as yourself.”

This year we want to intentional become better connected to each other as a congregation and to our community. During COVID we learned new technologies to communicate with each other, but ironically, it left many of us feeling more alone, more distanced and disconnected from each other and even from God. When people are hurting, they often turn to the Lord. In a crisis, they want to get connected to God and others. They’re hungry for a spiritual, relational, and emotional connection. This is our opportunity to Connect • Communicate • Celebrate.

Here are 4 reasons why I believe connections are vital right now:

Connections are the essence of life.

The only reason our organs function properly is because they are connected to the body. They would wither and die if they were disconnected. The same is true of our church. Our church is a living organism. When we get disconnected from one another, our church withers. My goal as a pastor is to turn attenders into members and members into disciples of Christ. But to do that, we must get people connected first.

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We were created for connections.

This is why loneliness is so painful. Right from the start, God said it wasn't good for us to be alone. Our primary job description as Christian leaders is to connect people to God and to other people.

Connections help us create balance in our lives.

Memory is our connection to the past. Vision is our connection to the future. We need both. Without a connection to the past, we are rootless. Without a connection to the future, we are hopeless. Without a connection to the present, we are irrelevant and passionless. Without a connection to God, we are powerless. We need all four.

Love is the ultimate connection.

The number one secret to church health isn't marketing, advertising, or some fad. It's love. If our church genuinely loves unbelievers, you will see many people come through our church doors.

Beloved, every day there are countless opportunities to genuinely connect or reconnect with people. We want to connect people in a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. We want to connect people with one another in authentic Christian community. We are going to love God, love people, and make disciples. So, let us [Connect • Communicate • Celebrate!](#)

Stay in His Grip,

Pastor Bob



ORDER of *Worship*

Praise & Worship

Call to Worship

Invocation

Selection

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?”

This Month's Memory Scripture

“not forsaking our meeting together [as believers for worship and instruction] as is the habit of some but encouraging one another; and all the more [faithfully] as you see the day [of Christ's return] approaching”
Hebrews 10:25; AMP

This Month's Theme

We are “better together” when we are connected
on one accord in the House of the Lord.

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 9:00 am (In Person)
 - Intercessory Prayer - Tuesdays 6pm on the Prayer Line
 - Noon Day Bible Study - Wednesdays 12 pm (*Prayer Line*).
 - Church-wide Family 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 Leader
Sis. Patricia Joyner
(patjoy166@gmail.com).
*Happy Birthday & New Year .
May God Bless You!!*

Church-Wide Announcements

- ◆ On Wednesday, January 11th, join us as we journey through 21 Days of Gratitude through prayer, fasting, & meditation.
- ◆ On Friday, January 13th, the WOW Ministry will hold their monthly session in the FLC at 6:30 pm.
- ◆ On Sunday, January 15th, a Baptism and Reading In will be held.
- ◆ On Monday, January 16th, we celebrate an American icon, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., (*learn more about him by observing this federal holiday and visiting the [Martin Luther King, Jr. Day](#) webpage*).
- ◆ On Saturday, January 21st & 28th, Rev. Roslyn Sellman will host Grief Recovery Method conversations at 9am - 11am in the FLC. Register in person or online: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sharing-the-journey-tickets-502901531017>
- ◆ On Tuesday, January 24th, 3rd Quarterly Conference will be held at 6pm.
- ◆ The Youth Ministry is selling Black History T-shirts. Also, on Friday, January 27th, the ministry will hold their Fab Fridays Game Night in the FLC at 7pm.
- ◆ On Sunday, January 29th, we will celebrate Annual HBCU/College Day. Be sure to wear your HBCU swag.
- ◆ The Harvest Meals for the Hungry Ministry will provide meals on Tuesdays beginning at 6pm in the FLC during the month of January (3rd, 10th, & 17th). To volunteer to serve, please contact Bro. Andrew (443-370-1690) or Rev. Thomasine (410-967-6788).
- ◆ The 2022 Giving Statements will be available this month. To obtain your giving statement, please click on Member Login and then click on Member Contact Update & Giving Statement Request on our website or click on the following link to complete and submit the form: <https://mcameproposal.wufoo.com/forms/mkflb9b0di8m34/>.
- ◆ COVID Precautions: Temperature checks are no longer required to enter our buildings; however, masks are still mandated. Please remember to bring and wear your mask!
- ◆ Parking: To avoid being towed, please be reminded that parking is restricted in the apartments locating in the back of the church.

MOUNT CALVARY AME CHURCH YEAR END REVIEW

2022

Ministry continued at Mt. Calvary as we engaged in in-person & 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:

- Eleven new members, including a family of four (4; 1 adult and 3 children), joined our church this year, **one (1) member completed New Members' classes, and two (2) children were baptized.** Sadly, one of our new members, Rev. Evelyn Booze went home to be with the Lord.
- We received weekly letters from our Pastor Bob this year encouraging us to stay in God's grip.
- We celebrated our Pastor Bob's 5th Anniversary on July 31st. Our theme for this wonderful milestone for our pastor was **"Being Restored for God's Purpose"** based on the scripture taken from 1 Chronicles 28:10. Rev. Dr. Robert R.A. Turner of Empowerment Temple AME Church was the guest preacher for the hour.
- The Steward Board supported a return to indoor worship services in March 2022, and continued to oversee COVID protocols to ensure a safe, healthy environment for all. We led the congregation in celebrating several special occasions including welcoming Pastor Bob and the first family back after Annual Conference, celebrating Pastor Bob's 5th Pastoral Anniversary at Mt. Calvary, and co-hosting with the Trustees our first Churchwide Fellowship since 2019, 133rd Church Anniversary, as well as the 25th Sanctuary Anniversary and 10th Family Life Center Anniversary. We also worked with the Media Ministry to update our online event planning processes and provided an overview for Ministry leaders .
- 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, contacted members, sent cards to bereaved families, produced the monthly Messenger, and distributed throw blankets to 13 seniors in the Orchard Hill Nursing Home Rehabilitation and Nursing Home Facility and 30 participants who attended the Harvest Meals for the Hungry Ministry Christmas Dinner in December.
- In 2022 the Crafty Hands Ministry continued to use our hand skills to bless the community. Crochet & knitted scarves and hats were donated to the men's ministry.



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Crochet Kleenex box covers, shoulder wraps, walker/wheelchair bags, blankets and clay trinket trays & covered ink pens were given to a local church ministry. Grief/memory bracelets went to a local elementary school. Red scarves were created for the Foster Care to Success program. The ministry held bi-monthly meetings. The current crafts being utilized are knitting, crochet, polymer clay work and macrame/kumihimo. The ongoing goal of the ministry is to bless the community by using our hands. Crafty Hands will be adding new crafts in the upcoming months.



- The Disciples for Christ Men's Ministry Prepared dinner for the cancer patients and care providers at Hope Cancer Lodge in Baltimore City on November 10th.
- 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 also collected can goods to prepared Thanksgiving baskets to families in need.
- The Harvest Meals for the Hungry Ministry & Culinary Ministries touched lives of seniors and homeless individuals in Towson by serving 1,200 Grab & Go Meals in 2022. The ministry also resumed in-person dining by serving Thanksgiving dinner on November 15th and Christmas dinner on the December 20th. To God be all the Glory!
- The Health and Wellness Ministry held two (2) successfully Blood Drives in partnership with the American Red Cross this year. The ministry also held it's 5th annual Crushing Cancer Campaign in October. Participants in this year's campaign walked to raise awareness for breast cancer and celebrate the survivors.
- The Men's Ministry Saturday Soup Kitchen served hot soup and sandwiches to 300 to homeless families in Baltimore County and Baltimore City.
- The Prayer and Spiritual Formation Ministry held a Women's Advent Retreat at Bon Secours Retreat and Conference Center on December 3rd. There were 31 women who attended.
- The Youth Ministry participated in several connectional church events; participated in Vacation Bible School; 2022 Graduation Celebration, the Back-2-School Backpack Give-Away, led Fab Fridays, the Fall Festival Trunk or Treat, Open Mic, and a virtual Celebration of the Arts service.



21 Days of Gratitude Prayer & Fasting Journey



MOUNT CALVARY AME CHURCH



21 Days of *Gratitude*

CONNECTING, RECONNECTING, AND CELEBRATING:

through community, prayer, & fasting

Matthew 22:37-39 & Thessalonians 5:18

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 11TH - TUESDAY, JAN. 31ST

Join us in daily prayer, fasting, and meditation

Read, pray, and meditate over key scriptures throughout the day

Contact Sis. Cheron Hawkins for more information and hand-outs each Sunday.

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WOMEN *of warfare*

COME FELLOWSHIP WITH US!

Enjoy conversation, fellowship, support & enrichment!

In the same way iron sharpens iron, a sister sharpens the character of her sister in Christ. Proverbs 27:17 (VOICE)

Friday, Jan. 13, 2023 at 6:30 pm
FLC

**Bring your journal and let's learn the benefits
of journaling for "2023"**

**And the Lord answered me: "Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets, so he may run who
reads it. Habakkuk 2:2]]**

Zoom Meeting also Available
Meeting ID: 820 0836 2477
Passcode: 470347

**It's time
to fight!**

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Sharing The Journey The Grief Recovery Method: Death, Divorce, Loss of Any Kind



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Minister of Pastoral Care | Mount Calvary AME Church

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January 21 & 28
February 11 & 18
March 11 & 18
9am - 11 am



Register with Rev. Roslyn Sellman in-person or at
eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/503830549737>

You must attend all sessions beginning January 21st.

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Jan. 27 at 7p

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Contact Sis. Tanya Davis for more information or email
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January 2023 Prayer List

Pastor and Rev. Angie Cox
Sis. Charlene Boatwright
Sis. Virgie Brandt
Sis. Cassandra Brown
Mother Cleo Cole
Bro. Carlton Epps
Rev. Bonnie Epps-Burgess
Sis. Vivian Fenton
Mother Mabel Gray
Sis. Cheron Hawkins
Mother Grace Hicks



Rev. Regina Muschett
Sis. Ann Norman
Sis. Michele Norris
Sis. Barbara Palmer
Rev. Roslyn Sellman
The Savoy Family
Sis. Kathy Thrasher
Sis. Sylvia Twiggs
Sis. Doris Walker
Bro. Warren Whitworth & Family

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

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ONLINE www.mtcalvaryame.org
click the give tab.

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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.