

MOUNT CALVARY AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

133RD HOMECOMING *Celebration*

STEWARDS & TRUSTEES' ANNUAL DAY

WORSHIP IN-PERSON OR VIRTUALLY

SUNDAY 11TH
SEPTEMBER 2022

10:00 AM  LIVE  YouTube

ASSESSMENT - \$133.00

GUEST PREACHER
BISHOP JOHN R.

Bryant

PASTOR
REV. BOBBY B.

Cox, Jr.

FIRST LADY
REV. ANGIE

Crawford-Cox

HOMECOMING WEEKEND: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 | STAY TUNED!

Sunday, September 11, 2022

*133rd Annual Homecoming, 25th Sanctuary, & 10th
Family Life Center Celebration and Steward and Trustee Day*

ORDER of *Worship*

Presiding - Bro. Carlton Epps

MORNING HYMN: #4 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

INVOCATION – Bro. Andrew Adams

PRAYER RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE – Sis. Tonya Cherry

SELECTION – Mt. Calvary Choir

OCCATION – Sis. Darci Johnson

WELCOME – Bro. Kevin Johnson

PRESENTATIONS – Sis. Lynn Newton

OFFERING – Rev. Bobby B. Cox, Jr., Pastor

SELECTION

INTRODUCTION OF PREACHER – Rev. Bobby B. Cox, Jr., Pastor

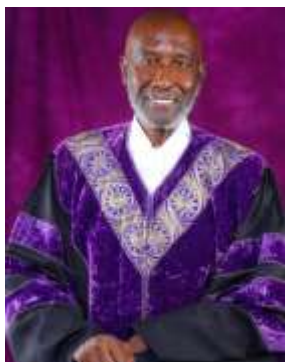
SERMONIC SELECTION – Mt. Calvary Choir

WORD OF GOD – Bishop John R. Bryant

INVITATION TO ACCEPT CHRIST AS SAVIOR

BENEDICTION - *You’ve Come To Worship, now, Leave To Serve”*

Guest Preacher



Bishop John Richard Bryant is a retired bishop who was the former Senior Bishop and Presiding Prelate of the Fourth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. He is an active preacher of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, and a lover of people.

Bishop Bryant was born on June 8, 1943, in Baltimore, MD and is the son of the late Bishop Harrison James and Edith Holland Bryant. He was elected and consecrated the 106th Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church at the 1988 General Conference in

Fort Worth, Texas.

He earned his Bachelor of Arts in 1965 at Morgan State University, his Master of Theology degree in 1970 at the Boston University School of Theology, and his Doctor of Ministry degree at the Colgate Rochester Divinity School in 1975. Bryant also holds several Honorary Doctorates from Paul Quinn College, Wilberforce University, Payne Theological Seminary and Virginia Seminary. He received the Outstanding Alumnus Award from both Boston University School of Theology and Morgan State University. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame of his high school, Baltimore City College.

Bishop Bryant has pastored three churches, Bethel A.M.E. Church, Fall River, MA; St. Paul A.M.E. Church, Cambridge, MA; and Bethel A.M.E. Church, Baltimore, MD. Under his pastoral ministry, 103 men and women have entered the Christian Ministry. With an emphasis on church growth, community development and political empowerment, he has preached and/or taught on more than 35 college campuses and across five continents.

Bishop Bryant and his wife, Rev. Dr. Cecilia Williams-Bryant, garnered a reputation for turning St. Paul A.M.E. into what people called a "rocking church" because of their support of Pentecostal religious practices. Because of all this, Bishop Bryant is considered the father of Neo-Pentecostalism. When assigned to Bethel A.M.E. Church in Baltimore, Maryland in 1975, the congregation grew to over several thousand members.

Bishop Bryant and Rev. Dr. Cecelia William Bryant is the parents of Dr. Jamal Harrison Bryant, pastor and founder of the Empowerment Temple AME Church in Baltimore, Maryland, and Dr. Thema Simone Bryant Davis.

The History of Mt Calvary

The building of Mount Calvary began in 1855, when a group of Christians incorporated to plan a new place of worship. Prior to the building of our church, our members worshipped in a hall down in the grove (the park area of the Relief Association Hall). On February 12, 1889, our present-day site was purchased from the Relief Association of Baltimore County for \$50.00. At the formation of the church, we were known as the Mount Calvary Methodist Protestant Church of Baltimore County.

Although our church was originally a Protestant denominational church, the African Methodist Episcopal Conference was requested to provide preachers for our pulpit. A gentlemen's agreement was made between our church and the A.M.E. Conference. The A.M.E. Conference supplied preachers to Mt. Calvary with the stipulation that the church assumed all financial obligations for the church.

In 1968, under the leadership of Rev. Reginald Boston, our original sanctuary was totally destroyed by fire. After the fire, Rev. Boston moved Mount Calvary's congregation to the First Lutheran Church on Burke Avenue in Towson. The former sanctuary (Pink building) was erected under Rev. Boston's leadership.

In 1973 Rev. Reginald Boston was appointed to Grace A.M.E. Church, and Rev. William Gray III became pastor of Mount Calvary. Rev. Gray led Mt. Calvary in accomplishing many improvements and financial goals such as: central air conditioning, a new chancel, added piece of property, a new dining area and Sunday School room, new pews and the churches debt freedom from major expenses. As a result of the A.M.E. Second Episcopal Districts 1986 midyear conference, Rev. Gray was sent to Saint Stephens A.M.E. Church. At that time, Mount Calvary received its first woman minister, Rev. Ann Farrar Lightner.

In just five short years, Dr. Lightner-Fuller shared her vision to build a new Mount Calvary Sanctuary and Education building with the congregation in 1991. Our current sanctuary was completed in 1997 and we were able to completely pay off the mortgage five years later in 2002.

In June 2012, the Mount Calvary family again completed a major construction project when we walked into our new Family Life Center.

In July of 2017, Dr. Lightner-Fuller retired and Mt. Calvary welcomed her new pastor Rev. Bobby B. Cox, Jr. To God be the glory for He is STILL doing great things!!!

Board of Trustees

Who are they...what do they do?

In compliance with *The Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church*, the Trustee Board is accountable for all expenditures related to the up-keep and maintenance of the Church.

The Trustees are responsible for overseeing the discharge of all matters concerning all church properties. They are entrusted with oversight of the church's facilities, legal matters and facility expansion; such as, the acquisition, management and maintenance processes of the church's properties. For example, they shall:

- ⇒ Guard all real estate, churches, parsonages, schools, and other property obtained by the local church (security);
- ⇒ Make improvements upon the property or real estate when authorized to do so by a majority of the legal members of the church;
- ⇒ Be watchful and responsive to all temporal affairs of the church;
- ⇒ Help set the budget and provide direction for future such as heat, light, gas, insurance, mortgages, etc.;
- ⇒ Provide for the Pastor by, securing a home for the pastor's family and comfortably furnish it.

Trustees are nominated by the pastor and the Pastor shall nominate twice the number of persons required to be elected. Trustees are elected by the members of the church who are 18 years of age and older, at the Church Conference. Each person to be elected must be at least 18 years of age, a member of the church for at least two years, and in good and regular standing. The Pastor's signature is required to make acts of the Board legal.

God's house is entrusted to the hands of the Trustees and their service is considered an honor and should bring to the position a sense of deep responsibility to act efficiently and with dispatch when the need arises.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Bro. Carlton Epps, Sr.
Vice Chair



Sis. Carol Baker



Bro. Greg Batson



Sis. Wendy Clark



Sis. Fran Hennigan



Bro. Norbert Robinson



Bro. Steve Rollins



Sis. Elizabeth Weh



Bro. Karmichael Zidek

Not Pictured:

Bro. Wellington 'Bruce' Ashe
Sis. Joy Carter
Sis. Mia Edwards
Sis. Vicki Lightner

Sis. Olympia Scatliffe
Sis. Odessa Scott
Bro. Sidney Twigg
Bro. Al Williams

Board of Stewards

Who are they...what do they do?

The foundation of African Methodism has been in place since the printing of the first *The Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church*. Throughout our illustrious history and rich Meth-odist tradition, the role of a steward has been consistent with very little alteration.

The AME Church established the following qualifications for those who serve as stewards, which is noted in the *Discipline*:

- ⇒ A steward must be a person of solid piety who knows and loves the Word of God and *Doctrine*.
- ⇒ A steward must be fruitful and of good natural or acquired ability to transact the spiritual and temporal business of the church.
- ⇒ A steward must have been an active member of the AME Church for at least two years.

The Steward Board attends to the Spiritual and Financial Health of the church. This group is responsible for the overall needs of the Local Church: finances, Pastor and the general welfare of its members. Stewards should model Biblical truth and harmony as they lead through example.

The Pastor presides over and appoints the members of the Steward Board and the Presiding Elder confirms the Board at the 1st Quarterly Conference. As stated in the *Doctrine*; the Steward Board shall number no less than 3 persons and no more than 19. Stewards shall serve for a term of 1 year and are nominated annually.

Some of the duties of the Steward Board include, but are not limited to:

- ⇒ Make an exact account of all money or other provisions collected for the support of the Church,
- ⇒ Survey the membership to determine the extent of each member's financial support,
- ⇒ Make accurate reports of expenditures,
- ⇒ Attend Conferences (Church, Quarterly, District and Annual),
- ⇒ Serve as spiritual lay leaders of the church, and
- ⇒ **Stewards can also assist in providing the elements for the “Lord’s Supper”.**

While overseeing the financial obligations of the church, Stewards are also responsible for making sure the needs of the pastor and their family.

Board of Stewards



Sis. Lynn Newton
Vice Chair



Bro. Andrew Adams



Sis. June Bryant



Sis. Tonya Cherry



Sis. Cheron Hawkins



Sis. Carol-Ann Hendricks



Sis. Quiana Johnson



Sis. Gerri Miles



Sis. Kenyatta Rucker



Sis. Ursula Slade

Happy
Trustee & Steward
Annual Day!!

MONTHLY THEME & MEMORY SCRIPTURE

“Repositioned to Serve this Present Age”

“And keep the charge of the Lord your God: to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commandments, His judgments, and His testimonies... (I Kings 2:3 NKJV)”

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- September 11 133rd Homecoming, 25th Sanctuary & 10th Family Life Center Anniversary Celebration - Guest Preacher, Bishop John Bryant - Sacrificial Gifts: \$133 - Adults; \$25 - Youth; \$10 - Children 12 years old & under - 10am
- September 12 Church Conference - 7pm (in person)
- September 17 Baltimore County African American Cultural Festival - 10am-5pm (*volunteers needed*)
- September 20 2nd Quarterly Conference - 6pm (in person)
- September 23 Youth Open Mic - 7pm
- September 27 **Pastor Bob's 37th Ministry Service Anniversary**
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Please join us in our weekly **POWER CELLS!**

- The Jewel Cromwell Johnson Zooming in His Word at 7pm.
Prayer Line: Monday-Friday at 6am.
- Church School 9am-9:45am in FLC -
Dial 725-735-9012 (No Passcode) 9/11 - Volunteer teachers are needed
(*Contact :Rev. Thomasine if interested.*)
- Join us every Thursday for
Thursday Treats for the Thirsty -
- Beads of Wisdom Bible Study -
Wednesdays at noon (prayer line).

Mt. Calvary AME Church



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

greeters • prayer warriors

VOLUNTEER

At the African American Cultural Festival

September 17th from 10am-5pm
400 Washington Ave Towson MD

Contact : Quiana Johnson 240-409-6586 | songbird3379@gmail.com

Click link to Sign-up to Volunteer:

<https://mcamec.wufoo.com/forms/z149waad11z4xqq/>

[VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP \(wufoo.com\)](https://mcamec.wufoo.com/forms/z149waad11z4xqq/)



**23
SEPT.
7PM**

MOUNT CALVARY AME

Youth Ministry
OPEN MIC
night

SHARE YOUR TALENTS PLAYING
SPOKEN WORD - SINGING - DANCING - INSTRUMENTS

Contact Rev. Natalie or Sis. Liz to sign-up at
mtcalvaryame@gmail.com.

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REV. BOBBY B. COX, JR., PASTOR

September 2022 Prayer List

Pastor Bob & Rev. Angie Cox
Bro. Bruce Ashe
Rev. Evelyn Booze
Mother Virgie Brandt
Sis. Bonnie Epps-Burgess
Sis. Cheryl Fowler
Sis. Sherrilyn Ifill
Bro. Ivo Knobloch
Sis. Ann Norman



Sis. Wendy Savoy
Bro. Lavarn & Ursula Slade
Sis. Sylvia Twiggs
Sis. Doris Walker
Sis. Elizabeth Weh
Bro. Warren & Sis Tiny Whitworth
Ministry Leaders
All Ministries



Happy Birthday Greetings
to all those celebrating a birthday in the
month of September, from your
CCU Leader Sis. Kristie Johnson
(kristyred@aol.com).

Bring the whole tithing into the storehouse, that there may be found in my house, says the Lord Almighty, and one of I will not throw upon the foundations of heaven and pour out an oath 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.