THE Mount Calvary MESSENGER

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NOVEMBER 2026



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From the Desk of the Pastor...



Beloved Mt. Calvary Family,

As we enter the month of November, I invite us to look back with gratitude, look ahead with resolve, and look around with compassion. The God who has carried us through this year continues to call us to build together. This month, let us answer that call in three meaningful ways.

1. Give Thanks: Remember God's Faithfulness
"Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits" (Psalm 103:2). Before we count what remains to be done, let us remember what God has already done. God has sustained us, strengthened our fellowship, and given us opportunities to grow and serve. I am grateful for every prayer offered, every gift shared, and every act of faithfulness that strengthens our church family.
For some, thanksgiving will come easily. For others, gratitude will rise even amid grief, weariness, or uncertainty. Wherever this season finds you, there is room for your whole heart before God. We give thanks because, even in difficult days, we have encountered sustaining grace.

2. Finish Strong: Give Faithfully and Generously
Our theme, "It's Time to Rise and Build," calls us to sustained commitment. As we approach the close of the year, I ask every member to help Mt. Calvary finish strong financially.

Your giving supports the worship, discipleship, congregational care, community outreach, and daily operations that make ministry possible. Together, our gifts help us meet our obligations and prepare faithfully for the work ahead.

Please remain consistent in your tithes and offerings. If you have fallen behind in your giving, prayerfully consider what you can do before year's end. If you are able, I invite you to give an additional year-end gift beyond your regular giving. Every faithful contribution matters. Let us bring our resources alongside our prayers and finish this year with shared purpose and generous hearts.

3. Share and Help Serve 200 Families
This Thanksgiving, our Thanksgiving Meal Drive aims to serve 200 families in our community, and we need your help. Please support this effort by donating turkeys.

A turkey given through our church becomes part of a meal shared around a family's table. It helps ease a household's burden and offers a tangible expression of care. We want our neighbors to experience the love we proclaim.

Consider donating a turkey and inviting a friend, relative, or coworker to join you. Ministry groups can also work together to multiply our impact. Watch for collection details and help us reach our goal of serving 200 families.

From the Desk of the Pastor (Continue) …

4. Make Room: Enter Advent with Expectation
As November draws to a close, we enter Advent, the sacred season of waiting, watching, and preparing for the coming of Christ. Through our Advent devotional, "Making Room for the King," we will prepare our hearts to receive Christ anew.

Before our calendars fill completely, let us make room for prayer, Scripture, worship, and quiet reflection. Advent teaches us to recognize God's presence even as we wait for circumstances to change. The promise of Emmanuel, God with us, meets us in the world we inhabit, with all its beauty, burdens, and unfinished places.

At Mt. Calvary, let us close this year with grateful hearts, faithful giving, generous hands, and renewed expectation. This is a season to remember God's goodness by serving our community and supporting our church through our gifts, generosity, and faithfulness.

With grateful expectation,

Rev. Dr. Sheleta E. Fomby
Pastor, Mt. Calvary AME Church

Calvary Cares Thanksgiving Food Drive



November's Theme

"Sharing reminds us that generosity is a part of Living a Godly Life."

"Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share." (1 Timothy 6:18 NIV)

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

November is Men's Month

Tuesday, November 3, 2026

- **Election Day -** Mt. Calvary has committed to providing transportation for seniors in VA Towers and TabCo Bldg. to the local polling place. We will also transport them to Harvest meals following their visit to the polls.

Thursday-Saturday, November 5-7, 2026

- The **Baltimore District Conference** will be held at St. Stephen's AME (*1601 Old Eastern Ave., Essex, MD*).

Sunday, November 8, 2026

- Our quarterly Baptismal service will be held during the 10 am worship service. Please complete the registration form on **Realm** or use the QR code below to express your interest in baptism.

Sunday, November 15, 2026

- Men's Day will be held during the 10 am worship experience. Rev. Reginald W. William, Jr., of First Baptist Church in University Park, IL. will be our guest speaker for the day.



Friday-Saturday, November 20-21, 2026

- Thanksgiving Meal Basket distributions will be held on **November 20th** from **10 am** to **2 pm** and **November 21st** from **12 noon** to **4 pm**.

Monday, November 30, 2026

- Our senior pastor, Rev. Dr. Sheleta E. Fomby's Birthday.

Saturday, November 31, 2026

- GriefShare will meet on **Saturdays** from **October 31, 2026,** to **January 23, 2026**, via Zoom from **12 noon** to **2 pm**. Please see Sis. Shirley Stitt for more details.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont.)



TO DECEMBER...

Sunday, December 13, 2026

- The Congregational Care Unit (CCU) invites you to our 3rd Annual Church-wide Christmas Fellowship, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Celebrate the season with food, fellowship, gift exchange, and friendly competition by participating in our Ugly Sweater Competition and Christmas Cookie Contest. Registration is required.

Please join us in our weekly POWER CELLS

The Jewel Cromwell Johnson Prayer Line

- Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday at 6am on the hone Conference Call Line: 725-735-9012 (No Passcode)

Weekly Pause & Prayer

- Wednesdays at 11:45 am on the Prayer Line.

Church School

- Sundays at 9:00-9:45 am in the FLC and on the Prayer Conference Line. All Adults & Youth are welcome.

Happy Birthday Greetings to all those celebrating a birthday in the month of **November** from **Sis. Raquel Batson** (*batsonrocky@yahoo.com*). God Bless you.



Fall Back Daylight SavingTime Ends...



Don't forget that we fell back and are now one hour behind.

Mount Calvary AME Church Honors all Veterans on November 11, 2026...



Happy Thanksgiving...



November is Diabetes Awareness Month



November 2026 Prayer List

Bishop Harry Seawright
Presiding Elder Johnny R. Calhoun
First Lady Rev. Patricia R. Calhoun
Rev. Sheleta E. Fomby, Sr. Pastor
Steward/Trustee Boards
Ministerial Staff
Ministries



Ministry Leads & Members
New Members
Church Family
Sick and Shut-in
Bereaved
Needing Strength & Encouragement





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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.