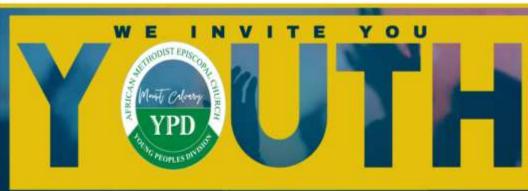


SMALL ENOUGH TO KNOW YOU, LARGE ENOUGH TO GROW YOU JUNE 2023





WHAT YOU WILL FIND IN THE MESSENGER ...

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- June 2023 Youth Month Information
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A Message for Youth Month...



"My Body Is A Temple"

"Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were brought at a price," 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 NIV.

At Mt. Calvary, June is youth month, a time to celebrate our youth. God has called us to mentor and coach the village of

children and young adults here at Mount Calvary. We must pour into their lives through love and help them grow into all God has called them to be! As bearers of the Holy Spirit, the temple where God dwells, we must set an example of Holy Living. Practicing good mental and physical health is essential in exercising our faith. We should know ourselves so that we may know God. The Apostle Paul wrote that we should put off our old selves and put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

For the sixth time in the book of Corinthians, the Apostle Paul asks a question starting with the phrase, "Do you know." And in this sixth chapter, 19th verse, he identifies each believer as a temple in which God dwells. Paul explains the temple is the whole man or total self. Therefore, our temple should be used for good deeds and righteousness, not acts that are unhealthy to our relationship with God or inflict grief, pain, or temporary happiness.

How can we better exercise good mental and physical health, honoring the temple of God instead of destroying it? Well, put on your spiritual exercise clothes and practice healthy habits. "Put on then, as God's chosen ones holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another ... and above all these; put-on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony," Colossians 3:12-14 ESV.

Let's encourage our youth in the Lord. Let's remind our youth, as Paul reminds us, that our bodies should be used to honor and glorify God. Let's exercise daily self-awareness of sin through confession and repentance.

God bless you,

Rev. Natalie Minister to the Youth



Invocation

Scripture

Selection

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

Altar Call

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!"

JUNE 2023 YOUTH MONTH...

Theme: "My Body Is A Temple"

Scripture: Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were brought at a price," 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 NIV.

- Join us for Bowling on Saturday, June 17th. Contact Sis. Alicia Bolden-Pack (<u>nyconnex1@gmail.com</u>) for additional information.
- Join us for a Bake Sale on Father's Day, June 18th after service. Contact Sis.
 Alicia Bolden-Pack for more information.
- Calling graduates of all ages! We want to celebrate you! Please see Sis. Liz Weh after service in the narthex.
- It's time for the Baltimore Annual Conference Church School Convention that will be held on Friday & Saturday, June 23rd 24th at Mount Olive AME-Worton, 24840 Lambs Meadow Rd., Worton, MD, 21678 on the Eastern Shore. The Youth Department is looking for participants of all ages. To register, please contact Rev. Thomasine Adams (adamsthomasine@gmail.com) and Sis. Elissa Ross (rosselissa@gmail.com) or in the narthex to sign-up.
- Youth Day is Sunday, June 25th. We will be concluding the season with a
 graduation cookout after service. See Sis. Theo Hayes (<u>Tmhayes11979@msn.com</u>)
 for more information. Please wear your Black History 365 t-shirt on Youth
 Day.
- The 2nd Episcopal AME Church Summer Youth Summit will take place June 10th 13th in Hampton, VA. Persons of all ages are welcome! If you are interested in attending see Rev. Thomasine Adams or Sis. Elissa Ross.



On behalf of Pastor Bobby B. Cox, Jr. and the Mount Calvary AME Church Family, we salute and congratulate all of our 2023 Graduates, from kindergarten to post-graduate school, who have overcome continued obstacles and have completed their studies. God Bless!!

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



On Monday, June 19, 2023, we observe and celebrate Juneteeth. Dating back to June 19th 1865, this celebration is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. On that day, Union soldiers, led

by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free, two (2) and half years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation.

On Sunday, June 11, 2023 at 10 am, the Christian Education Department will celebrate their Annual Day. The theme for this conference year is "Still Daring to Believe the Word of God." Guiding Scriptures: "Your word is a lamp to my feet, And a light to my path." Psalm 119:105 (NKJV); "But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord. Joshua 24:15b (NKJV).

On Sunday, June 18, 2023, during the 10 am Worship Service, we will celebrate **Father's Day**. Please be reminded to support the Youth Department's Bake Sale after service.

On Saturday, June 24, 2023, at 11am - 12 pm the Health & Wellness Ministry will have a kick-off meeting. All are welcomed, please bring your talents & ideas as we promote health and healing of mind, body, and spirit

On Sunday, June 25, 2023 at 10 am, the Youth Department will celebrate their Annual Day.

On Monday, June 26, 2023, at 7 pm, Church Conference will be held in FLC Great Room.

OTHER ANNOUCEMENTS S ave The D ates!!!

On Saturday, July 8, 2023, at 9am, the 1st Quarterly Conference will be held in FLC Great Room.

On Sunday, July 23, 2023, at 10:00 am, we will celebrate **Pastor Bob's 6th Pastoral** Anniversary during our morning Worship Service. All are welcome to the celebration of our awesome Pastor.

You don't want to miss the Congregational Care Unit Ministry All Members Meet and Greet on Sunday, August 20, 2023, right after morning worship service. Please come to meet your Unit/Class Leader.

Christian Education Sunday...



Christian Education Sunday Sunday, June 11, 2023

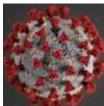
The vision for Christian Education during this Conference Year (23-24) is: "Families studying together the Word of God at home; and increasing Church School and weekly Bible study participation (youth and adults)."

Studying the Word of God enables us to disciple those who have never heard the Gospel, or who have never seen it lived out seriously and joyfully. Another initiative we are seeking is a call for teachers for Youth Church School.

Please contact Rev. Thomasine Adams; adamsthomasine@gmail.com or Sis. Elissa Ross: rosselissa@gmail.com to volunteer. Training will be provided. This is imperative in preparing our youth to receive the passing of the baton for the next generation of Disciples for Christ.

We need the Body of Christ to make this vision a reality for the Kingdom of God. We solicit your prayers for the Christian Education vision to manifest in the hearts of God's People.).

Rev. Thomasine Adams Director, Christian Education



Updated COVID Protocols...

Effective May 1, 2023, mandatory masking is no longer required in Mt. Calvary's facilities. If you are experiencing symptoms associated with COVID-19, such as fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, sore throat, fatigue, congestion, or runny nose, please refrain from attending in-

person activities until your symptoms have subsided.

If you have tested positive for COVID-19, continue to follow CDC isolation guidelines. We recognize that COVID-19 will continue to be with us; however, we are learning to co-exist with it. Continue to wash your hands or use hand sanitizer often. We will continue to monitor CDC guidance and state and local infection rates and update our protocols as needed.



Happy Father's Day to all the Mt.

Calvary father's & father figures. We appreciate and love all of you. May Sunday, June 18, 2023, be special for you as we celebrate, honor, and acknowledge all the ways that you provide, love, and care for your family. Your lives matter to all of us.

Please join us in our weekly POWER CELLS!

- The Jewel Cromwell Johnson Prayer Line:
 - Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday at 6 am.
 - Phone Conference Call Line: 725-735-9012 (No Passcode)
- Church School—Sundays at 9 am adults in the FLC.
- Intercessory Prayer on the Prayer line Tuesdays at 6 pm.

- Youth Bible Study every 3rd Tuesday on Zoom at 6:30 pm.
- Beads of Wisdom Noon Day Bible Study - W ednesdays at noon on the prayer line.
- Join us every Thursday for Thursday Treats for the Thirsty— Zooming in His Word at 7 pm.



June 2023 Prayer List

Pastor Bob & Rev. Angie Cox Bro. Wellington Bruce & Sis. Altrena Ashe

Mother Virgie Brandt

Rev. Bonnie Epps Burgess

Bro. Carlton & Sis. Roxanne Epps

Mother Cleo Cole Bro. Carlton Epps Mother Mabel Gray Sis. Ann Norman Rev. Roslyn Sellman Rev. Dawn Wayman



Sis Doris Walker
Bro. Warren Whitworth
Bro. Al Williams
2023 Graduates
Coronavirus patients/survivors
Father's & Father Figures
First Responders
Health Care Workers
Ministry Leaders
Stewards
Trustees



Happy Birthday greetings to all those celebrating a birthday in the month of June, from your CCU Leader Sis. Darci Johnson (darcimjohnson@yahoo.com).

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National Men's Health Week is June 12-20, the week leading up to Father's Day, because what better way to celebrate dad than to encourage him to take care of his health? The week is all about healthy bodies, hard exercise, good diet, and regular visits to the doctor. It's part of

National Men's Health Month, a month-long recognition of men's health with activities and events to remind men to take care of their bodies. So whether you are a man or just love them, take some time this week to celebrate the male form and keeping it in tip-top shape!





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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.