



THE *Mount Calvary* MESSENGER

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MARCH

2026



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From Our Pastor's Pen...



With Gratitude for the First Year Anniversary and Faith for the Future

Dear Mt. Calvary AME Church Family,

March marks one year since I began this pastoral journey with you, and my heart is full of gratitude. Thank you for your prayers, your patience, your welcome, and your steady love. This first year has truly been a year of learning and growing for us all, and I am thankful that we have done it together, with honesty, faith, and resilience.

I also want to honor the legacy and leadership that made this moment possible. I thank the late Bishop Reginald T. Jackson for the appointment and for the confidence he placed in this call. I am grateful for the ongoing support of our new Bishop Harry L. Seawright and the guidance of Presiding Elder Johnny Calhoun. And to our officers, leaders, ministry teams, and every member who has carried this work with care, thank you.

I have learned a lot this year. I have learned the strength of your story, the depth of your devotion, and the beauty of a congregation that wants to do more than survive. I have learned that when we worship with sincerity, God gives clarity. When we walk in unity, God gives momentum.

As we move forward in this season of Rise and Build, I am hopeful and excited. We are rising in faith, rising in vision, and rising in expectation. I believe our best days are ahead, and I am honored to build them with you.

With Love, Honor and Gratitude,

Pastor Sheleta E. Fomby

WITH HEARTFELT

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Church-Wide Announcements

- ◆ On **Sunday, March 1st**, at **10 am**, join us for **Communion Sunday**.
- ◆ On **Sunday, March 8th** we **Spring Forward** by setting our clocks at **2am** one (1) hour ahead to begin **Daylight Savings**.

In addition, during the **2nd Sunday Morning 10 am service**, the **Emma Jane Women's Missionary Society Annual Day**. Our guest preacher for the day will be **Episcopal Supervisor, Rev. Sherita Moon Seawright**.

- ◆ On **Monday, March 9th - New Members Orientation** will be held at **6:30 pm** on Zoom. Please contact your CCU Leader or email Sis. Aurisha at mtcalvaryamecculeaders@gmail.com to register.
- ◆ On **March 24-28, 2026 - The Baltimore Annual Conference** will be held on **Tuesday - Saturday**, at Empowerment Temple AME Church ([4217 Primrose Ave, Baltimore, MD 21215](#))
- ◆ On **Sunday, March 29, 2026**, at **10 am**, join us for **Palm Sunday**. Our guest preacher will be **Bishop John R. Bryant**.



March 2026 Memory Theme & Scripture

Theme: Serving others as Faithful Stewards.”

Scripture: Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards

Please join us in our weekly POWER CELLS!

- **The Jewel Cromwell Johnson Prayer Line: 725-735-9012** (*No Passcode*)
 - **Morning Prayer:** Monday - Friday at 6am
 - **WOW Saturday Morning Prayer:** Saturday at 8am
 - **Church School** - Sundays at 9 am in the Family Life Center.
 - **Faith Forward Bible Study** - Wednesdays at 7pm on Zoom - Registration required.
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Happy Birthday Greetings to all those celebrating a birthday in the month of March. From your Congregational Care Unit (CCU) Leader Sis. Tonya Cherry (tcherry856@gmail.com).



2026 Lenten Reflections Devotional February 18 - April 4, 2026

This Lent, we are practicing worship as beholding. Not rushing past Jesus, not studying Him from a distance, but fixing our gaze on Him until our hearts are changed. Over these forty days, we will behold Jesus in three ways:

1. **Beholding His Name:** We worship the names Scripture gives Him. Each name reveals what He does and who He is for us.
2. **Beholding His Nature:** We worship His character. His holiness, compassion, courage, wisdom, and truth shape how we live.
3. **Beholding His Nearness:** We worship His presence with us. In suffering, in decisions, in relationships, in the ordinary places where grace meets us.

Day 1 - Wednesday, Feb 18, 2026: Jesus — The Name Above Every Name

SCRIPTURE — *PHILIPPIANS 2:9–11: Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

REFLECTION: There is power in a name. Throughout Scripture, names carry weight — they reveal identity, purpose, and covenant promise. But no name carries more weight than the name of Jesus. The apostle Paul, writing from a prison cell, lifts his pen to declare something that transcends every earthly circumstance: God has exalted Jesus to the highest place. Not temporarily. Not conditionally. Permanently and completely. Every principality, every power, every king and kingdom bends the knee to this name. As we begin these forty days of beholding, we start here — with the name itself. Not because it is a magic word or a lucky charm, but because the name of Jesus is the fullness of who He is. When you whisper His name in the dark, you are not alone. When you cry it out in desperation, it reaches the throne. When you sing it in worship, heaven recognizes the sound. To behold the name of Jesus is to remember that before we say anything else about Him, He is Lord. He is the one God has exalted. And He is worthy of our first gaze.

WORSHIP RESPONSE: Jesus is Lord — and worthy of our worship!

TODAY'S PRACTICE: Write the name 'Jesus' on a piece of paper and place it somewhere visible today. Each time you see it, pause for 10 seconds of silent adoration.

PRAYER: Lord Jesus, I begin these forty days by beholding Your name. I confess that I have rushed past Your name without pausing to worship. Slow me down this season. Teach me to say Your name with reverence and with joy. You are the name above every name. Amen.

March is Women's History Month



The month of March is set aside as **Women's History Month**. This national commemoration began as "Women's History Week" in 1981 when Congress passed a bill (Pub. L. 97-28) which was authorized by President Ronald Regan. In 1987 the National Women's History Project petitioned Congress to pass another bill ((Pub. L. 100-9) which designated the month of March 1987 as "Women's History Month.

In 1995, after Congress passed several resolutions to the 1987 bill, President Bill Clinton declared in the month of March of each year the nation will observe "Women's History Month." During the month the contributions and specific achievements women have made to the United States would be recognized over the course of American history in a variety of fields.

Let us honor **Women's History Month 2026** by celebrating the remarkable accomplishments of extraordinary women who have left an indelible mark on history. As we set our sights on the future, let us take inspiration from the promises of God, who has consistently blessed women who dared to have faith in themselves and their abilities. By digging deeper and believing in ourselves, we can achieve greatness and create a legacy that will inspire future generations.

In addition to Women's Month, annually on **March 8th** we also celebrate **International Women's Day (IWD)** which is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity. Significant activity is witnessed worldwide as groups come together to celebrate women's achievements or rally for women's equality.

Spring Forward - 3/8/2026

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SPRING FORWARD

Sunday, March 8, 2026



March Prayer List

Pastor Sheleta E. Fomby
Bro. Andrew Adams
Bro. Bruce Ashe
The Family of Katherine Banks
Sis. June Bryant
Mother Cleo Cole
Sis. Cheron Hawkins & Family
Sis. Fran Hennigan
Mother Grace Hicks
Bro. Kevin Johnson



Sis. Lisa Robinson
Sis. Odessa Scott & Family
Sis. Kathy Thrasher
Sis. Candice Watkins
Bro. Derrick Watson, Sr.
Sis. Norma Wharton
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