



# THE Mount Calvary MESSENGER

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

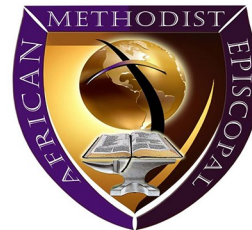
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2025



## WHAT YOU WILL FIND IN THE MESSENGER...

- ◆ Pastor's Sunday Morning Recap
- ◆ Monthly Scripture & Theme
- ◆ Church-Wide Announcements
- ◆ Passion Week Message



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## *Pastor's Sunday Sermon Recap...*

A **Sunday Sermon Recap** serves as a powerful tool for reflection, reinforcement, and spiritual growth throughout the week. After hearing the Word on Sunday, it's easy to return to the busyness of life and forget the message that was meant to strengthen and encourage us. A recap allows us to revisit key takeaways, meditate on biblical truths, and apply them to our daily lives.

For those who were unable to attend service, a recap provides an opportunity to stay connected to the teaching and receive the nourishment of the Word. For those who were present, it offers a chance to dig deeper and engage with the sermon beyond Sunday morning.

By revisiting the sermon's themes, scripture, and challenges, we create space for transformation. We are reminded that God's Word is not just something we hear—it is something we live.

**Sermon Title:** "*Straighten it Out, LORD!*"

**Sermon Text:** Luke 13:10-16

**Date Originally Preached by Pastor Fomby:** Sunday, March 16, 2025

In this sermon, Pastor Fomby explored the theme of being seen and recognized by God. In the sermon, we witnessed the powerful moment when Jesus called forward a woman who had been afflicted for 18 years. This moment illustrates the profound intimacy of God with His people, demonstrating that He notices our struggles even when we feel invisible. It's a reminder that God sees us in our pain and desires to heal and restore us.

Being called by God is transformative. Just as the woman straightened up and praised God after her healing, we, too, are encouraged to respond in gratitude for the care and attention He gives us. How often do we allow our challenges to keep us bent over, unable to see the blessings around us? Today, reflect on how God is calling you to rise above your circumstances and embrace your identity as His beloved.

- What burdens or struggles do you need to bring before God today?
- How can you remind yourself of your identity as a beloved child of God?
- In what ways can you allow God to help you straighten up and move forward?
- Pray for the courage to lift your gaze and seek God's presence in your life.
- Ask God to reveal areas where He wants to bring healing and restoration.

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Welcome Pastor Sheleta Fomby!!

*You're Invited!*

OFFICIAL PASTORAL APPOINTMENT & WELCOME SERVICE

SUNDAY  
APRIL  
6  
10:00 AM  
WORSHIP SERVICE  
*A special Welcome Reception  
will immediately follow the  
worship experience.*

CELEBRATING THE APPOINTMENT OF  
*Rev. Sheleta E. Fomby*  
AS PASTOR OF  
MOUNT CALVARY AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
TOWSON, MARYLAND

GUEST PREACHER  
REV. DR. LEE P. WASHINGTON  
*Pastor Emeritus, Reid Temple AME Church*



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### Monthly Memory Scripture

“I have loved you just as the Father has loved Me;  
remain in My love [and do not doubt My love for you].”  
John 15:9 AMP

### Monthly Theme:

“The Passion and the Cross of Jesus:  
A call for Love and Intimacy.”

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### 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**)
  - **Intercessory Prayer** - Tuesdays at 6pm (*On the Prayer Line*),
  - **Church School** - Sundays at 9 am adults & youth (*In Person*).
  - **Experiencing God** - Small Group Bible Study
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**Happy Birthday** greetings go out to all those celebrating a birthday in the month of **April** from your CCU Leader **Sis. June Bryant** ([db111072@gmail.com](mailto:db111072@gmail.com)).

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## Church-Wide Announcements

- **Tuesday, April 1, 2025 - Thursday, April 4, 2025** - Bethel AME Church under the leadership of our **Bishop, Reginald T. Jackson** - Presiding Elders, Rev. Johnny R. Calhoun and Rev. Wanda E. London - Host Pastor, Rev. Dr. Patrick D. Clayborn, and First Lady Rev. Dr. Sheri Smith Clayborn, hosted the **209th Meeting of the Baltimore Annual Conference**.
- **Sunday, April 6th - Our New Pastor's Welcome Service** . Help us in welcoming new **Pastor, Rev. Sheleta Fomby** for the **2025-2026 Annual Conference Year**. The Guest preacher for this wonderful occasion will be Pastor Fomby's Farther in Ministry **Rev. Dr. Lee Paul Washington**, retired Pastor of Reid Temple AME Church. All are welcomed and ask to bring a friend, a co-worker, or a neighbor to church. Also, members are asked to park at the Cranston Building. A reception will follow after the service.
- **Saturday, April 12th - Church Meeting** with **Pastor Fomby** at **9 am** in the Family Life Center. All members are asked to attend.
- **Sunday, April 13th - Palm Sunday Worship Experience** at **10 am**. All are welcomed and ask to bring a friend, a co-worker, or a neighbor to church.
- **Friday, April 18th - Good Friday Service** at **7 pm**. **Rev. Dawn Wayman** will be our guest preacher for the evening and will preach the Seven Last Words from the Cross. Come One and Come all!
- **Sunday, April 20th - Easter Resurrection Sunday Worship Experience** at **10 am**. In addition, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt after the service. Please see Sis. LaShae for more details.
- **Friday, April 25th - Join the Youth Ministry for Youth Night Fab 4th Fridays** at **7pm** in the Family Life Center.
- **Saturday, April 26th - Join the Beads of Wisdom** for a Technology Class beginning at **10:30 am** in the Family Life Center.

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**Mt. Calvary AME Church**

— Volunteers Needed —

**Seeking Licensed  
DRIVERS**

**BASIC REQUIREMENTS**

- VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE
- WILLINGNESS TO DRIVE ONE SUNDAY MORNING A MONTH FOR ONE HOUR BEFORE AND AFTER SERVICE



Rev. Sheleta Fomby, Pastor

EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE IF INTERESTED - [adminasst@mtcalvaryame.org](mailto:adminasst@mtcalvaryame.org)

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## Passion Week Message...

### The Passion and the Cross of Jesus

*Passion Week: April 13-20, 2025*  
*“Live into the Story”*

*Passion Week* is so named because of the *Passion* with which Jesus willingly went to the cross in order to pay for the sins of the world. *Passion Week* begins with the triumphal entry of Jesus on Palm Sunday on the back of a colt as prophesied in [Zechariah 9:9](#).



The *Passion* of Jesus (*also known as Holy Week*) is depicted in all four Synoptic Gospels which occurs the week before Easter. It is the time from [Palm Sunday](#) leading up to [Easter Sunday](#) (*Resurrection Sunday*). Also included within *Passion Week* are [Maundy Thursday](#), [Good Friday](#), and [Holy Saturday](#) (*the day that Christ lay in the tomb after his death*).

Following the trials, Jesus was scourged at the hands of the Roman soldiers, then was forced to carry His own instrument of execution (*the Cross*) through the streets of Jerusalem along what is known as the [Via Dolorosa](#) (way of sorrows). Jesus was then crucified at Golgotha on the day before the Sabbath, was buried and remained in the tomb until Sunday, the day after the Sabbath, and then was gloriously resurrected.

*Passion Week* demonstrates the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. It is a time for prayer, reflection, examination, and submission for the greatest sacrifice for God's human creation. How does Jesus' sacrifice for you dwell in your heart to make the alternate human sacrifice to pick up your cross daily alongside Jesus and follow Him?

***Let us pray.*** Our Father and our God, I call upon the Holy Spirit to be my strength and my guide during this Lenten Season to make it different from the other encounters. During this Lenten Season, through prayer and fasting, I will be able ***“To live into the Story”*** of the *Passion and Cross of Jesus*. I know Jesus' journey to the cross was a painful sacrifice, but He did it for me. I'm forever grateful, and whatever it takes for me to carry my cross, I know I will not be alone.  
In Jesus Name I pray. Amen!

Rev. Thomasine Adams  
Prayer and Spiritual Formation

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## Happy Retirement Rev. Bonnie Epps-Burgess ...



Congratulations to **Rev. Bonnie Epps-Burgess** of the Mt. Calvary Ministerial Staff who is retiring from the ministry after serving over 35 years in various capacity. The Mt. Calvary Church Family thank you for your many years of service to our church. May God bless you as you re-position and re-direct her focus in the way God leads her.

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## Youth Night Fab 4th Friday...

A vibrant, abstract graphic featuring colorful, overlapping geometric shapes like circles, ovals, and rectangles in shades of yellow, orange, red, purple, and blue. The shapes have various patterns like polka dots and stripes.


**YOUTH NIGHT**

**FAB 4th**  
**FRIDAYS**

EVERY FOURTH FRIDAY AT 7PM  
Family Life Center

email the youth ministry for more information  
[mtcalvaryame@gmail.com](mailto:mtcalvaryame@gmail.com)

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## April 2025 Prayer List

Baltimore Annual Conference  
 Bishop Reginald Jackson  
 Elder Johnny & Rev. Patricia Calhoun  
 Pastor Sheleta Fomby  
 Bro. Andrew Adams  
 Bro. Bruce & Sis. Altrena Ashe  
 Sis. June Bryant  
 Mother Cleo Cole  
 Bro. Carlton Epps  
 Sis. Vivian Fenton  
 Mother Florene Fields  
 Mother Grace Hicks



Sis. Nadine Marsh  
 Sis. Gerri Miles  
 Sis. Elissa Ross & Family  
 Sis. Ursula Slade  
 Sis. Denise Smith  
 Bro. & Sis. Sydney & Sylvia Twiggs  
 Sis. Candice Watkins  
 Bro. Derrick Watson  
 Sis. Cynthia Whye  
 Ministerial Staff & All Ministries  
 Steward & Trustee Boards  
 Mt Calvary Church Family

## Opportunities to Give...

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse,  
that there may be food in my house. Test me  
in this, says the Lord Almighty, and see 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

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Ways to Give

Mount Calvary  
AME Church

**ONLINE**

[www.mtcalvaryame.org](http://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

**SMART DEVICE**

Cash App **\$MTCALVARY349**



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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](mailto:mtcalvaryamemessenger@gmail.com).*