



WORSHIP • GROW • SERVE • SHARE
OCTOBER 2025



WHAT YOU WILL FIND IN THE MESSENGER...

- ◆ Message from the Pastor's Desk
- ◆ Monthly Theme and Memory Scripture
- ◆ Church Announcements
- ◆ Power Cells



From The Desk of the Pastor...



Beloved Mt. Calvary Family,

Grace and peace to each of you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Last month, we focused on our first Kingdom

Commitment: **Worship**. We reminded ourselves that worship is not a weekly event but a daily posture—an offering of our whole selves back to the One who gave us life. Worship is where we breathe in God’s presence and remember who we are in Him.

This month, we turn our attention to the second Kingdom

Commitment: **GROW**.

Growth is at the very heart of discipleship. Jesus never called us to remain where we started. He called us to *follow Him*—and following means moving, maturing, becoming. The apostle Paul reminds us in Romans 8:29 that we are “predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son.” In other words, the goal of the Christian life is not simply to know about Jesus but to become more like Him.

Growth does not happen by accident. Just as children mark their height on a wall, disciples of Christ should be able to look back and see evidence of their spiritual development. Growth requires intentionality. It means submitting every area of our lives—personal, family, church, and even civic life—to the Lordship of Christ. It means aligning our will with His, even when His way challenges our comfort or confronts our preferences.

At Mt. Calvary, we are committed to creating an environment where growth is possible. That’s why we gather for Bible Study, why we nurture prayer, why we stress accountability in community, and why we encourage you to spend daily time in God’s Word. Growth takes time, but it also takes effort. A five-year believer who applies themselves can be more mature than a twenty-year believer who refuses to move beyond the basics.

So my question to you this month is simple: **Are you growing?** Are you becoming more patient, more loving, more generous, more Christ-like in your walk and witness? If Jesus spent a week in your shoes, would He recognize His reflection in your decisions, your priorities, your relationships?

From The Desk of the Pastor (Cont.)...

This October, I challenge each of us to take one step forward in growth. Read more Scripture. Pray with greater consistency. Join a Bible study or small group. Stretch yourself in service. Journal what God is teaching you. Growth is not about perfection—it is about progression.

Family, let us commit together to grow, not just in knowledge, but in character, wisdom, and faith. For a tree that is planted deep and nourished well will surely bear fruit that lasts.

In Christ's love and for His Kingdom,

Rev. Sheleta E. Fomby

Senior Pastor



Join us for Faith Forward Bible Study with Pastor Sheleta E. Fomby

When: Wednesdays at 7 pm

Where: [Mt. Calvary Youtube Channel](#)

[Click here to view our Bible Study](#)

GROW: October's Theme and Memory Scripture

“Holy Spirit help us to Spiritually Grow in the Grace
& Knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.”

*“...but grow [spiritually mature] in the grace and knowledge of
our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory (honor,
majesty, splendor), both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.” 2
(Peter 3:18 AMP)*

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

October is Clergy Appreciation, Cancer & Domestic Violence Awareness Month!!

- October 10th** Join the W.O.W. (*Women of Warfare*) ministry as they present “WOW Growing Together,” at an empowering gathering at 6:30 pm in the Family Life Center. They welcome all women to join them. [Click here to register](#)
- October 11th** Join the **Ushers Board Ministry** for their **9th Annual Prayer Breakfast** at 9:30 am in the FLC. See an Usher for tickets.
- October 12th** **Clergy Appreciation Sunday & Lay Annual Day.** The theme for Lay Day is “While We Were Yet Sinners” from Romans 5:8-11.
- Baptism Classes** will be held immediately following the 10 am Worship Service and on October 15th via Zoom at 6:30 pm. Please contact Rev. Thomasine Adams (adamsthomazine7@gmail.com) for more information.
- October 19th** Join the **Usher Board Ministry** for their Annual Day at 10 am.
- October 21th** Join the **WOW Ministry** for their Women’s Retreat Interest Meeting via Zoom from 7 pm - 8 pm.
Meeting ID: 879 2115 3519; Pass Code: 467809.
- October 25th** Come to the Light: Jesus the Light of the World **Youth Ministry - Hallelujah Fall Festival & Trunk & Treat** from **4 pm - 7 pm** on the church campus.
- October 28th** Join the **Health & Wellness Ministry** in partnership with the America Red Cross for a Blood Drive from 1 pm to 5 pm in the FLC. [Click to schedule your blood donation](#) and receive a \$10 Gift Card and a chance to win \$5,000 prize.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)



TO NOVEMBER...

November 6th - 8th Baltimore District Conference at Mt. Calvary AME Church (300 Endowood Lane, Towson MD 21286). All are invited to attend this important event of the connectional church.

November 16th Men's Annual Day

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**)
- Join us **WOW** for Women's Prayer beginning on October 4th for **Sacred Saturday Prayer Call** at 8 am - 8:30 am on our phone conference line - 725-735-9012.
- **Church School** - Sundays at 9-9:45 am in the FLC. Adults & Youth.
- **Faith Forward Bible Study with Rev. Sheleta Fomby, Senior Pastor** - Wednesdays at 7pm on our [Youtube Channel](#).

Happy Birthday Greetings to all those celebrating a birthday in the month of October from Sis. Pamela Hart (pdhart60@icloud.com). God Bless



We're Launching REALM!

Starting soon, we will be launching a new church management system called **REALM**. This platform is designed to help us stay more connected, informed, and engaged as a church community. In the coming days, you'll receive an invitation email with instructions on **how to create your REALM account**. We'll also be offering training options to help you get familiar with the system, so stay tuned for those details.

Mt. Calvary AME Church Celebrates ...

Mt. Calvary Ministerial Staff

God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God's many kinds of blessings. Are you called to preach? Then preach as though God himself were speaking through you. Are you called to help others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies so that God will be glorified through Jesus Christ - to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen. (1 Peter 4:10-11)



The month of October is Clergy appreciation month. In addition, October 12, 2025, is Clergy Appreciation Sunday. We celebrate and appreciate our Ministerial Staff and thank them for all that they do for the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God.

Lay Organization

The Mt. Calvary Lay Organization will celebrate their Annual Day on Sunday, October 12, 2025, during the 10am Worship Service. The organization's colors are royal or navy blue and white. Please join them as they celebrate the laity of the church.



Please contact Sis. Lynn (Lyn1107@msn.com) to join our local chapter. Annual dues in the amount of \$20.00 is required to support the local & connectional AME Lay Organization.

Usher Board

"Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked." Psalm 84:10

The Mt. Calvary Usher Board is hosting a Prayer Breakfast on October 11, 2025 & will celebrate their Annual Day on Sunday, October 19, 2025, during the 10am Worship Service.



October National Awareness



Breast Cancer Awareness Month, held in October every year. This awareness aims to promote screening and prevention of the disease, which affects one in eight women in the United States every year and 2.3 million women worldwide.

Known best for its pink theme color, the month features a number of campaigns and programs — conducted by groups ranging from breast cancer advocacy organizations to local community organizations to major retailers — aimed at: supporting people diagnosed with breast cancer, including metastatic breast cancer educating people about breast cancer risk factors stressing the importance of regular screening, starting at age 40 or an age that’s appropriate for your personal breast cancer risk fund-raising for breast cancer research



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, also known as Intimate Partner Violence Month. Approximately one in three women, and one in four men will experience some form of intimate partner dating violence or domestic violence in their life time.

First observed in October 1981 as a national “Day of Unity,” [Domestic Violence Awareness Month \(DVAM\)](#) is held each October as a way to unite advocates across the nation in their efforts to end domestic violence.

Communities and advocacy organizations across the country connect with the public and one another throughout the month to raise awareness about the signs of abuse and ways to stop it, and to uplift survivor stories and provide additional resources to leaders and policymakers.

October 2025 Prayer List

Rev. Sheleta Fomby, Sr. Pastor
 Bro. Andrew Adams
 Bro. Bruce Ashe
 Sis. June Bryant
 Sis. Angela Burgess
 Mother Cleo Cole
 Bro. Carlton Epps
 Sis. Vivian Fenton
 Mother Grace Hicks
 Sis Sherrilyn Ifill/Bro. Ivo
 Knobloch
 Bro. Kevin Johnson

Sis. Nadine Marsh
 Sis. Brenda Marshall
 Sis. Renée Mills
 Sis. Gerri Miles
 Sis. Ann Norman
 Bro. Steve Rollins
 Sis. Ursula Slade
 Sis. Barbara A. Small
 Sis. Kathy Thrasher
 Sis. Sylvia/Bro. Sidney
 Twiggs
 Sis. Candice Watkins

Bro. Derrick Watson
 Sis. Norma Wharton
 Bro. Warren Whitworth
 Sis. Cynthia Whye
 Church Family
 Ministerial Staff
 Ministries
 New Members
 Steward/Trustee Boards



Mount Calvary AME Church

WAYS TO GIVE


THROUGH PHONE


IN PERSON


ONLINE


BY MAIL

300 Eudowood Ln
 PO Box 20416
 Towson MD 21286

TEXT "MTCALVARY" TO 73256
 and then follow the link provided.



Scan Me:


Givelify


E-giving


PayPal

ELECTRONIC GIVING
Rev. Sheleta E. Fomby, Senior Pastor



Mount Calvary AME Church
 300 Eudowood Lane
 Towson, MD 21286
 410-296-9474 (phone) 410-296-8710 (fax)
adminasst@mtcalvaryame.org www.mtcalvaryame.org
 Rev. Sheleta E. Fomby, Senior Pastor

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.