



THE *Mount Calvary* MESSENGER

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2026

Clergy *Appreciation* Month

October

Mount Calvary AME Church
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WHAT YOU WILL FIND IN THE MESSENGER...

- A Message from the Messenger Team
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- Church Announcements



A Message from the Messenger Team...

Growing in Grace and Knowledge

As we enter the month of October, our Kingdom Commitment is GROW, and our theme is "A Life of Spiritual Growth." The Apostle Peter encourages believers with these words:

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever. Amen."

(2 Peter 3:18 AMP)



Growth is one of the clearest signs of life. Just as we expect growth in other areas of life, God desires His children to grow spiritually. Salvation is not the end of our journey with Christ but the beginning of a lifelong process of becoming more like Him.

Peter specifically encourages us to grow in both the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ. We grow in grace as we extend mercy, compassion, and understanding to others. We grow in knowledge through prayer, worship, Bible study, and the daily application of God's Word. As God's Word takes root in our hearts, it shapes the way we think, speak, and live.

As we reflect on this month's theme, let us ask ourselves a few important questions: Am I growing spiritually? Am I allowing God to stretch me beyond my comfort zone? What area of my life is He calling me to surrender, strengthen, or trust Him with more fully? Perhaps these are questions we can all consider this month. Growth does not happen overnight. Like a tree planted by streams of water, healthy growth occurs over time as we remain rooted in Christ and nourished by His Word. God is continually at work in each of us, shaping, strengthening, and maturing us through every season of life.

As we seek to grow in our faith, God often places faithful leaders in our lives to encourage, teach, challenge, and guide us along the journey. Their prayers, wisdom, and service help nurture our spiritual growth and strengthen the life of our church family.

October is also Clergy Appreciation Month, providing an opportunity for us to celebrate and give thanks for our dedicated Ministerial Staff who faithfully serve and shepherd our church family. As we celebrate our Ministerial Staff, we extend special appreciation to our Pastor, Rev. Dr. Sheleta E. Fomby, for her faithful leadership, spiritual guidance, unwavering commitment to God's people, and steadfast dedication to the Mt. Calvary family. Thank you for your continued love, support, encouragement, and partnership in ministry.

A Message from the Messenger Team (Cont.) ...

As we express our appreciation, let us also remember to lift our clergy in prayer, asking God to strengthen, encourage, guide, and sustain them as they continue their work in His vineyard.

Mt. Calvary, growth does not happen overnight. Like a tree planted by streams of water, healthy growth occurs over time as we remain rooted in Christ and nourished by His Word. Let us commit ourselves anew to a life of spiritual growth, trusting that God is continuing the good work He began in each of us.

May we grow deeper in faith, stronger in love, and richer in grace as we seek to love, lead, and live like Jesus.

In Christ's Service,

Sis. Carol-Ann Hendricks & Sis. Aurisha Stanley,
Messenger Team

Engage In Frangelism



Join Us in FRANgelism

-  Friends — First Sunday
-  Relatives — Second Sunday
-  Acquaintances — Third Sunday
-  Neighbors — Fourth Sunday

 Church School
(In Person) - 9:00 AM

 Worship Service
(In Person/Online) - 10:00 AM

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**MT. CALVARY**
AME CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Sheleta E. Fomby,
Senior Pastor

October's Theme and Memory Scripture

“A Life of Spiritual Growth”

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To Him be glory both now and forever Amen.” (Peter 3:18 AMP)*

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, October 11, 2026

- Join us for our next **New Member Read In** during the 10 am Worship Service. Come out and welcome our nine (9) members as they are read into full membership.

Saturday, October 17, 2026

- Join the **Ushers Board Ministry** for their **10th Annual Prayer Breakfast** at **9:30 am** in the FLC. Please see an Usher for tickets.

Sunday, October 18, 2026

- During the worship experience, we will pray over the **425 pairs jeans** donated for the **Calvary Cares Jeans for Teens Ministry** and will be formally present to our **Build Families for Children** partner.
- **Ambassadors for Christ** visit **Shiloh AME Church** (2601 Lyndhurst Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21216) @ **3:00 pm**.

October 31, 2026

- GriefShare will meet on **Saturdays** from **October 31, 2026 - January 23, 2027**, via Zoom at **12:00 pm - 2:00 pm**. Please see Sis. Shirley Stitt for more details.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont.)



TO NOVEMBER...

- **November 5-7, 2026 - Baltimore District Conference** will be held at **St. Stephens AME Church** (*1601 Old Eastern Ave., Essex, MD 21221*). All are invited to attend this important event of the connectional church.

Please join us in our weekly **POWER CELLS**

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Prayer Line

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

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 **October** from **Sis. Pamela Hart**

(pdhart60@icloud.com). May God Bless and keep you during this brand new season.



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. We celebrate and appreciate our Ministerial Staff and thank them for all that they do for the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God

Lay Ministry

The Mt. Calvary Lay Organization celebrates Lay Month during the month of October.

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 Ministry

“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 it's 10th Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, October 17, 2026, at 9:30 am in the Family Life Center. Registration and a donation of \$35.00 is required through Realm.



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 fundraising 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 lifetime.

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.

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October 2026 Prayer List

Bishop Harry Seawright
Rev. Dr. Sheleta E. Fomby,
Bro. Andrew Adams
Sis. Cassandra Brown
Sis. June Bryant
Mother Cleo Cole
Sis. Vivian Fenton
Mother Grace Hicks
Rev. Marvin Higgs
Sis. Kimmie Thomas



Sis. Kathy Thrasher
Sis. Sylvia/Bro. Sidney Twiggs
Bro. Derrick Watson
Bro. Warren Whitworth
Church Family
Ministerial Staff
Ministries Leads & Members
New Members
Steward/Trustee Boards

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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.