



THE *Mount Calvary* MESSENGER

SMALL ENOUGH TO KNOW YOU, LARGE ENOUGH TO GROW YOU

APRIL

2021

Become
What You Believe!

Luke 22:42



WHAT YOU WILL FIND IN THE MESSENGER...

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From The Pastor's Pen...



Greetings Family!

“Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’” – Mark 16:6-7

The Resurrection of Jesus is the most powerful event that has happened since creation itself. All our growth in evangelization as a community leads us, in every way, at every opportunity to proclaim the core message that Jesus Christ died and rose from the dead.

He is alive! He is not in the tomb! He is here with you and me. There is no question about it. There is no doubt in my mind. On this Easter morning, I remind you as I remind myself, He is not in the tomb - He is risen!

The month of April reminds us that Easter is more than just one day. Easter is an everyday celebration in which we live each day trusting in God through Christ, knowing that Jesus is the resurrection and the life. The Resurrection is evidence of God’s love and that the evil of Friday can be overcome with the power of Sunday.

Mark in his gospel account gives us the news that Jesus has been raised. For he writes, *“When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus’ body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, ‘Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?’ But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. “Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’”*

As I contemplated this insight of Mark’s gospel, if anybody wants to see Jesus, they will have to leave the tomb and follow Him since He has gone on ahead – to Galilee. Moreover, I was reminded that Jesus really is always a step or two ahead of us. He is always out there beckoning us to come to where He is in order that He may lead us and guide us into new lands, new ventures, and new challenges.

As we go forth from Easter Sunday and the celebration of the empty tomb, we go forth empowered by God’s Spirit living and active within us to live in the joy of the resurrection as everyday witnesses.

He is not in the empty tomb. He is risen!

Shalom,
Pastor Bob

ORDER of *Worship*

Welcome

Invocation

Scripture

Selection

Preached Word of God

Invitation to Accept Christ

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

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!”



Spiritual Restoration Message...

*“Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.”
Psalm 51:10*



Have you ever noticed what happens when we move away from the original motivation for our service to God? Have you ever felt that you are no longer able to hear the Voice of God? What occurs when we get involved, and almost enamored, with our daily schedules, monthly goals, and planning? We begin to feel skeptical, defeated, bored, tired, or under great stress or depression. What has been described is the need for Spiritual Restoration.

Psalm 51:10, “Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.” This Psalm of David is admirably adapted to him being poor in spirit. It can also be considered as a meditation for God to restore him anew. It is an inward journey that begins with his heart and spirit.

Restoration is the act of repairing or renewing something. Spiritual Restoration is an **“Openness to God’s Grace”** in our lives. This state of being becomes a *Matter of the Heart in concert with the Spirit of God that dwells within*. It becomes an intentional inward journey where the Holy Spirit illuminates God’s truth from His Word into your heart, thoughts, and your life.

Spiritual Restoration is an awakening of the Grace of God in your life. It is transforming. It enables us to seek peace and simplicity in our way of being and thinking in all areas of our lives. The Holy Spirit is able to thrive within us, and God’s Will for our lives becomes clearer because we are able to discern the Voice of God.

Spiritual Restoration is a process that requires an openness to God’s *Love and His Grace*; a heart of gratitude; repentance; an intentional prayer life and discernment; and basking in the Word of God. Also, important for Spiritual Restoration is rest, self-care, self-reflection, spiritual guidance, retreats, vulnerability, and times of stillness/quietness in the presence of God (“Be still and know that I am God...” - *Psalm 46:10*).

Spiritual Restoration invites us to a newness of Life in Christ. It enables us to live simply in an anxious world, while having a Godly Perspective. “Indeed, it is because we are sought and known and *loved by grace* that we are capable of seeking and knowing and loving.” *Parker J. Palmer*

*Rev. Thomasine Adams
Prayer and Spiritual Formation Ministry*

Church-Wide Announcements

- Come Home For Easter Outdoor Service will be held at 11am on Sunday, April 4, 2021. The service will also be live streamed on FaceBook.
 - The 2nd Episcopal District of the AME Church 205th Session of the Baltimore Annual Conference will be held on April 12-13, 2021.
 - The Congregational Care Unit will host a New Members Meet & Greet via Zoom (see more information below) on Saturday, April 17, 2021. All are invited!!
 - The Beads of Wisdom will meet for their monthly meeting via Zoom on Saturday, April 24, 2021.
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Mt. Calvary A.M.E. Church
CCU Leaders
NEW MEMBERS 2021 VIRTUAL
Meet & Greet
All Are Welcome
Saturday, April 17, 2021
4:00pm - 6:00pm
Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 949 4676 6136
Passcode: 549350

Upcoming WOW Women's Month May 2021...



Theme: Sisters in Christ: Still Standing, Still Praising, Still Believing

Scripture: Then Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women went out after her with tambourines and dancing. Exodus 15:20 (ESV)

Co-Chair: Rev. Thomasine Adams; Committee Members: Sis Joy Carter, Rev. Angie Cox

Service/Outreach Activity:

- **Women's Month edition of Thursday Treats** will be held every Thursday in May (7:00 p.m. via ZOOM) - More information to come.
- **Annual Women's Day Praise Team** female voices needed. Rehearsals will be announced at a later date. Please email Rev. Angie (angiecox64@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining.
- **Women's Day** will be 4th Sunday, May 23, 2021, at 11 am. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Sheri Smith Clayborn from Bethel AME Church, Baltimore, MD. **Our Women's Day Assessment** will be \$100 for women & men & \$50 for seniors
- The WOW Ministry will partner with the Marion House to prepare **Mother's Day Gift Bags**. We will collect the items, put together the bags, and delivered them to the Marion House. Please see the list of items that the Marion House shared for us to collect. Collection will take place throughout the month of April. You can bring your donations to the Family Life Center at the church. Please see below the wish list:
 - Toiletries (hand lotion, body wash, lip balm, etc.)
 - Aromatherapy essentials (oils, sleep masks, or anything for relaxation)
 - Exfoliating gloves
 - Manicure kits
 - Picture frames
 - Battery operated candles (wax candles are not permitted)
 - Sweet treats (candies, cookies, etc.)
 - Mugs/cups
 - Note cards/stationary &/or nice pens
 - Artificial plants
 - Empowering books, activities, or décor (plagues, wall art, etc.)
 - Anything that says "Mom" or "Mother"
 - Anything spring themed

This Month's Theme and Memory Scripture

“Becoming what you Believe”

Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." Luke 22:42

Please join us in our weekly
POWER CELLS!

- The Jewel Cromwell Johnson Prayer Line
- Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday at 6am
NEW Phone Conference Call Line: 725-735-9012. NO Passcode:
 - Beads of Wisdom Bible Study - Wednesdays at noon (prayer line).
 - Church-wide Bible Study - Wednesdays at 7pm (*Face Book Live*).
 - Join us every Thursday for Thursday Treats for the Thirsty– Zooming in His Word at 7pm.
 - **Men's Church School** 2nd and 4th Sundays @ 10:00am. conference line: 605-313-4415, access code: 543892#.
 - Church School - Sundays at 9am adults (*On the prayer line*).
 - YPD Virtual Church, 4th Sunday at 10am on Facebook Live.
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Happy Birthday greetings to all those celebrating a birthday in the month of April, from your CCU Leader Sis. June Bryant (db111072@gmail.com).



Sunday Online Services...

We are still having church, just a little differently. Join us online on Face Book Live for our Sunday Morning Worship Service at 11:00 am <https://www.facebook.com/MtCalvaryAMEChurch/>

April Prayer List

Sis. Rhonda Allen
Sis. Cleo Cole
Pastor Bob & Rev. Angie
Mother Jewel Edward
Sis. Florence Fields
Mother Mabel Gray
Sis. Cheron Hawkins
Sis. Sherrilyn Ifill
Bro. Ivo Knobloch
Rev. Muriel Lucas
Sis. Michele Norris



Sis. Brittany Shields
Sis. Kim Shields
Bro. Thomas Thrasher
Sis. Elizabeth Weh
Bro. Warren Whitworth
Cancer patients/survivors
Coronavirus patients/survivors
First Responders
Health Care Workers
Mt. Calvary AME Family

Opportunities to Give...

MOUNT CALVARY AME CHURCH
4 WAYS TO GIVE

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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.