



# THE *Mount Calvary* MESSENGER

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

FEBRUARY

2021

**BLACK  
HISTORY  
MONTH**

*Believe*

The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;  
your steadfast love O Lord, endures forever.  
Do not forsake the works of his hands. Psalm 138:8



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

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- ◆ **Church-Wide Announcements**



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# From The Pastor's Pen...

Greetings Family!



I hope this letter finds you well and warm. At the time of this writing, we are amid a winter storm of snow mixed with rain! However, February holds some wonderful celebrations and observances for African Americans.

Therefore, if you are looking for a good excuse to focus on something other than the winter weather, let me remind you this is Black History Month, it is also the

**Founder's Day Celebration for the African Methodist Episcopal Church**, as members and friends across the globe pay homage to our illustrious founder Bishop Richard Allen and in this month, we begin the 2021 Lenten Season.

As AME's, we have a heritage to be proud of and our contributions to the history of these United States are numerous. When Richard Allen and others walked out of St. George's that Sunday morning, we became the first African Americans to lead a non-violent protest. When Allen and others purchased the old blacksmith shop in Philadelphia, we became the first African Americans to own real estate in America. We also were the first African American to publish a newspaper in America. Through the Free African Society, Allen passed on to us notable values such as liberation, justice, self-determination, education and economic empowerment.

February is also Black History Month. A time of reflecting, rejoicing and recommitment. We reflect on what it means to be an African American, as we stand on the shoulders of those who sacrificed much to pave the way for a better tomorrow. We rejoice in the contributions, integrity, leadership and determination of the activists and organizers in their fight for racial equality. We recommit ourselves afresh and anew to go into the world and show that we are equal, have the same rights, can achieve at the same level and make lives different.

While this month gives us an opportunity to celebrate, we must return to the words found in the Negro National Anthem last stanza, "God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way, Thou who hast by Thy Might, led us into the light, keep us forever in the path we pray!"

Finally, in this month, beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 17, we will begin the Lenten journey, 40 days toward Easter Sunday Morning. This is a time of reflection, repentance and renewal.

Let the celebration begin!!!! Be Encouraged and Stay in His Grip!

Pastor Bob

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# 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!”***

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## 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!”*



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## Church-Wide Announcements

- ◆ 2nd Episcopal District Virtual Mid-Winter Meeting 2/11-2/12
  - ◆ A.M. E. Founder's Day 2/14
  - ◆ Ash Wednesday 2/17
  - ◆ Beads of Wisdom Meeting/Black History Celebration - 2/27
  - ◆ Black History Celebration 2/28
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- ◆ Couples of Rare Distinction (CORD) would like to invite all couples on February 12th @ 7pm. join to talk about the good times with their spouse. A special guest speaker will be on the Zoom call.  
Zoom ID: 938 4792 7174 Passcode: 766163  
<https://zoom.us/j/93847927174?pwd=WmhjeXJXWFdBWmVZXRrNnRKQT09>
  - ◆ Saturday *SOUP* Kitchen: Join us for a hot meal, including a variety of hot soup/stew, bread & dessert **from** 12 noon -- 1pm EVERY Saturday at Towson Presbyterian Church (400 W. Chesapeake Ave., near the Y).  
***Sponsored by the Mt. Calvary Gentlemen's Club***
  - ◆ **The Gentlemen's Club** would like for the men of Mt. Calvary to become potential Class Leaders. Please contact the Congregational Care Unit (CCU) Ministry ([mtcalvaryamecculeaders@gmail.com](mailto:mtcalvaryamecculeaders@gmail.com).) We as men must take our place in the up building for the kingdom.
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## BLACK HISTORY MONTH...

This month we celebrate Black History Month, also known as African-American History Month in the United States. It began as a way to remember important people and events in the history of the African diaspora. Let us continue to honor and remember our notable black figures, some of which are featured on our cover this month, who have made a difference in the lives of Black Americans. We salute them all!!



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## This Month's Memory Scripture

“Jesus, Looked at the man and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible. Matthew 19:26

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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:
  - Church-wide Bible Study - Wednesdays at 7pm (*Face Book Live*).
  - **Men's Church School** 2nd and 4th Sundays @ 10:00am. conference line: 605-313-4415, access code: 543892#.
  - Join us every Thursday for Thursday Treats for the Thirsty—Zooming in His Word at 7pm.
  - YPD Virtual Church, 4th Sunday at 10am on Facebook Live.
  - Church School - Sundays at 9am adults (*On the prayer line*).
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Birthday greetings to all those celebrating a birthday in the month of February, from your CCU Leader Sis. Brenda Wells ([wellsbrenda1953@yahoo.com](mailto:wellsbrenda1953@yahoo.com))

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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/>

# LENTEN MESSAGE...

Lenten Season: February 17 - April 1

A Time to Reconcile and Refocus



*“Preparing a Place for Jesus”*

***“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you.  
Now remain in my love.” John 15:9 NIV***

Holy Week also known as Passion Week begins on March 28<sup>th</sup>. It commemorates the triumphal entry of Jesus and His disciples into Jerusalem known as Palm Sunday.

Lent is a time to *Reconcile and Refocus* on the Love, Peace, and Protection as promised by Jesus when we commune with Him. As we journey through the Lenten Season, we are *invited* to practice a disciplined life. Discipline in the spiritual life is the intentional effort to create the space and time where Jesus becomes the main focal point of our daily lives.

The inward disciplines are prayer and meditation. These disciplines enable us to *Reconcile and Refocus* on the inner life where Jesus becomes the main focal point.

**“In preparing a place for Jesus, allows the time and space where His gracious presence can be acknowledged and responded to”.** (Henri J. Nouwen)

Our Lenten Scripture, *John 15:9*, is “A Call to Intimacy”. Jesus describes the intimacy that He speaks about is the connectedness between the vine and its branch. Reminding us, “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener” (John 15:1). If we choose to live a disciplined life of prayer and meditation, Jesus is always waiting for us to come back to Him; and desires us to remain in Him. Jesus is waiting for you to give Him your burdens, all your worries, fears, and anxieties (1 Peter 5:7). He reminds us, if you *Believe* and Trust in me, you will find peace and rest.

As we journey through the Lenten Season with the disciplines of prayer and meditation, we can *Reconcile and Refocus*. We can experience the true presence of Jesus’ Love and compassion in the midst of our daily lives.

Through the Lenten Season, *Preparing a Place for Jesus*, enables us to enter the intimacy of our innermost self where He meets us with His “*Everlasting Love*” (Jeremiah 31.3) that exists and prevails in our lives.

***“Now remain in my love.”***

Rev. Thomasine Adams  
Prayer and Spiritual Formation Ministry

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## February Prayer List

Sis. Rhonda Allen  
Sis. Mia Edwards  
Mother Jewel Edward  
Mother Mabel Gray  
Rev. Marvin Higgs  
Sis. Sherrilyn Ifill  
Bro. Ivo Knobloch  
Rev. Muriel Lucas  
Sis. Cheron Hawkins



Sis. Michele Norris  
Sis. Wendy Savoy  
Bro. Thomas Thrasher  
Rev. Heidi Stevens  
Bro. Warren Whitworth  
Coronavirus patients/survivors  
Cancer patients/survivors  
Health Care Workers  
First Responders  
Mt. Calvary AME family

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## Opportunities to Give...



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