



# THE *Mount Calvary* MESSENGER

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

NOVEMBER

2019

## MEN'S MONTH



Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.  
1 Corinthians 16:13

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

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## *From The Pastor's Pen...*



It's that time of year again in the life & ministry of Mount Calvary! This month we are celebrating Men Ministry and Thanksgiving.

At Mount Calvary, we take time to celebrate our men because it is our opportunity to emphasize, affirm and lift the priesthood of our men in church and community. This year the Men's Month theme is "Walking in the Empowerment of Christ." Our Annual Men's Day Celebration will be held on Sunday, November 17. Come and share as we inspire, challenge and motivate the need for men's involvement in the Message,

Ministry and Mission of the church to make a difference in the lives of others.

Lastly, as we approach the Thanksgiving season, we understand we live in a world where people have a different way of looking at life. Oft times they become trapped in a mindset that says: Get all you can and keep it for yourself. But as Christians, we are called to think biblically and reject worldly philosophies that lead us away from God. That's why generosity is so important; it challenges us to think and act contrary to worldly beliefs and rely instead on what the Lord says in His Word. Allow me to lift several reasons as to why we should be generous.

First, we should be generous because God is generous. "He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things" (Acts 17:25). There is nothing stingy about God. Second, we should be generous because God is our sufficiency. Our hope is not in the uncertainty of riches but in the Lord who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy (1 Tim. 6:17). With this truth as our foundation there's no reason to cling tightly to wealth or possession. Third, we should be generous because God's ways are best. Although the world promotes the accumulation of wealth, true riches aren't measured by material or financial abundance but by spiritual riches. God says, "He who trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like the green leaf" (v. 28). Fourth, we should be generous because God uses generosity to conform us into Christ's image. Liberalism weans us from love of the world and its pleasures and pursuits and frees us to serve Christ. Jesus warned that no one can serve two masters—God and wealth—for he will hate one and love the other (Matt. 6:24).

Our generosity contributes to the ministry and mission of the church by displaying Christ's love to a watching world and showing His power to change us. Generosity is a selfless lifestyle that is God-focused and other-centered. Contrary to what the world says, there is more joy to be found in giving with the right heart than in accumulating more for ourselves.

It is my prayer as you gather around the Thanksgiving table, I hope you and your family will take a moment to reflect upon what you are grateful for and give.

~Pastor Bob

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# ORDER of *Worship*

Praise and Worship

Invocation

Prayer Response

Selection

Scripture

Decalogue Abridged  
(**1st Sunday**)

Welcome

Ministry in Motion\*

Pastoral Altar Call

Musical Selection

Introduction of the Preacher

Word of God

Invitation to Accept Christ

Tithes, Missionary, and General Offering  
**1st & 4th Sunday:** ERT Offering (*Baskets Held*)

## ***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!”*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday:** *God’s Chosen Vessels*

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# *The Decalogue Abridged*

**Minister:** From all that dwell...

**People:** From all that dwell below the skies, Let thy Creator's praise arise. Let thy Redeemer's name be sung, through every land by every tongue. Eternal are thy mercies, Lord. Eternal truth attends thy word. Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.

**Minister:** And God spoke all these words, saying: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the House of bondage. You shall have no other gods before me.

**People:** Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law. Nearer, my God, to thee! Nearer to thee, Even though it be a cross that raiseth me; Still all my song shall be. Nearer, my God to thee, Nearer, my God, to thee, Nearer to Thee.

**Minister:** And He said to him. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment and the second is like it: you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

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## Ministry Highlight - Men's Ministry...

During the month of November, we honor the Men of Mount Calvary. On **Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**, we will celebrate **Men's Annual Day**. Their theme this year is ***Christian Men: Transforming Lives Through the Power of God!*** and their scripture is 1 Corinthians 16:13 (ESV), which admonishes men to be on guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. They will also join Pastor Bob at Mt. Pleasant AME Church (235 Tollgate Road, Owings Mills, MD 21117) at 3pm where they will minister in song.



You may also participate with the men this month by joining them at **Church School** on the 1st and 4th Sunday of the month. In addition, please plan to attend their annual **Tailgate at the Temple** and the famous **Chili Cook Off Contest** where they will watch the Ravens vs the Bengals in the Family Life Center on **Sunday, November 10, 2019**, after the 10am Worship Service. You may also join the Men at the **Ambassadors for Christ Men's Choir** rehearsal on **7<sup>th</sup>** and **12<sup>th</sup>** of November at 7pm in preparation for their Annual Day.

Our Men's Day **sacrificial gift** is **\$100.00** for men and **\$50.00** for women. Also, if you would like to serve in the Men's ministry you may contact Bro. Sidney Twiggs (sidneytwiggs@yahoo.com).

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### This Month's Memory Scripture:

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. (1 Corinthians 16:13 - NIV)

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### NOVEMBER PRAYER LIST

*Rev. Thomasine Adams*

*Sis. Rhonda Allen*

*Bro. Edward Banks*

*Sis. Patricia Bayliss*

*Bro. Mordecai Brown*

*Bro. Arthur Butler*

*Rev. D'otta Davis & Family*

*Sis. Michele Norris*

*Sis. Feryal Shelton & Family*

*Sis. Doris Walker*

*Bro. Derrick Watson*

*Sis. Betty Whitby*

*Bro. Alfred (Al) Williams & Family*

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## CHURCH-WIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Emma Jane Gardner Missionary Society** (*"Give thanks to the Lord because he is good. His love continues forever". Psalm 136:1*) will kick off its Thanksgiving Baskets campaign starting in October through November. Please assist them by bringing non-perishable items and place your donation in the collection box located in the Narthex.

**Pastor Bob will be preaching at Mount Pleasant AME Church** (*235 Tollgate Road, Owings Mills, MD 21117*) on **Sunday, November 17th, at 3pm**. The Men's Choir will be accompanying him. A fellowship meal will be provided by Mt. Pleasant from 1:30pm-2:45pm so please RSVP by calling the church office if you plan to attend the fellowship.

The **Harvest Meals for the Hungry Ministry** will be hosting its **5th Annual Thanksgiving Community Dinner** on **Wednesday, November 20th, 6pm - 7pm** in the Family Life Center. If you would like to volunteer to setup and serve, please register in the Narthex after service each Sunday in October (*see Rev. Bonnie Epps-Burgess, Sis. Leslie Green, Sis Michele Fuller, or Sist. Syreeta Wells for more information*).

The **Prayer/Spiritual Formation Ministry and Christian Education** will be hosting a session on "The Complexities of Grief: From Grief to Hope" The session will be held on **Saturday, November 23rd from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm** at the Family Life Center. Please see *Rev. Thomasine Adams* to register & for additional information.

The **Beads of Wisdom Seniors Ministry** will be hosting their the Sight and Sound trip to see the play "Queen Esther" on **Saturday April 25, 2020**. The play, Smorgasbord meal, and shopping is all for a donation of \$150.00. (*See Sis. Valerie Johnson or Sis. Kathy Alston for more information*).

### ~ LOOKING AHEAD TO DECEMBER ~

The **Advent Season** begins on **Sunday, December 1st** and ends on **Tuesday, December 24th**. As Christians we prepare for the celebration that commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ on Christmas day.

**New Members/Baptism Classes** will be held on **Saturday, December 7th** from 9am -2pm. Please register with a *Congregational Care (CC) Leader/Rev. Thomasine Adams*.

**Mt. Calvary AME CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY DINNER** will be held on **Wednesday, December 18, 2019, 6pm - 7pm in the Family Life Center**. If you would like to volunteer please sign up in the Narthex after service each Sunday in November (*see Rev. Bonnie Epps-Burgess, Sis. Leslie Green, Sis Michele Fuller, or Sist. Syreeta Wells for more information*).

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

- **Emmanuel Prayer Warriors:** Tuesdays at 6:30 pm at the Family Life Center.
- **The Jewel Cromwell Johnson Prayer Line:**
  - **Morning Phone Conference**  
**Prayer:** Mon-Fri at 6am  
Call Line Number:  
(712) 770-5505; Passcode: 9027141#

### **Bible Studies:**

- **Noonday Bible Study:** Wednesdays at 12:30 pm. All are welcomed.
- **Church-Wide Bible Study:**  
Wednesdays at 7pm. All are welcomed.

### **Church School:**

- Join us in Church School every Sunday at 9am for children, youth, and adults in the Family Life Center.
- Men's Church School, 9am, 1st & 4th Sunday.

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### **Youth Announcements:**

- Follow the Youth Ministry on Band to get the latest news and announcements.  
<https://band.us/@mcyouth>

## Upcoming Events

- **New Members Read-In -**  
Sunday, November 10, 2019,  
10am.
- **Men's Day -** Sunday, November 17, 2019, at 10am.
- **Annual Thanksgiving**  
**Community Dinner -**  
Wednesday, November 20, 2019,  
6pm.
- **Thanksgiving Day - November 28, 2019.** Enjoy the day with your family and friends as you give thanks to a God that is worthy to be praised.



Birthday greetings go out to all those celebrating a birthday in the month of **November**, from your CCU Leaders Sis. Cheron Hawkins ([cheronrn@hotmail.com](mailto:cheronrn@hotmail.com)) and Sis. Raquel Batson ([batsonrocky@hotmail.com](mailto:batsonrocky@hotmail.com)).





# Mount Calvary AME Church Recognizes Diabetes Awareness Month...

The month of November is dedicated to Diabetes awareness. The **National Diabetes Education Program's (NDEP) 2019** theme is: "Take Diabetes to Heart: Linking Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease." Gestational diabetes is a type of diabetes that develops during pregnancy. Most of the time, gestational diabetes goes away after the baby is born.

Even if the diabetes goes away, you have a greater chance of getting diabetes — and your child from that pregnancy is at future risk for obesity and type 2 diabetes. Visit: <https://www.niddk.nih.gov/health-information/communication-programs/ndep/partner-community-organization-information/national-diabetes-month>

On **November 14th** organizations recognize **World Diabetes Day** and host events to raise awareness about diabetes. Visit the <https://www.idf.org/our-activities/world-diabetes-day/get-involved.html> to find other events near you.



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## On-line Opportunities to Give...



Visit our website, and click on the Sow A Seed tab.



Download the free Cash app on your wireless device (code: \$mcamec) or visit our link at <https://cash.me/app/HXQLLMC> (code: HXQLLMC). For trying the Cash App using our code, we will each receive \$5.00.



Square Offering is yet another new way to give. Please see a Steward at the rear of the Sanctuary to give in this new way.



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Rev. Angie Crawford-Cox, First Lady

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).