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

DECEMBER

2020



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From The Pastor's Pen...



Greetings Family!

Oh how grateful we are and how joyful we are to the very essence of our being during this season in the life and ministry of the church to virtually celebrate the Season of Advent and "Come Home For Christmas" 2020.

So much has happened this year. Our community have weathered shock, anger, and grief despite our own

personal and professional challenges. However, amid these difficult and uncertain times, we have maintained our faith and our commitment to the kingdom in this part of God's vineyard known as Mount Calvary. Love has kept us powerful in the present so we can create a future where no one stands alone.

Through this turbulent time, your dedication to this ministry has made all the difference. Your strength, dedication and generosity to the ministry, mission and message of Mount Calvary has been phenomenal. You have made your witness known by responding to the needs of our community with collective action. What you had you gave — whether it was time, talent, or resources — because you know love is shown through action.

Although we will face many challenges in the coming months, we will need your help every step of the way. Please continue to faithfully support the ministry of Mount Calvary. Thank you again for stepping up to the challenges of these times.

The thoughts of not having Christmas gatherings with family and friends may be upsetting, but just as Advent casts our vision toward Christmas, let us be a people of vision, and fear not. The Christmas story reminds us that Christmas means something better, mind-blowingly, vocabulary-exhaustingly, imagination-surpassingly, grammar-breakingly better. God has a better imagination than we do. He is the Creator God, so there is nothing to fear in what God might do with us next. It is only very good when God creates. "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever, amen." — Ephesians 3:20-21

Please don't forget to invite someone you know; a family member, a friend, a member, a former member, a wanna be member to "Come Home for Christmas" and celebrate virtually with us in our worship experience on Sunday, Bible Study on Wednesday, Thursday Treats on Thursday, and Church School on Sunday during this Advent Season. Write, Call, Text, Email, Tweet or Facebook them.

Merry Christmas! Pastor Bob

Advent Message...

"Advent Season 2020"

November 29th - December 24th Isaiah 9:6



Advent Season 2020 began on Sunday, November 29th and will end on Thursday, December 24th. Advent represents the four Sundays before Christmas Day; the season of preparation for Christmas. It is a season of waiting and a time of expectation and anticipation.

The Advent theme for this year is, "Advent Season calls us to live by faith with expectation and anticipation". Our Guiding scripture is, "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isalah 9:6.

Advent Season marks the beginning of the calendar Church Year. Advent comes from the Latin word, "coming" or "arrival". It is a state of "being" awaken to the mystery of the birth of the baby so small, who gave up the heavens that could not contain Him. An infinite God becomes an infant.

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders."

The focus of the entire season is the celebration of the birth of Christ in his First Advent, and the anticipation of the return of the King in his Second Advent. It is a time of expectation and anticipation, along with a time of preparation that is marked by prayer. Advent's prayers are prayers of humble devotion for deliverance, submission, and prayers from those walking in darkness who are awaiting and anticipating Hope, Peace, Joy, Love, and the Light of Christ.

The Advent Season ignites our faith as we embrace the Hope that God brings to the world; the expectation and anticipation of a King, who will rule with truth, justice and righteousness over His people and His creation. "And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

> Rev. Thomasine Adams Prayer & Spiritual Formation Ministry

This Month's Memory Scripture:

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6 NIV



Welcome

Invocation

Selection

Scripture

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?"

Church-Wide Announcements

The month of December has been designated as Demonstration & Commitment Month. All are asked to tithe 10% of their income so we can finish 2020 strong together! As we enter 2021, please determine what you will commit to give for 2021 in Tithes/Offering (1st Mile Giving) & the Let's Do It Again 2x4 campaign (2nd Mile Giving).

On Wednesday, December 9th the **Baltimore Conference Bishop's Virtual** Christmas Party will be held at 7pm (*please contact the church office for more information*).

On Monday, December 14th the Church Virtual Conference will be held at 7pm.

Harvest Meals for the Hungry/Wednesday Dinners and Culinary Ministry Our Christmas Dinner will be a Grab & Go bag dinner on 12/16/20. The dinner will be delivered to 30 homeless persons, 77 senior citizens in Towson and participating Mt. Calvary members. Volunteers and desserts are not needed this time. We are grateful that the entire dinner is being sponsored by the Towson Presbyterian Church Culinary Ministry Leaders: Rev. Joel Strom and Mrs. Jennifer Bolster.

On Saturday, December 19th "Come Home for Christmas" festivities will be held (see details on page 7).

On Sunday, December 20th the Beads of Wisdom Virtual Holiday Fellowship will be held at 4pm.

Harvest Meals will be closed on Wednesday, 12/23, 12/30, and 01/06/21. The first Grab & Go dinner of the New Year will be delivered 01/13/21. If you have a willingness to serve on any Wednesday in 2021, contact Rev. Bonnie Epps-Burgess at cheerfulheart@mac.com; or Bro. Andrew Adams at andrewadams99@msn.com.

Mt Calvary has a new ministry! The Crafty Hands is a ministry that crochets and knits. Our goal is to create a treasure chest of items for the homeless and less fortunate. But it doesn't stop there. We meet every other Monday via zoom. Open to everyone no experience necessary, just an open heart and willing hands. Contact Renee Mills or Aurisha Stanley at Mtcalvarycrafters@gmail.com.

The 2020 Giving Statements will be available in January. To obtain your giving statement you must fill out the form on our website. Click on Member Login and then click on Member Contact Update & Giving Statement Request. Complete the entire form and click submit.

Effective Monday, January 4, 2021, the church will have a new call-in number for the 6 AM Devotion and Prayer Line. The new # will be 725-735-9012. (It does not require the entry of an access code.)

Upcoming Events

3rd Quarterly Conference December 16th at 7pm

New Years Eve Virtual Service December 31st at 8pm

Pastor Bob's Birthday December 30th

A special Happy Birthday to our handsome, loving, warm, kind, wonderful, awesome, incredible, powerful man of God, our Pastor, Rev. Bobby B. Cox, Jr. We pray that you will receive the Godly desires of your heart during your new season of being who God has called you to be.



Birthday greetings goes out to all those celebrating a birthday in the month of December, from your CCU Leader Sis. Aurisha Stanley & Sis. Leslie Green (mtcalvary decemberclass1@gmail.com)

Happy Wedding
Anniversary
Pastor Bob & Rev. Angie!!

December 30, 2020

Please join us in our weekly POWER CELLS!

- The Jewel Cromwell Johnson Prayer Line
 - Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday at 6am

Phone Conference Call Line: (712) 770-5505; Passcode: 902714#

- Join us every Thursday for Thursday Treats for the Thirsty

 – Zooming in His Word at 7pm.
- Church School Sundays at 9am adults (*On the prayer line*).
- 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#.
- YPD Worship Encounter
 4th Sunday at 10am
 Christmas with the First Lady
 Rev. Angie C. Cox, Preacher



Join us online on Face Book Live for our Sunday Morning Worship Service at 11:00 am (https://www.facebook.com/
MtCalvaryAMEChurch/) miss the service you can view it on YouTube (https://www.youtube.com/user/nataliew340).



Come Home for Christmas!!

The First Family is planning an evening of lights and delights!

December 19, 2020 4:30-6:30pm outside (FLC)

Bundle up, put on your mask and lets take in the beauty of Christmas...

Bro. Andrew Adams
Sis. Rhonda Allen
Bro. Eugene Burgess
Sis. Virgie Brandt
Mother Jewel Edwards
Mother Mabel Gray
Sis. Cheron Hawkins
Mother & Corlis Health
Rev. Marvin Higgs

Sis. Sherrilyn Ifill

Bro. Darren Lee

Rev. Murriel Lucas

Sis. Wendy Savoy

Sis. Stepanie Oliver Rev. Heidi Stevens

Sis. Sylvia Twiggs

Bro. Warren Whitworth

COVID-19 Patients, Cancer patients/survivors, Hungry, Homeless,

Depressed, Lonely and ALL HEALTH

Opportunities to Give...







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Rev. Bobby B. Cox, Jr., Pastor 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.