

Calvary's Voice



Greetings MCBC and All Our Friends

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. For all that God has done we give Thanks!

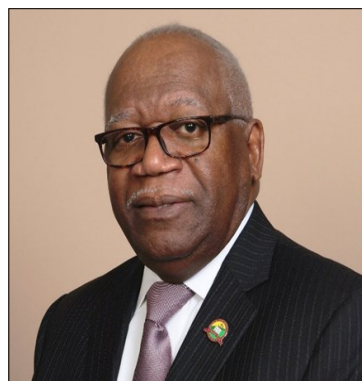
As we end the second half of this year we are filled with gratitude and praise for the blessings and the journey. The blessings of being in worship and church school in person, Having our first baptism after 3 years, VBS: “Following in the Footsteps of Jesus” and the youth outing to Calloway Gardens, Hosting the AMBA – congress, Serving the community as a site to distribute fresh fruit and vegetables in conjunction with SWEEAC.

Being involved in the American Baptist Home Missions Societies’ Passionary Institute to engage and encourage young adults as they answer

the questions “What am I called to do?” “Who am I called to become?”

What an exciting time for ministry in the kingdom of God!

Blessings on the Journey! Pastor Stowers



Vision Statement

Mount Calvary Baptist Church seeks to be a “Teaching Church”, Empowering people through the Word of GOD to effect change in their lives and the life of the community.

IMPORTANT DATES

**Aug 6th-9th : PNBC
62nd Annual Session**

**Aug 28th: “Bang the
Gavel” Youth Lunch-
eon**

Sept 4th: Labor Day

**Sept 16th: Mobile Food
Distribution**

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Peace and Blessings, MCBC Family,

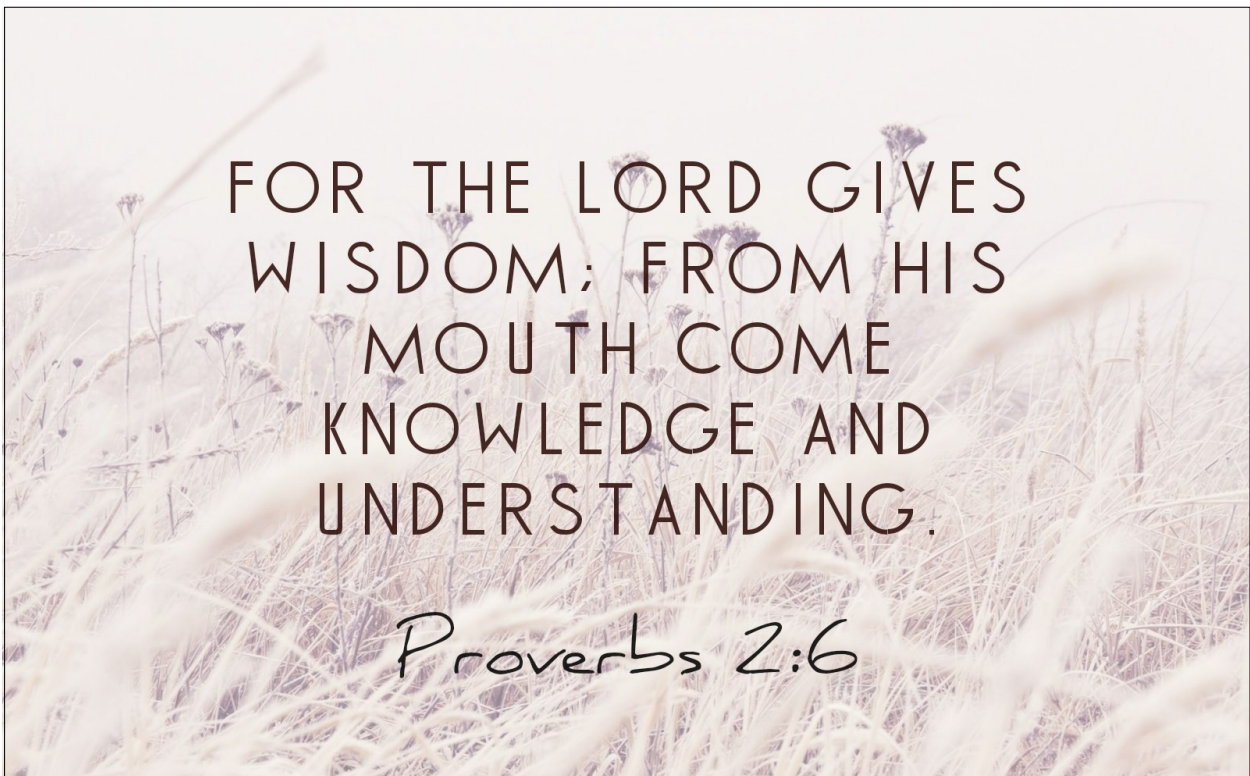
Please enjoy this devotion on wisdom. Solomon said: “Sell everything and buy Wisdom! Forage for Understanding! Don’t forget one word! Don’t deviate an inch! Never walk away from Wisdom – she guards your life; love her – she keeps her eye on you. Above all and before all, do this: Get Wisdom! Write this at the top of your list: Get Understanding! Throw your arms around her-

WISDOM

believe me, you won’t regret it’ (Proverbs 4:5-8 MSG). There are many ways to gain wisdom: #1 Gleaning from the collective knowledge of others. “By pride nothing comes but strife, but with the well-advised is wisdom’ (Proverbs 13:10 NKJV). #2 Thinking outside of the box. Statements like, “This is the way is the way we have always done things around here’, warrant scrutiny when they’re used to defending ways that no longer work. #3 Writing down and reflecting on what you have learned through experience. #4 Not rushing to closure. Growth is always a work in progress. Creativity is untidy and can be unnerving. The ability to stay focused and faith filled in the midst of change is a hallmark of growth and maturity. But the ulti-

mate source of wisdom is God’s Word! “For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth comes knowledge and understanding’ (Proverbs 2:6 NKJV). “The wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy, and good fruits, without partiality and hypocrisy’ (James 3:17 NKJV). “I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you’ (Psalm 32:8 NKJV). Refuse to live an unexamined life. Refuse to live an uncommitted life. Refuse to live an unguided life. Today, ask God for wisdom.

Love is Forever,
Lady Stowers



YOUTH MINISTRY

The youth ministry has some exciting things going on. The pandemic had a profound impact on our youth attendance and participation. We are gradually seeing an increase in youth attendance and participation. Many of our older youth have finished high school and are moving on to the next phase of their lives, attending college or starting their work career. Let us all continue to pray for the safety and success of all our youth, especially those that are away from home.

We are thankful for the youth that are actively participating in the youth ministry activities. We thank those parents, grandparents and other family members that keep their children engaged with ministry by bringing them to church and having them to participate in the ministry activities and programs.

Now that we are having in person worship, each month on the 4th Sunday a youth presents “A Moment in Black History” and the youth leads worship on the 5th Sunday. We are also grateful to have them to take part each month in Mt. Calvary Community Youth Discussions with Fulton Magistrate Court Judges or other community leaders. They are responsible for opening

the discussion with a prayer, introducing the guest speaker, and ending the discussion with prayer.

We would like to recognize those youths that did “A Moment in Black History” by zoom or during worship service: Constance Byrd, Dennis, Makumi, Demi Makumi, Sincer Henderson, Isaac Baker, Miah Todd.

We would also like to recognize our youth that led worship service on 5th Sunday in July: Dennis Makumi, Perryl Carter, Sincer Henderson, Briel Hill, Cayden Newsome and Demi Makumi.

The Atlanta Missionary Association 117th Summer Leadership Training Summit was held at Mt. Calvary June 13th-15th. Isaac Baker did the welcome. Several other youth from Mt. Calvary were in attendance: Sincer Henderson, Journey Walker, Naomi Jordan, Mikal Phillips, Perryl Carter, Jeremiah Miller, and J’Aira McWhorter.

Other events that have been scheduled are as follows:

July 16-18 New Era Congress of Christian Education, Griffin, GA

July 22nd, Youth Outing to Calloway Gardens

Aug 28, Bang the Gavel (A Civic

Learning Experience at the Fulton County Magistrate Court)

We really are grateful for our youth. We know God is going to continue to bless Mt. Calvary and our youth. The benefits of regularly making sure your child/children attend church is unmeasurable. It is factual that children that regularly attend church are happier, healthier, better adjusted, more responsible and wiser than children that do not regularly attend church. Plus, Church is a great place for youth to learn the word of God, morals, and responsibility. Our youth need the church now more than ever just as adults do. Our children are constantly being overwhelmed with things and teaching that directly opposes Christian belief. If we as Christian parents don’t rapidly work to undo this practice, our children will soon have the same beliefs as the non-religious world.

In closing I recently heard a sermon where it was mentioned many people often use the excuse there is nothing to do at that church. Well, this is not acceptable. We all have unique talents and gifts that can be used in ministry. The gifts of denying self and showing up is a gift and can be used in ministry, there is plenty of work for all of us to do.

Deacon Leander Parker

MCBC'S SHOUT OUT CORNER: BRIEL HILL & AMARI LOCKHART



Congratulations to Briel Hill and Amari Lockhart who are Passionary interns at the ABHMS 2023 Summer Passionary Institute. But who are Passionaries? They have been defined by the ABHMS as ordinary people doing extraordinary things that change

lives in the name of Jesus. They are passionate about responding to God's call, passionate about partnership with others in responding to God's call, and passionate about mission – to give to it and serve in it. This year is the inaugural year of this immersive cohort experience for young adults ages 18-30. They are seeking an opportunity to engage with peers and coaches to answer the questions, "What am I called to do? Who am I called to become?"

The program has nine interns and for 12 weeks, they will be on a journey with ABHMS leaders, their peers and leaders at the church or site they have chosen. For our two Passionaries, it's Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. They hope to gain practical experience that either aligns with their areas of professional interest and experience or introduce them to new areas of profession-

al interest. They will be working in various capacities at the church, for example, updating the church's website, updating the church's marquee, working with the media ministry, and assisting where needed.

Briel and Amari began the program by attending an orientation session in late May, in King of Prussia, PA. They had to commit to setting and accomplishing learning goals, participate in weekly virtual sessions with their cohorts and submit a final report/evaluation of their experience.



What is so wonderful about this program is that they will also receive monetary compensation during their participation in this summer immersion experience which ends August 7th, 2023.

Please pray for and encourage our Passionaries as they test and pursue their vocational calling.



Sis. Shirley Seymour

MCBC'S GRADUATES DAY



On May 28th, MCBC honored the Class of 2023 graduates:

High School

Christina Jones , Torian Jones
(not pictured) and
Jamon Washburn

College

Amari Lockhart

MCBC Scholarship Recipient

Ryan Gates



Congratulations!

BAPTISM SUNDAY

On July 2nd, 2023, MCBC had it's first baptism since resuming in person worship. This was a very special occasion and we are happy to welcome our newest members:

Christian Palmer
Naomi Jordan
Journey Walker
Malik Phillips
Lashay Freeman
Shavi Freeman



MCBC'S SHOUT OUT CORNER:

SISTER JEAN FLOYD & SISTER SHIRLEY SEYMOUR



Sisters Jean Floyd (Class of 1965) and Shirley Seymour (Class of 1972) were

invited back to their former Alma Mater, Grady Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, to attend a luncheon celebrating Nurses' Week held May 6th-12th. May 12th is the birthday of Florence Nightingale, and these dates are permanently fixed to celebrate Nurses' Week. The 2023 theme was "Nurses Make A Difference: Anytime, Anywhere – Always". The luncheon was held on Monday, May 8th and a total of 97 alumni were invited to attend. Grady Health Systems President/CEO John Hauptert and many administrative and nursing staff welcomed us back with comments of praise for services rendered during our nursing career. Former Grady School Nursing graduates talked about the rewarding and difficult times experienced while students. A previously segregated school of nursing, the program integrated in September 1964. Previously, Black students attended Spelman College and White

students attended Georgia State College. All Grady grads know that they got a first-class education and that graduating from Grady School of Nursing prepared them to enter a nursing career where they could face and manage many challenges. We all know the familiar phrase "Where is the Grady Nurse?" and knew we were up to the challenge.

In attendance was Azira Hill, a ninety-nine-year-old former Grady School of Nursing graduate and wife of the late Jesse Hill, Civil rights activist. Ms. Hill, an immigrant from Cuba, is Co-Founder of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Talent Development. She served as co-chair of the Atlanta Symphony Associates Action Committee for Audience Development in the Black Community. She attended the ceremony with her granddaughter.

Sister Floyd stated that eleven members of her class were in attendance. Sister Seymour sat with a former class member and nursing teacher. After the luncheon, all the nurses were given a tour of the hospital and or got to visit a specific area that they worked in as a nurse.



Sis. Shirley Seymour

MCBC SERVING THE COMMUNITY



MCBC'S YOUTH OUTING: CALLOWAY GARDENS 2023



MCBC VBS & YOUTH SUNDAY

MCBC held its first VBS in 3 years on Saturday July 29th. Sis. Ossie Mitchell and her team put together a wonderful program for the youth and adults. VBS culminated on Sunday with the youth leading worship and the back to school prayer.



