

Calvary's Voice



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Greetings MCBC and Friends,

As we come to the sixth month of the year, we can truly say that the Lord God has been our Keeper and Provider.

We have traveled through uncharted waters on this journey of life and our Captain has never left us all alone.

We have seen unrest in the climate of our nation in all aspects of life. Racial tension, brought on by evil and hatred, has cast a dark cloud over this land and country. Wars and rumors of wars,

climate change, Power Struggles and in the midst of it all; Health and Hunger that nations of Africa and areas of Ethiopia, Nigeria, South Sudan and Yemen are still facing as we spend billions of dollars on destruction. The collapse of income and the increase in prices have pushed basic needs beyond the reach of many families.

May the Words of our Lord reach our hearts: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" Let us start here at home, for there are many people of all ages who are in need in our communities. Feeling the impact of this economic shift brought about through COVID 19 and also greed that is still with us.

Studies have shown that those who have a "faith-based foundation", a religion connection, a church family, tend to do better in times like these.

Let us Thank God for all that God has done and then let us become the ways and means that we can be the visible Church in the Community that makes a difference in the World.

Remember – Hope – Is a Noun and a Verb. It's who we are and what we do. Thanks for all you do! Be Encouraged!

Blessings on the Journey!
Pastor Stowers

Important Dates:

June 4: Mid-Year Conference

June 5: Graduates Day

June 19: Father's Day

June 19: Juneteenth

July 4: Independence Day

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.



Choose Joy



Greetings My Mt. Calvary Family,

Over the past 2 ½ years we have journeyed through rough times and at some points we lost our joy. We all want to be happy; we spend our lives chasing happiness only to find it just out of our reach, but when we stop chasing happiness, and start choosing joy- that is when we truly begin to live our lives to the fullest.

Happiness comes by chance; joy is a choice. Joy is choosing to be thankful when we could be ungrateful. It's choosing to be thankful to see the good when we could see the bad. It is constant prayer coupled with continual thanksgiving because when we choose joy

in our hearts, noting-not even the worst of circumstances can rob it from us. Remember, God knows all our needs. He is faithful and he longs to show us more of his glory and beauty. Prepare you heart to say," yes" to his call. Trust in his faithfulness and pursue his joy. That is what God wants for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 Always be joyful, pray continually, and give thanks whatever happened.
Love is Forever, See you in Church.

Lady Stowers

Briel Delores Hill, daughter of **Sister Debra Aikens**, was selected to advisor role for the National



Youth Leadership Forum on Advanced Medicine and Healthcare. As a member of the Minority Association of Pre-Med Students, she was encouraged to apply to this program and she was accepted. This program sponsored by Envision by Worldstrides is held at John Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland. Briel will get a chance to explore a variety of specialized medical fields through this program's exciting, hands-on interactive curriculum, small group activities, and true-to-life medical workshops—such as testing her skills at performing a simulated fracture reduction. The program runs from the end of May to July. She'll join with

other high school students from around the country to learn from and interact with subject-matter experts, gain invaluable, firsthand experience by assuming the role of a physician, and be empowered to fully realize her true potential. At this challenging and rewarding program for high school students who are seriously considering a career in medicine, she will get an insider's tour of the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center at the University of Maryland (UMD) Medical Center and learn about its mission, patients, and programs. She will also work with peers to develop a public awareness and social media campaign around a current topic in public health, giving her firsthand experience in containing a public health threat, as well as participate in a first-responder simulation, upon completion of which she will receive a Stop the Bleed certification.

Briel will acquire valuable information about which skills and educational components she will need to be successful as a health care provider from professional medical personnel. **Congratulations Briel! Your MCBC Family is proud of you and wish you God's blessings and success!**

Godly Father



Greetings:

We have approached the half way mark of this year. Many things have come to pass – some happy times and not so happy times. God has been faithful as He promised. June and July are months we celebrate our Graduates and we say “congratulations” to each of you; Father’s Day, Independence Day, and also many weddings take place. But today I want to salute the fathers. Whether in life or in memory, godly fathers teach, mentor, and train us in how to live a life that is pleasing to our Heavenly Father. Thankfully, I’ve had several examples in my life including my father, and so have many of you.

Embedded in the letters **F-A-T-H-E-R**, are the characteristics of a godly father taken from the Heart to Heart Daily Devotional.

F-Faithful. A godly father is faithful, honors his marriage vows, and protects his children. He is fully committed to his Heavenly Father.

A-Affectionate. His love for his children is evident. His affection instills in them faith and security. When children know their dad will be there for them, they are confident in his love; in times of need, they won’t hesitate to go to him.

T-Trustworthy. He teaches his children biblical principles and moral values by being an example for them. The more children trust their father, the more confident they have in trusting God.

H-Honorable. He is honest and meets his obligations promptly. In doing so, he protects the integrity of his family’s name. As he lives a life of integrity, he lays a path for his children to walk honorably before the Lord.

E-Energetic. He is not idle or lazy, for he is busy providing for his family. He spends time with his children and pays attention to them. He also teaches them – by example –to actively help others and not to be consumed only with what they want.

R-Rewarded. By raising his children in the ways of God, he is rewarded by seeing them mature, achieve success, AND serving and living a godly life.

Keep in mind that there may be children around you who do not have fathers to look up to. Take the opportunity to be an example to them. May God’s richest and best continue to be yours in Jesus’ name.

Sister Janie



MCBC Celebrates Our Mothers who Turn 90 Years Old



Mother's Day at Mount Calvary was celebrated with a special salute to those members and mothers who are 90 years and older and those who will turn 90 in 2022.

ANNE LEE, ANNIE MAHONE, HAZEL PERRY, DELORES GILES, ESSIE TURNER, ALYCE ODISTER, MARJORIE SWILLING, MERIAM DAWSON, MAE BELL ECHOLS, JANET HICKS, VIRGINIA WOUMNM, and THELMA BENTON

We thank God for our mother's heart, our mother's faith and our mother's love. Hoping your Mother's Day was blessed, happy and filled with love.

MCBC Cares: Purses Of Love and Tote Bags



The Social Action Ministry, Women of Mt. Calvary and Support Ministries teamed up to provide tote bags of love to women in metro Atlanta shelters. Beautiful red tote bags (provided by the church) were fitted with a heart tag carrying the caption "Mercy, Peace and Love be yours in abundance".

A total of 34 tote bags were filled with travel and regular size toiletries, masks, personal care items, pieces of jewelry and a purse. The pandemic has increased the need for shelters, and we were happy to provide these tokens of love as follows: Beloved Atlanta 12, Serenity House 12, Janie and Ida's House of Hope 10, City of Refuge 35 (only MCBC tote bags and masks)

Thanks to all who provided purses, money, other items, and the help assembling our bags.





Congratulation MCBC Graduates!!!

Jaiya Miller: Westlake High School

Sanai Robinson: Charles Drew High School

Solomon Smart: Westlake High School

Marcus Todd, Jr.: Douglas County High School

Joshua Kimpson: Marine Boot Camp, Parris Island, South Carolina

We salute your success and wish you God's blessings as you begin the next phase of your educational endeavors.



A father means so many things... An understanding heart, a source of strength and support right from the very start. Father's Day is a holiday of honoring fatherhood and paternal bonds, as well as the influence of fathers in society. In Catholic countries of Europe, it has been celebrated on March 19 as Saint Joseph's Day since the Middle Ages. In the United States, Father's Day was founded by Sonora Smart Dodd, and celebrated on the third Sunday of June for the first time in 1910. The day is held on various dates across the world, and different regions maintain their own traditions of honoring fatherhood. Happy Father's Day!

Juneteenth (officially Juneteenth National Independence Day and also known as Jubilee Day, Emancipation Day, Freedom Day, and Black Independence Day) is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African-Americans. It is also often observed for celebrating African-American culture. Originating in Galveston, Texas, it has been celebrated annually on June 19 in various parts of the United States since 1865. The day was recognized as a federal holiday on June 17, 2021, when President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law. Juneteenth's commemoration is on the anniversary date of the June 19, 1865, announcement of General Order No. 3 by Union Army general Gordon Granger, proclaiming freedom for enslaved people in Texas, which was the last state of the Confederacy with institutional slavery. When Juneteenth became a federal holiday on June 17, 2021, it was the first new federal holiday since Martin Luther King Jr. Day was adopted in 1983.(Wikipedia)





Social Action Ministry Collects Used Prescription and Readers Eyeglasses

Before the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Social Action Ministry began to accept used prescription eyeglasses and readers to donate to the Lions Club. The project was put on hold for 2 years due to Pandemic guidelines. When Pastor Stowers began worship in the sanctuary each Sunday beginning May 2022, The Social Action Ministry received permission to complete the project. The Lions Recycle For Sight Program donates glasses to many living in low and middle income countries who lack basic access to eye care services. These

useable glasses will correct refractive errors and give new life to those with vision difficulties requiring eyeglasses. Thank you MCBC Family for donating the following: **Eyeglasses - 131, Prescription Shades - 10, Shades - 15, Eye Glass Cases/Covers - 101.** Your love and generosity is outstanding!!! **MCBC CARES**

MCBC Worshippers Returns for Weekly In-Person Worship on Sundays



After 2 plus years of following Covid-19 Pandemic Guidelines for Houses of Worship, and under the leadership of **Pastor Douglas Stowers** and the efforts of the Re-Entry Committee members (**Deacons Robert Felton, S.J. Tuck, Jonathan Kelly, and Sisters Annette Smith, Patti P. Mobley, Thedda Edwards, Gayle McDaniel and Shirley Seymour**), the MCBC sanctuary was opened for regular in-person worship each Sunday beginning in May 2022. The committee met regularly and prayerfully considered when we would be led by God to re-enter the sanctuary. We established guidelines for re-entry to include: register for in-person worship, show proof of Covid-19 vaccination, temperature checks, wear a mask at all times, and social distance seating during service. While Live-Streaming of worship services on Facebook continues for MCBC members and friends who are unable to attend in-person worship, those in attendance

rejoiced to be in the house of worship one more time. As the psalmist David said, "I was glad when they said unto me let us go into the house of the Lord." With thankful and grateful hearts, **We Give God all Glory, Honor and Praise!**

