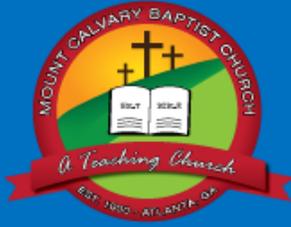
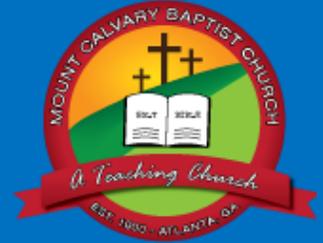


Calvary's Voice



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Greetings MCBC and Friends,

“Thanks be to God for the journey that we have come. Six months into year 2021 and so much has transpired, and so much still to be done.

In our Bible Study from the Book of Joel chapter 1:2 – “Hath this been in your days, or even in the days of your fathers?” Have you ever seen anything like this? The word of the prophet to the people.

We have never seen this before; but the things that have happened have or should have spoken to us of the Wonder and Power of God. God uses different means and ways to speak and grab our attention. This pandemic slowed us down, caused us to rethink and re-evaluate our priorities, re-group, and use technology to minister, and also to realize the time that we have to fellowship and the relationships that we hold dear are so precious.

God speaks; do we Listen, do we Share, do we Stand Still and Reflect and ask what does it say to me in my personal, spiritual relationship with others and with God.

As we look forward with Hope and Encouragement may we say:

“Speak God, thou Servant heareth!”

Blessings on the Journey

Pastor Stowers

Important Dates:

June 19: Juneteenth/Emancipation Day

June 20: Father's Day

June 21: First Day of Summer

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.

THE SCRIPTURES GIVE US

hope and encouragement.

A Time of Celebration



Greetings Mt. Calvary Family,

This quarter is filled with many milestones. Let us take the time to acknowledge our graduates in May, express gratitude to the fathers in June, and enjoy our nation's independence in July.

Graduates: Congratulations to all the of our graduates. Count it all joy that God has brought you this far. Stay focused and encouraged as you start the next chapter of your life.

2 Corinthians 9:8 - God can bless you with everything you need, and you will always have more than enough to do all kinds of good

things for others.

A Prayer for Fathers:

Dear God,

Thank you for fathers. Being a father calls for a person of strength, gentleness, courage, and faith for children. Whenever a father is holding an infant tenderly in his arms, taking a child gently by the hand, or enfolding a grown-up son or daughter in a hug, your way of loving unconditionally is being honored. I pray that all children are nourished by the love of their fathers and that all fathers are blessed by the love of their children. Fathers are the best teachers, protectors, and providers for their children. Their lives are enriched by helping prepare their children for life. We ask Lord, that you help them to be a father like you are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way. Amen

Luke 15:20 – So he got up and went to his father but while he was still a long way off, his father saw him, he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

4th of July: A wise man once said “If we value anything more than freedom, we’ll lose our freedom. If we value comfort or money more, we’ll lose those too.” We must guard against apathy and never forget that much of the world does not enjoy the political and religious freedoms we take for granted. Remember, Christ has set us free so take your stand, never again let anyone put a harness on you.

1 Peter 2:16 – Live like free people, but don't use your freedom as an excuse to do evil. Live as those who are serving God.

Love Is Forever,

Lady Wanda Stowers



The Cost of Our Freedom



A high price has been paid for the natural freedom we experience in the U.S. and the spiritual freedom all Christians share. As we celebrate Independence Day, we celebrate the birth of a nation, the gifts of freedoms and liberty that Americans hold dear. This day marks a moment in history, when representatives of a new government uprising, signed the Declaration of Independence in the United States on July 4th, 1776. The document listed grievances suffered by the U. S. Colonies under British Monarchy and justified a desire for liberty.

Throughout our history, brave men and women have given their lives for the cause of freedom – on the shores of Normandy, in the waters of Pearl Harbor, and in the sands of the Middle East to name a few.

Beginning with the American Revolution through today, over 19 million men and women have died so you and I could live in freedom. The greatness of this nation is determined by what we, the people, are willing to give.

The high cost of freedom was paid for in blood in what historians estimate to be the death of 25,000 true American Patriots. Jesus Christ paid a price as well with HIS BLOOD. He died on the Cross of Calvary, after being beaten, bruised, rejected and denied. The Bible says that He was smitten of God, yet it pleased God to bruise Him to make an offering for sin. Jesus' blood flowed down Golgotha's Hill more than 2,000 years ago. It is still flowing today, offering spiritual freedom for anyone willing to accept Jesus as their Savior.

Galatians 5:1 says, "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery." In the Bible, people are made free for specific purposes and that is to serve God. So is it with us today.

We honor and respect our veterans. We also remember those brave men and women who are still in harm's way protecting and fighting to keep this Country safe. We are free to praise God, to assemble ourselves together with one another, to be Christian and to be witnesses for Jesus because of our natural and spiritual freedom. In 1st Corinthians 6:20 when Paul said, "You were bought with a price", he meant that we were purchased and paid for with the sinless, spotless, perfection of Jesus Christ's blood.

Wishing all of our fathers, a very happy and delightful Father's day.

Sister Janie Lowe



MCBC Celebrates Mothers

MCBC celebrated Mother's Day on Sunday, May 9th. The Mount Calvary Baptist Church Social Action Ministry invited members to honor and remember their mothers in a special presentation of "A Tribute and Celebration of Mothers". A time to remember and celebrate. Members were encouraged to tell us how they celebrated Mother's Day, for example (we had lunch together) or share a memory, for example "My mom loves (or loved) to bake cakes, etc." and to e-mail a photo of their mother or mother surrogate (grandmother, aunt, sister, spiritual mother) to the church for the slide show presentation. Pastor Stowers encouraged everyone to **"Say Her Name"** and remember well the names of all our dear mothers. All photo tributes can be viewed on the Events page of the church website www.atlmtcalvary.org.

A Tribute to our Mother Mary Stowers



Giving, Loving and Caring
Forever in our hearts
The Stowers Family

A Tribute to Inez S. Mann



Loved sharing, giving, caring for others, quilting, and missionary work.

In memory of our beloved mother. Thank you for raising us in a Christian home and teaching us the word of God. Missing you so much. Love you always and forever. Janie and Elaine

A Celebration of Mothers

MCBC Mothers' Ministry



With Love and Deep Affection
From: Mt. Calvary Baptist Church

Viola J. Washburn

A Celebration of Mothers

Wanda Stowers
Loving, Graceful, Courageous



Love Is Forever
Delita and Lisa



Three Generations of Family
Valencia Bennett

Say Her Name Effie Cook Poole



Late Matriarch of the Poole Family

A Celebration of Mothers Ruth Kelly



She loves her children and they love her!
Jonathan Kelly

MCBC Congratulates the 2021 Graduates



Graduate: Briana E. Bunkley

Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Renard and Regina Bunkley

Grandparents: Mr. & Mrs. James and Jean Floyd

School: New York University – Tisch School of the Arts, Master of Fine Arts in Dance, Steinheirdt School of Education, Master of Arts in Dance Education; Honors/Activities: Completed two internships, working as a student teacher for Pre-K to 5th grade and one with 12th grade students.

Future Plans: Briana is working at her alma mater, Tri-Cities High School as the Director of Dance.



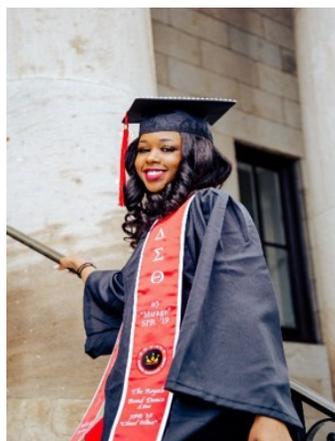
Graduate: Cedrice R. Young

Parent: Mr. & Mrs. Bernard and June Bellamy

Grandparents: Mr. & Mrs. Joe and Mildred Taylor

School: Georgia State University, Master of Music in Piano Pedagogy

Future Plans: Work as a Piano Instructor at SoundSpace Music Studio and pursue a Doctorate Degree in the Fall Of 2023.



Graduate: Leslie Bunkley

Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Renard and Regina Bunkley

Grandparents: Mr. & Mrs. James and Jean Floyd

School: University of the Arts, Bachelor of Arts in Fine Arts - Dance; Honors/Activities: Annie Sinnot Scholar IABD Scholarship Recipient - 2020, Member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., The Royals Band Dance Line - Head Coach 2020-2021

Future Plans: After graduation, Leslie plans to turn her passion into her career by joining a professional dance company & eventually launching a virtual program for private lessons for the youth.

Congratulations!

MCBC Congratulates the 2021 Graduates



Graduate: Ryan Christian Gates

Parent: Dr. Demetria L. Haddock and Mr. Lamar Gates

Grandparents: Mr. & Mrs. Algie and Hattie Haddock

School: Gordon State College, Associate of Arts in Visual Arts, Cum Laude, Honors/Activities: Phi Beta Kappa National Collegiate Honors Society, Visual Arts Department Showcase Honoree, Hosea Feed the Hungry Volunteer

Future Plans: Plans to attend Georgia State University this Fall. I will be pursuing a Bachelor of Arts Degree (Film and Media Production) and will minor in Visual Arts and Architectural Design.



Graduate: Joe Donovan Bellamy

Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Bernard and June Bellamy

Grandparents: Mr. & Mrs. Joe and Mildred Taylor

School: Benjamin E. Mays High School, Honors/Activities: A-B Honor Roll, ACHIEVE Atlanta Scholarship, Mays Varsity Football Captain, ROTC, Intermediate Ushers

Future Plans: Entering Georgia Southern University this Fall. Majoring in Nursing with a Minor in Exercise Science.



Graduate: Victoria Farley

Parents: Ms. Tenitian Lewis and Mr. Vincent Farley

Grandparent: Michelle Farley

School: New Manchester High School

Honors/Activities: Member of the Swim Team, Cheerleader, National Beta Club

Future Plans: I plan to become an entrepreneur and open my own child-care center.



MCBC Congratulates the 2021 Graduates



Graduate: Pharaiaika Mitchell

Parent: Ms. Adonna Crawford

School: Woodland High School, GPA: 3.50

Honors/Activities: FCCLA, Youth Choir, Intermediate Ushers, Dancing Angels,

Future Plans: Plans to attend Albany State University this Fall. Majoring in Biology.



Graduate: Brandon Morton, Jr.

Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Brandon and Princess Morton

Grandparent: Cynthia Nichols

School: Westlake High School; Honors/Activities: Varsity Football, Varsity Track & Field, Intermediate Ushers, Youth Choir for Christ

Future Plans: Plans to attend Alabama State University this Fall. Majoring in Communication with a Minor in Business Management.



Graduate: Christian Robertson

Parent: Ms. Ida M. Robertson

Grandparent: Ida Robertson

School: Benjamin E. Mays High School

Honors/Activities: MCBC Media Ministry, TRIO Upward Bound College Preparatory Program, Atlanta Public Schools Technology and Innovation Award, Best in Spanish Award, Certificate of Appreciation - Hosea Feed the Hungry & Homeless, Atlanta College and Career Academy - Cybersecurity Pathway,

Future Plans: Attend Georgia Southern University and major in Criminal Justice/Criminology with a minor in Cybersecurity. Hopefully, this will lead to a career as a Criminal Investigator.



MCBC Congratulates the 2021 Graduates



Graduate: Ricardo M. Jones

Parent: Mr. & Mrs. Ricardo (deceased) and Victoria R. Jones

Grandparent: Mrs. Patricia Lucas

School: Morrow High School; Honors/Activities: Varsity Marching Band, Orchestra Band, Youth Choir for Christ, Intermediate Ushers

Future Plans: To later attend Atlanta Area Technical School

Congratulations Graduate!



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WANDA SPEAKS

A SMILE costs nothing, but gives much.

It enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who give.

It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes last forever.

None is so rich or mighty that he can get along without it, and
none is so poor but that he can be made rich by it.

A smile creates happiness in the home, foster good will in
business, and it is the countersign of friendship.

It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad,
and it is nature's best antidote for trouble.

Yet it cannot be bought, borrowed, or stolen, for it is something that has no
value to anyone until it is given away.

Some people are too tired to give you a smile. Give them one of yours, as none
needs a smile so much as he who has no more to give.

Author Unknown