




# Calvary's Voice

APRIL 2023 – JUNE 2023

## Greetings MCBC and All Our Friends



**A**s we enter this Second Quarter of the year we pause to reflect and give thanks. As we journey on this path we will celebrate Easter, Mother's Day, Graduate's Day, and Father's Day. Days to reflect on the Goodness, Favor, and Spirit of God. In each of these celebrations we see how God has manifested the caring spirit of love on God's people.

These times of worship in which we honor those among us, we also honor the God who has made it possible. From Forgiveness of Sin, New Birth and Life, Caring and Loving, Provision and Protection, Favor to achieve new gains and insight. All because of God's Goodness. May we praise God and continue to be the people of his Kingdom. May our celebrations be a sweet savor unto 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

**May 14th: Mother's  
Day**

**May 28th: Graduate's  
Day**

**June 18th: Father's  
Day**

**June 19th: Juneteenth**

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## HONOR

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We often hear people say, “First giving honor to God, who is the head of my life”, have you ever stopped to think about what that really means. Do you know how to honor God? Deuteronomy 6:13 (KJV) reads, “Honor the Lord your God, worship only him and make your promises in his name alone”. Honor means you revere, respect, and fear God. We honor God when we make him number one in our heart and adopt an attitude of honor. Your words reflect your attitude; therefore, they should be honorable, and you honor Him by the way you live. You do not do certain things-like abuse your body-because you honor God. You recognize your body as the temple of His Spirit; therefore, you honor Him with clean living. You honor God when you give of your time and talents to bring Him glory. You do certain things-like honor others-because you honor God. A husband loves his wife and a wife respects her husband because they honor God. You honor your parents because you honor God. Honor is what God desires and what He deserves. Honor Him first, and it becomes natural to honor others. Ask Him daily in your prayers, “How can I honor You today? Please help me to honor You with my attitude, time, talent, and especially with my heart”.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Mother’s Day, Father’s Day and a big congratulations to all of our MCBC graduates.

Love is Forever,  
Lady Stowers

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## MCBC HONORS MEMBERS WITH 50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE

On February 19th, 2023, MCBC celebrated members of the church that had been married for 50 years. This year there were 3 couples with a combined total of 150 years of marriage. What a blessing!

The honorees this year are:

Deacon Eddie and Sister Gloria Ewing,  
Brother Benjamin and Loretha Jones and  
Brother Addison and Sister Evelyn Jones.



## INTEGRITY



When you hear the word “integrity” what comes to mind? Integrity has been defined as being honest, respectful, adhering to your values, and consistently making positive decisions. Personally, I totally agree with all of them, and I would also add being a person of your word. My dad would often say “your word is your bond” and sealed it with a handshake. Honoring our word shows a lot about our character. Living with integrity in a world where the corrupt seems favored – not to mention the battle we have with our own sinful nature – may make it seem impossible to do. But it does not matter how impossible it might seem, we must strive to do what is right no

matter who is watching. James 4:17 says “Anyone who knows the right thing to do, but does not do it, is sinning.”

The Bible has a lot to say about integrity. It means far more to God for us to have integrity than to exhibit religious performances because a pure and upright heart brings out the best in us. When God searches our heart and finds that our intentions are true, this pleases and delights the Father.

Integrity helps us act appropriately and to speak properly to others. Sometimes when dealing with people, we struggle to know what to say and how to say it. A person with integrity demonstrates sound morals, ethical principles and spiritual guidance by the Holy Spirit. Proverbs 11:3 says “The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.” Titus 2:7 says “Show yourself in all respect to be a model of good works, and in your teaching, show integrity and dignity.” Integrity keeps us close to God.

Whatever you do, do it well. Discover your purpose and fulfill it. God loves every individual He created and wants each one to know Him personally. It’s such an awesome opportunity to get to share Jesus with someone who does not know Him. To live with integrity is to follow the example of Jesus Christ. The evidence will show in our attitude, conduct, character, conversation, and relationships. We can only live with true integrity by His power and the wisdom which He so graciously and freely give to all who are His- not only for a season, but every day of our life.



## Integrity

is doing the right thing, even when no one is watching



Sister Janie Lowe

## MCBC'S SHOUT OUT CORNER:

### SISTER BETTY CHANDLER & SISTER AYO SEYMOUR

On Sunday, March 5th the Trinity Baptist Church of Metro Atlanta honored Sister Chandler during Women's History Month for her work in missions.

Sister Chandler has received numerous awards and certificates for her mission work.

Sister Chandler said, "I'm grateful to Almighty God for giving me this assignment and the ability to see it come to completion. I believe Heaven is happy, God is pleased, and that sister Esther is applauding that her mentoring was not in vain. I will always be grateful to my Pastor Rev. Dr. Douglas E. Stowers, the Mt. Calvary Church Family and everyone for your unwavering support through the years, we could not do what we do without you and your financial support".



MCBC is so very proud of Sister Chandler and we are grateful for your kingdom building work



MCBC's own Ayo Seymour will be inducted into the 2022 Academy of Distinguished Alumni UC Berkeley, California April 27th.

Congratulations Ayo on your success and may God continue to bless you on your journey!

*Congratulations!*

## WHAT MAKES A FATHER



God took the strength of a mountain  
 The majesty of a tree  
 The warmth of the summer sun  
 The calm of a quiet sea  
 The generous soul of nature  
 The comforting arm of night  
 The wisdom of the ages  
 The power of the eagles flight  
 The joy of a morning spring  
 The faith of a mustard seed  
 Then God combined these qualities  
 When there was nothing more to add  
 He knew his masterpiece was complete  
 And so he called it—Father

## WHY GOD CREATED MOTHERS

When God created Mothers, He made two loving arms.  
 To cradle us and shelter us from the worldly harm.  
 When God created Mothers, He made a pair of hands.  
 To care for us and guide us through our choices and our plans.  
 When God created Mothers, He made the warmest heart.  
 To understand and give our lives a happy, loving start.  
 Why God create Mothers is not a mystery...  
 He meant to share His love with us and did it perfectly.



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*The earth shook with the news.*  
**HE IS NOT HERE;**  
**HE IS RISEN!**

And in that moment,  
*joy* REPLACED DESPAIR  
*hope* PUSHED PAST FEAR  
*life* CONQUERED DEATH  
 not just that day, but for eternity.  
 We celebrate the *resurrection* of Christ  
 for what it meant then and  
 what it means for us every day;  
*a sacrifice*  
 that brings  
 FORGIVENESS, RENEWAL, AND PEACE  
 to any of us  
 who put our *faith* in Jesus.

# MCBC SCHOLARSHIP TIME!



## MCBC SCHOLARSHIP

Mount Calvary offers scholarships to its members who are graduating high school seniors or continuing undergraduate students 25 years of age or younger.

## MCBC CORNELL SEYMOUR SCHOLARSHIP

We are proud to announce that the first scholarship will be awarded on May 28th 2023. The amount of this scholarship is \$1,000.00. Please see application for full eligibility .



## MCBC BOOK SCHOLARSHIP

Mount Calvary annually awards book scholarships to active members of the Mount Calvary Baptist Church under the age of 25 who are currently enrolled in college and working toward an undergraduate degree.



## GRADUATE'S DAY

All 2023 graduating high school and college students are asked to complete a student recognition form for our Graduate's Day Program on May 28th, 2023.



For more information, please visit the website at: [www. altmtcalvary.org](http://www.altmtcalvary.org)