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Calvary's Women's Ministry Weekend Celebration

Calvary's first Women's Ministry Weekend was held April 13th -14th. The theme was "Women of Virtue", based on Proverbs 31:10-30. We began Saturday evening with a Women's Tea and fellowship, and culminated in a crescendo of praise on Sunday morning. It was indeed an experience fit for our Calvary Queens, held in the presence of the Triune God who dwells among us.



On Saturday, the women shared life stories and a bible-based game of God's Woman™, along with the traditional tea with crumpets and other delicacies using the beautiful china dishware of Calvary Church. There was a multigenerational community of over 30 people in attendance, including several visitors from as far away as Boston, MA. On Sunday morning, on the hills of such a wonderful evening, the sanctuary was saturated with great anticipation and expect-

tation for God to reveal Himself. The women were ready to once again assemble together and worship.

The liturgy was woven together with special emphasis on how important it is to tell our personal stories. We heard, felt and were transformed by three powerful anointed testimonies given by Carol Hall Walker, Sarah Karmara, and Louise Kpawoe. *see Weekend, p. 6*

Photo by Gabby Kpawoe

The Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:17-18 (NRSV)

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Tribute to Fathers

Sunday, June 16th is Father's Day!

Let's celebrate our fathers!

Often, the world explains away fatherhood as the just a man who helped bring a child into the world. However, fathers are not just "baby daddies". They are designed to fulfill their destinies in God.

The Word of God continues to highlight the importance of a father in the lives of his children. Beginning with Adam, fathers have been responsible for the nurture and protection of the family he has been given. (See Genesis 1). Fathers are to follow hard after God in order to know how to handle this awesome privilege and responsibility.

In Ephesians 5 and 6, we can infer that as a father follows Christ he will love himself and treat his family with the loving kindness that yields a great legacy of love for generations to come.

Fathers, we love you! We appreciate you! We are blessed by your presence in our lives. Keep up the good work. Your Heavenly Father sees you and is proud to call you son (Matthew 3:17)!

The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice; he who fathers a wise son will be glad in him. Proverbs 22:3-4 (ESV)

Pastor Jabulani McCalister

From the Pastor to You



Hello Calvary Family,

As Spring 2013 makes way for summer, I pray that many of you have taken time to reflect, share, and participate in the magnificent moments of God in the life of Calvary. For example, we have studied some powerful series such as, "Living the Resurrection Reality" and "Friend of God." Each emphasized how important it is to cultivate a daily relationship with Jesus Christ in order to reach our full potential.

As we grow, so do others whom we influence. This summer many of us will celebrate graduations, nuptials, and prepare to move our young people to their college or university of choice. We will do this with tears of joy, because our loved one has begun a new life, and perhaps from some part we played in their development. Just think how the Lord feels when we nurture our spirits through prayer and study of God's Word, especially when we "graduate" to new levels of intimacy in Him "from Glory

to Glory." [2 Corinthians 3:18] I encourage you to think about how much your personal relationship with the Lord impacted your life and begin to find ways to give Him glory through your investment in Him.

I pray for traveling mercies for your family and you this summer. Please remember Calvary in your thoughts, prayers, and giving. For we will periodically share the Gospel and provide ministry opportunities for those who will grace us with their presence over the summer months through barbecues, outings, game nights, movie nights, etc., depending on interest and participation. Please bring your visiting loved ones to visit your church family. We would love to see you and meet them. Rest well! Play Hard! Praise the Lord!! We will see you in the Fall!

In Christ's service,
Pastor Jabulani McCalister



Family Celebrations

On Sunday, May 19, 2013, we welcomed the new members to the Servant Leader Team (the Governing Leadership Team of our Church): Moderator: David Dromsky, Clerk: Sharon Burr, Treasurer: Sue Colantonio; At Large Members: Dan Brown, Evelyn Fugate, Sarah Kamara, Sharon Burr, Linda Gaulin, E. Marvin Ketter, Helen Nyanti; New SLT Nominees: Paul Beah, Elizabeth Boylowlu. We thank those who accepted the invitation to serve with the Pastor in leading our church. Thank you Rachel Bloe, our immediate Past Moderator, for serving in the last two years so faithfully. We welcome David Dromsky as the new Moderator for the 2013-14 Season.

Three years ago, Julia Dromsky emigrated from the People's Republic of China (*Zhōng guó*) to the United States (*Měi guó*).

Calvary Married Couples, please share your wedding anniversaries for the entire year 2013, for recognition during Family and Friends Month. Send submissions to the church office.

Whether biological, immediate, adopted, or extended, we plan to honor our family and friends this September for Family and Friends Month once again. Please invite all your loved ones to worship with us the entire month! Make sure you make a special effort to invite them on Family and Friends Weekend. Saturday, September 28th is Family Movie Night. On Sunday, September 29th we will be making special recognitions of your family and friends during worship.

Happy Birthday Calvary members with birthdays in June, July, and August

JUNE BIRTHDAYS:

Elaine A. Knott (01), Edith Dahn (01), Rosa Delgado (04), Loretta Askie (05), Harvey Bracewell (06), Sarah Kamara (06), June Ivy Allen (09), Nutia Dahn (10), Marra Payen (11), Eleanor Demers (15), Jackie Dorley (15), Magdela Payen (16), Viola Dunbar (17), Steven Bastien (19), June Hundley (20), Lam Vo (21),

see *Birthdays*, p. 3



David & Julia Dromsky

Growing in Christ

As I Am

*I was born into this world,
but I will not be born by it.
I shall shout praises to the Lord
until he orders me to keep quiet.
Why should I worry about what*

*Society thinks of me?
It is not worth it!
I have been carefully created and
loved by God; therefore, in Him,
I am perfect.*

Luah Beah

*I praise you because
I am fearfully and
wonderfully made; your
works are wonderful,
I know that full well.*

Psalms 139:14 (NIV)

Sowing Seeds for Christ

Give a tithe or a tenth!

But don't just take my word as proof that God wants us to give. Let's look at what the Bible says about giving.

First and foremost, God wants us to give because it shows that we recognize he is truly the Lord of our lives.

James 1:17 *Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. (NIV)*

Everything we own, everything we have comes from God. So when we give, we simply offer him a very small portion of all the abundance he has already given to us. Giving is an expression of our thankfulness and praise to God! It comes from a heart of worship. For everything we give already belongs to him!

Background

God instructed Old Testament believers to give a tithe, or a tenth, because this 10% represented the first, or most important portion of all that they had. The New Testament does not suggest a certain percentage for giving, but simply says for each to give "in keeping with his income."

Believers should give according to their income.

1 Corinthians 16:2 *On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made. (NIV)*

Note that the offering was set aside on the **first** day of the week. When we are willing to offer the first portion of our wealth back to him, then God knows he has our hearts. He knows—and we also know—that we are submitted completely in trust and obedience to our Lord and Savior.

We are blessed when we give.

Acts 20:35 ... *remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'* (NIV)

God wants us to give because he knows how blessed we will be as we give generously to him and to others. Giving is a kingdom principle—it brings more blessing to the giver than to the recipient.

When we give freely to God, we receive freely from God.

Luke 6:38 *Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. (NIV)*

Proverbs 11:24 *One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. (NIV)*

God promises that we will be blessed over and above that which we give and also according to the measure that we use to give. But if we hold back from giving with a stingy heart, we hinder God from blessing our lives.

Carol Hall-Walker,
Chair, Stewardship Committee



Carol Hall-Walker

Birthdays, cont. from p. 1
Luah Beah (24), Andy Walker (27), Connie Carter (29).

JULY BIRTHDAYS:
Rachel Bloe (10), Rev. Linda Spoolstra (11), Marguerite Thomas (13), Min. Michelle Sullivan (17), Shedrick Gayetay (18), Elizabeth "Beth" Cady (23), Hannah M. Kamara (24), Edith Williams (26), Michael Bracewell (28), Noadia Louis-Charles (30), Joyce Bastien (31), Karen Hall Besa (31).

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:
Lucia Payen (04), Nathaniel Kwapo (04), Bethany Mesyna (06), Matthew Kha (08), Elizabeth "Beth" Cady (11), Princess Charles (24), Marie Delgado (26).

Christ in Us



Luah Beah

My Lord. My Rock. My Shield.

I've stood on the cliff of pain and insecurity, trembling.
Crying in the midst of long nights,
hiding behind the curtains at the dawn of day.
I curled up the edges of my voice and tucked every stand away.
Below was a vast pit; demented and dark
like the words that slither off of the world's lips.
As the wicked wind thrashed about, forcing my faith to sway with my shoulders,
I watched a great rock growing from the womb of the pit
like wisdom in a terrified soldier. And when I fell, I cried out,
"I haven't forgotten you, Lord! Why have you left me?!"

*Give ear to my words, O Lord; give heed to my sighing.
Listen to the sound of my cry, my King and my God,
for to you I pray. ~ Psalms 5:1-2 (NRSV)*



And although I expected no response,
I was suddenly caught in mid-air;
and the rock grew on. It took me from defeat
and raised me higher and higher;
and under the ebony glow of a half moon I
sensed hope humming under my feet -
Maybe God hadn't forgotten me either.

*For the glorification of the Lord.
Luah Beah*

*Dear Calvary Baptist Church,
our sisters & brothers in Christ:*

*Thank you for hosting the
Annual Meeting. The beauty and
warmth of your church said,*

"This is the house of God."

*You greeted us by name, with hand-
shakes and with hugs. What a joy
to be so welcomed!*

*Through Jesus Christ, may God
Continue to bless your congregation,
Pastors, families, and good works.*

*Peace be with you,
Annette Dunn, Gail Regnier, Sandy
Kelly—ABCORI Delegates from
Georgiaville Baptist Church*

Just 4 Laughs

What does God Look Like?

A kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they drew. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's art-work.

As she came to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like."

Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing the girl replied,

"They will in a minute."

<http://www.christian-jokes.org>
Submitted by Richard O. Akinnusotu



Richard O. Akinnusotu

In Touch

Homebound Calvary members love receiving calls, cards and/or visits. Let's share the joys of Spring and the love of Christ with our brothers and sisters listed below:

June Allen	Louise Kirkman	Bertram Smith
Madelyn Bell	Joyce Maxwell	Robert Sullivan
Eleanore Demers	William McCaughey	Marguerite Thomas

Eleanore Demers, Still Out and About

A few Calvary folks attended the Oak Lawn Baptist Church's historic annual May Breakfast last year and visited with Rosalie while she was still interim pastor there. I attended this year not knowing who I might meet and to my surprise I saw Eleanore Demers while waiting in the chapel. Her neighbor had taken her. We arranged to sit together and had a very nice visit while we ate clam cakes, corn bread, scrambled eggs, home fries and ham, topping off the meal with home-made apple pie. She misses all the folks at Calvary, expressing appreciation for those who have visited. She especially enjoys Betty Cady's monthly visit for communion.

Report by Rick Robison

Final Farewell to a Mighty Woman of God

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ called Mrs. Barbara (Ash) Boutilier home from labor to reward on Sunday April 7, 2013. She was a native of Cranston, RI.

She was a devoted mother to her children who also embraced her husband's family. After her husband died, she learned to drive, went back to work and managed to raise two young children as a single mother at a time when that was not common. She said that raising her children gave her the will to go on and she gave all she had to the job. Barbara's faith in God, her family and church family helped her maintain an upbeat, optimistic outlook on life, despite several personal set-backs that would have been too much for those with less faith and forbearance.

Barbara was a faithful member of Calvary Baptist Church of Providence and taught Sunday School for many years. Also, she served on several boards including South Providence Neighborhood Ministries, Steere House, and the Society for Women Accountants.

Her presence will be missed but her legacy lives on through her two children, Linda Boutilier Gendron (John) and Edward L. Boutilier (Martha) of Scituate, two grandchildren, Jenna Boutilier Forsman (Brian) and Bryan Boutilier and one great grandson Noah Forsman.

Abbreviated obituary submitted by Barbara's children, Linda Boutilier Gendron and Edward L. Boutilier



Mrs. Barbara Boutilier

Dear Friends,

You may remember Brenda Leach, who gave the money to restore a stained glass window at Calvary. She was a great lady and I feel blessed to have become friends with her. Even though she was only a member of Calvary for about four years in the 1960s, she still loved the church and honored her husband and his family through the gift to restore the window.

Linda Spoolstra

Brenda's children Brad and Carol wrote, "After 88 years of rich and wonderful life, Brenda passed away unexpectedly [early May] here in Nashville. ... During what was expected to be a brief hospital stay, she passed on to what we are sure is a more comfortable place. Brenda loved her friends, family, nature and music. We will remember and celebrate her rich life each time we enjoy these joys she passed to us."

Excerpts from emails forwarded by Martha Buxton

Prayer Corner



During your prayer time, please remember the following individuals and situations:

Please pray for the Boutilier, Kenner, Leach, and McCalister families as they mourn the passing of loved ones.

God's grace, care, and provision for all of Calvary's homebound members.

Volunteers for a Transportation Ministry at Calvary to help members and potential members who desire rides to church.

A vibrant and fruitful Outreach Ministry at Calvary to share Christ's love with our neighbors and lead souls to a closer relationship with God.

Life-Changing Children, Youth and Young Adults Ministries at our church.

Volunteers for Married Couples and Singles Ministries to build upon earlier retreats.

Calvary Leaders

Conflict Resolution

More committed and qualified teachers for Bible Study, Sunday School, and Bible Institutes

100% Tithing at Calvary

Technical Arts Ministry Leaders:

Richard Akinnusotu
David Dromsky
John Egan
Rick Robison
Kona Stewart
Min. Michelle Sullivan

Opportunities to Serve

God is using Calvary Baptist Church to transform this community and the world, one family at a time. Therefore, it's imperative that every Disciple of Christ participate in these ministry opportunities. Some areas where you can make an impact are:

- 1) **Technical Arts Ministry**
 - a. Calvary Call needs stories, photos, and editors. Want to learn Publisher?
 - b. The Web-site and social-media pages need tech. savvy individuals to help with design and regular updates
- 2) **Event Planners** to help with Family Movie Night and other outings, fellowships and events
- 3) **Music Ministry:** Musicians, Praise Team, Gospel, Youth, Hand-bell Choir, etc. to help lead worship
- 4) **Social Ministry** to help serve food after church and special events
- 5) **Ministry of Caring:** Visit Homebound Members and Serve Communion
- 6) **Worship Ministry:** Ushers, Greeters, Scripture Readers, etc.

Weekend, *cont. from p 1*

Each spoke of God's protection, direction, provision and power. Finally, we were blessed to receive the Word of God presented through the person of Dr. Sheryl Barnes. WOW!

Dr. Barnes helped us to celebrate and commend the virtuous women among us and within us. Her sermon title "Praise for Virtuous Women!" both challenged and encouraged us: 1) Recall the acts of the heart and hand – we are to use our time, talents, and treasure to glorify God; 2) Praise your pursuit of virtue – faithfully daily seek to touch Jesus; and 3) Pronounce of God's blessings over our lives.

I would like to thank all the phenomenal

women of Calvary Baptist Church, specifically those who gave their time, provided food, and donated more than \$300 towards expenses. I would like to celebrate and acknowledge with gratitude the following women in particular for their leadership in launching our first Women's Ministry Weekend together: Genevieve Hansford, Rose Delgado, Rosa Delgado, Evelyn Beah, Sarah Kamara, Elizabeth Boylowlu, Daphine Monroe, and Rachel Bloe.

May God continue to grow and strengthen our relationship with Him and one another. I look forward to more women attending our activities and events in the future.

In Christ's Service,
Rev. Nikita McCalister



Rev. Dr. Sheryl L. W. Barnes

What's Up?

Summer 2013

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday, 10:00 AM: Worship Experience

Thursday, 12:00-1:00PM: Prayer Meeting, Hirst Room

JUNE

Saturday, June 1st is Spring Cleaning Day. We will gather to help clean and restore the church in some much-needed areas to make God's house presentable, accessible, warm and welcoming for our guests and potential members. For questions or to volunteer call Rick Robison at 401-461-5182.

Wednesday, 5 June: "Friend of God" series ends

SUNDAY, 9 June: Sunday School ends/Academic Recognition Sunday

Tuesday, 11 June, 6:30 PM: Technical Arts Ministry Leadership Meeting

SUNDAY, 16 June: Father's Day

Monday, 17 June: Pastor & Rev. Nikita's 13th Wedding Anniversary

SUNDAY, 23 June: Rev. Dr. Victor F. Scalise, Jr. preaching

Monday, 24 June: Servant Leader Team Meeting

SUNDAY, 30 June: Rev. Nikita McCalister preaching

JULY

Thursday, 4 July: Independence Day. Church closed.

Tuesday, 9 July, 6:30 PM: Technical Arts Ministry Leadership Meeting

Monday, 15 July through Friday 19 July: Admin. Assistant on Vacation

AUGUST

Monday, 12 August through Friday 16 Aug.: Admin. Assistant on Vacation

Tuesday, 13 August, 6:30 PM: Technical Arts Ministry Leadership Meeting

Monday, 26 August: Servant Leader Team Meeting

SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September 8th is Rally Day, when all students and teachers returning to School and Sunday School are invited to receive special prayer for the kick-off of the new Fall semester. Please come and pray with us for God's protection throughout the year as we try to love the Lord with everything we have (St. Luke 10:27).

JUNE

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CHECK OUT UPCOMING EVENTS ONLINE!

Planning or currently organizing an event at Calvary? Spread the word via Calbaptist.org and our social media channels!

In the coming months, we'd like to make the Calvary Baptist Church website the go-to source for news and upcoming events. Just write up a few short sentences, call the church office for delivery instructions, and the Technical Arts Ministry team will do the rest.



Editor's Note: This issue of the Calvary Call is a Summer issue, covering the months of June, July, and August. We will resume our normal bi-monthly schedule in September.

1. Go to the beach!
2. Waterfire! (See waterfire.org)
3. College/University events (plays, concerts, etc.)
4. Visit Roger Williams Park Zoo
5. Get on a bus and discover Providence
6. Get on the ferry and discover Newport or Block Island
7. Have a picnic in the park

Summer is here! Time to go out and enjoy the beauty of what our wonderful city of Providence and state of Rhode Island have to offer. For example:

Summer Fun

Rev. Jabulani McCallister, M.Div.
Senior Pastor

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