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A Church for All People

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Jesus said:

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20

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Calvary Celebrates Pastor's First Anniversary

January 16th marked the one-year anniversary of Calvary's Pastor, Reverend Jabulani McCalister. He and his wife, Reverend Nikita, and their children, Jaden and Azriel, have been a blessing to the Calvary family.

Under the Pastor's leadership, Calvary has launched many new ministries, including a Gospel Choir, Homebound Communion Team, Technical Arts Ministry, Health and Wellness Ministry, Children's/Teen Church and the Calvary Bible Institute, which offers a full menu of classes for spiritual growth. In addition, Calvary enjoyed its 1st Annual Seniors Ministry Luncheon, a New Year's Eve Worship Service in our Sanctuary, and a Family and Friends month that drew new visitors to our church.

But for Pastor Jabulani another accomplishment stands above the rest – twelve

youth and adults gave their lives to Jesus Christ and were baptized. Two others joined Calvary by Christian experience.

What does the future hold?

"My vision for this new year is that we continue to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ," he said, "and mature by studying God's Word and serving the surrounding community and the world in order to bring more souls to Christ" (Matthew 28:18-20 and Mark 16:15).



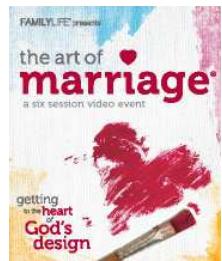
Calvary Hosts Married Couples Retreat

"The Art of Marriage" is coming to Calvary Baptist Church. This exciting retreat, hosted by our church's Married Couples Ministry and designed by Family-Life, takes place on Friday, February 17th, 7:00-9:30 p.m. and Saturday, February 18th, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$35 per couple and you may register online at www.wezeradio.com or by calling our church office.

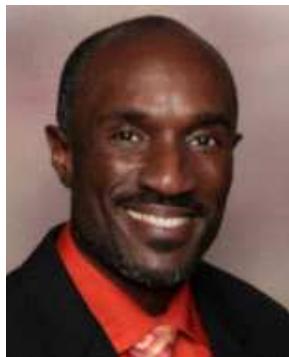
When you were standing at the altar reciting your marriage vows, did you have any idea that marriage would be so complex? It probably didn't take long to understand that your spouse is not as much like you as you thought. But figuring them

out is more than just an equation. Marriage is more than a science; it's an art. Like any art form, it requires an investment of time, focused study and the right tools.

If you need to soften some of the edges in your relationship, or want to brighten the landscape of your marriage, "The Art of Marriage" is for you. This event allows you to experience God's design for marriage from expert teachers and humorous vignettes. Please join us at this very special retreat.



From the Pastor to You



Greetings Calvary members and friends:

Here we are in the first quarter of 2012 and we have already been extremely blessed. I am so grateful to God for bringing us together and through so many great triumphs and tragedies this past year. That's right it's been one year since God united us together as Pastor and People (Jan. 16th was our 1st year anniversary). As you know, God has used us to do great things so far and He will continue to do so this year. As long as we keep Christ at the center of our lives, work, family and ministry we will be able to accomplish anything! I encourage you to make time to participate in some wonderful ministry opportunities at our church such as:

The Art of Marriage conference, Friday, February 17th and Saturday, February 18th

Calvary Bible Institute on Sunday and throughout the week which offers a variety

of classes to help us learn God's Word. They include *Called and Accountable: Discovering Your Place in God's Eternal Purpose* and *Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God*. Then there is *The Ministry of Jesus* Bible Study Series and *Where Jesus Walked* adult Sunday School class. Last but not least is *Becoming a Godly Leader*, our leadership development series.

There is more to come! Stay informed through this newsletter, on our Facebook Page or newly designed web site and, of course, in person during the worship and fellowship offerings all year long. Tell a friend about the new things that God is doing at Calvary so that they don't miss out on their blessing!

In Christ's service,
Pastor Jubulani McCalister

Family Celebrations

Praise God for Calvary's newest members who joined our church on January 29th. They are **Dekontee Barnard, Rev. Sheila Dubose, Liz Garcia, Jaicia George, Martha Geyetay, and Tata Johnson**.

Hats off to Rev. Nikita McCalister for being a featured writer for the 2012 on-line edition of The African American Lectionary, a resource tool highlighting the African American ecclesial traditions. Her article is for Women's Day, Sunday, March 4, 2012 and can be read at the web site www.theafricanamericanlectionary.org.

Congratulations to Madelyn Bell who recently celebrated her 98th birthday!

Happy Birthday to all Calvary members with birthdays in February and March. A complete list can be found on page 6.



Madelyn Bell

Minister Linda Watkins has joined the ministry staff as a part-time contractor. Her new position as the Ministry Development Leader is critical in assisting the Pastor in building God's Kingdom and enhancing the ministry of Calvary Baptist Church. This ministry role will also help Min. Linda secure her Ordination through Calvary Baptist Church, American Baptist Churches of RI and American Baptist Churches USA this June.

John Egan continues to be Calvary's webmaster. His selfless efforts have gone above and beyond the call of duty, and he is not even a member! The countless hours he spends making us look good via an excellent web presence is a blessing. He will attend our worship in the near future to demonstrate Calvary's newly designed web site that our Technical Arts Ministry (including **Nathaniel Kwapo, Richard Akinnusotu, John, Carol Hall-Walker and Elizabeth Boylowlu**) has created.

Growing in Christ

Each new year presents a fresh opportunity to grow in our relationship with the Lord and our understanding of God's will for our lives. Recently, Calvary launched two new classes to help us do that. They are part of our 2011/2012 Winter Institute.

Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God began on January 29th and will continue on Sundays, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., until April 1st. Facilitated by Rev. Nikita McCalister, the class helps participants learn God's will and practice it in their everyday lives. The class is held in Room 101.

Called and Accountable: Discovering Your

Place in God's Eternal Purpose is another new class. It helps young adults answer the question, "Why am I here?" and determine how to proceed after discovering the answer. The class meets from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm in Calvary's upstairs classroom. Under the leadership of Rose Delgado, it began January 29th and will continue until March 4th.

All are welcome to participate in these wonderful learning opportunities. *'Jesus said to the people who believed in him, You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free'* (John 8:31-32, NLT).



Let's encourage one another to grow in Christ this year.

Sowing Seeds for Christ

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When you became a Christian, you made an outright decision to do so. You chose Christ, perhaps over a number of other options. It takes an act of the heart, mind, and body to become a Christian (Rom. 10: 9-10). Nor do Christians casually decide to become stewards. You become a steward when you become a Christian. Once you belong to Christ, the steward seed is there; it grows as it is tended. How you handle what God entrusts to you is the heart of stewardship. You start the stewardship journey as a beginner, a learner.

To journey as a Christian steward is to learn how to grow in caring for and responding to all that God has entrusted to you. The Christian lifestyle is a matter of faithful response to God rather than accommodation to the culture. If God's spirit is not vital within us, there is no way to avoid being absorbed fully into our culture. It takes prayer, courage, wisdom, strength, Bible study, and support from other Christians to see and understand the biblical model. It takes the same ingredients to put it into practice (Matt. 7:13-14). Growing as

a steward is best done with other Christians. What persuades you more when making decisions – the Bible or the culture? Can God and wealth be served at the same time? Jesus said no (Matt. 6:24). This makes it a difficult subject for Christians to discuss. It's not easy to turn our backs on devotion to either God or wealth. But the Bible, in both the Old and New Testaments, is clear: if we are God's people, we are expected to be different and to live differently.

God calls all of us to abandon devotion to money, but God does not tell all of us that we have to stay out of banks. God calls all of us to abandon devotion to the world, but God does not tell all of us that we have to withdraw to a cloister or a monastery. God wants us to be in the world, influencing both individual lives and human systems as the Bible teaches us to, providing benefits to our sisters and brothers – and to ourselves in the process. We are to be like Christ, whose garment was seamless, who came eating and drinking, and yet who gave everything – even his life. Granted, his was a tough act to follow, but it is a goal toward which we must strive. You and I can't choose each day which model we will

use as our guide in living our life for Christ.

The act of regularly supporting the church financially has a biblical basis. So does supporting mission beyond our church, giving a portion of your time to Christ's work in your church and community, and many other Christian actions. Make a list of the ways your daily life is affected by the stewardship model. How are you managing? What are you sharing? How are you growing in your stewardship? If you are interested in joining the Stewardship Committee or serving in any other capacity at Calvary, please let me know. We welcome your participation.

In Christian Love,
Carol Hall-Walker
Chair of Stewardship

Christ in Us



Dana Manley

Calvary Baptist Church held its first Annual Prayer Breakfast on January 7th. About 50 members and guests gathered in the Sanctuary that morning to thank God for His blessings last year and seek His presence and grace for 2012 on behalf of our congregation. Among those present was Dana Manley, a young adult who recently was baptized at Calvary and became a member. Her "Prayer for Healing" was such a blessing, we decided to share it in the Calvary Call.

When I first began to compose this prayer for healing, I contemplated the needs of each group for whom we're praying. While their needs are distinctively different, the ultimate goal of receiving God's healing remains the very same. So let us pray.

Father God, we have come here today, united in faith and in prayer, in order to lift up those who are in need of your divine healing.

We pray for our leaders. May they be worthy examples of righteousness. Give them the strength, wisdom, and compassion necessary to lead Your sons and daughters, Christians and non-Christians alike. Their position of power holds great responsibility, so may they never waiver and never tire of doing good, doing what is right, what is just, and what is fair. Their calling is not an easy one and their days are filled with many challenges and stress. So we pray for their health and well-being and let us give thanks for their talents and abilities.

Let us also pray for lost souls. They are desperately in need of your divine healing. May You use us, Your faithful cross bearers to reach out to those who are lost and to those who are on the verge of becoming a lost soul. These souls are in a very dark place. We pray that their afflictions, suffering, and pain are eased. We also pray for their salvation.

Let us pray for our congregation. May

we stay strong and united in our faith and in prayer. Keep us mindful of the greatness of fellowship to which we belong and share with others for the benefit of Your greater glory. We are here today to lift each other up and to lift up those who are too weak to bear their own cross. As Your trusty followers, we pray that we set good examples which inspire others to join our family. May

We never cease in living Your Word and doing Your good works. We pray for the congregation's health, happiness, and growth.

Let us also pray for the community, for it is in dire need of healing. We pray for peace and love to engulf this locality. May there be an end to the violence that is seen all too often on the city streets. May the youth adopt respectable values and morals. May the citizens learn to love and respect each other. For those who are not participating in Godly activities, we pray for their salvation. We also pray for the protection and well-being of the people who reside in this community, work in this community, and travel through this community.

Healing is Your will for us, so we pray confidently, knowing that You hear us, and that we, and those we pray for, will receive Your merciful healing.

I know, from personal experience, that there's power in prayer. So it is in Jesus' holy name that we pray. Amen.



In Touch

Homebound Calvary members love receiving calls, cards and/or visits. Let's stay in touch with our brothers and sisters in Christ listed below.

**Contact information
has been hidden in
the web site version of
this newsletter
to protect
the privacy of Calvary's
homebound members.**

Spotlight Barbara Boutilier

I really miss Calvary. I used to be very involved at the church and with SPNM. Margarite Thomas, Annette and I used to be pew mates. We sat in the same pews every Sunday. I grew up Episcopalian until I met and married a "Calvaryite," my husband. I attended Calvary with my husband and the next time I attended, the Pastor [Pastor Paul Schoonmaker] called me by my first name. I was really impressed by that because I had gone to a lot of churches, including my former church, and no one ever called me by my first name. So, I gave myself a Christmas present that year by joining Calvary. My husband and I along with several other couples formed a "Couples Club." We used to go meet often, went to dinner once a month and found shows to go to together. We had a wonderful time.



Barbara is 87 years old and lives in Providence.

LIGHTHOUSE

A Joyful 'toon by



I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness. - JOHN 12:46 NIV

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Just 4 Laughs

A Sunday School teacher asked the class, "Why did Mary and Joseph take Jesus with them to Jerusalem when he was 12 years old?"

A little boy raised his hand.

"I know," he said. "Because they couldn't get a babysitter."

Prayer Corner



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

Bereaved members and friends of Calvary who recently lost loved ones, including Pastor Jabulani and family, Mary Vo and family, Gabby and Louise Kpawoe, Minister Linda, Pastor Rosalie and Jim McNaney.

Sick and homebound Calvary members to be prayed for, contacted, and visited

Drivers to support Calvary's Transportation Ministry which will help members and potential members who need rides to church

Calvary's Married Couples Ministry and Marriage Retreat February 17-18

Pastor Jabulani, Rev. Nikita and family and other leaders at our church to be prayed for, encouraged and supported by our membership

Fruitful Ministries at Calvary including our Community Outreach; Children, Youth, and Young Adults; and Singles ministries

Salvation of souls for Christ in this new year

Increased desire (and faithfulness) of Calvary members to serve God and others through our time, talents, tithes and offerings

Family reconciliation and peaceful and prayerful conflict resolution

Happy Birthday

Get Involved



Happy Birthday Calvary members with birthdays in February and March. May your new year be filled with peace, joy, love, favor and fruitfulness!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Borman Gayetay (3), Jessica Hill (4), Lawrence Goambei (6), Cecelia Garnett (7), Irene Jensen (8), Jonathan Mesyna (9), Wilson Kamara (13), Patricia Dahn (17), Genesis Sullivan (18), Sachem Dahn (20), Evelyn Fugate (21), Norman Remington (21), Samuel Sayeh (28).

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Angel Reyes (1), Emem Akpan (1), Idara Akpan (1), Richard Akinusotu (4), Toussaint Stewart (5), Gabby Kpawoe (6), Elizabeth Boylowlu (10), Wendy Kidio (16), Azriel McCalister (18), Erica Dahalah (26), Yanglee Siah (30), Ruby Derogene (31).

Calvary's Technical Arts Ministry needs you. 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 Jesus Christ at Calvary participate in our ministry opportunities. One of the areas where you can make an impact is our Technical Arts Ministry.

The Calvary Call, our bimonthly newsletter, needs writers, reporters, editors, lay-out experts, photographers and compilers.

Our Web-site needs technologically savvy persons to assist with the daily updates and new trends in web-design.

Calvary's new Radio and TV Ministry also needs volunteers as well as our Audio/Visual Ministry (CD and DVD support).

Our Technical Arts Ministry team meets the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at Calvary. For more information please call the church office at 401.461.7507, Ext. 1.

What's Up?

February/March 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FEBRUARY			1 Prayer Mtg 6:45 PM Bible Study	2 Prayer Mtg 12:00-1:00 PM Technical Arts Min.	3	4 
5 Worship Experience 10:00 AM	6	7	8 Prayer Mtg 6:45 PM Bible Study 7:15-8:30 PM	9 Prayer Mtg 12:00-1:00 PM	10	11 Becoming a Godly Leader Ministry Leader Training Kick-off
12 Worship Experience 10:00 AM	13	14 Valentine's Day 	15 Prayer Mtg 6:45 PM Bible Study	16 Prayer Mtg 12:00-1:00 PM	17 Marriage Retreat 7:00-9:30 PM	18 Marriage Retreat 9:00 AM-4:00 PM
19 Worship Experience 10:00 AM	20 President's Day Church Office	21	22 Ash Wednesday Lenten Study Series Introduction 6:45 PM (Start of 40 days of	23 Prayer Mtg 12:00-1:00 PM	24	25
26 Worship Experience 10:00 AM	27	28	29 Prayer Mtg 6:45 PM Bible Study 7:15-8:30 PM	1 MARCH Prayer Mtg 12:00-1:00 PM Technical Arts Min. 	2	3
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18 Worship Experience 10 AM with Arkansas Baptist College Choir	19	20 Spring Begins 	21 Prayer Mtg 6:45 PM Lenten Study Series	22 Prayer Mtg 12:00-1:00 PM	23	24 Youth Concert/Talent Show Time TBA
25 Worship Experience 10:00 AM	26	27	28 Prayer Mtg 6:45 PM Lenten Study Series 7:00-8:15 PM	29 Prayer Mtg 12:00-1:00 PM	30	31



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Just For Kids

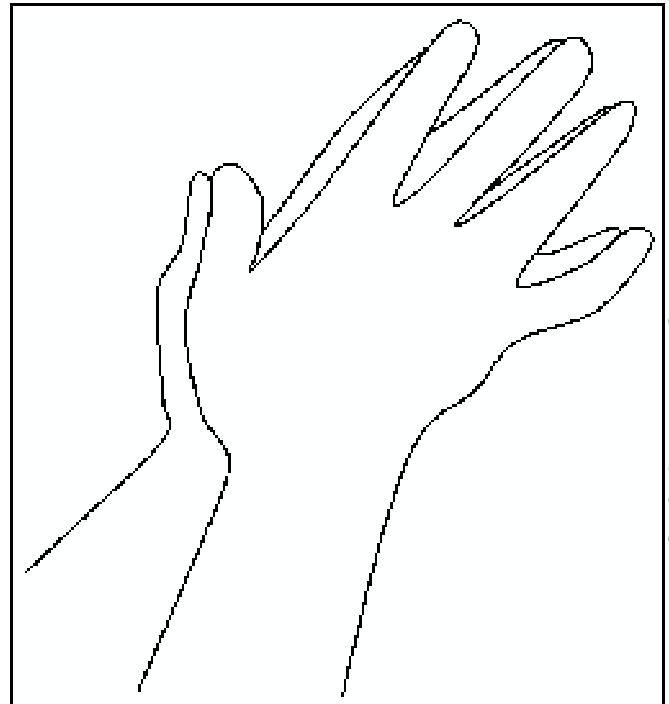
The Lord's Prayer

Do you know the Lord's Prayer? Please read it below. Jesus taught His followers to pray this prayer. So learn to say it out loud. Color the picture to remind you that Jesus wants us to pray to God. To pray is to talk to Him directly.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen



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