

Calvary Call

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A Church for All People

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Calvary Celebrates 115th Anniversary

Calvary Baptist Church turns 115 years old on Saturday, November 17, 2012 and we are planning a grand celebration! The birthday bash will feature lots of music, food, fellowship and fun during the special anniversary weekend. On Sunday, November 18th there will be special music during the worship service. Our Organist and Adult Choir Director, Dorothy Yoreo, will play an organ concert which includes some of our most beloved hymns like "Amazing Grace" and "How Great Thou Art." The congregation will be invited to lift our voices in praise to God for what He has done for Calvary and our church family



over the years. A brunch will be held immediately after the concert. So come prepared to feast, worship, and celebrate the greatness of God for what He has done and is doing through Calvary Baptist Church!

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 (NRSV)

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Calvary Ordains First African American Woman

On September 22, 2012 at 4:00 PM, history was made when Minister Linda Watkins became the first African American woman to be ordained at Calvary Baptist Church. Close to eighty people and over fifteen clergy attended the sacred ceremony held in Calvary's great and beautiful historical Sanctuary. On that day, Minister Watkins became a Reverend through Calvary, American Baptist Churches of Rhode Island (ABCORI), and American Baptist Churches USA (ABCUSA).

Ordination is the acknowledgment and commission by a community of believers that a person has been called to ministry. The title "Pastor" is the role in which a minister serves. A Pastor within the ABCUSA denomination is an ordained minister. An ordained minister is recognized as having been called as a Pastor by God. Based on



interviews with long-time Calvary members, Rev. Watkins is the first pastor to be ordained at Calvary in over fifty years.

The Spirit-filled service included traditional and contemporary music, from classic hymns to Gospel hits sung by our Gospel Choir. Associate Minister Michelle Sullivan sang a moving rendition of "My Tribute," accompanied Joan Schoonmaker on piano.

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From the Pastor to You



Hello Calvary Family!

Wow, it's hard to believe we are in the final months of the last quarter of 2012! As they say, "Time flies when you're having fun." As we enter into another season of Harvest and Thanksgiving, as always, we have so many things for which we should be thankful.

"But Pastor, it's mid-term season, winter's almost here, or I am ready for another vacation," you may say. No one promised that life would be easy. In fact, I am glad that it's not always easy. The difficult times help us appreciate the good and, as uncomfortable as it seems, it builds character and patience.

In this microwave society, I realize no one wants to hear about virtues. It's more popular to discuss how to advance without struggle. Unfortunately, there is no crown without a cross, no glory without struggle.

We must be grateful for all of life's experiences, even when we don't like them. I recommend asking God what you are to learn from the experience you face instead of giving up on your faith.

If the founding members of Calvary had given up when their former church burned down and other challenges arose, they would have never merged and become Calvary Baptist Church 115 years ago this November 17, 2012. If Jesus had given up in the face of adversity, we would have no hope of salvation.

It's wonderful to know that Jesus lives in us and helps us to keep on moving forward everyday to receive the promises of God. *O, give thanks unto the Lord for He is good; for His mercy endures forever* (Psalm 136:1)!

In Christ's service,
Pastor Jabulani McCalister

Family Celebrations



Dorothy Yoreo

Happy 115th Anniversary Calvary Baptist Church on November 17, 2012! Please see the cover story for more information on our upcoming celebration.

Congratulations to Dorothy Yoreo for serving as our Organist for four years (Sept. 16th). We are blessed every Sunday by your leadership in the Music Ministry. Your masterful play of the organ really enhances the worship experience when we sing our favorite hymns and sacred music. May God continue to richly bless you!

Congratulations to our Administrative Assistant, Martha Buxton on serving at Calvary for 14 years (Oct. 31st). We are thankful for your faithfulness in service to our Lord Jesus. You are very gifted and talented and we are blessed to have you. We look forward to more years of service with you.

Thank you Mary Vo for 8 years of faithful service to Calvary's Youth Ministry. As you retire from leading this ministry, we wish you God's rich blessings in all of your endeavors.

Congratulations Rev. Linda Watkins on your Ordination to the Gospel Ministry! We had a wonderful time celebrating with your family, friends and you on September 22nd. We know God has great plans for you and we're in prayer with you as you discern next steps to take in your Pastoral Ministry.

Happy Birthday Calvary members with birthdays in October and November. Have a wonderfully blessed new year of life!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS: **Jaden McCalister** (1), **Jim McNaney** (5), **Seyi Akinnusotu** (6), **Trobel Bloe, Jr.** (6), **Hannah Johnson** (6), **Linda Dossen** (7), **Galah Dahn** (8), **Kenneth Anderson** (8), and **Kona Stewart** (9).

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Growing in Christ

Did you know that God wants to mold your character into Christ's? Come learn about the qualities all Christians should possess as we grow into spiritual maturity at Calvary's Wednesday Night Bible Study series, "The Fruit of the Spirit." Classes are held at 7:15 pm

in the Tomlin Room and taught by Pastor Jabulani. All Calvary members are invited and encouraged to attend this rich learning opportunity. Each class is preceded by a prayer meeting, which begins at 6:30 pm. This Fall, let's grow in Christ together!



Sowing Seeds for Christ

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Tithing has often been misinterpreted and misunderstood. Many in the church view it as a legalistic requirement. Some consider it a burdensome duty rather than an opportunity for the joyful expression of praise. Some view tithing as an investment, assuming that the more they give, the more they'll get. Some see tithing as a requisite proof of redemption, as a sort of good work that is exacted as the price of salvation. For those who hold such a perspective, consciously or unconsciously, tithing can become very problematic. They experience guilt if they feel they may not have given enough, and they become complacent or even arrogant if they feel they have contributed lavishly. We pervert the concept of the tithe if we imagine ten percent to be a magic number that guarantees some kind of relationship with God.

If we focus too narrowly on a specific percentage, we wind up tangled in all manner of details. Do we tithe net or gross income? Do contributions to charities count as part of the tithe? These are not irrelevant issues as such. We do well to give some thought to how we assess the gifts that we have been given and which ministries are worthy of our support. But the point is that if we are looking to cut our losses when it comes to tithing, then we have got it all wrong. Legalistic interpretations can quickly kill the spirit of gratitude that should be motivating us to tithe in the first place. We should approach tithing as an expression of Christian grace, rather than as a device for earning redemption. Tithing is a response, not a requirement. The progression of stewardship

toward and beyond the tithe can be a discipline that frees us to comprehend the fullness of the gospel and the riches of God's grace. Properly handled, tithing is a vital step in Christian discipleship.

As we approach the 115th Anniversary of Calvary Baptist Church, please be in prayer that all people will keep in mind that tithing is:

- a source of blessing in our relationship with God;
- symbolic of putting God first;
- an act of gratitude for an expression of commitment to God's work;
- an important element in Christian discipleship;
- a help in reordering priorities, establishing God's rightful place in our lives;
- capable of extending the church's witness and service through ministries near and far;
- able to free us from being vulnerable to greed, and to develop in us a new spirit of generosity in all things.



It is the Christian way to give because we love, even as God loved us...and then gave. *"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."* -Isaiah 40:31

In Christian Love,
Carol Hall-Walker
Chair of Stewardship

Reflections



Martha Buxton

The end of this month marks my 14th Anniversary of service here at Calvary Baptist Church. I really cannot believe I have worked here for 14 years. I remember the day I arrived for my interview. Several people including the Pastor at that time were sitting at a large table in a back room and asked me about my beliefs, my ideas and my abilities. I recall that I gave each question serious thought before answering and in the end I was hired!

I believe we need the same thought process when we choose to follow Jesus Christ. We need to look deep inside and answer those same questions individually. If we truly love our Lord, believing that He died for our sins, then we will want to share our beliefs, our ideas and abilities

with each other through our time, talents and treasures. We need to listen with our whole hearts, pray and let God lead us on the path He wants us to take.

One of my favorite hymns is "Take My Life and Let It Be" and some of its words are:

*Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of
Thy love;
At the impulse of Thy love...*

*Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in
ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

In Christ's service for another 14 years -
God willing,

Martha Buxton
Administrative Assistant

Health and Wellness



Shanna J. Southern

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body. -1 Corinthians 6:19-20

As a Health and Physical Education teacher in the Providence Public School District, I see everyday what our society has become in terms of health and wellness. A lot of what I see doesn't look good.

More than 35% of adults in the United States are obese (30 pounds or more overweight), and childhood obesity has more than tripled in the past 30 years. Often, as a physical education teacher, I find that if a parent is overweight, the children in the family are or will be obese. This is sad because there are medical conditions that will arise because of the extra weight.

Obesity related conditions include heart disease, type 2 diabetes, certain types of cancer, and stroke. However, they can be prevented with a healthy diet and

regular exercise!

Along with this increase in the number of people who are overweight there are higher medical costs involved. Medical costs for people who are obese are almost \$1500 per year higher than people of normal weight.

So what is the key to not becoming obese? Two things: diet and exercise. Adults in the home should be setting a good example in these areas. Eating more fruits and vegetables is very important. Not only are they lower in calories than junk foods, they also will help your body work better! Adding more activity to your day is another way to help burn off more calories. Take a walk with yourself, a pet, spouse, children, friend, or others. Make it a daily habit.

Remember, God has given us a body and it is the temple of the Holy Spirit. Glorify God by taking care of your body.

Written by Shanna J. Southern, Calvary member and Elementary Health and Physical Educator at Lillian Feinstein School at Sackett Street in Providence.

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.

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Other highlights included the sermon by Rev. Hervin Green, of Metropolitan Baptist Church, Hollywood, FL; Ordination Vows led by Pastor Jabulani McCalister; and the Ordination Prayer directed by Rev. Rosalie Norman-McNaney.

Leaders from Calvary, ABCORI, and RI State Council of Churches made closing presentations, and Rev. Watkins delivered the Benediction. Guests enjoyed a special reception hosted by the church after the service.

Since joining Calvary in December 2010, Rev. Watkins has served as an Associate Minister, helping to launch and provide leadership for Wednesday night Prayer Meeting, Bible Study, and our Technical Arts Ministry. She is also a member of the Homebound Communion Ministry, and has preached, led worship services, and funerals at Calvary.

Congratulations, Rev. Linda, on your ordination! May God Almighty be your guide as you enter this new season of Christian ministry. God bless you! *This article was adapted from a longer work eloquently penned by Richard O. Akinnusotu, Calvary member and Finance Committee Chair.*

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A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



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For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. - JOHN 3:17 NIV

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- Nathaniel Kwapo
- Shawna Southern
- Kona Stewart
- Rev. Linda Watkins

Prayer Corner



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS continued from p. 2

Raquel Delgado (10),
Florence Vaye (11),
Jabari Williams (12),
Jamari Williams (12),
Adequoyah Mathews(16),
Justin Mathews (16),
Frances Garnett (18),
Kona Boylowlu (20),
Manuelita Payen (23),
Louise Garnett-Kpawoe
(25), Helen Nyanti (25),
Debra Johnson (26),
Alex Toro (27).

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:
Darthula "Quita" Mathews
(2), Virginia Bradley (3),
Raquel Garcia (3),
Joan Schoonmaker (3),
Lawrence "Larry" Askie
(9), Basseyy Inyang(11),
Gladys Nyanti (15),
Martha Robison (15),
Rev. Paul Schoonmaker
(15), Oluwaseun Akinnusotu
(21), Sue Colantonio (23),
Jehu Bloe (28),
Elizabeth Lawson (29),
Moziah Mathews (29),
Napoleon Askie (30).



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

Please pray for the Kpawoe 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 Jesus.

Life-changing Children's, Youth, and Young Adults' ministries at our church.

Growth in the overall ministry at Calvary including the Married Couples Ministry and Singles Ministry.

Pastor Jabulani and his family: Rev. Nikita, Jaden and Azriel

Calvary leaders

Positive resolution of any conflicts within the Calvary Family.

Funds for a new Elevator for our church

More committed and qualified teachers for our Bible Study and Sunday School

100% Tithing at Calvary.

Guest Preacher

On Sunday, November 11th Min. David Lee, Associate Pastor of Somerville Community Baptist Church in MA, will be our special guest preacher. Born and raised in South Korea where he earned a B.A. degree in Education in 2001, Min. David worked as a computer network specialist and instructor in Canada before he was called into God's ministry. He attended Boston University School of Theology in 2010 and is in his final year of study for a M.Div. degree at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. The anointed, gifted singer has been a contemporary worship leader and a soloist of the Community Gospel Choir in Boston. He is married to Mina Cho, a native of Seoul and an award-winning pianist who performs jazz-infused gospel music in sacred settings, and gospel-steeped jazz at festivals and clubs around the world. Get ready to be blessed by this dynamic, Spirit-filled couple.

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 Jesus Christ at Calvary participate in these ministry opportunities. Some of the areas where you can make an impact are:

Technical Arts Ministry

a. The Calvary Call needs writers, reporters, editors, lay-out experts, photographers and compilers.
b. The Web-site and Facebook page needs technologically savvy persons to assist with the daily updates and new trends in web-design

c. TV Ministry
d. Audio/Visual needs (i.e. CD/ DVD ministry)

Prayer Ministry

a. Prayer on-site:
1. Wed. Night before Bible Study (6:45-7:15 p.m.).
2. Thursday at 12 Noon
3. Create prayer cells in-home and on-site, so Calvary is praying 24/7.






Event Planners

For Married Couple's Date Night, 115th Church Anniversary Celebrations, and Christmas Eve Worship.

In-home Small Group Bible Study hosts and instructors needed.

What's Up?

October/November 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
OCTOBER	1	2	3 Prayer Mtg 6:30 PM & Bible Study 7:15 PM	4 Prayer Mtg 12:00-1:00 PM	5	6
7 Communion Sunday Worship Experience 10:00 AM	8 COLUMBUS DAY Church Office Closed	9	10 Prayer Mtg 6:30 PM & Bible Study 7:15 PM	11 Prayer Mtg 12:00-1:00 PM	12	13 
14 Worship Experience 10:00 AM	15	16 Technical Arts Ministry Mtg 6:30 PM	17 Prayer Mtg 6:30 PM & Bible Study 7:15 PM	18 Prayer Mtg 12:00-1:00 PM	19	20
21 Worship Experience 10:00 AM	22	23	24 Prayer Mtg 6:30 PM & Bible Study 7:15 PM	25 Prayer Mtg 12:00-1:00 PM	26	27
28 Worship Experience 10:00 AM	29 Ministry Leaders' 2013 Calendar of Events Are Due	30 	31 Prayer Mtg 6:30 PM & Bible Study 7:15 PM	1 NOVEMBER Prayer Mtg 12:00-1:00 PM	2	3
4 Communion Sunday Worship Experience 10:00 AM	5	6	7 Prayer Mtg 6:30 PM & Bible Study 7:15 PM	8 Prayer Mtg 12:00-1:00 PM	9	10
11 Worship Experience 10:00 AM <i>With Guest Preacher Min. David Lee</i>	12 	13	14 Prayer Mtg 6:30 PM & Bible Study 7:15 PM	15 Prayer Mtg 12:00-1:00 PM	16	17 CALVARY'S 115TH ANNIVERSARY! 
18 Calvary's 115th Anniversary Worship Service & Celebration 10:00 AM	19	20	21 Evening of Prayer and Praise 6:30 PM	22 THANKSGIVING Church Office Closed	23 	24
25 Worship Experience 10:00 AM	26	27 Technical Arts Ministry Mtg 6:30 PM	28 Prayer Mtg 6:30 PM & Bible Study 7:15 PM	29 Prayer Mtg 12:00-1:00 PM	30	



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 Senior Pastor

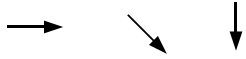
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Just For Kids

Thanksgiving Word Search

Let's thank God and others this Thanksgiving. How many words can you find in this puzzle using the word bank below? Words go in only 3 directions.



America	Harvest
Bounty	Parade
Feast	Potatoes
Freedom	Pumpkin
Friends	Tradition
Gravy	Yams

P	L	L	H	A	R	V	E	S	T	F
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