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Current Resident or:

Family and Friends Month

Please invite all your loved ones to worship with us the entire month in September for Friends and Family Month! Please make a special effort to invite them on Family and Friends Weekend, Saturday, September 26 Family Movie Night *"The Ride"* and to our Worship Experience on Sunday, September 27th.

We will be making special recognitions of your family and friends during worship. A special prize will be given September 27th to the person who brings the most people all month!

On Sunday, September 27th we will be celebrating 6 (possibly 7) Baptisms and a Baby Dedication as well!!

Plan now to be with us!!



Hello Calvary Family! I pray that you had a wonderful vacation this summer. It's important to make time for family, friends and yourself. So, I hope you made time to enjoy every moment. For we live in a world filled with turmoil and anxiety. People are losing their minds and acting out in very disturbing ways. This reality has made the world a very scary place, if we allow it to be. We give permission and access to many things that have no business being in our lives. You know what would relieve lots of stress from your life? Thankfulness! "Pastor, I have manners, I know how to say, 'thank you'," you might say. Manners have their place but I am talking about genuine gratitude for very basic things.

We serve a very generous God who loved us so much that He gave everything He had so we could be with Him (St. John 3:16-17). Yet, in the first sign of trouble, we flee from His presence as if to ask, "Where were You when I needed You?" We have all had those moments but it's important not to stay there and keep them. That's the time we need to dig in a little deeper in our faith and not be such a fair-weather friend. Jesus said in St. John 15:13-22, that His "greater love" saw past our sins, frailties and mistakes and saw someone for whom He was willing to die. That means you and me. He calls us friends. Jesus is a friend that can relate to our pain and suffering and help us through it. Once you realize the magnitude of what Jesus did, it should cause you to be perpetually thankful. I don't know about you but I am thankful to be alive again! I am thankful to be able to share His love with and for others. I am thankful for the good times and the bad times. For each one showed me the power of God to help me rejoice and trust Him more. I encourage you to be thankful in everything (1 Thess. 5:18). Just watch and see how your outlook on life will change and how someone else will get to know the power of God in their lives from the example you set. Take a moment to consider at least one thing for which you are grateful to God and thank Him. Share your testimony with us. May God richly bless you!

Pastor Jabulani McCalister

FAMILY CELEBRATIONS

Bundles of Joy

Cristobal and Dr. Laticia Allen-Soto celebrated the birth of their newborn son.

Jerry and Claudette Amoako celebrated the birth of their newborn son.

Congratulations to both couples!

Weddings Anniversary Celebrations:

Pastor Jabulani and Pastor Nikita McCalister ~ 15 years

Shedrick and Martha Gayetay ~ 43 years

Pastor Paul and Joan Schoonmaker ~ 58 years of marriage this year

Sue and Meo Colantonio ~ 43 years

Sharon and David Burr ~ 43years

Upcoming Weddings

We celebrate with Judy Akpan and Jean Raymond on their upcoming wedding, Sunday, October 11, 2015

We celebrate with Adenike Omisore and Tei Nartey on their upcoming wedding, Saturday, October 24, 2015.

Wendy Baltzer Fox and PJ Fox announce the engagement of their son Timothy to Ami Pariseault. Wedding planned for November 2016.

Martha Buxton announces the engagement of her son Adam to Heather Brunelle. No date has been set as of yet.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child is approaching and we are looking for a servant or servants from Calvary to represent the congregation in helping promote this event. Last year Calvary helped collect shoe boxes full of gifts and together with Iglesia Bautista Hispana El Calvario approximately 300 boxes were collected. Please let Sandra Irizarry know if you're interested by calling her at 447-0520. She will be glad to inform you in detail about this great event coming up in November.

Rally Day

September 13, 2015 is Rally Day where 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).

Youth Corner

NEW YOUTH MINISTRY LEADER:



Calvary families and youth, thanks to God for His blessings of a private donor family and your faithfulness in sowing into the youth ministry. We now present to you our new Youth Ministry Leader, Sister Lanette Baker!

We look forward to how the Lord will use you to bless our young people. Praise the Lord!

New Servant Leader Team

Please be in prayer for the Servant Leader Team. We welcomed the following new and returning members of the Servant Leader Team (The Governing Leadership Team of our Church):

Officers: Moderator, Monique' Abney; Clerk, Sharon Burr; Treasurer, David Dromsky; Members at Large: Shedrick Gayetay, Freeman Summerville, Carol Hall-Walker, Evelyn Fugate, E. Marvin Ketter, Idell-Askie-Ketter, Trobel Bloe, Sr., Mark Farnell, Isaac Gee and Darphine Monroe. We thank those who accepted the invitation to serve with the Pastor in leading our church.

Thank you David Dromsky, our immediate Past Moderator, for serving in the last two years so faithfully. We welcome Monique' Abeny as the new Moderator for the 2015-16 Season. We also thank Sarah Kamara, Elizabeth Boylowlu, Calvin Forbes, Randy Toppin-White, Jr. Helen Nyanti, and Paul Beah, Linda Gaulin for serving as members at-large and liaisons to various ministries .

Prayer Requests

Bereaved Families: Askie, Colantonio, Ketter, Kpawoe, McCalister, families of those killed in tragedies in our city, country and around the world.

Health Challenges: Continue to pray for those who have experienced health challenges:
Martha Buxton, Betty Cady, Elizabeth Boylowlu, Bassey Inyang, Minister Michelle Sullivan, Joan Schoonmaker, Troble Bloe, Sr., & Gabriel Karwea.

Homebound

Transportation Ministry (Many of our members and potential members desire rides to church)

Community Outreach

Children, Youth and Young Adults

Married Couples Ministry

Singles Ministry

Overall Ministry of Calvary Baptist Church

Pastor and First Family

Calvary Leaders

Conflict Resolution

More committed and qualified teachers for Bible Study/Sunday School/Bible Institute
100% Tithing Church

Learning a New Song

“I am hoping to teach the hymn “*The Longer I Serve Him*” to the congregation once a month. It’s so beautiful!”
Dorothy Yoreo, Organist, Adult Choir Director

HOMEBOUND LIST



Our Homebound Members love to hear from you! Why not give them a call or send a card? Cards are available on the bookshelf in the church office.

June Allen
57 Taplow Street
Warwick, RI 02889
739-6208

Bert Smith
Brookdale Independent Living Center - Apt. F-8
2783 West Shore Road
Warwick, RI 02889
921-6838

Trobel Bloe, Sr.
14 Maclaine Drive
North Providence, RI 02904
353-3095

Wilbur Workman
Gateway Healthcare Cortland House
25 Cedar Swamp Road
Smithfield, RI 02917
231-7762 or 861-8655

Elizabeth Boylowlu
114 Baxter Street
Providence, RI 02905
941-2563

Gabriel Zarwea
507 Prairie Avenue
Providence, RI 02905
837-1929

Bassey Inyang
94 Orlando Drive
North Providence, RI 02904
725-5144



...forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things which are before, I press on toward the goal... Philippians 3:13-14

God is doing new and surprising things in once-Communist Hungary!

Forgetting what is behind: Hungary is still recovering from four decades of repressive Communist rule, during which schools were controlled by the government.

And stretching forward to what is ahead: Churches now have the opportunity to run schools, where they can teach the Bible, nurture students in their faith and open new doors by providing courses in conversational English.

As part of this new approach to education, International Ministries partner Hungarian Baptist Aid has been given the opportunity to manage 49 schools throughout this eastern European country—serving 17,000 students in grades K–12. And the impact has been *staggering!*

Students and teachers alike are **blossoming** in grace-filled environments as they study the Bible and see firsthand what a difference Jesus can make in their lives.

After-school clubs are **reaching** students with the gospel message, practical Bible teaching and the joy of the Lord.

Students are **stretching** their conversational English skills, thanks to American Baptists who are responding to the immediate and ongoing need for English-speaking teachers.

Now more than ever, there is an urgency to *stretch forward* all around the world. And you are encouraged to be part of the new and surprising things God is doing through International Ministries with your support of the World Mission Offering.

Please give generously and expectantly to the World Mission Offering as, together, we help people everywhere **come** to Christ, **grow** in their relationships to God and **change** their worlds through the power of the Holy Spirit. We will be collecting this offering during the month of October. Special envelopes will be provided for your gifts. Thank you!

Vacation Bible School

Once again Iglesia Bautista Hispana El Calvario (IBHEC) and Calvary Baptist Church sponsored Vacation Bible School this summer Monday, July 13-Friday, July 17, 2015 at Calvary. Each night over 50 children from both churches and the community attended. We danced, sang, shouted and learned about God's mighty Power to provide, comfort, heal, forgive and love us forever!! The best part is that on the final night of closing worship, over 20 children gave their lives to Jesus Christ. Stay tuned to find out about their upcoming Baptisms.

Also on the last day, we tallied the money the children raised in "*Imagination Station*" to purchase Bibles print for children in Thailand printed in their own language. The Children raised enough money to purchase almost 20 Bibles! These young people are so awesome and inspiring!!

We thank God for all the volunteers from both churches and our mighty Coordinator, Sandra Irizarry for making this all happen.



New Churches/Ministries

We welcome two new church plants to Calvary's Chapels: 1) Gethsemane Prayer Ministry and 2) Dorcas Ministries. Welcome aboard and thanks for helping us get the Word of God out and covering us in prayer. We still have room for more. If you are a church planter, please contact us at info@calbaptist.org for more information about renting space for your ministry in one of our Chapels or classrooms.

Faithful Stewardship

"Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful." 1 Corinthians 4:2.

A steward is the administrator of someone else's estate. All Christians are stewards in that we are managers of all gifts that God has bestowed upon us. We are responsible to Him. The very thought of stewardship should humble us before the Lord. All that we have comes from Him. Paul asked the proud Corinthian believers, *"What do you have that you did not receive?"* 1 Corinthians 4:7. God has given us the gifts of time, talents, treasures, and truth. Are we faithful in the use of these things?

Everywhere that the apostle Paul went others had an opinion of him. He had a polarizing effect upon people. They either loved him or hated him. The latter looked upon him *"as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things."* 1 Corinthians 4:13. He was called a liar and a lunatic. Yet Paul wrote to the Corinthians, *"But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by a human court."* What others think about us in the administration of our God-given responsibilities should also mean very little to us.

Paul did not even place a high premium on his personal evaluation of himself. When he examined himself, he found nothing between him and the Lord. But that didn't necessarily mean that everything was fine and dandy. He said, *"In fact, I do not even judge myself. For I know of nothing against myself, yet I am not justified by this; but He who judges me is the Lord."*

We shall all appear before the judgment seat of Christ. Judgment will be withheld *"until the Lord comes."* He will judge us in righteousness. For some of us it will be a time of embarrassment, as He will *"bring to light the hidden things of darkness."* Are there any skeletons in our closet? He will also *"reveal the counsels (or motives) of the heart."* Why do we do what we do? Do we seek the favor of others more than the favor of God?

The Lord has different expectations from each of us, depending upon the gifts that He has freely given. He doesn't expect fish to fly, or birds to swim. He doesn't expect more from us than what we are capable of doing. What God is looking for in each of us in the execution of our stewardship before Him may be summarized in one word...faithfulness. It is better to be faithful to Him than famous. God rewards faithfulness. What would be more rewarding than hearing Him say to you, *"Well done, good and faithful servant."* Matthew 25:23.

Father, thank You for Your gifts to us. Guide us by Your Spirit in the administration of our responsibilities. Grant that we may be found faithful stewards. In Jesus' name. Amen.
God bless you.

Carol Hall-Walker
Stewardship Ministry Lead
Excerpted from *"Knowing Jesus Christ"*

THANK YOU!

To all our brothers and sisters from Calvary who volunteered in our Vacation Bible School this July a big THANK YOU! God manifested HIMSELF greatly! Our hearts and spirits are full of joy and thankfulness. To God all the GLORY!

Iglesia Bautista Hispana El Calvario

Calvary Family, we thank you for your teaching, fellowship, and love during our time in New England. We are certainly blessed by knowing you all and will miss you!

Best, Cristobal, Latricia, and Lil'Chris Soto

We are so grateful to God that our Administrative Assistant, Martha Buxton has returned. Thank you for your continued prayers for her. Special thanks to Linda Gaulin for helping in the church office while Martha was away.

Dear Calvary Family, thank you so very much for all your prayers, cards, flowers and visits during my recovery from surgery. I am truly blessed to be a part of God's family here at Calvary.

Martha Buxton, Administrative Assistant