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We wish thank all those who provided Easter flowers that beautified our sanctuary this year.

**A CHRISTIAN IS:**

Child	John 1: 12
Heir	Romans 8: 17
Redeemed	Ephesians 1:7
Influential	Matthew 5:16 and John 1: 4
Soldier	2 Timothy 2:3
Temple	1 Corinthians 3:16
Instrument	Romans 6:13
Ambassador	2 Corinthians 5:20
New Creation	2 Corinthians 5: 17

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## **From the Pastor –**

Hello Calvary Family,

I pray this edition of the Calvary Call reaches you basking in the glory of the Lord. Certainly, we are grateful that God has provided a milder winter for us this year as we transition to Spring. This year we look for God to continue to “Spring” forth new life into our ministry. But you know, God is constantly offering us opportunities to walk with Him in the flow of His creation. In the beginning when God breathed into Adam and Eve and made them a living soul, He presented the Garden as a place to grow and provide growth (Genesis 1:27-28; 2:7, 16). This new growth would replenish the earth and yield a bountiful harvest for everyone. As Christians we are in a unique place to still yield a harvest of souls. However, before the harvest comes, we must do something. We must prepare for it. For example, it’s not enough to ask, “Why don’t we have new members at our church like we did years ago?” We have to rediscover our roots of faith. People come to church to meet Jesus. But if we forget our roots in evangelism/discipleship we will be ill-equipped to introduce anyone to Him.

In Matthew 28:18-20 Jesus tells the disciples to go into the entire world and make disciples. We love to quote this Scripture but neglect the charges that lie within these verses. Jesus says, “Go.” He says, Go in my authority over the universe! Go make disciples of all nations! Go, baptize them. Go teach them to obey my commandments that I have command you! If you are truly a disciple of Jesus there should be some action to your faith. Is there any growth in you or around you? Have you led anyone to Jesus since He saved you? Have you walked with authority and taught them to obey His commandments as He taught you? Do you know His commandments (St. John 13:34-35; St. John 15:11-15)?

Be honest with yourself and take a moment to assess where you are in your walk with Christ. If you find there are some areas you lack in discipleship, ask God’s forgiveness and seek opportunities to follow Jesus. One such opportunity to grow is joining us on Wednesday nights for prayer at 6:30 p.m. Another opportunity is to join us in our small group Discipleship study series on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Tomlin Room. You have a detailed repository of excuses as to why you “can’t” come to pray and study God’s Word, now it’s time to take seriously your growth in Christ so that the world will know that the Savior lives and still saves today. God bless you!

Pastor Jabulani McCalister  
Senior Pastor

## CELEBRATIONS

**We are grateful for new Disciples who joined through Christian Experience and Baptism this year (January through the printing of this newsletter)**

Kyle James Duval Fugate, Glenn White and Andrew Yango joined Calvary through Baptism on Sunday, January 31, 2016

Titus Weah joined Calvary through Christian Experience on Sunday, January 31, 2016

Cindy Wong joined Calvary through Letter of Transfer

The Barrington Christian Academy shared in the worship experience on Sunday, February 28, 2016

We celebrate with Iglesia Bautista Hispana el Calvario (IBHEC) as the Lord adds 4 new souls to their ministry through Baptism on Sunday, April 24, 2016.

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### Dedication

Oluremi and Marlon Nurse dedicated Aaron Adelani Nurse on Sunday, January 17, 2016

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### Thank you

The Clean-Up/Work day partnership between Calvary, Iglesia Bautista Hispana el Calvario, and Dorcas House Ministries on Saturday, February 27, 2016 was a tremendous success. We are grateful for all those who participated. ~Rick Robison, Building & Grounds Ministry Chair



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Thanks to all those who supported the Calvary Team on the Good Friday Walk for Hunger by giving \$280.00, praying and walking with us.

~ Wendy Fox



**Christ in Us –**

**Sunday, May 22, 2016 the Congregation Meeting of Calvary Baptist Church will be held. Ministry Leaders will present their Annual Reports. Also, new Ministry Leaders will be presented for congregation's confirmation through vote as per the nominations of the Servant Leader Team.**

**The deadline for all Ministry Leaders to have their Annual Reports to the church office is Friday, May 13, 2016. If possible it is requested that you send your reports via email.**

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## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

Hey Everyone,

We are so excited to have our youth program up and running again. It's a good feeling when young people rejoice in the Lord together.

So far, we are off to a pretty good start. Winter was fun. We had a few meetings and a laser tag outing. Everyone really enjoyed themselves. We also increased our participation during services on first Sundays.

We will be very active during the spring time! We will be participating in the service on Resurrection Sunday, having a Youth Sunday on April 10<sup>th</sup> and a few other things up our sleeves.

We would like to take the time to say thank you to all that encourage, love, financially support and pray for us on a daily basis. You are the real MVP's.

Much Love,  
Annmarrie Kamara, Youth Leader and the Youth Group



## PRAYER CORNER

New Ministries have been created.

More people are getting involved and using their Spiritual Gifts all to the Glory of God!

Every inch of Calvary is being used for ministry several nights of the week.

More people are committing to giving Tithes, offering, and above.

### **Growing in Christ - Five ways to grow in our relationship with the Lord.**

Attend Bible Institute Classes through the year

Serving in a Ministry or creating one

Join a Prayer Cell or create one

Host a Small Group Bible Study in your home.

Make the necessary sacrifice to worship with us on Sundays and through the week.

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### **A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER**

*Lord, we gather in comfort and security today, while many of Your children huddle in fear and die of starvation. We know that merely feeling guilty for our comfort does not minister to the needs of others. Lord, we want to be involved in helping, and serving, and healing. Help us this day to gain more understanding, to feel more deeply the hurt of others, to come to new commitments of ourselves and our substance to You. Amen. (By Gary W. Demarest)*

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### **Friends of Calvary Baptist Church,**

The Stewardship and Finance Ministries and Servant Leader Team will be hosting a “Friends of Calvary” telethon at the church in the Spring. The goal of this effort is to raise funds for the church to go toward paying off the church mortgage. We need your help to prepare a mailing, make telephone calls, offer a testimony and/or prayer, write church bulletin articles, encourage others and give toward the “Friends of Calvary” offering. If you can participate in any of these ways, please contact Carol Hall-Walker 401- 263-5313 or [carolleel659@aol.com](mailto:carolleel659@aol.com) or Martha Buxton 401-461-7507 or [marthabuxton@verizon.net](mailto:marthabuxton@verizon.net). God Bless you.



## HEALTH INFO

Hello Everyone,

I am blessed and excited to have the opportunity to share with everyone on a monthly basis some ideas of health, exercises, published articles or studies, or basically answer any health or fitness questions that anyone might have. I do welcome concerns regarding any health, pain or discomfort you might have. I will try my best to be as precise and as helpful with my answers. I do want to introduce myself to those that wouldn't know whom I am. My name is Jerry Amoako, a proud member of Calvary for over 10 years. I am a certified occupational therapist assistant and also a personal trainer. I have a vast experience in working with all kinds of diagnosis. My mission it to provide you all with monthly content that will help your knowledge or awareness of your health. You can contact me at [amoakoj79@gmail.com](mailto:amoakoj79@gmail.com) or 401-280-6322.

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## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

If you are looking ways to get involved this quarter, consider some of these ministry opportunities:

- 1) South Providence Neighborhood Ministries:  
April 7<sup>th</sup> Spring Gala at the Botanical Gardens at Roger Williams Park and Zoo to benefit Louise's Place afterschool programs for the neighborhood children.
- 2) Technical Arts Ministry members needed (i.e. TV, Audio/visual etc.)
- 3) New Homebound Visitors needed.
- 4) Transportation Ministry needed for Seniors and College students who want to attend church.
- 5) Vacation Bible School – see Sister Sarah Kamara or Sister Sandry Irizarry of IBHEC to find out when the next training will be.

## **In Memory of Darrell J. Fournier Sr. – February 13, 1958 – March 4, 2016**



**Irish Blessing** – May the roads rise to meet you, May the winds be always at your back, May the sun shine warm upon your face, The rains fall soft upon your fields, And until we meet again, May God hold you in the hollow of His hand.

Rest in peace brother in-law,  
Love, Andy and Carol Walker and Family

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### **DEBT – FREE LIVING UPDATE**

There will be a one week follow up debt free living class on April 17 following the worship service. All is welcome to attend this class.

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### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

This year we are starting something new and early for Operation Christmas Child. Each month we are collecting an item to hopefully make more boxes along with the boxes that each family already contributes. Last month we collected socks for girl or boy; this month we are collecting school supplies. We are going to leave a decorated box with a sign near the entrance to put donations in. Please join us collecting all that we can for this wonderful cause. Thank you!

Iglesia Bautista Hispana El Calvario

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We congratulate all the Graduates of Calvary Baptist Church.  
Best of luck in your future endeavors.

## TREASURY UPDATE

Calvary's financial health over the first two months of 2016 has been encouraging, but we still have quite a way to go. As a reminder, our budget for the year has a \$30,000 deficit financed by drawing down invested funds—our emergency fund. Spending has been as low as possible without making some radical changes, so the focus remains on revenue—tithes and offerings in particular. The first three months break down as follows:

Category	Annual Budget	3 / 12 Months	Actual
Envelopes	\$122,000	\$30,500	\$28,012
Open & Special Gifts	\$6,500	\$1,625	\$3,677
Fellowship Fund	<i>Not budgeted</i>		\$1,317
Building Fund	\$4,000	\$1,000	\$921
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$132,500</b>	<b>\$33,125</b>	<b>\$33,927</b>

Additionally, the Youth Program is fully-funded for the year. The shortfall in Envelopes has been covered by higher-than-anticipated Open Collections and Special Gifts, plus fairly robust giving to the Fellowship Fund (Initial and Communion Offerings), leaving us not quite \$1,000 ahead of plan. All else being equal, that represents a \$1,000 reduction in the amount we'll have to withdraw from invested funds. Hopefully, the congregation and the offering will continue to grow through the Spring and Summer, making such withdrawals unnecessary.



**Sunday, May 8, 2016**

## KITCHEN RENOVATION PROJECT

Our church kitchen, that serves not only Calvary and Iglesia Bautista Hispana El Calvario but also South Providence Neighborhood Ministries for after school programs and summer camp, is in dire need of repairs/renovations. As you can see from the photos, it has been quite a while so we will be sending out an appeal letter to charitable organizations and the congregation to help with this important project. We plan to bring the kitchen up to code by replacing ceiling tiles and wall board, repairing and painting the cabinets, putting in a new subfloor and flooring and installing new laminate countertops as well as upgrades to electrical and plumbing. We also need to cover the butcher block with stainless steel or remove it because it doesn't meet safety standards. We would also like to install a used industrial dishwasher and a refrigerator that would better serve SPNM. We have already received a donated industrial stove. The cost of the renovations is approximately \$12,000.

We pray that the congregation contribute half the cost and look to outside funding for the other half. We want to have the project completed before the SPNM children's summer program and vacation Bible school. Please open your hearts to help us fund this very important renovation. Please make checks payable to Calvary Baptist and write kitchen renovation in the memo section. Thank you so much for your help.

Sue Colantonio



## HOMEBOUND LIST



Our Homebound Members love to hear from you! Why not give them a call or send a card?

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Warwick, RI 02889  
739-6208

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Brookdale Independent Living Center - Apt. F-8  
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Viola Dunbar  
Aaron Briggs Complex Apt. 129  
301 Cranston Street #316  
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Wilbur Workman  
Gateway Healthcare Cortland House  
25 Cedar Swamp Road  
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