

*“The Calvary Corner”*

MARCH, 2022

*Please reread and ask God how you can serve.*

Hello Calvary,

There is a song entitled *“I can only imagine.”* Well since Christ is the Head of Calvary Baptist. I can only imagine if **all**, not some of the church body, truly fell in love with Jesus. They would love Christ *not only* for what they want from Him, and *not only* for what He is doing in their lives, *but LOVE HIM* for who He is, ***YOU LOVE HIM, YOU LOVE HIM, and YOU LOVE HIM. CHRIST THE SON OF GOD, THE ONE WHO DIED FOR OUR SINS, THE ONE WE WILL SEE ONE DAY AND HAVE TO GIVE ACCOUNT OF THE GIFTS HE BESTOWED TO YOU, and the ONE WHO LOVES YOU.***

**“God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”** John 3:16

**I Can Only Imagine:**

- All the people on the church role would come to church.
- God was put first, not the job, not chasing money, not television, e.g.
- All people in the church had a hunger and a thirst for righteousness.
- Members would use their talents and gifts to benefit the building of God’s kingdom.
- The membership would not have to rely on the same people to do the same work in the church year after year.
- People would sign up for Worship Leader and the Children Message
- True giving would be from the first fruits of your income.
- All the members of Calvary would love each other as Jesus instructed.
- All the people of Calvary would not gossip for gossip’s sake (malicious), rather have the courage to confront issues of the church that do not align with the teachings of Christ.
- Members would bring refreshments for the fellowship time.
- Members would bring their Bibles to church.
- Those of the **new birth** in Christ, would practice daily devotion, give quality time with God, pray, read your Bible and listen to messages that speak to your trouble situation.
- Members would be on time for Worship not in time.
- Members and visitors attend the Adult Bible Study
- The Sunday school was overflowed with children.

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I Can Only Imagine the power of God that would be released at Calvary Baptist Church, souls would be saved, the backslider would be restored, people would be healed, marriages would be regenerated, there would be enough money to reestablish and establish church programs, and that everyone took a good look at themselves and asked the question, ‘Do I really love Jesus, love Calvary Baptist or am I attending for cheap grace?’ Yes, I can only imagine.

**“Therefore, everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock.”** Matthew 7:24

“If my people, who are called by MY name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”<sup>2</sup> Chronicles 7:14

Prayer:

Lord God, help us to live the dream You have for us. One where we truly sell out to You. Like Peter who walked on water, that we keep our eyes on You. As, born-again believers, we have a divine assignment. We are called to be a living hope to the lost, as we lead them to You. Thank you, Lord, for those that will embrace Your call.

Amen

*“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”* Phipprians.4: 13

Blessings,  
Rev. Geneva Urquhart, M.Div.  
Senior Pastor



**UPDATE: The Calvary Corner will now be produced and sent out on the second Wednesday of each month.**

**The next issue of The Calvary Corner will go out on Wednesday, April 13, 2022.**

**Deadline for all articles, updates, prayer concerns, recipes, poems, etc. for the April issue is 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 12. Thank you!**



## Additional Announcements

- 1) **Except in an emergency**; there will be **no** meetings with the pastor **during** the Sunday Worship Service.
- 2) For church-related **announcements** (meetings, birthday anniversaries, i.e.), please either call the church office (401) 461-7507 or email the church's Administrative Assistant, Ms. Martha Buxton ([marthabuxton@verizon.net](mailto:marthabuxton@verizon.net)) by Wednesday so they may be put in the Sunday Bulletin.
- 3) **Except in a case of emergency**, **no** miscellaneous announcements will be made during Worship Service. During Worship service, please **do not** walk up to the podium (pulpit), nor the front of the church as it breaks the concentration of the pastor and interrupts the flow of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer and Praise request papers are available in the entryway of the Sanctuary. Requests may also be shared by calling the church at 461-7507, or emailing Pastor Geneva Urquhart directly at [pastorgenevaurquhart@gmail.com](mailto:pastorgenevaurquhart@gmail.com). Please let us know whether it is to be public or private.

*Please keep Rick & Martha Robison in prayer as they travel.  
Also, prayers for Administrative Assistant, Martha Buxton on the loss of her emotional support dog.*

The Servant Leader Team and Pastor will be meeting **this evening at 7:00 p.m.** via Zoom. Please keep our Moderator, Rev. Erica Traub and members of SLT in your prayers. Thank you.

Our Home Bound members would love to hear from you! A card and/or phone call to our homebound members would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

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# American Baptist Women's Ministries of Rhode Island

## Spiritual Retreat

ALL women are invited to the American Baptist Women's Ministries of RI Spiritual Retreat being held here at Calvary on Saturday, April 30. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with the program beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Registration forms are on the table in the Narthex. Forms MUST be received by April 15  
Invite your mother, sister, aunt, etc. Hope to see you there!

### Update on Giving February 2022

Tithes and Offerings received for the month of Feb.	\$ 9,517.98
Amount needed monthly to meet \$120,000 budget:	\$ 10,000.00
Open Collections:	\$ 105.06
<b>T&amp;O's Per Budget through February:</b>	<b>\$ 482.02</b>
<b>T&amp;O's Year-to-date Per Budget:</b>	<b>\$ 451.38</b>
Donations to the Food Pantry:	\$ 786.00
Calvary     \$200	
Others     \$586	
*Salaries and Expenses Paid (February):	\$ 13,829.76



Please remain faithful in your tithes and offering giving. We also are very grateful to our sister churches, who help support our Food Pantry and for past members, who continue to remember Calvary. Please continue to keep Calvary's finances in prayer.

Betty Cady, Treasurer  
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### ***BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS DURING MARCH:***

Angel Reyes (1<sup>st</sup>)  
Emem Akpan (1<sup>st</sup>)  
Idara Akpan (1<sup>st</sup>)  
Richard Akinnusotu (4<sup>th</sup>)  
Gabby Kpawoe (6<sup>th</sup>)  
Yangley "Yang" Siah (30<sup>th</sup>)  
Ruby Derogene (31<sup>st</sup>)

Spring Daylight Savings time begins this Sunday. Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour.

Also is a good reminder to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

## Calvary Baptist Emergency Food Pantry Blessings ~

God has blessed the church with a once per month food pantry distribution that has fed more than 18,000 people since its inception four years ago! If that isn't amazing enough what has made this food pantry work for the people who live in the Southside of Providence is the awesome volunteers and donors who have generously contributed to this ministry and who care about food insecurity of others.

We can agree that the coronavirus pandemic has brought so many challenges for everyone. While we are all in the same boat, we are not all experiencing the pandemic in the same way. An important early partnership with Calvary's food ministry is with Donald DePettrillo owner of The Original Italian Bakery in Johnston. Donald has been faithfully donating delicious baked goods since the food pantry began in 2018. The food pantry clients look forward to freshly baked bread, rolls, sweet treats and of course Donald's famous pizza chips.

Another important Calvary partnership is with John Santos owner of Urban Greens Co-op Market on Cranston Street in Providence. Calvary was connected to John when the Providence Mayor's Healthy Community Office was working on food insecurity issues led by Ellen Cynar. Carol Hall-Walker a member of Calvary and at the time, working at the RI Department of Health connected. Both ladies were involved in addressing food insecurity. During the height of the pandemic the Mayor's Office wanted Urban Greens to help feed people for 6 to 8 weeks on the southside of Providence. Rachel Bloe Calvary's leader of the emergency food pantry worked with Carol and Ellen in establishing a community partnership with John Santos. Rachel and John both care about making community connections and helping people understand that they are welcome in places they may think they are not welcome. After all, a core value of Urban Greens is equal access to healthy and nutritious food. A business partnership began in 2019.

John was excited to connect with Calvary because he understood that sometimes you must bring the store to the community for people to understand that this type of store is for them too. Many in the community thought Urban Greens was like Whole Foods and they didn't think the store was for them. With connections made to people like Rachel and other like-minded people, John began to see a shift in people from the community feeling comfortable and coming into Urban Greens.

John said, "when organizations like Urban Greens, the YMCA, Federal Hill House and Calvary Baptist Church folks roll up their sleeves and work together change happens in the community. It has been rewarding and it changed how we do business. We began living up to our equal access mission and diversifying. Working with Calvary and other community-based agencies, we diversified our outreach. Our staff feel good about building relationships with community members. You don't need to know everyone, just a few good people who are connected to the community. This has made all the difference. It has been good for my staff and really for everyone involved."

Several other churches such as, Philips Memorial in Cranston, Greenville Baptist in Greenville, Central Baptist church in Jamestown and of course the many dedicated Urban Green volunteers, Calvary members and the new Calvary Pastor Geneva Urquhart, have all helped make the food pantry a success. If you or your church are interested in helping feed people, please contact Martha Buxton at Calvary 401-461-7507. She will connect you to the right people. The need is great and there are servants standing by who are willing to work together to make sure no one goes to bed hungry. Please make donations to Calvary Baptist Church, 747 Broad Street, Providence, RI 02908 Attention: EFPM. God bless you and your family and may you never have to experience food insecurity a completely preventable condition. Thank you and God is so good!

Carol Hall-Walker



Emergency Food Pantry Distribution will be held Saturday, March 19 from 11:00 a.m. ~ 1:00 p.m. Volunteers are always needed and very much welcome. Please be at the church by 9:30 a.m. to help with set up. Thank you!!

Most requested items include:

- White Rice (2 pounds bag size)
- Dry Beans
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Boxes of Cold Cereals
- Canned Food and Meats
- Pasta and Pasta Sauce
- Dry Fruits Packages



**AMERICA  
FOR CHRIST  
OFFERING**

During March we will be collecting the America For Christ Offering. This year's theme is: "Testimony" with the Scripture being "*I will praise You and testify about what You have done.*" (Psalm 22: 22) A flyer and special envelope will be included in the bulletin each week. Extra envelopes are on the table in the Narthex.

### **Bible Word Search: Creator, Spirits, Gifts & Offices**

contributed by Pastor Telzia

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H	S	P	A	S	L	A	K
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M	V	D	H	E	E	E	D
P	E	A	C	E	J	N	E
L	E	S	N	U	O	C	S
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Words to find: Apostle, Church, Discern, Faith, Giving, Healing, Helps, Mercy, Pastor, Prophet, Wisdom

~ Have a great rest of your week ~