



THE *Mount Calvary* MESSENGER

SMALL ENOUGH TO KNOW YOU, LARGE ENOUGH TO GROW YOU!

JANUARY

2025

2025 LIFT HIGHER

WORSHIP • PRAISE • LEADERSHIP • SERVING • GIVING • CREATIVITY • IMPACT

"And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself." - John 12:32

WHAT YOU WILL FIND IN THE MESSENGER...

- ◆ Message from the Messenger Team
- ◆ January 2025 Theme & Scripture
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- ◆ Prayer List



Happy New Year Message...

Greetings Mt. Calvary Church Family!

A new year begins every 365 days and we are all excited about discovering new possibilities, dreams, and blessings. Some of us make new year's resolutions and are determined to make some changes in the new year. We vow to join a gym, eat healthy, read our Bibles and pray more, mend fences in our friends and relationships, etc. However, often times those plans don't make it past the 1st month of the year despite our best efforts. We want to be better people but we won't commit to putting in the work needed to meet our goals and aspirations.

God wants our lives to be wholesome and healthy - physically, emotionally, psychologically, and spiritual! His Word declares *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future*" (Jeremiah 29:11). Our Father in Heaven, the Creator of this world who created all things that occupy it, has plans for us in the future! That's something to be excited about! Thus, we must honor God with our whole being and ensure that our minds, hearts, souls, and bodies should be a vessel that God could use for His Glory! We should be whole so we can serve our Father in Heaven to the fullest in 2025.

Therefore, if you have made resolutions this year that will make you a better vessel, let's do our best to plan to keep them if we make them. This year, fulfill your resolution with God in mind, who is the center of our joy! Let us do it to serve Him and His people more, with excellence and vigor by exercising our 2025 theme *"Lift Higher!"* This year, we are admonished to *"Lift Jesus Higher"* through our worship, praise, signing, leading, serving, learning, and giving, which would cause others to come to know God's only begotten son, Jesus the resurrected Christ. For we know that *"God inhabits the praise of His people"* (Psalm 22:3). Thus, when we praise God, He declares... *"And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."* John 12:32 (NIV). Mt. Calvary, let us fulfill our new year's resolutions this year so we can Lift Jesus High above the earth in 2025.



Sis. Carol-Ann Hendricks
Steward, Congregational Care Unit (CCU) Coordinator

January 2025 Theme and Advent Scripture

“New Year, Same Jesus.”

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”
(Hebrews 13:8, NIV)

CHURCH-WIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ On **Friday, January 10th**, at **6:30 pm** in the Family Life Center (FLC), join **WOW** for an engaging conclusion the final chapter, *Chapter 10, "Go Get It,"* of Dr. Darius Daniels' impactful book, *“Your Purpose Is Calling,”* facilitated by Rev. Bonnie Epps-Burgess. Enjoy light refreshments while connecting with others, and bring a \$10 wrapped gift for a fun exchange.
 - ◆ On **Saturday, January 11th** (*How to Study the Bible, Prayer & Spiritual Formation, and The Sacraments*) & **25th** (*The Connectional & Local AME Church & Stewardship*) **New Members Classes** will be held at **9am** in the FLC.
 - ◆ On **Sunday, January 12th**, **Join A Ministry (JAM) Sunday** will be held after service in the FLC. Come out to learn more about MCAMEC ministries and join one our more of them.
 - ◆ On **Wednesday, January 15th**, we celebrate an American icon, **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**, (*learn more about him by observing this federal holiday that will be held on Jan. 20th this year and visiting the [Martin Luther King, Jr. Day](#) webpage*).
 - ◆ On **Sunday, January 26th**, we will celebrate **Annual HBCU/College Day**. Be sure to wear your HBCU swag.
 - ◆ The **2024 Giving Statements** will be available in January. To obtain your statement, click on this [link](#) and complete & submit the Member Contact Update and Giving Statement Request form.
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Please join us in our weekly **POWER CELLS!**

- Join us on the **6am Jewel Cromwell Johnson Prayer Line** on **Monday-Friday** for Prayer and Devotion.
Phone Conference Call Line:
725-735-9012 (No Passcode)
- Join us every **Thursday** for **Thursday Treats for the Thirsty - Zooming in His Word** at 7pm.
- Join us every **Sunday** at **Church School** from **9 am - 9:45 am** in the FLC.
- Joins us every **Wednesday** for **Church-wide Bible Study** at **7pm**

January Prayer Requests

Bishop Reginal T. Jackson
Presiding Elder Johnny Calhoun
Pastor Bob & Rev. Angie Cox
Bro. Andrew Adams
Bro. Bruce Ashe
Sis. June Bryant
Mother Cleo Cole
Bro. Carlton Epps
Sis. Vivian Fenton
Sis. Florine Fields



Sis. Cheron Jones
Sis. Gerri Miles
Sis. Odessa Scott
Sis. Candace Watkins
Bro. Warren Whitworth
Sis. Cynthia Whye
Bro. Alfred Williams
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Mt. Calvary Church Family

Special Birthday greetings goes out to all those celebrating a birthday in the month of **January**, from your CCU Leader Sis. Elissa Ross (rosselissa@gmail.com). May you experience God's richest blessings, amazing grace, unmerited favor, perfect piece, and wonderous love in your new season. Happy Birthday!!



Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, says the Lord Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.
Malachi 3:10

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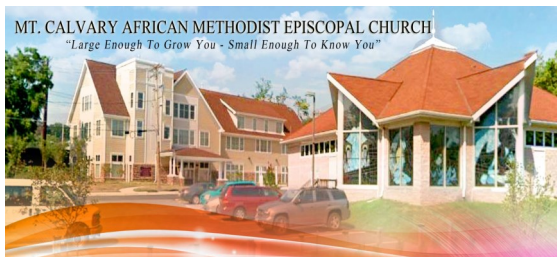
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Items for the Messenger must be submitted by the 2nd Friday of each month. Leaders, please add the following address to your email contacts to receive a reminder: mtcalvaryamemessenger@gmail.com.