

# CALVARY CONNECTION

December 2010



# Angel Tree Project

## Be a Blessing to Someone This Holiday

### Purpose:

A Community Outreach Project where members of Calvary donate gifts to children on behalf of incarcerated parents or family members.



Angels will be available on Sunday November 28th @ Foyer of church, along with further instruction.

Please wrap & return gift(s) with child's name by Wednesday December 15th

A collaboration between:  
Prison Ministry  
Men of Standard  
B2M/TLC Teen Lounge

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## Volunteers Needed!

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON  
BY WRAPPING GIFTS!**

New Jersey AIDS Services will be hosting  
gift-wrapping services at the Rockaway Mall from  
November 26 – December 24.

***We are in need of volunteers to help us wrap gifts  
and collect donations!!***

**All proceeds will benefit people living with HIV/AIDS in New Jersey.**

You can choose to volunteer as an individual or as a group with family, friends or co-workers!  
There are several shifts throughout the day. Each shift lasts approximately 4 hours in length.

### Interested?

There are still many shifts available. For more information or to schedule your volunteer shift, please email Rosanne Maglio at [rmaglio@theericjohnsonhouse.org](mailto:rmaglio@theericjohnsonhouse.org)





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## CALVARY'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, AFTER 10:45AM SERVICE**  
**PRATER SHEEPFOLD CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 7:00PM**  
**COLLEGIATE END OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION**  
Location: MJFH

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 8:00PM**  
**CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE**  
Location: Calvary

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 10:00PM**  
**NEW YEAR'S WORSHIP SERVICE**  
Location: Calvary

The Women of Purpose Ministry  
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## ***HOLIDAY BAKED GOODS EXTRAVAGANZA***

***Due to your lively response, the event  
formerly known as the 'Christmas  
Cookie Exchange' has been expanded  
and the date changed!***

**Sunday, December 19**

Immediately following the Christmas Play!!

In the Mahalia Jackson Fellowship Hall

**HOW IT WORKS:** Bring your **BAKED** Christmas  
cookies, cakes, pies, brownies, cookie bars, etc.;  
along with a typed card with your name, the name  
of and the ingredients in your  
baked goods. The baked goods will be shared as  
refreshments following the play!

**Cider, Tea & Coffee will be served.**

**Sign-up in MJFH following worship service.**

**For additional information see**

**Sister Melisa Carter or Min Valerie Elaine Williams**

## 'TIS THE SEASON

Every one of our senses is affected in this joyous and wonderful season of the year – sight, smell, taste, touch and hearing! Truly, for me, like so many others, it is my most favorite time of the year. Despite the commercialism of Christmas, there's still a spirit of love and cheer that most people seem to embody and embrace. I love the hustle and bustle, the decorations, the various festivities experienced at home as well as work. Everything is out of the ordinary and exciting. It seems to linger for weeks.

It's also a time of reflection, not just for what the year has brought to us, but for God's children, it is a time to reflect, once again, on our Savior and what His birth into the world means. Some of those reflections are conveyed in this month's issue: An excerpt of Deaconess Barbara Moore Prater's speech at the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration between Pastor and People and a feature of one of our youth, Marissa Jackson, conveying a tangible act that truly reflects one of the principles our Savior taught.

Though 2010 is winding down, it isn't quite done yet. Share in the joy of the season by either supporting or participating in some of the activities that Calvary is offering this month. Also, be sure to review the announcements and advertisements so as not to miss anything. Most of all, let us remember the real reason for the season, our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.

May your Christmas be a blessed, safe and joyful one!

Happy reading!

– MINISTER EVONNE JEFFERSON, EDITOR

### YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE

Due to upcoming holidays in November, December and January, we are not afforded as many days to work on each month's edition, so we ask that you please be mindful and adhere to all of the admission dates for articles and advertisements so that The Connection can be made available to the congregation the first Sunday of the respective months. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Thank you!

The Calvary Connection Staff

#### THE CALVARY CONNECTION EDITORIAL CALENDAR 2010

MONTH	YEAR	THEME	DUE DATE FOR ARTICLES 1ST DRAFT	2ND DRAFT/REVISIONS	FINAL	FLIER FINAL
January	2011	New Year's	12/08/10	12/15/10	12/20/10	12/20/10
February	2011	Black History	1/7/11	1/14/11	1/27/11	1/27/11

# A RESTORATION RETROSPECTIVE

*"But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.'" (Luke 15:22 NIV)*

## Parables of Restoration & Rejoicing

Parables are windows through which we look to see the heart of God. Jesus tells the parable that contains our theme scripture for the year to correct the theology of those who thought they knew the heart of God. Jesus is talking to a group of people who assumed that God shuns sinners and wants nothing to do with them. Sadly, more than 2,000 years later, there are those in the church who believe sinners should be shunned. That's why the set of stories that Jesus tells the mistaken crowd in Luke 15 still speak to us today.

Jesus speaks of a lost sheep, a lost coin and a lost son. In the story of the shepherd finding the lost sheep he says, "There will be rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents," (Luke 15:7). In the story of the woman finding the lost coin He says, "There is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents," (Luke 15:10). And, in the story of the lost son returning his father Jesus paints a picture of a father throwing a party to celebrate his son returning home and being restored to the family.

The universal Church is God's family. Our local church is a family of believers. As such we should be very inter-

ested in restoring lost souls because God is very interested in restoring lost souls. Three times Jesus says there is cause for celebration when the lost are found. Therefore, Calvary, our church family must not allow our yearlong emphasis on restoration to be theoretical. We must practically be about our Father's business of restoring the lost – whether that be ourselves or others.

## God's Part & Our Part

In the parable the father throws a party to celebrate the son's restoration to the family. This shows us not only God's role in restoration but also our own. The father forgives the son before the son even confesses his sin: "While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him," (Luke 15:20). That's God part. He forgives and restores.

The son is in touch with his need for forgiveness and restoration. He says, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son," (Luke 15:21). That's our part. We must confess our sins and return to The Father.

Notice that the father in the parable is not concerned with keeping a record of the son's sins. All he wants to do is restore the son to the family and celebrate his return: "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet...and celebrate. For

this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate," (Luke 15:22-24).

## Be Honest With Yourself

Too many times when we hear this story, we judge the son. I challenge you...before you judge him...try on his shoes. Ask yourself, "How's my walk with the Lord? How am I doing on my course? Am I still heading in the right direction, or have I veered off track? Is my lifestyle, or my opinion of myself, consistent with who God says I am?"

Sometime in the future (if not already in your past or even right now), the answers to these questions may cause embarrassment or shame. The truth is, all of us – just like the so called prodigal son, stumble at some point. But, the Good News of the Gospel is that God – through Jesus -- has made a way for us to get up, dust ourselves off and get back on track. God has also given us free will. And, with that will comes the ability to determine how long our deviation from the path will last. Isn't it good to know that we can choose when we will get on the road to restoration?

## Returning to The Father & Accepting Our Responsibility

The first step is to recognize our need for restoration. The son in Luke 15 comes to himself and decides to return to his father. Once we come to ourselves, we are able to return to our Heav-



– PASTOR JERRY M. CARTER, JR.

enly Father by doing what God commands in 2 Chronicles 7:14: "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."

We see a portrait of this healing in Zechariah 3:1-9. Joshua, who represents the people of God, is given new clothes for his new assignment in the house of God. Just as Joshua is commanded to keep God's requirements, so are we. In Zechariah 3:7 the angel of the Lord explains that there is a direct correlation between our obedience and our blessings. We cannot manipulate God, or earn blessings, by being obedient. But, we limit ourselves when we are disobedient. The end of this passage, Zechariah 3:8-9, predicts Christ's coming and the cancellation of our sin-debt on Calvary's cross. Praise God that because of Christ, when we find ourselves off of the path of righteousness and realize our need for restoration, we can return to The



Father with confidence. If we are willing to confess, repent and start again, the Lord will forgive us our sins, purify us from all unrighteousness, and put us back on track. Put simply, when we return the Father He will restore us!

Once we have been restored, we have the responsibility of restoring others. Jesus

told Peter, "When you have repented and turned to me again, strengthen and build up your brothers [and sisters]," (Luke 22:32 NLT). The Apostle Paul instructed the early church, "If someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him [or her] gently," (Galatians 6:1a). As members of the family of God, you and I are

called to help one another maintain our spiritual walk.

Remember, Jesus says there is rejoicing in heaven when one soul who has veered off the path is restored. The Greek word for "restore" brings to mind the image of setting a broken bone. Following this image, can you see our church as a hospital of sorts

specializing in the treatment of broken lives? When we view the church this way, we understand that God saved us to be bone menders. When we received Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we became the children of God, answering His call to be a part of a healing and loving family that cares enough to restore. ■

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## EXCERPTS FROM 2010 PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY REFLECTIONS

BY BARBARA MOORE PRATER

Good Evening. Giving Honor to God, to our esteemed honoree Pastor Carter and his family, members of the dais and members of the clergy, honored guests, and all of our brothers and sisters in Christ, it is my sincere honor to stand before you tonight to offer reflections on behalf of the congregation. As we have been reminded, this is a celebration of Pastor and People. In reality, this is mainly a celebration about how God answers prayers.

In 1990, the people of Calvary prayed fervently for a preacher. We had ideas about the kind of preacher we wanted. But in sending Pastor Carter, God didn't just answer our specific petitions; he gave us what we needed. As a people, we thought we knew what we needed. But God said, "You can be so much more. Trust me. I'll give you what you need." In responding, He didn't just send us a preacher; He sent us a shepherd.

In 20 years, our Pastor has served God and this Church faithfully. He has led us in worship, Bible study and Christian discipleship. He has blessed babies, married couples, sat at sick beds, counseled and comforted the dying. He has preached funerals for young and old, members and even non-members when there was an urgent Word for the unsaved. He has supervised ministers and ordained clergy and laity. His name is recognized throughout the nation and even other parts of the world; yet he calls Morristown, NJ his home. During the month of pre-anniversary celebra-

tion, notable guests have called him an anointed "jug of mud," a "star among seekers," even "buff," but we all know him as a man filled with the Holy Spirit, preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ -- effortlessly with passion and precision, with compassion and commitment.

In that same vein, he chose the right helpmate in the beautiful and humble Melisa Rooks Carter, and together they have raised a family of three and have welcomed a fourth into their home as their own. He loves and respects his mother and reveres his father as all children should do – even (or especially) at the age of forty-something. He is a support to his own siblings; yet he calls many "brother" and "sister." He loves the Lord and the Lord loves him. He is a man of God and we are blessed to call him Pastor.

Over the past 20 years, we've become genuine Bible seekers, packing out Bible Study and two services weekly. Our ministers preach and our teachers teach, with diverse education and experience, proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our singing and music is first class. We're on the web, on television; we can stream live and watch real time. We've outgrown our church, and built add-ons twice.

Our young boys grow up to be Men of Standard and our young women are poised to become Women of Purpose. We embrace our mission, with a thirst for the Word, Worship and Witness. We are also learning to Love. We have caring ministries, focused on the whole

person. There's Wellspring, Touch, Prison, Singles, Couples, Men, Women, Youth, Nursery, Golden Years, Missions, and Deliverance, to name just a few. God is saving souls in Morristown, and we are a vehicle for His purpose, welcoming, nurturing and encouraging new members to become involved in church life, and liking each other to fellowship often.

This is tangible growth, focused more on quality and character rather than numbers. I dare say that every one of us can say that we are not the same person, not the same Christian after 20 years of shepherding under Rev. Dr. Jerry M. Carter, Jr. So, what was God's message when he answered our prayers more than 20 years ago? Well, I believe that God wanted us to know at least 3 things: First, He is still in control, no matter what. Second, you don't always know what you need, but if you ask God you'll get it! And, third, God can do mighty things when a people pray and a servant is obedient, and even more when his servant is obedient. Let's give God all the praise for what He has done; for sending us just what we needed; for keeping Pastor and People together for 20 years, and for what He yet promises for us in the future. It is my sincere prayer that the future God holds for us will bind Pastor Jerry M. Carter, Jr. with the People of Calvary Baptist Church through the lasting love of Jesus Christ. Amen! ■

# DOES SLAVERY STILL EXIST?

BY REVEREND ANGELITA CLIFTON

Unfortunately, the answer is yes! Human Trafficking, also known as, Modern Day Slavery, thrives in the shade of our silent content. Contrary to popular beliefs, slavery never ended; it continues in the U.S. and abroad, facilitated by globalization, corruption and greed. An estimated 27 million people live in bondage today, yet we know so little about their plight. Trafficking human beings is the second largest criminal enterprise in the world after drug trafficking. Modern day slaves are forced to work as prostitutes, abused laborers and domestic servants. Hidden in plain sight are more people enslaved today than the number of slaves kidnapped from Africa over the four centuries of the Trans-Atlantic slave trade.

Using various tactics of physical, psychological and economic manipulation, traffickers prey on vulnerable populations who are the easiest to exploit. Often the victims targeted are undocumented migrants, at-risk youth and runaways; but it is important to realize anyone can become a victim. Traffickers frequently deceive those targeted by feigning to be their friend and or protector. Many of us are deluded into believing such grave injustices only occur in foreign countries, far away from our day to day lives; but we are all culprits in this crime. Comfortably couched in the consumer mindset, we allow what is

tantamount to the slave trade of the 1800's to happen again, right under our noses.

In 2004, when I first heard the terminology Human Trafficking, I began to wonder what the Lord required of me. Some six years later, I now understand that giving voice to the victims of Modern Day Slavery is my blessing. As a Christian, I believe that all human beings are made in the image of God, that every person is of intrinsic worth and value before God and that every individual has a right to the fullness of life, abundant and eternal. I've discovered my responsibility is to use my time and talents to heighten awareness about human trafficking while advocating for global policies that impede selling human beings to the highest bidder. As one of seven Coordinators for the Lott Carey Anti-Human Trafficking Initiative, I facilitate workshops geared toward mobilizing congregations for action. I am both convicted and convinced increasing awareness and advocacy, coupled with the concerted action of God's people, are the keys to combating human trafficking. The workshops engage congregants using service strategies to provide concrete ways for the entire spiritual community to minister to both the victims and the victimizers. Second Samuel 13:1-22, evokes the question – What does the Lord require of me? The congregants are encouraged to find the answer by volunteering to serve, giving of their time, talents and treasures, remembering we are blessed to be a blessing! ■



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# ACCEPT TAPS A NEW RESOURCE: DREW UNIVERSITY INTERNS

BY MINISTER BY DAVID A. HOLLOWELL , PHOTO BY MINISTER ODETTA DUMAS

After scrambling over the past few years to meet the homework assistance needs of its students, the staff of the ACCEPT Program (After-school Child Care, Enrichment Programs & Tutorials) have begun tapping a new resource that will hopefully prove to move the program to a new level of effectiveness and impact. A few months ago, Min. Rob Martorano, a Calvary member and current theological school student, came across a contact in a Drew University program supported by the Office of Federal Community Service. With some notion that the program could be of help to the ACCEPT program, he introduced Sis. Vanessa Brown to the Director of the program at Drew. After a round of interviews and screenings, four candidates from Drew were identified and three of those undergraduates have been invited to become tutors and homework assistants in the ACCEPT program. Please join us in welcoming Sarah Osterberg, Heather Arnold and Kiah Edmondson. We are positively excited about the role these committed students can have in supporting and nurturing our young people to become the best that they can be. The accompanying photos show

that the Drew interns have already integrated into the program operations and have been well-received by ACCEPT students and parents. We are hopeful that even more Calvary members and community residents will take advantage of this opportunity to enroll in this vital program. Students in the program currently range from third grade through eighth grade. Since there is open enrollment, students can register to participate at any time in the year. The ACCEPT Program is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization designed to provide quality instruction, socialization, cultural awareness and intellectual stimulation for children from preschool through middle school. The program is housed in the educational wing of the Calvary Baptist Church, located at 10 Martin Luther King Avenue in Morristown, NJ. ACCEPT grew out of the need to establish an environment for after-school services for students in a structured and supervised fashion. ACCEPT has become an organizational entity unto itself with its own staff and program content. Offerings currently available or which are being planned include:



- Homework monitoring and assistance
- Enrichment classes: Public Speaking, Art, Computers and Technology, and Introductory Spanish
- Field Trips
- Career Presentations
- Tutoring in Math, English, and other selected topics as needed

Scheduled hours are from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM and run Monday through Friday, in synchronization with the academic calendar of the Morris School District. Some students arrive early at 2:30 PM. The majority of current students are in the lower grades, but the new interns are equipped to work with students of all ages. For more information, please call Sis. Vanessa Brown on 973-960-1480. ■

## CALVARY'S GOLDEN YEARS MINISTRY

**INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR OUR HOLIDAY OUTING TO SEE**

*Christmas at the Playhouse*

*Wednesday, December 15*

*at the Hunterdon Hills Dinner Theatre*

*Hampton, NJ*

*Bus departs Calvary promptly at 10am*

••• **Tickets \$67** •••

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# BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE

# HOLY REMEMBRANCE

BY MINISTER DAVID A. HOLLOWELL

*"O Holy Night, the stars are shining brightly. It is the night of the dear Savior's birth!"* As we gaze at the marvelous tapestry of the star-spangled night on a cold December evening, it is a good thing to stop and contemplate the miracle of the Christ child, and the reasons our spirits soar when we realize the magnificence of the sovereign God who made this Holy Season possible. Our souls cry out, "How Great Thou Art" to behold the beauty of creation, and the love and grace of the Master who allowed His Son to be born of a virgin, take upon Himself the burdens of our sins, and make the ultimate sacrifice so we could be reconciled with Him.

When we drink in the majesty of the moment, we realize that the infinite God, who sits high, has looked down upon humankind to display His concern for each of us, and to extend His hand of mercy to draw us into loving fellowship with Him. At a precious time like this, we are compelled to remember that all we like sheep have gone astray, and yet, our Shepherd has reached out to us to sweep us under His protective wing to shelter us from hurt, harm and danger.

As the crisp winter air refreshes our minds and bodies, remember that the trappings of the season – the merriment, the gift-giving, the pageantry, the music, and the festiveness – are but a shadow of what we should be held in exultation. When we reflect on the goodness of God, the manifold bless-

ings that we have accrued arise from the greatest gift that has ever been given by anyone, anywhere, and at any time: the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

The list is innumerable and interminable of the bounty that has redounded to us through Jesus, the bishop and shepherd of our souls. As we move into the revelry of this approaching holiday season, let us bring to holy remembrance the things that make us special members of the family of God:

- **Health and strength**
- **The promise of eternal life**
- **Eternal security**
- **Peace that passes all understanding**
- **Joy unspeakable**
- **Love unbounded**
- **Blessed assurance**
- **Forgiveness and faithful fellowship**
- **Perpetual interceding advocacy**

This December, let us not only relish our Merry Christmas, and our happy, glorious New Year, but let us also savor the sweet holy remembrance of why Jesus is the reason for the season. ■

## A CONTAGIOUS CHRISTMAS

This is a special time of the year for us as we celebrate the greatest gift of all in Jesus Christ. God's Love for us compelled him to GIVE!

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life."* God through Jesus Christ has provided for all the great Hope for Love, Peace and Joy in the world with the coming of his Son.

As we celebrate this season, make sure we make this a **"Contagious Christmas"** by sharing the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ with all those we come in contact with during this Christmas season. May the Joy, Love, Peace and Hope that we have spread with **"Contagious Enthusiasm"** as we contemplate and celebrate the greatest gift of all in **Jesus Christ!**

*O Come Let Us Adore Him!*

*May God Bless you richly during this Christmas Season!*

**Calvary Baptist Church School**

THE CHURCH SCHOOL AND DRAMA MINISTRY PRESENT

## A Contagious Christmas

SHARING THE GIFT OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, December 19 at 3pm

*In the Calvary Baptist Church Sanctuary*



Refreshments to Follow in the  
Mahalia Jackson Fellowship Hall



# ILLUMINATIONS

WITH MINISTER DAVID A. HOLLOWELL  
SHINING A LIGHT ON CALVARY MEMBER

## Marissa Jackson



### A Lesson in Real Giving:

As we approach the holiday season, most of us have become accustomed to giving to family and friends – sometimes as an expression of the value we place on friendships or relationships, and sometimes as an act of habit or familial obligation. Hopefully, our giving as Christians stems from our love and heart-felt attachment to those who are the recipients of our gifts, with the intent of bringing encouragement, joy, or solace to another life. Such giving reflects awareness that you may not receive any reciprocity, or even an acknowledgment of thanks for the gift you have given.

Giving, with no expectation of return, and with a genuine desire to do good for others requires maturity, and embodies what the Bible describes as “agape” love. It is often difficult for adults to display this kind of generosity, and very rare to see this in a young person. But the subject of this article is just such a one, who earlier this year made a sacrificial contribution to help people she did not know, in a place where she has never been.

Marissa Jackson, a poised and personable member of the Calvary congregation, was intensely moved by the widespread destruction caused by the devastating earthquake that struck Haiti in January. She was not only affected emotionally, but decided to do something about it. With compassion and determination, she scraped together her meager savings to send \$50.00 contribution to help in her own way to alleviate the suffering in this country already wracked by poverty. What is truly remarkable is that Marissa is a 13-year-old eighth grader at Dover Middle School who does not receive an allowance, and who has no job to generate income. The money she put together came from her personal savings that she was able to accumulate over an extended period of time, and represented a deep personal sacrifice.

When asked how she was moved to such a level of generosity, Marissa explained that her mother, Dorothy Mason, had initially discussed the situation with her, and she subsequently followed the story on the news. It became apparent that there was a tremendous need for

food and medical help and Marissa felt that her donation to the cause would go towards making a difference. We applaud Marissa for her global mission’s awareness and concern for others, and trust that she is well on her way to becoming a role model for others.

Marissa Noelle Jackson, a well-rounded young lady, has many interests and involvements. She loves to read, write music, swim and run. Up until a few years ago, she was an active gymnast, training up to sixty hours a week, and she has many trophies and awards to her credit. Both she and her older sister, Aisha, are faithful members of the Church School, and Marissa participates in the choir and Sounds of Silence ministries. Marissa wants to major in pre-med when she gets to college because her professional goal is to become an obstetrician. It should come as no surprise then that she has contributed in the past to the American Heart Association and St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital. Thanks, Marissa, for giving us a lesson in real giving! ■

### SAVE THE DATE

KOINONIA SINGLES MINISTRY’S  
3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL  
VALENTINE’S DAY BREAKFAST  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2011  
10:30AM-12:30PM

### Hope Peace & Joy

**For Single Parents**

**Come out on Dec. 8**

**and bring your favorite MUG.**

**Take a break from the Holiday hustle & bustle.  
Relax over cup of hot chocolate, coffee or tea.**

**SIT BACK AND ENJOY THE REAL REASON  
FOR THIS SEASON!**

**Where: Wellspring Wellness center  
(next to the church)**

**When: 7-8pm**

**For more info contact:**

**Tracey Denny-Williams @ 201-396-2789  
or Malissa Hairston @ 973-998-4003**

## CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS!!!

### Mission Statement

*We seek to empower youth to express love for God and be mature disciples of Jesus Christ in Christian Character, Christian Education and Christian Service.*

#### EXPECTATIONS IN THE SANCTUARY

1. All youth under age 13 are expected to worship with their parents every Sunday
2. Youth may sit in the sanctuary and balcony ONLY
3. **TURN OFF CELL PHONES IN THE SANCTUARY**
4. Walking during the Word of God and Invitation to Discipleship, is not permitted
5. Please eat candy, get drinks of water and go to the rest-room prior to the start of worship, youth should remain in worship through the benediction

### Attention Parents/Guardians (KIDS:K-5)

Calvary Baptist Church is committed to providing a transformative Christian experience that fosters the healthy spiritual growth and development of its children and youth. We seek the cooperation of all parents and guardians to assist the church in providing a safe environment when our children are participating in worship and other ministry experiences.

#### Please agree to:

Be with your child in **EVERY** part of the church at **ALL** times,  
Escort your child to the restroom at **ALL** times **AND** wait for them,  
Sign your child in and out of each ministry activity (e.g. Church School, Children's Church, Bible Study, Rehearsals-signing, dance, or choir, Youth Night),  
Make sure you have completed/signed the emergency form/permission slip **BEFORE** dropping your child off for **ANY** activity,  
Pick your child up **PROMPTLY** at the conclusion of their ministry event.

### PARENTS!

#### Make the Parent Connection

email youth achievements to [youth@calvarybc.org](mailto:youth@calvarybc.org)

#### BE ENCOURAGED...

You are still the greatest influence on the spiritual life of your child(ren). Are you modeling the discipleship or worship that you would like to reproduce? Check out Center for Parent/Youth Understanding, [www.cpyu.org](http://www.cpyu.org)

## REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS

### NEW Middle & High School Ministry

*"Teen Lounge"* Middle School at CBC and High School at The Famished Frog, 18 Washington Street, Morristown 973-540-9601

Wednesdays from 6-8pm, Dec. 1 & 15

*Sounds of Silence* (sign language: gr. 6-12)

Wednesdays and Fridays: 8-9pm (Chapel), Dec. 3, 8, 10

*Boyz II Men* (boys, gr. 3-12), 6-8pm

*Teens Loving Christ* (girls, gr. 6-12), 6:30-8pm

*Motions Of Praise* (dance, gr. 6-12),

Thursdays: 6:30-8:30pm (MJFH), Dec. 2, 9, 11, 16, 23, 30

*Youth Night* (gr. K-5) Scheduled Fridays: 7:30-9:15pm,

*Shouts of Joy Children's Choir Rehearsal* (gr. Pre-K-5th)

*Spirit and Truth Youth Choir Rehearsal* (gr. 6-12)

Both Choirs: Wednesdays and Fridays: 6:30-8pm, Dec. 3, 8, 10

*Ministry in Song*: Dec. 12 at 10:45

(attire: red top and black skirt/pants)

## COMMUNITY

### HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT at BETHLEHEM CHURCH

Kid's Connection: Dec. 3 & 17

Every 1st & 3rd Friday, 7:30-11pm

Sports, food, hot topics

73 East Hanover Avenue, Morris Township next to the Mercedes-Benz dealership

### 10:45am - Children's Church is open!

Provides child care & training for infants and children up to 1st grade during worship.  
Come downstairs to the Little Lambs Room!

### 10:45am - Youth Worship is now Open!

For children in grades 4-7, specifically designed to increase understanding & practice of the Christian faith. Located directly behind the choir loft in the Chapel

***Come worship with us!***



THE CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
"MEN OF STANDARD" MINISTRY PRESENTS:

# A SEMINAR OF COMPASSION UNTO THE LEAST OF THESE

FACILITATED BY CALVARY'S OWN:  
REV. MICHAEL  
BETHUNE, M.DIV.,

AUTHOR OF  
"UNTO THE LEAST  
OF THESE"

[WWW.MICHAELBETHUNE.COM](http://WWW.MICHAELBETHUNE.COM)



**WHEN:** SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11TH, 2010

**WHERE:** CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, MORRISTOWN NJ

**TIME:** 8:00AM - 12:00PM

*[FOLLOWED BY A BOOK SIGNING & RECEPTION]*

**REGISTRATION: FREE** [\$10.00 WORKBOOK FEE]

This seminar is for:

- Pastors / clergy, lay leaders, seminarians & bible college students
- Outreach ministry leaders & workers, missionaries
- Church & Para-church ministries seeking to learn how to better help the homeless, addicted & re-entry populations
- Not-for-profit / organization leaders & staff
- Anyone with a genuine desire to help the "Least of These", God's people.

**PLEASE RSVP THE NUMBER OF YOUR GROUP BY  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 6TH, 2010 TO ROSELYN AT (973) 267-9079 EXT.3**

REV. JERRY M. CARTER, JR. PH.D., SENIOR PASTOR