

CALVARY CONNECTION

DECEMBER 2009



Celebrate The Savior



Calvary's Christmas Celebration!
Celebrating the Gift of
Jesus Christ, The Messiah
Featuring a Dramatic Presentation & Concert
Sunday, December 20, 2009
5:00pm



Angel Tree Project

Be a Blessing to Someone this Holiday!

Purpose: A community outreach project where Calvary members donate gifts to children on behalf of incarcerated parents/family members.

Please pick up your angel(s) name and further instructions from the tree Sunday, November 29th in the church foyer

Gifts are due by Sunday, December 13th

Please wrap gifts and include children's names

Calvary Baptist Church 10 Martin Luther King Ave. Morristown, NJ 07960

A Collaboration Between:
Prison Ministry, Teens Loving Christ Ministry,
Boys to Men Ministry, Men of Standard Ministry

Please Contact: Samaria Paul for questions.

*"Share with God's people who are in need.
Practice hospitality" - Romans 12:13 (NIV)*



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CHRISTMAS – EVERY DAY

It's just about the end of yet another year, and, if Our Lord and Savior delays His coming, in less than five weeks, the year 2009 will be a not-so-distant past kissing the face of a brand New Year, 2010. Many, perhaps you, will make what we sometimes redefine as goals in lieu of New Year's resolutions. If we share any commonality, we'll engage in pensive states, reflecting on our accomplishments, failed attempts, but yet tried, and good intentions that just never materialized. Some of us may not want to think that far in advance for Christmas has not yet even come! That's precisely why I am thinking about it.

Christmas, the 25th day of December when some celebrate the birth of the Savior, Jesus Christ, is held at the end of the year and in seven days, if not less, is quickly forgotten. We are off to what lies ahead.

A lot of beautiful things happen during this season. Manifestations of love are more abundant; gifts are given and received from kin folk, friends, co-workers and yes, even strangers. Pious expressions are shared in passing between those we do not know and shall never see again, festivities are plentiful, streets are lit in an array of hues; there is an excitement and joy in the atmosphere unlike any other time of the year. If only it did not end so soon. If only that spirit could

linger just a little while longer. If only it could begin sooner and end later, much later than seven days. If only it could be everyday.

I guess as humans, we're just not programmed to stay stuck in time. But that's just it. Christmas is not about a time as much as it is about Who it represents – Christ. The Day bears our Savior's name. Regardless of the commercialism the world has placed upon it, for Christians, Christmas is about Christ.

Though we have no concrete evidence as to when He was actually born, we celebrate that one day The Father gave to the world His One and Only Son. We celebrate Jesus! A Day has been devoted on the calendar to celebrate an extraordinary event, the birth of Jesus! We celebrate His life! We celebrate that He was born to die so that we could live. We celebrate Him in all His glory! He is not confined to a particular time of year. Christ does not pick and choose which day He will live in us or be with us. He is Immanuel, Christ, God with us - everyday. And because he is with us Christmas is extended. Christmas is everyday, for Christ, God, is with us everyday!

Merry Christmas!

– MINISTER EVONNE JEFFERSON, EDITOR

DEAR CALVARY MEMBERS,

We are excited about our new look and want to continue to produce a publication in a most excellent way. **We are experimenting with publishing The Calvary Connection monthly.** Please know that The Calvary Connection is here for you. It is an excellent vehicle to promote your ministry and any events you will be hosting. Therefore, we welcome your stories, photos, fliers and anything that may be newsworthy to Calvary Baptist Church and the community.

In an effort to make sure that we serve your ministerial needs in terms of stories regarding your events, fliers and event dates, please follow the editorial Calendar below.

Our goal is to have the publication printed and available to members and guests by the first Sunday of each month. So, please note, in order to meet this desire, it is imperative that everyone adhere to all deadline dates. Please continue to submit your printed announcements to generalinfo@calvarybc.org. Any fliers you would like published in The Connection please forward to: connection@calvarybc.org. Our deadline for the January edition is December 18th.

We thank you for your prayers and support as we seek to do ministry in a more excellent way.

THE CALVARY CONNECTION EDITORIAL CALENDAR 2010

MONTH	YEAR	THEME	DUE DATE FOR ARTICLES 1ST DRAFT	2ND DRAFT/REVISIONS	FINAL
January	2010	New Year and/or MLK focus	12/4/09	12/11/09	12/18/09
February	2010	Black History Month	1/8/10	1/15/10	1/20/10



TOUCH MINISTRY

The **AIDS Awareness Tree** will be on display from Sunday, November 29 - Sunday, December 20, 2009 in the Mahalia Jackson Fellowship Hall.

If you would like to recognize someone who has been impacted by HIV/AIDS (living with HIV/AIDS, passed from it or a family member/friend/caretaker) and have their name added to the **AIDS Awareness Tree**, please fill out this form and put it in the **Touch Ministry** box on the landing in the front foyer.

If you have any questions, contact Rhonda Newton at (973)-592-7540.

BREAKING THE CYCLE OF SILENCE ABOUT HIV/AIDS!

AIDS AWARENESS TREE

Name: _____
(first name only, initials or full name will be accepted)

Significant Date: _____
(date of birth, date of death or date found out status)

Hobbies/Interests: _____
(to capture the person's personality/spirit on the leaf)



WOMEN OF CALVARY

CBC WOMEN OF PURPOSE MINISTRY'S 2010 KICK-OFF BREAKFAST & BUSINESS MEETING

SISTER-TO-SISTER

PRAYER

Saturday, January 30, 2010, 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

SCRIPTURE

FELLOWSHIP

Mahalia Jackson Fellowship Hall

2010 AGENDA

RSVP by January 15, 2010

Complete the information below, tear it off and drop it in the Women of Purpose box in the front lobby or the box on the table in the rear lobby.

plan to attend - Please prepare a place for me at the table!

WOMEN OF PURPOSE MINISTRY'S SISTER-TO-SISTER 2010 KICK-OFF BREAKFAST & MEETING JANUARY 30, 2010.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone: Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

E-mail 1: _____ 2: _____



GIVING THAT GLORIFIES GOD

Since the primary objective of the universal church is to extend its Christian witness to the ends of the earth, we must make mission-minded outreach ministry a higher priority.

More than 1.5 billion people are missing out on the opportunity to hear and experience the life-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ. They are living in pockets of lostness, hidden behind cultural, physical, political and language barriers. Breaking down these barriers is not just the work of those who are actively involved in the Missions or Evangelism Ministries. Every baptized believer is called to make disciples of Jesus Christ by spreading the good news of the gospel (evangelism) and the love of God (missions).

Therefore, as a church, we will allocate more of our resources to domestic and foreign missions.

To do this, we will follow the model of ministry that Jesus provides in the 15th chapter of John's Gospel. We will do some pruning to ensure that more of the life-giving sap flows to these outreach branches of ministry making them even more fruitful.

Currently, approximately six percent of our total budget is earmarked for missions. Our goal is to give one tenth of our income back to God by using it to accomplish His mission in the world. Symbolically, we will tithe to missions within the next year or so. And, we will double the tithe — increasing our mission-minded outreach commitment to 20% — within the next five years.

This spirit of giving will glorify God and make disciples of Jesus Christ. ■

— PASTOR JERRY M. CARTER, JR.

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

WITH ANJI LIMÓN TAYLOR

What Would Jesus Give?

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

— John 4:10 (NIV)

My great-grandmother, Rosa Brooks Rogers went to be with the Lord on July 9, 1992 at the age of 104. Every Christmas, I remember a story she shared about the time she decided to explain to me what Christmas is really about. I was four years old, and apparently, once I grasped the idea that Christmas is the day we celebrate Jesus' birthday, my immediate response to her was, "Grandma, can I go to his party?" I can still hear her laughter as she told the story.

That story always makes me wonder what kind of gift I would take to a birthday party for Jesus. What do you give the man who has everything? Especially the man who Himself is a gift to all of us. I imagine Jesus being the kind of host who wouldn't want presents from his guests, as much as He would want our presence. He simply wants us to spend time with Him.

In John chapter 4, we learn about the woman at the well. Jesus knew that in order to reach her, He would have to meet her where she was - not just physically, but emotionally and spiritually, as well. The woman originally had no idea who she was speaking with, but by the end of the conversation, she received the gift that Jesus is referring to in John 4:10.

Our nation's economy has a lot of people dreading or not looking forward to Christmas this year because of their financial status. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the unemployment rate rose to 10.2% in October, the highest since April 1983. This means a lot of people are unemployed now. Of those who are employed, some are working reduced hours or trying to make one paycheck cover the expenses that were once handled by two paychecks. Most of our anxiety about Christmas comes from the belief that we cannot afford to give the kind of gift that would be appreciated. Do not let the world's belief system of what Christmas is about keep you

from celebrating the gift that is Jesus. In your giving, demonstrate His love by giving as He would give.

So, what would Jesus give? Remember, He meets us where we are. Your gifts can come from a place of giving your loved ones what they need. Let the Lord use you to provide. Think provision. People need food, water, shelter and in some cases, gasoline. If anything else, regardless of what your budget is, you can always afford to give presence. Spend time with someone in person or on the phone. Where two or more are gathered in His name is surely a birthday party for Jesus we can all attend!

Merry CHRISTmas!



Anji Limón Taylor is a freelance writer and member of CBC. Her story, "Change of Address" is being featured in the book, "Chicken Soup for the Soul: True Love" arriving in bookstores December 29th.

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

DELTA GEMS • MOTION OF PRAISE • YOUTH WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 14 TO DECEMBER 18

10 MARTIN LUTHER KING AVE., MORRISTOWN, NJ 07960

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GOD GRANTS SAFE PASSAGE FOR MISSION TO HAITI

BY MINISTER ROBERT MARTORANA

Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble. The Lord will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon the earth: and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies. – Psalm 41:1-2

The Lord blesses those who consider the poor, and the Lord protects those who serve. This promise was fulfilled on November 20th, when Dr. Judy Banks and Sister Ella Carrington returned safely from a week-long mission trip to Haiti.

Dr. Banks and Sister Carrington traveled with the Day Spring Chester team, providing medical and dental services to dozens of men, women, and children throughout the Bon Repos and Cabaret sections of Haiti. The churches in this area are overseen by Pastor Ronal LeFranc, who visited Calvary Baptist Church this October.

During this trip Sister Carrington also compiled information to help sponsor children, so Calvary's Missions Ministry is now better equipped to help those who attend the school in Cabaret. There are no public schools available to them, so these children depend on the Cabaret school for their education. Calvary Baptist Church already sponsors a hot lunch program at Cabaret, so the children are given a hot meal as well.



Haitians bring a woman in her bed to receive medical care. This reminds us of the passage in Mark 2:1-4, where four men in Capernaum brought a paralytic to Jesus through the roof of a building.



Dental care outdoors

The Day Spring team arrived on Saturday, November 14th in Port-au-Prince, and traveled to churches and schools to provide care. They also distributed notebooks, candy, and gift bags donated by Calvary Baptist Church. They stayed until November 20th, including one night spent in a tent in the mountains after a three-hour drive.

We thank God for this successful trip, and we pray that God will continue to use us to bless those in need. If you would like to join the Missions Ministry, we meet at 10:00 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month in the Ruth Room on the third floor of CBC. For more information, please contact Sisters Martha Ballard or Ella Carrington at ella.carrington@verizon.net, or Minister Robert Martorana at rmartora@drew.edu.

In the meantime, let us praise God for providing safe passage to Haiti, in Haiti, and from Haiti. Please visit our web site at: www.calvarybc.org/missionary.htm ■



The two photos above are from the school in Cabaret. It is built from wood and plastic with a tin roof.



A school in Bon Repos, which is built of concrete.



Students received new notebooks for school.

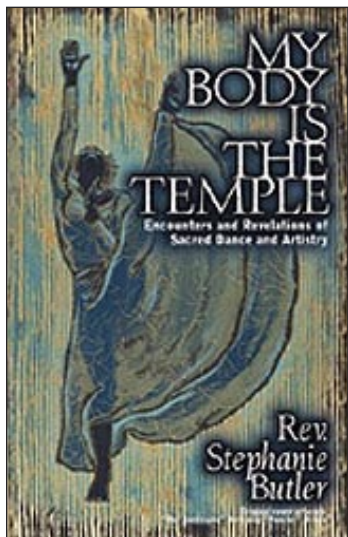


Food in Cabaret is prepared on the ground outside. People use local firewood for cooking as most of Haiti is now deforested.

What Compels One To Dance?

BY SIMONE LADSON BAITEY

What compels one to dance? Is it a natural internal rhythmic uncton, or a free, liberating expression of movement, or an opportunity to showcase? For New Mercies, Calvary's adult liturgical dance ministry, it is none of these. This worship arts ministry is committed to the continual study of biblical teachings on the call and authenticity of dance as a ministry.



In *My Body Is the Temple: Encounters and Revelations of Sacred Dance and Artistry*, Author Rev. Stephanie Butler declares that what compels the Liturgical Dance Minister to movement is “the knowledge that our very lives must be worship unto the Lord Jesus Christ to the glory of God the Father.” Later she clarifies that “We are all dancers.... However, we are not all called to liturgical dance ministry.”

1 Corinthians 6:19: *“Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you and you are not your own. You were bought with a price; therefore, glorify God with your whole body, and your spirit which are God’s.”* – NIV

Since the whole body is used to minister in dance, we must present ourselves as empty vessels to be filled with and used by the Holy Spirit.

When one is called by God, there is a burden, a passion, a tugging from God. While the Lord qualifies and equips those that He calls, there are two requirements, or necessary processes, for sacred dancers: purification and preparation.

All – everything that has breath – are called to dance (celebrate through movement) unto the Lord. But, not all are called to dance for the Lord and His people (the gift of dance under His anointing to execute His purpose). According to Rev. Butler, without purification and preparation, a dancer will carry out their own purpose and not God’s.

Butler testifies that God “called her to consecration.” In responding to His call, she discovered that the combination of human effort and God’s good work lead to whole-

ness. When sacred dancers minister under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, congregants can be made whole.

Butler teaches that one must take steps to purify the body in three parts: 1) mind, 2) body and 3) spirit. Attention must be given to each part as well as the body as a whole. New Mercies is prayerfully practicing purification and preparation as one body. Together, we are striving to:

- **Encourage each other in the faith and spiritual life and keep each other accountable.**

We are supporting and praying for each other, and gathering for fellowship.

- **Study Biblical foundations and principles for the ministry of dance.**

Our goal is to increase our understanding of our purpose and to walk in it.

- **Take time to renew, retreat and refresh.**

We are committed to: carving out time to rest in order to continue the work of ministry; spending quiet time focusing on God; and communing one-on-one with God.

- **Seek the leading of the Holy Spirit for impartation, anointing and strategies.**

During our worship time when we open our meetings, we will either: meditate on a scripture; pray with a focus on a scripture; celebrate the Word of God through dance; or embody the scripture by communicating the Word with body movements.

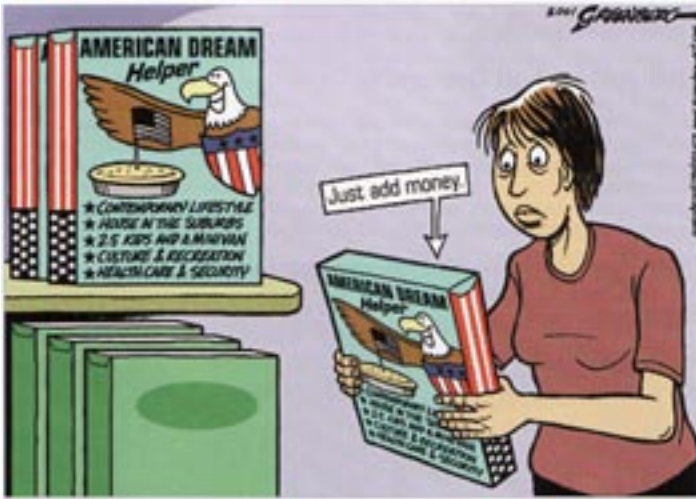
- **Study the Word of God.**

We study scriptures that teach about the ministry of dance and we plan to include regular Bible studies with the Ministerial Staff.

Are you compelled to dance? If so, feel free to worship the Lord on Sunday mornings! Whirl, lift your hands, wave your hands, stomp, spring, jump, leap, spin or move, however the Holy Spirit leads you. Are you compelled to dance AND burdened with ministering the Word of God with your body-temple for praise, warfare, deliverance and healing? Do you also have the gift of dance? If so, New Mercies invites you to join our Book Study, undergo the transformation, and grow in your purpose with us Wednesdays from 7:00 – 7:45 p.m. in the Upper Room. Both men and women are invited and encouraged to join. ■

Feast, Famine, and the American Dream

BY MINISTER ROBERT MARTORANA



The seven years of abundance in Egypt came to an end, and the seven years of famine began, just as Joseph had said... (Gen. 41:53-54a).

As the recession enters its third year, home prices remain depressed and jobs remain scarce. Stock prices are soaring on Wall Street, but the economy is slumping on Main Street.

It may seem like we are reliving the seven years of famine that Egypt suffered in the time of Joseph. In ancient times, the economy depended almost entirely on agriculture, so bad weather hurt everyone. God used the weather to humble the greatest of kingdoms, and poor harvests could even destroy mighty Egypt.

God has many tools to humble a nation: God used cycles in the weather in Joseph's time, and God used cycles in the economy in our time. In 2006, years of easy credit and rising real estate prices had tempted Americans to use their homes like giant ATMs. Many of us did not save during the years of abundance, so we were without a cushion when the famine hit. This contrasts sharply with Egypt, where God used Joseph to set aside food during the years of plenty.

The American Dream

The recession has not only humbled us, it has also made people wonder if the "American Dream" is over. Anxiety is spreading as people doubt that they can maintain their living standards in this generation or the next. As anxiety spreads, so does cynicism about Wall Street, the government, and the U.S. dollar. So, people are buying gold, which has maintained value since Egyptian times. As the economy goes, so goes the President's popularity. Thus, many folks who were once euphoric about President Obama now distrust him, his poli-

cies, and his proposals. As for health care reform, gone are the days when people can politely debate the issues. These days, people are desperate to hold on to what they have, so they attack opponents with vicious, partisan stereotypes and polarizing ideological clichés.

A DREAM, DISCONNECTED

Finally, Americans sense a complete disconnect between Wall Street and Main Street. Corporate profits are booming as companies cut costs, so the stock market has been soaring. Yet the average American worker faces stagnant wages, declining benefits, and the ever looming threat of outsourcing. Hence, people feel disconnected.

Unfortunately, corporate compensation practices are often short-sighted, and simply reward the people at the top for cutting people at the bottom. Outsourcing is the weapon of choice, and it can create bizarre incentives and conflicts of interest. This explains why CEOs of some large multinationals may show greater loyalty to their company than to their country.

The Good News

It would be easy to say that Christians are not affected by these things: We are not part of the American Dream, since our aspirations are spiritual, and not material. But Christians have to pay the rent, too!

Fortunately, scripture helps us to keep economic pressures in perspective. First and foremost, it reminds us that God is in control. God has numbered the "very hairs of your head", and "not one sparrow falls" apart from God's will (Mat. 10:29-31). So even though economic cycles may appear to be human creations, they ultimately exist to serve God's will.

Secondly, despite the recession, God always has plans to provide for us. "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). As disciples of Christ, we have hope that the economy didn't give us, and we have hope that the economy cannot take away. We know that God can provide for us, and we know that God has plans to provide for us. This gives us confidence that God will provide for us, in good times and in bad.

Finally, we must remember that our obedience to God, during both feast and famine, is a test of our discipleship, and is a tool for God's greater glory. God has "plans to prosper us", so the best thing we can do is to obey God's plans. God will do the heavy lifting; we just have to stay out of the way.

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ILLUMINATIONS

SHINING A LIGHT ON CALVARY MEMBER

Deirdra Oliver



FINDING ONE'S CALL & MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The numerous difficulties adolescents face as they age out of the foster care system are fairly well documented. Such difficulties include poor health, homelessness, incarceration and the lack of a high school diploma/college degree. Additionally, many of these foster care children are victims of child abuse and neglect which have negative psychological, emotional and physical outcomes.

In 1989, I emerged from the foster care system in New York at the age of 19. At that time I was given a \$250 furniture voucher and that was all. Being a college student, I stayed on campus but, during the breaks when school was closed I had no where to go. I bounced around from house to house, eighteen of them, and it was not until 1993 before I became stable. Twenty years later here in the state of New Jersey not much has changed for teens aging out of foster care.

It is the plight of these teenagers which led me to form a non-profit organization called The Empowerment Zone. The Empowerment Zone is a one stop center where young adults from the ages of 16-21 will receive assistance with financial, educational, vocational, housing and mental health needs. The Empowerment Zone will utilize a combination of referral, outsourced, paid and volunteer services.

This innovative program will help foster care teens transition to independence by providing a supportive team to help them on their journey to success. The clients of the Zone will receive a mentor to assist them with life skills and problem resolution as well act as a resource after they exit our transitional program. The Empowerment Zone will operate in the city of Newark and service Essex and the surrounding counties.

On November 12, 2009, The Empowerment Zone received a commitment from the County of Essex to assist with securing funding. The Empowerment Zone plans to open its doors in May of 2010. To find out more about The Empowerment Zone please visit our website at: home.earthlink.net~empowermentzone/ or our Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/#/pages/The-Empowerment-Zone/163191979167?ref=ts ■

The Empowerment Zone

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Watch for January's issue when we will report on some of the issues facing teens aging out of foster-care.

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This is easier said than done. It is not yet clear how God is using this recession to shape us as individuals or as a country. Perhaps God is testing us, perhaps God is humbling us, or perhaps God is refining us in the furnace of adversity, to bring us out as pure gold.

It isn't easy for us to obey, and it wasn't easy for Joseph, either. Joseph was betrayed by his brothers, and he

went into a pit and into a prison before he entered Pharaoh's palace. Why did God allow Joseph to suffer so much?

The answer lies in Genesis 50:20: *"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives."*

God allowed Joseph's brothers to betray him, so that Joseph would eventually be at the Pharaoh's palace during the fam-

ine. There God used Joseph to save the lives of many people. So even though Joseph's brothers meant evil for him, God turned it into good.

Likewise, God may be using today's recession to begin a glorious work in us, or in our community. It isn't easy to be faithful during a famine, but Joseph's story reminds us that God can always turn evil into good. ■

WHAT CAN WE GIVE TO GOD?

BY MINISTER DAVID A. HOLLOWELL

In this season of the year when most of us consciously give thought and energy to determining how and what we should give to our friends and loved ones, we often give little attention to acknowledging the God who makes our giving possible. Because of the crass commercialization of the holiday season, we are led to a compartmentalization of our feelings and acts of benevolence in the weeks leading up to Christmas. Unfortunately, we generally respond to the urge to give and bless others as a part of seasonal ritual rather than as a genuine motive to display love and compassion. Even so, when we catch the “giving fever”, we are somehow lulled into a mindset that causes us to take the Christ of Christmas for granted.

Can you imagine what God thinks about our mindless scrambling around to fulfill our obligations in this hectic period of shopping and swapping? And what about our selfish desires to lavish upon ourselves the luxuries and favors we have denied ourselves all year? And what about our tendency to place the Savior at the bottom of our priority list? How can it be that through all of the commercial commotion we fail to appreciate the greatest possible gift that anyone could ever receive – the gift of eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ?

Thankfully, God does not have high expectations of us, and is not waiting with tip-toe anticipation to see if we will honor Him with a special gift. But just as He created us to worship Him and fellowship with Him, he expects

us to pay homage to Him for the grace and mercy He has showered upon us. At a minimum, we should be showing fervent and joyous gratitude for what God has done for us, not only during the holiday season, but throughout the year for the ultimate sacrifice He made in granting us the unmerited gift of salvation.

How can we give to God, who we know already owns all things? We can start by being obedient to His mandate in 1 Thessalonians 5:18 that, *“In every thing [we should] give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”* In so doing, we attribute to God the glory, the majesty, and the honor due his name, and recognize His sovereignty in governing our lives. As we give to God, we also:

- Give to others the love that God has shown to us,
- Give to ourselves a renewal of the covenant bonds between ourselves and God,
- Give to ourselves a continuing reminder of the abiding presence of God in our lives on a daily and hourly basis, and
- Give to others a visible witness of our dependence upon God and our belief that God works all things for our good.

Give God what He is rightfully due, and every gift we give, and every gift we receive will be scented with the sweet aroma of God’s favor. ■

VISION 2010

VISION STATEMENT: TO REFLECT THE KINGDOM OF GOD THROUGH THE EXPANSION OF PEOPLE, PROGRAMS & PLACE.

GIVING FOR THE VISION

At this time of year, as we hurry around shopping for holiday gifts, we are ever mindful of the greatest gift we received from God, the gift of Jesus Christ. It is also a time when we, as members of Calvary, are asked to give \$100.00 toward the Vision. It's a challenging time to make the sacrifice of extra giving, but people are finding a way.

A Sunday school teacher and member for over 18 years, made her contribution at the end of November. She felt that once the Vision Committee determined that \$100.00 from each member would get us to our goal, the sacrifice was reasonable. "I don't want to see the Vision die. I believe it will help the community when it becomes a reality," she explained. Despite some questions in his mind, one twenty-eight year old said that he would probably make a contribution by the end of the year.

A choir member is certain she will make the \$100.00 contribution. She knows that it is tougher for some to do than it is for others, but she felt that the lower \$100.00 request made it easier for her to commit to giving. "I see Calvary going places and I want to be a part of that."

If you want to be a part of keeping the Vision alive, make your contribution today. The Vision sub-committees are working hard to include information about the Vision in every church bulletin so that everyone will be informed and to increase transparency. The Vision is about reflecting the Kingdom of God through the expansion of people, programs and place. Why not make your commitment to giving now?

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

– John 3:16

Faithfully Funding the Vision

**TITHES + OFFERINGS + SACRIFICIAL GIVING =
BLESSINGS**

Total Amount Raised to Date**\$1,057,939.00***

Amount Raised Thus Far in 2009**\$133,053.00***

*As of November 29, 2009

To achieve our 2009 goal each member needs to contribute a total of \$100 toward Vision 2010 before year end.

CALVARY'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 10, 7:00PM
SOLOMOM SHEEPFOLD GATHERING
Location: Chapel

DECEMBER 11, 7:00PM
PRATER SHEEPFOLD GATHERING
Location: 102 Independence Drive, Flanders, NJ
CHRISTMAS PLAY CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 12 AT 11AM
DECEMBER 18 AT 8PM,
DECEMBER 19 AT 1PM

DECEMBER 20, 5:30PM
CALVARY'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION!
Location: Sanctuary

January 15, 2010 9:30PAM - 11:00AM
WOMEN OF PURPOSE MINISTRY'S SISTER-TO-SISTER
Location: MJFH

LITURGICAL DANCE MINISTRY
Location: Pauline Room
"MOTIONS OF PRAISE" (ages 11-18)
Every Thursday, 6:30 - 8PM



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 restroom prior to the start of worship, youth should remain in worship through the benediction



CALLING ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

CYM Student Leadership

- Advise the Calvary Youth Ministries and Ministers for Youth Ministry
 - Administer the vision of the Calvary Youth Ministries
- This takes place through:***

1. Engaging in youth empowerment through mentorship and leadership
2. Conceiving opportunities for spiritual formation and character development
3. Consistent and faithful prayer
4. Initiating visionary planning for the ministries
5. Active participation in the life of the church

See Ayanna Johnson today!



When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Mark 10:14

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Sounds of Silence (gr. 6-12)
Mondays: **7-8pm** (Chapel)

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

Teens Loving Christ (girls, gr. 6-12), **6:30-8pm**
Wednesdays following 2nd Sundays,
Dec. 16, Jan. 13

Youth Night (gr. K-5)
Fridays following 2nd & 4th Sundays
Dec. 18, Jan. 15 & 29 @ 7:30-9p

Shouts of Joy Children's Choir Rehearsal (gr. K-5) **6:15-7pm**

Spirit and Truth Youth Choir Rehearsal (gr. 6-12) **7-8pm**
Wednesday, Dec 9, Friday, Dec. 11

PARENTS!

Make the Parent Connection

email youth achievements to 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?

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

BRYSON BEY

OCTOBER 12TH STUDENT OF THE WEEK Mount Olive CMS Elementary School



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"And yet I show a more excellent way." (1 Cor 12:31b NKJV)

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