

CALVARY CONNECTION

MARCH-MAY 2012

NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

**Women's Education –
Women's Empowerment (P.6)**

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Road to
Fruitfulness*

*Fasting
to Bear
Much Fruit*

*Singles Standing
Tall at Valentine's
Day Event*

*"Strange fruit"
Produced Much
Praise!*

NATIONAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR THE HEALING OF AIDS



*"The End of the AIDS Epidemic Is In Sight With
Prayer, Education, Testing and Treatment"*

March 4th -10th

Show your support.

Make a difference in the fight to end HIV/AIDS.

Wear an AIDS Ribbon.

Pray for those living with or affected by HIV/AIDS and pray for a cure.

Learn about volunteer opportunities at The Eric Johnson House in Morristown.
Attend a tour on Thursday, March 15th from 5pm – 6pm. To RSVP for the tour, please
contact Carolyn Engle of New Jersey AIDS Services at
c.ingle@njas-inc.org or (973) 285-0006.

Add a name to the AIDS Awareness Tree displayed by Touch Ministry of Calvary in
the Fellowship Hall. To do so, fill out a request form and place it in the box.
Forms and box are located next to the tree.

Join Touch Ministry on Monday, March 26th at 7pm for a Game Night at
The Eric Johnson House. To RSVP for the Game Night, please contact
Cynthia Stalling of Touch Ministry at (973) 463-1452.

Touch Ministry
"Every Life Is Worth Touching"

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CALVARY'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

123rd CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 1PM

W.O.P. WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH RECEPTION

Location: MHFH

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

BOWLING FUNDRAISER OUTING

Location: Hanover Lanes, Hanover, NJ

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

PALM SUNDAY/EASTER PLAY

MONDAY-FRIDAY, APRIL 2-6

HOLY WEEK

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

RESURRECTION SUNDAY

FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 7:30 - 10PM

HOOPS4HOPE PEP RALLY, Location: MHFH

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, MAY 4-5

HOOPS4HOPE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, MAY 12, 12PM

CELEBRATION OF MOTHERHOOD

Location: MJFH

SUNDAY, MAY 13

MOTHER'S DAY



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ON THE COVER

EMMA HART WILLARD

(1787 – 1870) AMERICAN WOMEN'S RIGHTS ACTIVIST WHO FOUNDED THE FIRST SCHOOL FOR WOMEN'S HIGHER EDUCATION, THE TROY FEMALE SEMINARY IN TROY, NY.

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE

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 2012

| MONTH | YEAR | SPECIAL EDITIONS | DUE DATE FOR ARTICLES 1ST DRAFT | 2ND DRAFT/REVISIONS | FINAL | FLIER FINAL |
|-------|------|------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------|-------------|
| June | 2012 | Summer | 5/7/12 | 5/16/12 | 5/25/12 | 5/25/12 |

FASTING TO BEAR MUCH FRUIT

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us."

– Hebrews 12:1 NLT

The Lenten season – 40-days leading up to Resurrection Sunday – is time when many believers intentionally focus on their individual relationship with God through Christ Jesus. It recalls Jesus' 40-day fast of preparation for ministry in the wilderness. Therefore, Lent is a time of stripping down to essentials and increasing time spent reflecting upon the goodness of the LORD. Many Christians throughout the world – Catholic, Orthodox, and many Protestant denominations including Baptist – benefit from this annual time of sacrifice and simplicity.

During this Lenten season our church – adults and young people alike – will fast from information and entertainment technology for seven days in preparation for our Spring Revival and 123rd Church Anniversary. We will literally unplug for two sacrificial hours each day beginning on Tuesday, March 6. We will break our technology fast together on via a Prayer Conference Call on Tuesday, March 13. Depending on your schedule, you can join us for the 6 a.m., 12 noon or 7 p.m. Prayer Call. While fasting, we will read the book of Hebrews devotionally.

Practically, this means:

| THIS | NOT THAT |
|--|--|
| Selecting a two-hour time block – outside of work – that is truly sacrificial | Picking the hours of 2 – 4 a.m. when you will be asleep anyway |
| Giving up your cell phone, computer, game console, television and other electronic devices | Yielding to the temptation to rationalize, "I just need to make this one call" or "send this one email or text" |
| Spending more time reflecting upon the goodness of the LORD through prayer, study, communion with nature, witnessing | Finding creative ways to work around the rules of the fast – such as having someone else explore the Internet for you or type a Facebook post that you dictate |
| Following the devotional schedule to read through the book of Hebrews | Filling your fast time with things that don't bring glory to God's name |

Hebrews Daily Devotional Schedule:

Tues, 3/6: 1:1-2: 18

Wed, 3/7: 3:1-4:13

Thurs, 3/8: 4:14-6:12

Fri, 3/9: 6:13-7:28

Sat, 3/10: 8:1-9:28

Mon, 3/12: 10:1-11:40

Tues, 3/13: 12:1-13:25

To participate in any one of the three prayer calls on Tuesday, March 13th 6 a.m., 12 noon or 7p.m. Dial: (218) 339-0399 & Enter Access Code: 7960

This time of intentional focus and sacrifice will undoubtedly deepen our faith and lead to fruitfulness in ministry. As we draw nearer to the LORD, we will discover His will for our lives, our families, our church and our community.



– PASTOR JERRY M. CARTER, JR.

BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE BY MINISTER DAVID A. HOLLOWELL

ON THE ROAD TO FRUITFULNESS

"Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples." – John 15:8

In a survey administered to church members a few months ago concerning fruitfulness, it came to light that our collective self-assessment revealed there were several areas where Calvary was lacking in achieving superior levels of excellence. The areas probed reflected the five key practices where author Robert Schnase believe that the most effective churches have grown to master: (1) Radical hospitality; (2) Passionate worship; (3) Intentional faith-building; (4) Risk-taking missions and outreach, and; (5) Extravagant generosity. Though Calvary is perceived to be doing relatively well in several areas, many feel we have still fallen far short of reaching true excellence in all of our practices.

How then do we get on the road to becoming optimally fruitful in every area of our church's practices? The first step has actually been taken. By looking at our-

selves squarely in the mirror, we have acknowledged the willingness to confront our shortcomings and our readiness to build upon the positive areas where we have garnered some measure of strength and effectiveness. Secondly, we have agreed that the journey to self-improvement and increased fruitfulness is both a corporate and individual undertaking. Although each of us has to make a personal commitment to raising the bar for a higher standard of fruitfulness, we all must head in the same direction as a congregation if we are to arrive at a level that is acceptable to ourselves and God.

This journey we are embarking on is not just an exercise in frivolities, but a genuine effort to transform our church into what God wants us to be. That means, of course, grounding our practices in biblical principles and relying upon directions from the scriptures to guide us in all that we do. When we understand that our call to become fruitful is a spiritual mandate, we can appreciate that to accomplish God's ends we must immerse

ourselves into a deeper understanding and application of the Word.

God's Word is living, active and present to us through the work of his Spirit. When we attend obediently to Scripture, we hear the voice of the Good Shepherd. When we answer the call to be fruitful, the best way to set expectations and attain guidance for success is to allow ourselves to be led by God in

- (1) setting the parameters for our vision;
- (2) orchestrating the resources necessary to accomplish the objectives;
- (3) opening ourselves to correction and reorientation when we lose focus or stray from the task at hand, and;
- (4) leaning and depending upon Him to overcome obstacles and setbacks.

When we do it God's way, our fruitfulness will grow into more fruit, and ultimately our faithfulness will result in much fruit to the glory of God. ■

• *All Women of Calvary* •

You are invited to join the Women Only Worship Choir. Come out for rehearsals with Guest Musician, Sis. Johnetta Bush

Women Only Worship Service

CBC Women of Purpose Ministry

*Guest Preacher - Rev. Elaine Flake
The Greater Allen A.M.E. Cathedral, Jamaica, NY*

Saturday, March 10th, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday – March 1st at 7:00 p.m. • Thursday – March 8th at 7:00 p.m.

Rehearsals will take place in the sanctuary

For questions or additional information, please contact a member of the W.O.P. leadership team

CHARLOTTE FORTEN: A FORGOTTEN AMERICAN WHO HELPED CHANGE AMERICAN HISTORY



Charlotte Forten was born in Philadelphia to an affluent and educated black family—a family of abolitionist activists who championed any number of civil rights organizations. She received her education at the Higginson Grammar School in Salem, Massachusetts, where she was the only

non-white student in a student body of two hundred students. She then went on to the Normal School in Salem, where she studied literature and teaching. Forten became a member of the Salem Female Anti-Slavery Society, where she proved her abilities as what we would now call a community activist—organizing, speaking, and raising money.

When her financial situation demanded that she find paid employment, Forten became the first Black woman to teach white children in Massachusetts, at the Epes Grammar School of Salem. During this time she also began publishing poetry, much of it activist in theme.

But with the coming of the Civil War, Forten's determination to participate in the education of liberated slaves brought her to South Carolina, where slave-owners had fled the Union army. She left the north under the aus-

pices of the Philadelphia Port Royal Relief Association and taught on the island of St. Helena—the first black woman to do so.

Her activist spirit and idealistic determination are evident as she contemplated the challenge she had taken on: "The long, dark night of the Past, with all its sorrows and its fears, was forgotten; and for the Future—the eyes of these freed children see no clouds in it."

The physical and emotional stress finally took its toll on Forten, and she left St. Helena after two years. But she had achieved one dream, and had years ahead to achieve still more. She had national impact on education in the United States when she worked for the U.S. Treasury Department in Washington, D.C. recruiting teachers. At the age of forty-one, Charlotte Forten married Presbyterian minister Francis Grimké, himself a freed slave, and nephew of the famous Grimké sisters, who were abolitionist activists. Charlotte supported his work at his Washington D.C. church, where she organized a women's missionary group, and continued to work with and for the black community.

Scholar, teacher, abolitionist, crusader, Charlotte Forten Grimké is remembered and read today as a writer whose careful documentation of her varied life is a testament to the racial experience of 19th century America. ■

2012 NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH WOMEN'S EDUCATION – WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

Although women now outnumber men in American colleges nationwide, the reversal of the gender gap is a very recent phenomenon. The fight to learn was a valiant struggle waged by many tenacious women—across years and across cultures—in our country. After the American Revolution, the notion of education as

a safeguard for democracy created opportunities for girls to gain a basic education—based largely on the premise that, as mothers, they would nurture not only the bodies but also the minds of (male) citizens and leaders. The concept that educating women meant educating mothers endured in America for many years,

at all levels of education...

Pioneers of secondary education for young women faced arguments from physicians and other "experts" who claimed either that females were incapable of intellectual development equal to men, or that they would be harmed by striving for it.

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Women's supposed intellectual and moral weakness was also used to argue against coeducation, which would surely be an assault on purity and femininity. Emma Willard, in her 1819 Plan for Improving Female Education, noted with derision the focus of women's "education" on fostering the display of youth and beauty, and asserted that women are "the companions, not the satellites of men"—"primary existences" whose education must prepare them to be full partners in life's journey.

While Harvard, the first college chartered in America, was founded in 1636, it would be almost two centuries before the founding of the first college to admit women—Oberlin, which was chartered in 1833. And even as "coeducation" grew, wom-

en's courses of study were often different from men's, and women's role models were few, as most faculty members were male. Harvard itself opened its "Annex" (Radcliffe) for women in 1879 rather than admit women to the men's college—and single-sex education remained the elite norm in the U.S. until the early 1970s. As coeducation took hold in the Ivy League, the number of women's colleges decreased steadily; those that remain still answer the need of young women to find their voices, and today's women's colleges enroll a far more diverse cross-section of the country than did the original Seven Sisters.

...The equal opportunity to learn, taken for granted by most young women today, owes much to Title

IX of the Education Codes of the Higher Education Act Amendments. This legislation passed in 1972 and enacted in 1977, prohibited gender discrimination by federally funded institutions. It has become the primary tool for women's fuller participation in all aspects of education from scholarships, to facilities, to classes formerly closed to women. Indeed, it transformed the educational landscape of the United States within the span of a generation. ■

Article from www.nwhp.org

March is Women's History Month

The Calvary community has much to be proud of – whether it be the hand of God that guides our ministries, leads us in worship or maintains our fellowship, there is always cause to celebrate God's marvelous works among His people. In March, the Women of Purpose Ministry celebrates the contributions of women to the Kingdom and to the communities in which they live. While in the past we might have been prone to look outside of Calvary for female "celebrities" worthy of recognition, for the past three years the Ministry has chosen to honor outstanding women of Calvary for their contributions to the church and/or the community. And, as God would have it, there has nev-

er been a scarcity of women worthy of consideration and ultimate recognition.

Past Ministry honorees:

2007: Linda Murphy, Min. Odetta Dumas; Dr. Judy Banks, Sharon Dunlap.

2008: Cora Stallings, Connie Melton, Dr. Felicia Jamison.

2009: LaShon Whitfield, Dr. Dorothy Hollowell, Lisa Holloway, Nancy Prater.

2010: Cindy Flowers, Dorothy Mason, Paula Rainford-Martorana, Donna Monroe, Mae Greenwood.

2011: Dolores Lee, Roberta Strater, Martha Ballard, Mae Sims, Dorothy Parker.

Some of these women are leaders in their fields, and

have contributed tirelessly to their community and garnered national recognition for their service. Others have given tirelessly to their ministries within the Church and served as models for their peers as well as our youth; and still others have worn several of these hats over the years.

It is often the case that not everyone is aware of the accomplishments of individuals within our congregation. Outstanding Women of Calvary for the year 2012 will be nominated by our own members who have been asked to tell us about those accomplishments on a form available within the Church. Our focus will be on two categories of women. (1) Community Impact: Those who

have contributed to the betterment of the communities in which they live or work, who occupy unique positions and may be firsts in their fields or who have achieved honors for those efforts; and (2) Kingdom Impact: Those who have made a substantial contribution to the life of Calvary Baptist Church and the Kingdom through their commitment and service during their membership. Honorees will be introduced to the congregation and will be formally recognized at a small reception following service on March 25, 2012. We look forward to learning about these dedicated and committed women. To God be the glory! ■

Calvary Baptist Church

The Ushers Branch of the Hospitality Ministry Is Calling for New Members!

Ushers help to ensure a hospitable, spirit-filled, safe & secure Worship Experience

This ministry is responsible for seating, information sharing (welcome packets, bulletins, the Calvary Connection and special program materials), providing access to church facilities and the general care of worshipers during services.

If you are interested in joining this ministry, please contact:

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Singles Standing Tall at Valentine's Day Event

BY MINISTER EVONNE JEFFERSON

"And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power."
– Colossians 2:10)

Singles of Calvary, along with guests from various churches, gathered in aggregate as those Standing Tall As God's



Exceptional Singles. Note, the bold letters at the beginning of each word is not for editorial effect; rather they represent the acronym of the singles ministry's new name S.T.A.G.E.S. Befitting of God's love and care for the singles at any stage: whether widow(er), divorced, never married or single parent, the new name signifies what the leadership of the ministry felt was a very salient and necessary step in a new direction. Formerly known as Koinonia, the name change was a great pairing for its theme – Table



for One?..., bearing in mind the overall message that regardless of one's marital status, we, as singles, stand unflinchingly complete in Christ.

Representing the never married, divorced, single parent and widow were panelists of a diverse group,

in both age and experience, Rev. Vernon C. Walton, Rev. Thurselle Chisolm-Watts, MIT Tracey Denny-Williams and Sister Shirley Holcomb, with Minister Brenda Bankhead serving as moderator. Though snow threatened to put a damper on the day, the singles would not be hampered, and came out in full force, excited and eager to ask questions and opine on the varied questions and responses rendered by our panelists.



Graciousness and transparency, two necessary traits for those seeking to render advice on what are often complicated issues facing Christian singles, were served up well by the panelists who candidly provided sage and insightful counsel from their own experience and lessons learned on such subjects as: life after the death of a loved one; internet dating; dating after divorce when it includes children; knowing the right time to date; celibacy; satisfaction for the present stage we find ourselves, be it in a relationship or not; and courage enough to step out on one's own, without allowing life's circumstances to hinder one from doing, being or becoming all that God wants us to



be here and now. The audience was neither shy nor bashful in asking provocative, straightforward questions, the complementary balance that fostered a continuous, lively discussion.



This was S.T.A.G.E.S.'s third Valentine's Day event with one tweak: instead of breakfast palettes were served up a scrumptious brunch prepared by Our Daily Bread Ministry. And as always, attendees were given chocolate treats to end what was a fabulous day.



S.T.A.G.E.S. would like to thank all who attended and everyone who worked behind the scenes contributing to what was a wonderful time. S.T.A.G.E.S. looks forward to all singles joining us on two consecutive Thursdays, May 24 and 31 from 7-9pm for a symposium on Christians Seeking Marriage. Stay tuned for further details. ■

STRANGE FRUIT PRODUCED MUCH PRAISE!

BY MINISTER ODETTA DUMAS



The Black Heritage Program and Luncheon, hosted by Calvary's Golden Years Ministry, proved to be a delectable treat for the body, mind and soul. It answered all the questions that had been buzzing around regarding what the title "Strange Fruit" and the scripture, Isaiah 28:10-11 had in common. Min. Carol Patterson, the Moderator, made the connection clear at the very beginning of the program explaining that people who may seem or who do things in ways that seem odd to us can be used to accomplish God's purposes. She reminded the congregation that God used Cyrus, Rahab and even a donkey to achieve his goal and the play presented historical characters from the Black Power Movement of the late 60's and early 70's who had a different way of doing things.

The program started off with 13 year old Kennedy Porter, giving a stirring rendition of "Strange Fruit" as sung by Nina Simone while pictures of lynching flashed by on the screen overhead. Lakheecia Harrison-Vick belted out "I'll Take You There" by the Staple Singer with Rodney Lee and Ila Tatum singing back up. This was followed by a dynamic presentation of Malcolm X by Min. Yasin Cobb. John Morgan sang Marvin Gaye's "What's Going On" and had the crowd swaying to the beat. Stokely Carmichael, dramatically played by Antione Bullock, demanded everybody join him and give

the Black Power sign. Then Rodney Lee, in the heat of the moment gave an overwhelming presentation of "Say it Loud, I'm Black and I'm proud" by James Brown; coming out of his jacket and had



to be helped off stage by Stokely. Minister Sean Lewis, as Bobby Seale and Deacon Monty Tatum as Huey Newton, fired up the stage – each giving powerful presentations of these Black Panther Party (BPP) leaders. Dressed in black leather jackets, black berets and toting rifle and gun in hand, they captured the essence of who the BPP leaders really were aside from what

the media said about them. Rodney Lee came back and swooned the audience with "Mercy Mercy" and Raymond Alston provoked some thought with "The Revolution Will Not Be Televised." Ila Tatum soulfully demanded some R-e-s-p-e-c-t singing Aretha Franklin's "Respect." Last, but not least, Angela Davis played by Linda Crawford explained to us what makes a revolutionary as she gently, but powerfully, presented Ms. Davis' life story. The Program ended with a standing ovation of all the presenters.

Having been emotionally and mentally charged the audience worked up a good appetite that needed to be satisfied, and the lunch served by Our Daily Bread Ministry did not disappoint. At the end of the day the senses were satisfied mentally, emotionally and physically. "What a Mighty God we serve!" ■



Calvary Seniors Prepare for College

BY MINISTER DAVID A. HOLLOWELL

With Calvary's senior students hovering in the transition zone between high school and college, the Educational Development Ministry held a breakfast seminar to acquaint these students with what lies ahead in the months to come. The purpose of the session was twofold: (1) to disseminate valuable information about college life and finances, and; (2) to quell any anxiety students may have about the challenges ahead as they embark on this new phase of life.

Ministry co-chairs Kimberly Monroe and Vanessa Brown organized an informative and productive meeting to prepare our students for the exciting vistas in their future and to equip them with the wherewithal to successfully navigate the educational system. After introductions and a sumptuous breakfast prepared by Our Daily Bread ministry, the session moved along briskly to cover the following topics:

- A brief history of the ministry and its track record of providing educational funding and guidance
- A discussion of college life, study regimens, and expectations by University of Maryland Junior, Megan Monroe
- An overview of eligibility requirements and application procedures for scholarship aid from the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority
- An overview of eligibility requirements and application procedures for scholarship aid from the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority
- Description and application process for scholarships from the Calvary Educational Development Ministry and access to web site searches for external scholarship information coordinated by Sister Dorothy Mason

- A video blog of students from Emory University reflecting on their college experience
- A statement of support from ministry members about their availability and willingness to assist students with their applications, financial aid, college choices, and recommendations

Handouts, brochures, and CBC application forms were provided for participants. For those students who were not able to attend, this information can still be obtained by contacting one of the ministry co-chairs: Sister Kimberly Monroe (Phone/732-667-8481, Email/kmroe@marykay.com) or Sister Vanessa Brown (Phone/973-960-1480, Email/vanessabrown@berhomes.org). ■



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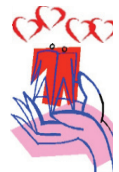
Hanover Lanes • 110 Route 10, East Hanover, NJ

3:00 SHARP- 5:00 PM (2:30 arrival time)

Open to all – ages 10 and up

Price: \$20 per person

**(includes 2 games, shoe rental
& refreshments)**



*Sign-Up after services and Bible Study, in MJFH
February 26-March 11, 2012*

CBC Women Of Purpose Ministry
present

SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE **'FOR WOMEN ONLY'**

'By This Is My Father Glorified'... John 15:8

SATURDAY - MARCH 10, 2012 - 6:30 PM

Guest Preacher



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