@ the Mount



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Celebrating Jesus at Mount Calvary

Mount Calvary's **Drama Ministry** celebrated the birth of Jesus on December 15th with the musical "**Grace**", starring **Sister Ania Timmons** in the lead role. Beautifully written and directed by **Sister Sheryl Jones**, the musical starred many of our youth and adults—some showing their acting chops for the first time! It was a joy to see and hear the many talents God has placed within our church family!







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Pastor's Anniversary

Pastor Frank R. Kelly, Sr. and First Lady Betty J. Kelly celebrated their 27th Pastoral Anniversary on October 28th! In addition to being honored by the presence of a number of family, friends, and well-wishers, we were all blessed by the message delivered that morning by the Reverend Dr. James Victor, Jr. from Mount Olive Baptist Church in Arlington, Virginia.





Celebrating Christmas with the Missionary Ministry

On December 14th, **Mount Calvary's Missionary Ministry** celebrated Christmas with the residents and families of the **Mt. Vernon Nursing Home** in Alexandria, Virginia. **Minister Ellen Williams**, the **Mount Calvary Dance Ministry** and our own **Junior Missionary Ania Timmons** gave God honor and praise in word, dance and song. What a fantastic event! **Missionary President Lenell Hyman-Walker** gave thanks to all those who participated!

November 12th found the Missionaries providing a Thanksgiving meal for 45 men and women as part of the **PATH** Ministry. We would like to thank **Missionaries Deborah Jones** and **Carolyn Price** for their leadership and everyone that provided their support!



Health & Youth Ministry Collaboration

On October 11th, Mount Calvary's **Health and Youth Ministries** joined forces to host the **3rd Annual Youth Fun Night** @ The Mount! More than 20 youth attended this blessed event alongside dedicated teachers and volunteers. Discussion group topics included: Self Defense by **Minister Ellen Williams**; Internet Safety from **Brother Nolan Perkins**; Financial Savings by **Sister Keshaun Clark**; Vision Boards by **Sister Nikki Ford**; and Arts & Crafts led by **Deaconess Natasha Denmark** and **Deaconess Erin Clark**! The five-hour event was filled with music, fun, food, games, fellowship, as well as an opportunity to accept God's salvation from **Minister Brenda Jenkins**.

In August, the Health and Youth Ministries collaborated to educate church and community members on the importance of learning Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and choking interventions. A CPR-certified instructor, **Ms. Nash**, presented a hands-on seminar on how to provide chest compressions, breathing assistance, and emergency care before trained medical professionals arrive. She also presented techniques to assist a choking victim whether it be an infant, child or adult.



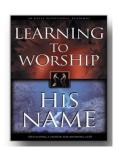
In November and December, **Sister Katelyn Kelly** shared Part One of her IB High School Personal Project, "**Ways to Cope With Anxiety**." It educated youth and adults on the signs and symptoms of anxiety; various coping strategies, and ways to help loved ones dealing with this medical illness. As this topic affect and impact many of us, this information will enhance our understanding and compassion as we enter into 2020!

The Health and Youth Ministries thank their selfless volunteers that dedicated their time this year: Deaconess-In-Training April DuBois, Deacon Darryl Irving, Trustee Carlton Hunter, Deacon Larry Lundy, Deacon Janice Lundy, Brother Frankie Kelly, Jr., Minister Kenny Clark, Sister Kori Ford, and Sister Robin Whitmire!

Family Devotion Month

The month of January has been declared **Family Devotion Month** at Mount Calvary, where we dedicate ourselves to spending time with God *and* our families, providing us an opportunity to grow as believers, strengthen our relationship with God and with one of His most prized possessions—**the family.**

This year, our devotional focus will be on getting to know God and to worship Him in a deeper and intimate way—by His name! We will be using a devotional book titled "Learning To Worship His Name", where we will take a look at 30 of the primary names of God that will inspire and equip us to know Him more intimately.



Please see **Deacon Janice Lundy** for a copy of this devotional and join us in study as God reveals Himself to us through His names and their meanings.

Mount Calvary @ Work



The Bereavement Ministry

Mount Calvary's **Bereavement Ministry** offers small group classes for all matters related to grief and loss if you're depressed or stressed by life challenges or circumstances. You are invited to participate in the classes held on the fourth Thursday of each month, except during the months of June through August. If you desire a one-on-one consultation, please contact **Minister Angela Brown**. She also has, resources available to you if you wish to learn more about the various causes of grief, and how to overcome loss of family or friends, loneliness, or chronic illnesses.

In 2020, the Ministry invites you to join the small group classes via conference call—a number will be provided at a later date. They plan to teach from the workbook titled: 'Transforming Grief and Loss'. Our God—the God of all comfort— wants to transform us from sorrow to joy; *Psalms 126:5*, "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy". Please join them as your schedule permits.



Our **Veterans Day Celebration** included a bowling outing on November 9th and a special acknowledgement program on November 10th. We also received a message by **Dr. Roderick Wellington**, followed by a luncheon for all of our veterans and their families.











Mount Calvary honored our servant leaders during the **Bi-Annual Leadership Day** celebration on November 17th. The bible message was delivered that afternoon by **Reverend Oliver Clark** of **Great Salvation Christian Fellowship** in **Fairfax Station, Virginia**.



Happenings @ the Mount

Anniversary Celebrations - Marriage Strong!

Congratulations to all celebrating this quarter – May God continue to bless and keep your Marriage Strong!

January 2020

Mr. & Mrs. James and Natasha Denmark 22 Years
Mr. & Mrs. Clarence and Sallie Hill 32 Years

February 2020

Mr. & Mrs. Ronald and Ellen Williams 31 Years

March 2020

Mr. & Mrs. Ronald and Rochelle Hill 18 Years

"that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another" (John 13:34, NKJV)



Mount Calvary recognized **Sister Minnie John** on the occasion of her retirement from the FBI, **Brother Johnny Whitmire** on his many golfing accomplishments in the Metropolitan DC area, and **Sister Mary Woods** on her retirement from the Xerox Corporation. Congratulations and well-wishes to all of you!



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Upcoming Events

Family Devotion Month Black History Month Service (3:00 pm)

February 16

January 1-31



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Services

9:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am New Members Class 10:00 am Worship Services

(Communion every 2nd Sunday)

Wednesday

12:00 pm Noon Day Bible Study7:00 pm Evening Bible Study7:15 pm Youth Bible Study

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