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New Member Orientation Handbook



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Come Grow With Us!

WELCOME! WELCOME!! WELCOME!!

It is a joy to have you as a member of Greater Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 3835 White Water Road, Valdosta, Georgia 31601 and we look forward to our journey together. In this handbook, you will find a brief history of the church and its beliefs, ordinances, and procedures. The purpose of this handbook is to let you know more about your church and the many different ways that you can get involved.

Your Obedience to the call of God to join this ministry has positioned you for increase and favor from God. Why? Job 36:11 says if they obey and serve him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures.

We are glad that you are here at Calvary and we have been expecting You!

Dr. Charles E. Vinson, Sr. and The Mt. Calvary Baptist Church Family

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Becoming a member of the Mount Calvary family brings with it rewards and responsibilities. When you join this family, you join a family of believers that will confess God's word, walk in obedience to His word, and contest every scheme of the enemy.

You will have a chance to develop spiritually and walk in maturity according to God's word. You will discover the New you and learn how to live the victorious life Jesus came to give us. We also offer you free access to rites of passage such as baby dedications, weddings, and memorial services. Our Leadership Team offers godly care and counseling to all members as needed.

We are glad to join with you on this Christ-centered journey. We welcome the new gifts and energy you will bring to our family. As we join with one another, we ask that you give serious consideration to how you can contribute your time, talent, and treasure to this ministry and to winning more souls for Jesus Christ. Most of us find that the more we give to the cause of Jesus Christ the more we get back.

THE PURPOSE OF THE NEW MEMBERS CLASS

To make you familiar with the history, procedures, and organizational structure of Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church

- To Teach you the core beliefs and expectation of Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church
- To notify you of the vision of Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church
- To make known the different ministries of Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church
- To encourage and prepare you to serve at Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church

MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

You must be born again – John 3:3-5

Faithful in attendance – Hebrews 10:25

Should be seeking or have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit – Acts 1:8

Dutiful in tithes and offering – Malachi 3:10; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Participation in the ministries of Calvary – Galatians 6:10

Be committed to prayer – Luke 18:1

Give of your time, talents, and treasure – Eph. 6:8

Complete New Members Class

OUR HISTORY

“I Love Thy Church O God” because in spite of the trials and persecutions, it shall ultimately triumph and become the church victorious. For Jesus said, “Upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” (Matthew 16:18)

One hundred-forty-five years ago, faithful, committed patriots were inspired by God, through prayers of faith, and their religious convictions to establish Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church.

Mt. Calvary Baptist Church was organized in 1865. This church fellowship was organized under a grapevine. The initiative for this challenge was undertaken by Bro. Anderson Williams, Bro. Jupiter Boykin, Sis. Lucy Williams, and Sis. Fannie Boykin. These loyal, dedicated, and faithful servants built a little wooden church.

This little wooden church with its lamp lights, dirt floor, and wood burning heaters became the place of worship for the community. The first pastor of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church was Rev. James Adams. The first deacons were Dea. Anderson Williams, Dea. Jupiter Boykin, Dea. Ezekiel Hart Sr., and Dea. John Marshall.

As time passed, the Lord touched and inspired the hearts of the saints, and gave them a vision to provide a place to enhance the educational horizon of the young people in the community. In 1924, the little wooden building known as the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, also became a community school. The first teacher of this one room community school was Mrs. Fannie McCleary.

Worship services at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church were held once a month. The fourth Sunday of each month was the day of worship service at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. The revival services were held in the month of July. The week before the 4th Sunday in July was revival time. The Sunday following the week of revival services was called “Big Meeting Sunday.” Many family and friends would attend the worship service on “Big Meeting Sunday.” Dinner would be spread on the grounds after worship services. Oh! What a great time of fellowship, food, and fun!

There have been many who have come this way preaching the gospel and serving as pastor of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. Former pastors of the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church are: the late Rev. James Adams, Rev. Bivins, Rev. McGriff, Rev. Bostick, Rev. J. C. Chapman, Rev. Bridges, Rev. Bubba Anderson, Rev. Sanders, Rev. B.T. Washington, Rev. Freddie Sirmans, Rev. R. C. Drye, Rev. L. P. Parker, Rev. B. T. Jenkins, and Rev. Freddie Drye for over 40 years. Also, the Rev. Bernard Leon Robinson, Sr. for eleven years and a span of God’s appointed time, Rev. Ronald



Brown and Rev. Donald Walker. Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church has recently called the Rev. Dr. Charles E. Vinson as pastor effective the first Sunday in May 2009.

It was under the leadership of Rev. R. C. Drye that the first choir was organized at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. Sis. Francis Drye, who is the wife of the late Rev. Freddie Drye, organized this choir. Some of the members were the late Sis. Annie Pearl Hart, Sis. Ruth Hart, Bro. Isadore Hart, Bro. Andrew Hart and Sis. Bernice Hart Love. This choir sang without music for many years. Later the choir was blessed with a piano and musician in that of Sis. Bernice Hart under the direction of the late Sis. Annie Pearl Hart James.

After many years of the damaging forces of Mother Nature, this little wooden church could no longer withstand the pressure. Through prayers of faith and under the leadership of the late Rev. R. C. Drye, Mt. Calvary Baptist Church was rebuilt in 1954 by the late Dea. Stafford Hart, Dea. Ezekiel Hart, Jr., and Rev. R. C. Drye. These faithful men had a vision that later became a dream, that finally became a reality. Old wooden desks were used as pews in this newly constructed church. Three years later, in 1957, the Lord blessed Mt. Calvary with a set of wooden pews that were built by the late Rev. P. H. Rayford.

In 1958, Rev. Freddie Drye was called to serve as pastor of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. Rev. Freddie Drye served as pastor for over forty years. Under his leadership, several accomplishments were made. Just to mention a few: the organization of a cemetery in 1961; the first person to be buried in the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church Cemetery was Bro. Anderson Hart. Church services were held twice a month; second and fourth Sundays. We moved from out-house toilets to indoor restrooms; old wooden benches were replaced with comfortable cushion pews; gas heaters and window fans were replaced with central heat and air.

Some of the dedicated and faithful workers that were instrumental in the rebuilding and reshaping of the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church were; the late Dea. Stafford Hart, Dea. Ezekiel Hart, Jr., Bro. Sow Boykins, Bro. Theodore (Gus) Hart, Sis. Callie Miller, Sis. Marie Hart, Sis. Annie Pearl Henderson, Dea. Abraham Clemons, Sr. Dea. Isadore Hart, Dea. Unnessee Hargett, Sr.,



Sis. Helen Boykin, Bro. James Hargett, Sr. Dea. Andrew Hart, Sis. Betty Reece, Sis. Dorothy Thomas Moran, Sis. Carrie Bell Johnson, and our very own Sis. Margret Hart, Sis. Viola Horne and others.

No vision and you perish; No idea and you are lost; No dream and you are hopeless.

Mt. Calvary had a vision, it did not perish, Mt. Calvary had an idea, it was not lost, Mt. Calvary had a dream, and it was not hopeless. After seeing this vision, after dreaming this dream, this idea became a reality through the grace of God and the prayers of the righteous; the Lord blessed us to move from fellowship outside under the trees, to fellowship indoors in a comfortable Fellowship Hall. This was a great milestone for Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, and to GOD BE THE GLORY.

In 1996, Rev. Bernard Leon Robinson, Sr. was called to serve as pastor of Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church and the late Rev. Freddie Drye was named Pastor Emeritus. Under the leadership of Rev. Bernard Robinson, the vision continued to soar and several ideas became reality. Services were held every Sunday with Bible Study and Prayer Meeting every Wednesday Night. We were taken to the next level spiritually by praising and worshiping God through songs via a Praise Team. The Sister-to-Sister Ministry was started under the leadership of First Lady Darlene Robinson. In 1998, there were major renovations to the current sanctuary. Also in 1998, the Lord blessed Mt. Calvary to purchase a 15 passenger van to provide transportation for those in need of a ride to church worship services and other church activities and events. The vision continued to soar. Under the leadership and guidance of Pastor Bernard Robinson, along with much faith, prayer, encouragement and persuasion by Dea. Andrew Hart, in 1999, the church was blessed to purchase two acres of land located directly behind the current sanctuary. The blessings did not stop flowing—in 2001, the church was blessed again to purchase one acre of land located to the south of the current sanctuary. Our future plans are to build God a new sanctuary on the land recently purchased. Oh! How the blessings keep flowing! Sunday School classes increased from one adult class to four classes for youth and young adults. Under the leadership of Pastor Bernard Robinson, a Male Choir was formed under the direction of Bro. Roy Hart. The usher ministry increased to include Young Adult and Pee Wee Ushers.

Yes We Can! With God on our side, Mt. Calvary Baptist Church has still been flourishing even in the midst of many trials, tribulations, ups, and downs and turnarounds. But God has always and continues to be by our side.

In 2004 Deaconess Dorothy Thomas Moran, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, was inspired to initiate an Educational Scholarship Program in memory of the late Rev. Freddie Drye. This program, designed to encourage our youth, became a reality and remains active today. The first recipients of the Rev. Freddie Drye Education Scholarship was Shanique Morgan and Tangenika Palmer.

In 2007, the Lord blessed Mt. Calvary Baptist Church to pave the parking lot and purchase a large marquis sign for display in front of the church. A dance ministry was formed for our youth under the direction of Deaconess Yvonne Mitchell. Oh! The blessings keep flowing!

In May 2009, the Rev. Dr. Charles E. Vinson, SR was called to pastoralship at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. Under his leadership and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we look forward to the continuance of the vision soaring.

In May 2010, Mount Calvary held a ground breaking ceremony for their new sanctuary and the Lord blessed and favored the congregation on April 17, 2011 to have their first and dedication service in their new beautiful edifice. The people of God walked and sing praise from the old sanctuary to the new together in unity---what an awesome blessing for the family of God. The new breathtaking sanctuary will accommodate over 400 worshippers and additional 200 in the new fellowship hall with kitchen area. The new facility also includes magnificent foyers, hospitality room, conference room, pastor's office with bathroom and shower, five classrooms, usher's office, heated baptistery with dressing rooms, six public restrooms, and it has state of the art audio/video, camera, and monitor display through-out the building.

Yes, we have come this far by faith. We have learned to trust, lean, and depend on the Lord. We are harvesting the seeds that were planted by members that have gone on before us. We know in our minds and feel in our hearts that we at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church have been truly blessed. We have a lot to shout and praise God about.

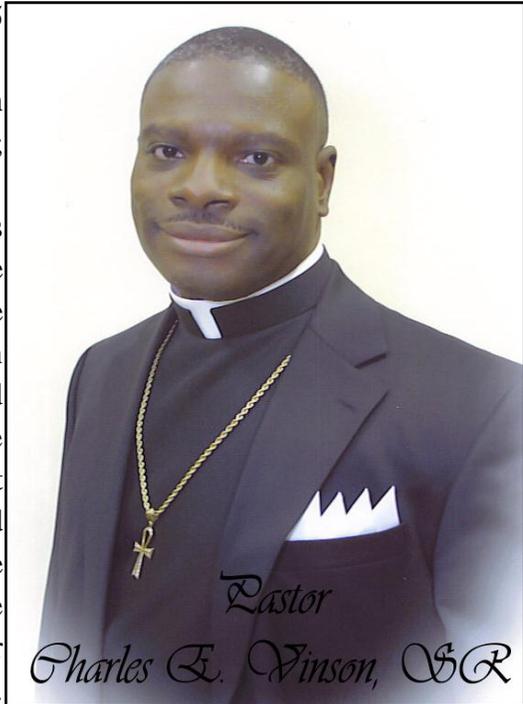
Mt. Calvary, as we look back over our history and as we reflect on where the Lord has brought us from, be challenged and be encouraged to plant your seeds so we will be able to continue to harvest good fruit and move from VISION TO VICTORY!!!

GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR

And I will give you Pastors according to my heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding. — Jeremiah 3:15

A most Holy Greeting to the Mt. Calvary Church Family and Friends;

We have assembly in this one place, for one purpose, as one people, one mind and on one accord—and the Pentecost is in the atmosphere for we can feel the presence of the Lord in this Sanctuary. Let us reflect on the fact that God deserves all the praise, glory, and honor for bringing this day to fruition. We stand on the shoulders of one hundred and forty-four years of great history. We thank God for all those that have labored and sacrificed to make this day come to pass from the past to the present. I stand Godly proud this day, in the future to be called and to serve as Pastor of the Greater Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church.



This is an awesome time for our church family, as we embark on the future of this great church. It is a joy for me to be part of this great crossing over this Jordan experience. We are standing at the Jordan River waiting for our marching orders to cross over---and today we have those orders to cross over as a people together. The stones have already been laid as a remembrance for generation to come and see the great mark in history where God brought us over. We are determining in our hearts and in our spirits that we will not turn back, but we must “Go Forward Christian Soldiers.” We have come too far, we have stayed too long, and we have seen and experienced too much—to allow the enemy to take our blessings. This is our time and this is our season. The best is not yet to come---but the best is next to come! Mt. Calvary we are next in line and we will not lose our place by faith, we are going to walk by faith into the promises of God.

I want to personally thank all of you that have contributed over the years to prayer, participation, and fellowship with me in the ministry. I will never forget your sacrifices to the ministry. I would like to especially express my gratitude from my heart to God, and my beautiful wife, Lady Evelyn Vinson, and my children and all of my friends of the ministry for your love. The Lord has allowed you to bless me as I blessed you with his word. To God Be the Glory!

Let us “Praise God”! Let us “Praise God”! Thank God for answering yours and my prayers. He has given you a leader after his own heart and he has given me a church family that desire to

serve Him in the beauty of holiness. We certainly have a lot to “Shout About” and for that reason alone we know that God shall “Take Us There.”

A 1985 graduate of Valdosta High School, Vinson served in the U.S. Air Force as an Administrative Specialist from 1985-1988 and received the Air Force Achievement Medal.

Vinson became an ordained minister in March 1995 at Valdosta Deliverance Evangelistic Center Inc. (known as Evangel Temple). He served as Minister of Administration for several years at Evangel Temple with evangelism trips to various states, Germany and London. He served as assistant pastor at Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church in Valdosta and pastor at New Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Clyattville before he was called to pastor at Mount Calvary.

He is a deputy sheriff with the Lowndes County Sheriff’s Office, serving in the Special Operations Division as the Lowndes County School System Attendance Officer. He graduated from the ABAC Regional Police Academy in 1991 and the Georgia Sheriff’s Association Chaplains’ Division Class in March 2005.

He is married to Evelyn D. Vinson, and they have five children, Minister Eddie Williams, Darius Williams, Erica Vinson, Latoya McMillan, and Charles Eric Vinson II. He has a grandson, Karrington Sheron James, granddaughter, Marie Jordan Williams and a daughter-in-law, Minister Chequita N. Williams.

THE VISION OF MOUNT CALVARY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

I. Vision Defined

Hab 2:2 And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

Hab 2:3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

In order to receive the vision of Mt. Calvary, you must understand the meaning of vision.

The Hebrew definition of vision is a dream, revelation, or oracle. Therefore vision is a revelation from God that has been revealed in your spirit, which causes a visual imprint in the theater of your mind.

Pastor Vinson has been given the vision for Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. You have been chosen and called to assist him in fulfilling this vision. This vision is divinely given by God with a destiny fulfilling purpose for a people whom God has chosen and called to achieve it. You are that family of believers!

The vision of Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church is to "Empower God's people to Win in every area of their life". With a biblical emphasis on strong faith, supportive family and substantial finances, Pastor Vinson has been commissioned by God to teach the principles of God's Word with simplicity and understanding so that every believer knows how to live in victory and walk in their New Image.

II. The Significance of Understanding the Vision

There can only be one vision. The vision is always given to the Head (Pastor). The Father gives his vision to the Pastor, who in turn directs the body of believers. There cannot be two visions.

Two visions is DI-VISION.

Amos 3:3, Can two walk together, (united, alike, become one) except they be agreed?

In order to walk in agreement, to walk united, to walk alike, you must hear, see and understand the vision of Mt. Calvary.

Ezekiel 13:6 They have seen vanity and lying divination, saying, The LORD saith: and the LORD hath not sent them: and they have made others to hope that they would confirm the word.

Ezekiel 13:7 Have ye not seen a vain vision, and have ye not spoken a lying divination, whereas ye say, The LORD saith it; albeit I have not spoken?

The direction of this ministry's vision is given to the Pastor. Our part is to assist him in fulfilling it through our commitment, faithfulness, and loyalty.

When a vision, other than that of the Pastor's, begins to pull, attract, or influence you, then its purpose is to pull you out of harmony with the Body, making you available to the onslaught of the enemy.

NOTE: God will permit covenant individual (s) to see into the vision and establish ideas, etc, to enhance the fulfillment of His divine purpose.

ACHIEVEMENT OF PURPOSE

Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church seeks to achieve its purpose through:

- Magnification - Celebrating God's presence in worship.
- Mission - Communicating God's Word through evangelism.
- Membership - Incorporating God's family into our fellowship
- Maturity - Educating God's people through discipleship
- Ministry - Demonstrating God's love through service.

OUR BELIEF - "The Baptist Church Covenant"

(Original Author Unknown)

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we do now, in the presence of God and angels, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ. We engage therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk in knowledge, and comfort; to promote its prosperity, and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to give it a preeminence over all institutions of human origin; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the

ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spreading of the Gospel through all nations. We believe that such support should begin with the Old Testament standard of tithing and increase as does our love for the Lord (Matt. 6:21).

We also endeavor to attain the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances, to walk circumspectly in the world, to be just in our dealings, and faithful in our engagements. We also endeavor to maintain both family and secret devotions.

We further agree hereby to be exemplary in our deportment, to avoid all tattling, backbiting and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior. We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech, to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the order of our Savior to secure it without delay.

We moreover agree that when we remove from this fellowship, we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church of like faith and practice where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

ARTICLES OF BELIEFS

We believe the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible written Word of God.

-2 Tim 3.16-17

We believe that there is one God Creator of all things, infinitely perfect, eternally existent in three persons; God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. -Gen 1.26; Matt. 28.19

Jesus Christ-Jesus Christ is true God and true man, having been conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He died on the cross, the complete and final sacrifice for our sins according to the Scriptures. Further, He arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven, where, at the right hand of the Majesty on High, He is now our High Priest and Advocate. -Matt 1.21; John 1

The Holy Spirit - The ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ and during tills age, to convict men of sin, regenerate the believing sinner, indwell, guide, instruct, and empower the believer for godly living and service. -John 16.13

We believe in the Blessed Hope, which is the rapture of the Church of God, which is in Christ at His return. -1 Thess 4.16-18; Titus 2.13

We believe all men are born with a sinful nature and that the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance, faith in the precious blood of Jesus Christ, born of the Holy Spirit and thus become children of God. We believe that this salvation is available to all who will receive it. -Romans 3.23; 6.23; 10.13

We believe that the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing for the human body. Matt 4.16-17; 1 Peter 2.24

We believe bodily resurrection of the just and of the unjust. -Acts 24.15

We believe in the baptism in the Holy Spirit as distinct from the New Birth, in speaking with tongues as the Spirit of God gives utterance, in the gifts of the Spirit, and the evidence of the fruit of the Spirit. We believe that all of these are available to believer. -Acts 2.4

ORDINANCES

Now, I praise you, brethren that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances as I delivered them to you. 1 Cor. 11:2

What ordinances Paul refers to are not listed but they no doubt include the whole body of truth of the gospel and not only communion and water baptism.

Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church has adopted four major ordinances.

1. Water Baptism (death, burial and resurrection with Him)
2. Communion (relationship and fellowship with Him)
3. Laying on of hands (impartation of Him)
4. Anoint with oil (consecrate unto Him)

1. Baptism: to dip, to plunge, to immerse or bury in water:

By definition and usage, the word means "to put into water or underwater so as to entirely immerse or submerge."

I. Why do we have water baptism?

Jesus commanded it. -Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:16

Jesus, as our example, was baptized. -Matthew 3: 13-17

The apostle commanded it. -Acts 2:37-47; 10:44-48

We validate our faith by obedience to His Word. -James 2:17-18

Symbolism of Baptism:

- a. Baptism is being unified with Christ in his death, burial and resurrection.

We are dead from sin with Him

We are buried together with Him and cut out from our former life

We are resurrected with him into newness of life

- b. Baptism is "clothing" ourselves with Christ.
- c. Baptism is when we die to ourselves and come alive in Christ.
- d. Baptism is the starting gun of a race of a new life.
- e. Baptism is when the old dies and the new arises

Note: It should be said also that a symbol is not the reality, but the picture of the reality.

2. Communion: partnership, participation, fellowship

Communion is more than just a body of believers coming together, fellowshiping together, and participating in a religion sacrament; it is a bonding with Christ Himself by eating His flesh and drinking His blood as he told his disciples in John 6:53. It is recognizing and discerning the body of Christ that we are one because Jesus the Christ died for all believers. It is to accept the death of Christ and becoming one with him.

The more believers understand the Table of the Lord, the more benefits they will receive from it. The communion has become a mere form and meaningless ceremony. Lack of insight into the significance of the Table is evidence. All the blessings of God, the riches and fullness are represented here in the Lord's Table "The Lord's Supper". -1 Corinthians 11:20- 30

I. What is the significance of the symbols used in communion?

The table is a place of love, fellowship, sharing, and communicating. It is the family table - a love feast - a meal (Leviticus 24:5-9; Psalm 23:5).

The bread represents His broken body (Matthew 26:26). It is the type of lamb that was slain. Isaiah 53

The wine (juice) represents his blood and is significant of the new covenant (Matthew 26 :27). Fruit of the vine is the life of the grape. No covenant was made without blood (Exodus. 24:8; Hebrews 9:20-22) and there can be no remission of sins without it (Hebrews 9:22; Leviticus 17:11).

II. Why do communion?

It was instituted and established by Christ Matthew 26:26-29; Luke 22:17-20; I Corinthians 11:24-25.

We invite Christ's presence with the words "This do in remembrance" 1 Corinthians 11:24-25.

3. Laying on of hands: Hand = power, mean (agency; that by which something is done or obtained), direction, instrument, authority

Laying hands upon men publicly has been practiced in all ages when blessing them or ordaining and setting them apart for a particular work for God.

I. Examples:

a. Jacob laid his hands on Joseph's two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh to impart blessings (Genesis 48:8-22)

b. Moses laid hands on Joshua to give him charge (constitute, command) and to

ordain him into the ministry (Numbers 27:18-23).

c. Jesus blessing little children Mark 10:13-16 (our grounds for baby dedication /blessing instead of baptism)

d. Jairus daughter healed by laying on of hands (Mark 5:22-23, 41).

II. Why do we lay hands (it is a doctrine and teaching of the bible Hebrews 6.2)

a. to ordain and consecrate for the service of God (Acts 6:6).

- b. to impart blessings and spiritual gifts (Timothy 1:6).
- c. to heal the sick (.Matthew 8:3; Mark 6:5; 16-18; Luke 4:40; 13:13; Acts 28:89).
- d. to receive the Holy Spirit (Acts 9:17; 19:6).

4. Anoint with oil: Anoint = to smear or rub, consecrate, to make contact.

To anoint with oil upon the head is to consecrate to an office, religious service or for a specific purpose for work unto God.

Anointing with oil for consecrate into office or services. (OT)

a. The high priest were consecrated and sanctify being anointed with oil (Exodus 30:30; Leviticus 8:12, 30)

b. David anointed with oil to be King.(1 Samuel 16:3-13; 2 Samuel 2:4)

c. Solomon anointed with oil to be king(1 King 1:34-39)

ORDER IN THE HOUSE

We have reverence for the Temple (Church), we must understand what the church is, the importance of it, and the purpose of it. If we do not have understanding of the purpose, we will abuse it.

What is the church?

And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church: and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (Matthew 16:18)

The word church is a Greek word ekklesia which means "calling out ", a popular meeting, a religious congregation, assembly, church. We as people who have been saved are the "called out" or the chosen of the Lord.

If The Called out comes together in a collective gathering at an appointed time and place. Here we put the name Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church as the name where the called out gather.

In reality, we individuals who are saved are the called out the church. The New Testament church is revealed as The body of Christ composed of all nations of people who are saved.

The congregation means convocation or assembly.

1. Numbers 10:7: the congregation was gathered by trumpets; a summons.

Psalm 22:22 In the midst of the congregation

Psalm 35:18 Give thanks in the congregation

Psalm 149:1 Praise Him in the congregation of the saints

2. Israel was called together out of their tents and homes to the door of the Tabernacle of the congregation. That was the church or the assembly.

3. The church is the called out; the congregation is the called out to assemble together.

Why Reverence the temple?

- a. A place God has chosen for assembly. A place where God has placed you in His Universal Body.
- b. To reverence the place is to reverence God. To give non-reverence to the place is to give non-reverence to God .
- c. If you will love and respect God, you will love and respect His people and place.
- d. You love your home. Would you disrespect your home by letting it be in any kind of order or shape?

Ways to disrespect the Temple (Church)

- a. Once service begins or is called to order, to continue to talk or walk around is disrespect.
- b. Once the service is called to order, understand the presence of God is "not coming" the presence of God is already there. When you get to church, the presence of God is already present.
- c. Use the restroom before services. Getting up to go to the restroom can be very distracting to people around you.
- d. It is disrespectful to enter the pulpit area or remove anything from the area without the approval of the Shepard (Pastor) or designee.
- e. To walk during prayer or prayer of deliverance, scripture, message and alter call. Each of these times reverences the Lordship of God. DON'T WALK!
- f. We respect the temple by respecting the authority and laws that govern the Temple. The Ushers are the spiritual patrolmen of the temple. Remember they are ministers doing their ministry to the best of their ability. Obey them. Obey set rules. Obedience shows respect to the one you are obeying.
- g. Ministers must never walk into the pulpit after the service has begun unless invited by the pastor or designee to participate. This applies even if visiting another church.
- h. To have food, candy, or gum in the sanctuary.

In a collective gathering, God speaks to His assembled people. The Holy Ghost speaks directly to each person concerning what the person needs to hear.

IV. How to properly address leadership and the church body

When a member comes before the church to address the body of Christ, there must be order. It is disrespectful to address a body without giving honor to those who have earned high honor and respect.

1Ti 5:17 Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.

The following guidelines should be followed when standing before the church or a church gathering:

1. First give reverence (honor) to God. God gets first place in all things.
2. Then honor and recognize the pastor. This should be done even if the pastor is absent.
3. Also it is proper to recognize the pastor's spouse. Without her or him much of the pastor's success would not occur.
4. Recognize the pastor guest or assistants (Ministers). We are not into calling everyone's name who wears a title. Once we begin to call names and make special recognitions we probably will offend some who feels they also deserve this honor and recognition.
5. The pastor and first lady are to never be call by their first name. This is highly disrespectful. You are to use their fivefold office title or other titles that appropriately suits them.

We are instructed in 1 Corinthians 14:40 to "Let all things be done decently and in order."

RECEIVING THE SPIRIT OF THE PASTOR

IMPORTANCE OF RECEIVING THE SPIRIT OF THE PASTOR

Before you can receive the spirit of your current Pastor, you must first allow the spirit of your former Pastor to die. Never bring the spirit of your former Pastor into another's house. You cannot have two heads of authority. Your Pastor to whom you serve is your spiritual head. "If you don't have the spirit of the PRESENT MAN, you can't work effectively with the vision of the land (the house)." This is called the Law of Harmony. (THIS INCLUDES COVENANT AS WELL AS WATCHCARE!)

TO RECEIVE THE SPIRIT OF THE PASTOR

A. You must respect the Pastoral office as the head of the local body. He is the shepherd over this flock.

B. You must know that the Father had led you to this body. If you know this, then

You know that the Pastoral office is to feed you and educate you with the things of the Father, so you can grow up in Christ in all things.

C. You must know the Pastor's office and your position, and submit to his

authority. Hebrews 13:17, "Obey them that have rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your soul, as they must give an account that they may do it with joy, and not with grief for that is unprofitable for you."

D. Examples of receiving the spirit of your Pastor (Spiritual Leader) can be found in 2 Kings 2, and 2 Kings 3:11

Elisha following after Elijah

- There was submission
- There was acceptance of authority
- The work was for the benefit of the whole
- Elisha trusted the leading of Elijah
- Elisha, by obeying God, received a double portion
- God's honor comes to you based upon the degree of your submission to leadership

- Elisha supported Elijah

- Elisha was a servant to Elijah

E. Three things you must know to flow with and to receive the spirit of your Pastor.

1. You should not be offended by your Pastor when you know that you have been called to him.

2. You cannot be insecure within yourself.

3. Your dream/vision must die so that the leader's dream lives. In doing so, your dream/ vision will be resurrected. Luke 16:12

EIGHT BIBLE WAYS TO RELATE TO YOUR PASTOR

In Ephesians 4:8-12, it states that Jesus led captivity captive and gave gifts unto men. These gifts are spiritual gifts to the body (Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, and Teacher.) Below are listed the eight ways that the Bible states we should relate to these gifts. We will be focusing particularly on the ministry of Pastor.

A. Receive him as a gift from God

1. To receive means to accept, as in ownership.

2. We know that every good and perfect gift comes from God; therefore, if He gave the gift of Pastor, it must be perfect. It is not the man, but the gift that is perfect.

3. Until you receive the gift (the Pastor), you don't really benefit from it.

B. Know your Pastor. 1 Thessalonians 5:12

1. "Know" here means having a level of knowledge of him that causes

one to be familiar with, sure of and capable of understanding him. It's more than surface knowledge.

2. Know him also after the spirit. The Bible tells us to know no man after the flesh. The man is imperfect, but the gift is perfect. Therefore, if you know your Pastor and walk in the spirit yourself, his imperfections in the flesh will not hinder you from receiving from him.

C. Esteem him very highly. 1 Thessalonians 5:13

1. "Esteem" means to respect; appreciate or hold in high regard for.
2. We are to do so, if for no other reason than for the work's sake.

D. Pray for him. 2 Thessalonians 3:1-2

1. Intercede daily for those in authority; this includes the Pastor.
2. Prayer allows the Word to have free course.
3. Prayer makes you involved in the message that comes forth and gives you a sense of your part in the ministry and your responsibility in the ministry.
4. When we are praying for the Pastor, we are less likely to be critical of him.

E. Communicate with him. Galatians 6: 6

1. Communicate with him in all good things.
2. This includes verbal appreciation shown, as well as your finances.
3. Doing your part in the ministry is good communication. It says, "I am with you. "

F. Follow or imitate him. Hebrews 6

1. If you know your Pastor and receive him, then you should have no problem in following him.
2. Follow and imitate him in only those things that are good and acceptable to God.
3. If you feel that your Pastor cannot be followed, you should find a place that is led by a Pastor you can submit to and follow.

G. Obey him. Hebrews 13: 17

1. Obey as long as what you are being told to do is not contrary to the Word and the Will of God. Again, you must receive, know and trust your Pastor or you will have problems obeying him.
2. Obedience is active. It means you have to do something you are told to do.

H. [Submit to him](#). Hebrews 13:17

Submission is an attitude. You cannot disobey and still submit.

TWO IMPORTANT PRINCIPLES TO REMEMBER

A. Loyalty - to change my plans to serve the Pastor I'm under

B. Commitment - unknown until it is tested. 1 Kings 2:1-2

Submission is different from obedience. Submission is an attitude from the heart.

THE GIFT OF SALVATION

I. WHAT IS SALVATION?

A. Salvation can best be defined as deliverance from all curses, including death. Thus, salvation cannot be limited to the initial stage of redemption, which is the forgiveness of sins. According to the Word of God, one will be saved from many enemies, Luke 1:71, saved from sins, Romans 10:1,9-10, delivered from slavery, Acts 7:25, and saved from physical infirmity. Acts 4:12

B. Salvation comes from the Greek word, "Soteria," which means deliverance.

Salvation is used in the New Testament to define material and temporal deliverance from danger and apprehension. Deliverance means a release from bondage, imprisonment and liberation from captivity.

C. Salvation does not mean that one is perfect. However, it does mean that one has been forgiven. Romans 3:23-24

II. WHAT IF I MAKE A MISTAKE?

Now that one has been born again, one is called a spiritual "babe" in Christ. Just like a baby in the natural, one will stumble and fall. Because one is born again of God, one will not stay down. It is the responsibility of the mature (based on one's obedience to God's Word) Christian to assist the babe in Christ in his/her growth and to encourage them to get up.

III. AM I GOING TO BE TESTED? WHO DOES THE TESTING?

The Bible says in the book of Mark 4; the sower soweth the Word. As the Word is sown, Satan comes to apply the test. He comes to steal your freedom and to make you stumble. 1 Peter 5:8 says, "The devil; as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."

We must realize that all temptation does not come from Satan, but James 1:13 says, "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God; for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man." According to James 1:2-3, "Count it all joy, when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience." Patience, when it is finished, will leave you perfect (complete) wanting nothing,

IV. WHAT DOES SALVATION COST ME?

The price has already been paid for you with the blood of Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 6: 19-20 says that you are not your own, but that you have been bought with a price. Ephesians 2:8-9 says, "For by Grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: Not works (your efforts), lest any man should boast."

It should be understood that salvation is a process that requires effort. According to Mark 13: 13, "And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake, but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."

V. WHAT DOES KNOWING JESUS HAVE TO DO WITH MY SALVATION?

Acts 4:12 says, "There is no other name whereby we must be saved." In John 14:6, Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me."

VI. HOW DO I KEEP MY GIFT?

A. First of all, one is responsible for keeping his own gift. Once one has given his life to Christ," he must understand that God is not responsible for your staying saved and Satan is not responsible for your sins. The Bible says in Hebrews 7:25, "Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him (Jesus) seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them."

B. Secondly, one is responsible for keeping his gift by studying God's Word. 1 Peter 2:2, "Desire the sincere milk of the Word, that one may grow." John 8:31 - 32, 36, "If you continue in My Word, then are you my disciples indeed; and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. If the Son, therefore, shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

VII. WHY DO WE HAVE THIS CLASS?

A. Proverbs 4: 7 (Get Understanding)

B. Mark 4:15

VIII. WHAT HAPPENED TO ME?

A. 2 Corinthians 5:1.7

B. Colossians3: 1-15

C. John 6:63

D. John 5:24

IX. WHAT IS SALVATION?

A. The word SALVATION is the Greek word "Soteria," which means "deliverance, preservation, healing and soundness."

B. Romans 10:9-10

C. John 1:12

X. ACCORDING TO THE WORD OF GOD:

A. Luke 1: 71 - One will be saved from enemies.

B. Romans 10: 1, 9-10 - One will be saved from sins.

C. Acts 7:25 - One will be delivered from slavery.

D. 1 Peter 2:24 - One will be saved from physical infirmity.

E. Deuteronomy 28: 1-14 - One will be blessed.

XI. HOW DO I KNOW THAT I AM SAVED?

A. Romans 10:9

B. John4:15

C. John 3:36

XII. WHAT SHOULD I DO NEXT?

A. 1 Peter 2:2

B. 2 Peter 3:18

C. 2 Thessalonians 1:3

D. 1 Thessalonians 4:10

E. Romans 12:2

HOLY GHOST/SPIRIT BAPTISM

I. WHO IS THE HOLY GHOST?

First of all, He, (the Holy Ghost) is not an "it." He is the third person in the Trinity (The Father, The Son, and the Holy Ghost.) 1 Corinthians 12:4-6 defines the work of the Divine Trinity as (1) gifts by the Holy Spirit, (2) administrations of Jesus Christ, and (3) operations by God the Father.

II. WHAT DOES THE HOLY GHOST DO?

Acts 1:8 "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost has come upon you, and ye shall be my witnesses unto me." The scripture, 'ye shall be witnesses unto me' is saying that with the power of the Holy Ghost, you will be able to live in line with God's Word. You will not be ashamed of Jesus Christ, regardless of where you are or whom you are with. The Holy Ghost will empower you with a spiritual boldness for Kingdom work, and will lead and direct you into all Truth. Your life will always be a witness for Jesus Christ. Matthew 10:32-33 says, "If you will not confess me before men, I will not confess you before My Father." It is impossible for you to be an effective witness for Christ without the power of the Holy Ghost.

III. THE HOLY GHOST IS A PROMISE FROM GOD:

A. In Acts 1:4-5, Jesus gave instructions to his disciples saying, "Wait for the promise of the Father which, saith he, ye have heard of me.' For John truly

baptized with water; and ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." In John 14:25-26, Jesus says, "These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name. He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have told you."

B. In Luke 11:11-13, Jesus says, "If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? Of if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he give him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children; how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?"

C. Acts 2:23 says, "Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear." Acts 2:38-39 states, "Then Peter said unto them,

'Repent, and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.'

IV. UNDERSTANDING SPEAKING IN TONGUES

The gift of speaking in tongues, just like the gift of salvation, is given freely by God. You cannot work for it. You cannot earn it. Acts 2: 1-4 tells us that when the Day of Pentecost was fully come, the Apostles, all with one accord, were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

V. BENEFIT OF SPEAKING IN TONGUES

According to Romans 8:26-27, we find that when the Spirit prays, He makes intercession for us with groaning which cannot be uttered. And He (Christ) that searcheth the heart knoweth what is in the mind of the Spirit, because He maketh intercession for the saints according to the will (Word) of God. In other words, when your spirit prays, you pray the perfect prayer.

1 Corinthians 14:2. The Word of God tell us, "For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries." When you speak in an unknown tongue, you speak directly to God. Satan cannot understand or interfere with this prayer. An example of Satan interfering is: while you are praying, your prayer is interrupted with crazy thoughts and you quickly forget what you are praying about. But, your unknown tongue is your personal way of communicating with God.

The Holy Ghost comes upon a natural being and gives supernatural power!!

PRINCIPLES OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

There is a distinct difference between tithes and offerings. They are mentioned separately throughout the Bible, even though the Lord required both to be brought to Him.

I. WHAT IS TITHING?

Tithing is the returning to God one tenth of all we earn or receive. All that we have has come from Him. All He asks us to offer to him is one tenth. Therefore, as children of God, we should desire to honor the Lord through our giving. When

we honor people that we love, we give choice gifts. God is to be our first love (Revelation 2:4); therefore, He should be first to receive of our substances. Proverbs 3:9 states that He should be first to receive the first fruits of all our increase. My gift to Him does not make Him any richer; it makes me richer spiritually because of the realization that everything I have is His and that I am giving because I love Him and want to give.

A. The three principles of tithing in the Old Testament are:

1. It's a religious devotion.
2. It's a sacrificial offering.
3. There's a reward in tithing-both material and spiritual.

B. The three principles of tithing in the New Testament are:

1. We are challenged (invited to give regularly.)
2. It must constitute (be made up of) a sacrifice.
3. You're happy to share your blessings- after you have tithed.

Tithing works the same way it did in the Old Testament, with one exception. We do not give produce, land or herbs as our tithing offering. Today, your financial gain is considered your tithes.

II. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF TITHES?

The support of the Lord's work should come first. Malachi 3:10 states the purpose of tithing. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house." Funds are needed in the church in order to meet financial obligations, support missions, provide for workers in the ministry, provide for the poor, etc. The person who fails to honor God with his money actually robs God (Malachi 3:8), not because it impoverishes God but because it denies the God-ordained means for the support of His work and ministers.

III. BLESSING OR CONSEQUENCE? THE CHOICE IS YOURS!

Read Malachi 3:8-10

These verses teach the following principles:

First, the covenant relationship is broken with God by robbing Him of the tithes and offerings.

Second, this action brings retributive judgment.

Third, God is faithful. If all the tithes were given, He would "open up the windows of heaven and rebuke the devourer."

God actually invites people to "prove" Him-to verify His trustworthiness with their giving. He says that by withheld giving, we rob Him of the privilege of pouring out great and overflowing blessings. He calls for renewed giving with this promise.

First, there will be "food," or resources for God's work ("in mine house.")

Second, He says those who give will be placed in position to receive great blessings. You can experience the windows of heaven actually opening with blessings you will not be able to "receive" or contain!

Third, God says that He will "rebuke the devourer" for your sake. He will cause every blessing that has your name written on it to be directed to you and Satan himself cannot stop it.

IV. COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

A. Can I borrow from Tithes? Leviticus 27:30-31

In other words, if a man or a woman wants at all to redeem any of his tithes, he shall add one fifth to the whole, or 20% is to be given to the Lord. Such a heavy interest rate would be levied upon the tithes as an incentive not to borrow against it.

B. As a widow should I give tithes? 1 Kings 17:8-16

Two important principles for our giving are illustrated by this passage of Scripture:

1 First, we must give something out of our need. That is the kind of giving that involves faith. Giving from abundance does not take faith. This woman had a need for herself and her family, but she gave to sustain the ministry and life of God's Prophet, Elijah. Then God multiplied what she gave, and gave it back to her.

Second, this woman gave first to the man of God. Her giving activated the miracle supply of God flowing back into her life (the principle of tithing.)

C. I'm receiving assistance (AFDC, College Financial Aid, Child Support, etc.) Do I have to give tithes? Genesis 28:22, Deuteronomy 14:22,14:28,16:15,2

Chronicles 31:5, Proverbs 3:9

The common theme throughout the above verses is "all thy increase." Jacob pledged a tenth of all that God blessed him with. God commands that we tithe all of our increase unto Him. He did not put stipulations on the tithe based on how we attained our increase. Deuteronomy 16:15 indicates that all increase is from God, whether it be from our labor or through assistance from others. Even assistance is a gift from God, for there are many who do not receive anything. We should be willing to express our gratitude for what we have through tithing.

3. What if the church is mismanaging the Tithe - Should I continue to give?

Then brought all Judah the tithe of the corn and the new wine and the oil unto the treasuries. And I made treasurers over the treasuries, Shelemiah the priest, and Zadok the scribe, and of the Levites, Pedaiah: and next to them was Hanan the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattamah: for they were counted faithful, and their office was to distribute unto their brethren. (Nehemiah 13:12-13)

These scriptures show that it is the responsibility of the man of God to ensure proper stewardship and administration over the tithe. Like the parable in Matthew 25:24-30, all who has been a responsibility from God must answer 'to Him as to how they carried out that responsibility.

QUESTION: Is tithing something that was for old testament people like Abraham, or those under Moses' law?

- ANS. Jesus said, "If Abraham were your father, you would do the works of Abraham." And we know that one of the works of Abraham was to render tithes to Melchizedek, an ancient figure of Christ (Ps. 110:4). Abraham's children live as Abraham lived. Tithing was not simply a commandment that was given under the Law. Abraham and Jacob lived hundreds of years before the Law was given, and they both offered their tithes to God. The righteous have always known what was right to do and have done it. They did not need the Law of Moses; they were "a law unto themselves." Paul said it this way: "The Law was not made for a righteous man" (I Tim. 1 :9).

SPECIAL NOTE: Do not be afraid to prove God with your giving; He is God and He will stand the test every time (Gal. 6:7-9, Mark 11 :22-24). Many people are handicapped by their own poverty and too often their poverty is caused by their own disobedience to the Word. There are many ways in which people are disobedient; one way is by robbing God by withholding their tithes and offerings. As a consequence, they are also robbing themselves of the blessings that God wants to bestow upon them.

OFFERINGS

Offerings are gifts brought to God beyond the tithes. The tithe is always ten percent of one's increase; this offering must come from our nine-tenths, since the one-tenth is already the Lord's. We should understand, therefore, that no giving can really qualify as offering until the whole tithe has been given. Offering is the bonus round of giving. It is our opportunity to find spontaneous or planned, sporadic or regular ways to exercise God's gift of a generous and thankful heart.

Concerning offerings (our giving beyond our tithe) Paul wrote, "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver. But this I say, he which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly, and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)

THE SPIRIT OF GIVING

And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. And all that believed were together, and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men as every man had need. (Acts 2:43-45)

And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any if that aught of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.

For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God; (2 Corinthians 9: 12)

When we have brought to God His tithes and His offerings, we should understand that we have not given God anything. His tithes and His offerings are His to begin with. We are just doing our duty of bringing to God what is already His. It is good to do our duty, but we must understand that by doing our duty, we are only being a faithful handler of God's possessions, and avoiding becoming a thief.

MT. CALVARY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH MINISTRIES

Jesus said in Mat 23:11; But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. If you are looking to be great in the Kingdom of God, you must be a servant. Below is a list of the ministries at Mount Calvary:

Deacons Ministry

The Deacon's Ministry at Calvary is composed of a group of men that flow as a team under the Pastor. This group of men oversees the business of the church from the church body, finances, sanctuary, etc. Contact Person: Deacon Owen Clemons

Music Ministry

The music ministry consists of an assemblage of baptized believers that function as musicians, praise team singers, and various choir members. We feel that worship is an extremely important part of our services. Each week, the anointed Praise Team members ushers everyone into the presence of the Lord through praise, worship, and songs. It is imperative that the musicians are in tune with the presence of the Lord and not just performing a talent. They play a vital role in the services and have to be in the FLOW (Fully Loaded On the Word) with the Spirit of God. Mt. Calvary's Music Ministry consist of the Praise Team, the 1st Sunday Combined Choir, the 2nd Sunday Youth Choir, the 3rd Sunday Male Choir, the 4th Sunday Adult Choir, and the 5th Sunday Mass Choir. Deacon Curtis Williams, SR serves as the deacon over this ministry overseeing the needs of the Minister of Music. As of February 2005, Sister Shaquanta D. Edwards has faithfully served as the Minister of Music. She continues to oversee with a spirit of excellence within this ministry as a whole. In addition to fulfilling the role of keyboardist and pianist, she is assisted by Sister Tammie Hart (Praise Team President and Youth Choir President), Sister Lillie Roberts (Praise Team Coordinator), Brother Roy Hart (Male Choir President), and Mt. Calvary's dynamic band members: Deacon M. Jerome Roberts (guitarist), Brother Nathan T. Edwards, SR (bass guitarist), and Brother Rashodd Smith (drummer). Contact Person: Sister Shaquanta D. Edwards

Audio/Video (Sound Ministry)

A ministry committed to providing the technical expertise for the audio video presentation of the Word. Contact Person: Sister Lori Scully

Media Ministry

The Media Ministry is growing at Mt. Calvary. The Sunday Services are recorded DVD and CD media each Sunday and are available to anyone who would like to receive a copy for a small donation. Contact Person: Sister Lillie Roberts

Pastor's Aide Ministry

The Pastor's Aide Ministry is designed to be a help to the Pastor and First Lady in doing what is necessary to help them in their ministry. Contact Persons: Sister Sandy Hart and Sister Gloria Crawford

Amour Bearers Ministry

This ministry is designed to assist the Pastor and Wife. Contact Person: Brother Roy Hart

Evangelism

A ministry dedicated to sharing our faith, introducing others to our local church body, and assisting our Pastor in carrying out the vision. Contact Person: Pastor Charles E. Vinson, Sr.

Caring Hands Ministry (Minister's Wives and Deaconess)

A ministry dedicated to visiting convalescent homes and ministering the love of Christ to the elderly. Contact Person: Sister Evelyn D. Vinson

New Members Class

Classes devoted to preparing our new members for service and promoting Christian development. Contact Persons: Pastor Charles E. Vinson, Sr.

Greeters Ministry

This is a ministry of courtesy that greets each individual that enters the building of Mount Calvary with a loving welcome and a inviting smile. Contact Person: Sister Sandy Hart

Transportation Ministry

Mt. Calvary's church bus is always available if needed. Contact Person: Deacon Curtis Williams, SR.

The Ushers Ministry

The ushers have the responsibility of ensuring that all who enter know that they are welcome. Ushers assist attendees during Worship Service as much as possible and help maintain order during the service. Volunteers of compassion and patience who love people are perfect for this ministry. Contact Person: Sister Gloria Crawford

Intercessory Prayer

A ministry committed to developing strong prayer warriors who are dedicated to "Standing in the Gap" for our Pastor and his family, church leaders, ministries and families. Contact Person: Deacon Curtis Williams, Sr.

Men of Calvary

A ministry dedicated to equipping men with the necessary resources and tools to grow spiritually and emotionally; to become Godly men (single or married), father and husbands; and understand the true meaning of manhood. Contact Person: Minister Jeff Hunter

Women Ministry (Sister-to-Sister)

A ministry dedicated to the heart of womanhood; connecting Christian women to one another through meaningful, life-changing moments of prayer, empowerment,

accountability, fellowship, worship, and love; mentoring and supporting both younger women and our sisters inside the church and beyond the walls. Contact Persons: Sister Sandy Hart and Sister Gloria Crawford

Couples Ministry

To enrich marriages within Mount Calvary by building warm, nurturing Christ Centered loving relationships, through meetings aided at providing support and encouragement to married couples. Contact Persons: Deacon Ernest and Sister Willow Dean Jenkins and Deacon Willie and Sister Carol Cooks

Singles Ministry

A ministry committed to providing the resources and environment to enable singles to develop spiritually, mentally and emotionally. Contact Persons: Deacon Owen Clemons and Sister Gwendolyn Burgman

Senior Citizens Ministry (55 & Older)

A ministry committed to providing the resources and environment to enable Senior Citizens (ages 55 and older) to develop spiritually, mentally, and emotionally through programs and events. Contact Person: Minister Benjamin Holmes

Food Service Ministry

The Food Service Ministry at Mt. Calvary is under the leadership of Deacon Ernest Jenkins. Sister Ada Washington is the Supervisor of the Kitchen Ministry. This ministry incorporates two ministries within the Church; both the Kitchen Ministry and The Food Pantry Ministry. The Kitchen Ministry oversees the meals that are served and/or prepared at the church. The Food Pantry Ministry is the area of the ministry whereby we distribute food to the needy families within the community. The Food Pantry Ministry is operational on Wednesday evenings from 6pm to 8 pm. Contact Person: Sister Ada Washington

Birthday Guild Ministry ("Building on Faith for the Future")

The church, in exercise of its religious purposes, has established the Birthday Guild which supports the church building fund. Every member and friend of the Greater Mt. Calvary Baptist Church is invited to make a commitment to the Birthday Guild. This fund is a means for the people of the church to support the church building fund through a monetary donation, which is to be given during the month of their birthday. We look forward to having a "Calvary Blessing Station" (church home) that is fully accessible to welcome all with plenty of room for all ages to participate in any and all of our services. Contact Person: Sister Cheryl Clemons

Parking Lot/Security Ministry

A ministry dedicated to maintaining the flow of traffic and parking during our multiple worship services. Contact Person: Brother Mark Stewart

Christian Education (Director: Sister Betty Thomas)

(Ministries: Children's, Youth, Youth Bible Study, Special Programs, Dance and Sunday School)

Children Ministry

A ministry dedicated to serving our children and help them to develop spiritually.

Youth Ministry

To provide alternatives for our youth by creating and operating programs that are educational, informative, fun and age appropriate. A primary objective of this ministry is to be an outlet where our youth can be heard and accepted for who they are and were created to become.

Youth Bible Study

The youth bible study have classes every Wednesday Night in their individual class rooms for elementary, middle, and high school students. The last Wednesday Night of the month they have special services on various life-skills topics.

Special Programs

The ministry groups/teams are responsible for establishing and facilitating special and yearly programs and events for our youth for example: Christmas, Easter, Black History, Graduation, Back to School, Youth Revival, Fall Festival, and more.

Dance Ministry

This Ministry is under the auspices of Sister Ada Washington, Sister Gwendolyn Burgman, and Sister Valerie Martin. They have transformed our young people into a well choreographed team performing praise to the Lord in Dance. Contact Person: Sister Ada Washington

Sunday School

To teach God's Word in a way that strengthens the church and help win the unchurched. Instruction is given in a small group setting so that questions can be asked and answered. Contact Person: Deacon Curtis Williams, Sr.

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