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Mt. Calvary's HOMECOMING FINALE

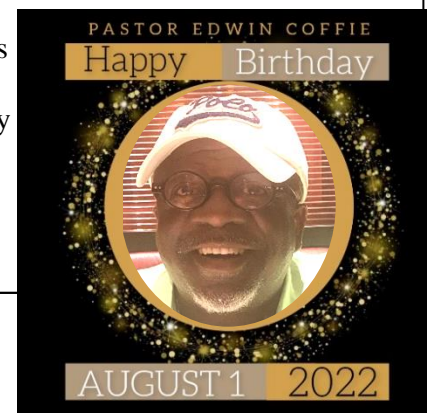
Submitted by Sister Marion Smith

Homecoming Month at Mt. Calvary began and ended marvelously. On Sunday, July 31, 2022, the choir, directed by our multi-talented Pastor, joyfully and convincingly sang “He Has Done Marvelous Things” as an opening selection. The mystery surrounding the “fifth Sunday surprise” was rapidly unfolding: This would indeed be another opportunity to give God the glory for the great things He has done. Revealing his elation about the choir returning to some normalcy, Pastor Coffie proudly proclaimed, “We are on our way back. Here we are fifty-two months after the announcing of the first COVID case, and **we are GRATEFUL, THANKFUL, and BLESSED!**” After having read *Psalm 139:17-18* – “How precious are your thoughts to me, O God... If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand,” Pastor asked, “Have you taken a moment to thank God for all he has done?” Thus, the first concert selection, “You Don’t Know.”

The second selection was introduced by Deacon Sylvester Kirk, who read *Hebrews 10:23*, “Let us hold fast the profession of our faith ...” which led to the choir singing “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less.” During the offering, the musicians played, “Thank You, Lord, For All You’ve Done For Me,” which paved the way for Dr. M. Francis Fontaine’s Prayer of Thanks for the new safety rails recently acquired by the church. “Grace has prevailed,” said Dr. Fontaine.

Reminding everyone that God is a healer, Evangelist Delores Pennill read *Matthew 4:23* – “And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues... and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.” In introducing the 3rd song, Evangelist Pennill invited the listening audience to come into the room, where Jesus is a healer and a comforter. Brother James Reed capably led the choir in singing “Come On in the Room.”

Deacon Robert Robinson used *Psalm 91:2* – “I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust” and *Hebrews 13:8* – “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever” to illustrate that the depth of his nature is summed up in one word, “**God.**” So, if one ever wonders whether God can meet our every need, think back on Sister Linda Murray’s melodious testimony, “God is...,” the choir’s 4th concert number. The finale featured Sister Frankie Jones as narrator and Brother Adrian Worsley as soloist. Speaking from *Luke 1:37* – “For with God, nothing shall be impossible,” Sister Jones testified, “God can unexpectedly step in and change our darkness into day.” Brother Adrian gave us this confirmation as he sang the 5th song, “Jesus Can Work It Out” with much fervor. Our church family sincerely thanks Pastor and First Lady for the refreshing treat provided after service. Likewise, we thank the choir, musicians, narrators, and our eminent Pastor-Director for uniquely declaring HIS Word through Scripture, narration, and song.



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LETTER

From the Editor

The EDITOR Is IN – AUGUST 2022

Submitted by Sister Marion K. Smith, Editor



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*Special thanks to Dr. Myra Valentine
for her submission.*

A quick glance at this month's issue of the Newsletter reveals our sincere interest in promoting sound Christian principles in our youth. After escaping from slavery, Frederick Douglas established himself as a writer and abolitionist orator. In fact, it was he who once said, "It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men." Of course, the Bible is always the best source to consult relevant to providing wholesome Christian environments for our children. Consider the advice concerning such discipline given by Solomon in *Proverbs 22:6* – "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Consider the time spent by ministry chairs and auxiliary staff in planning.

Pages 6 and 7 highlight the extent to which many "trainers" went this summer in order to provide ample opportunities for our youth to stay as busy as bees. The kickoff for the much welcomed participation of Mt. Calvary's youth as well as other young people from neighboring communities began on June 27th with Vacation Bible School and culminated with a month-long STEM Summer Camp. Intermittently, the Men's Ministry planned an outing for youth department members to witness a minor league baseball game in Daytona Beach. The photos on page 6 suggest that a good time was held by all as the children were treated to traditional gameday fare – hotdogs, popcorn, and cold drinks. Additionally, everyone looks forward to reading teenager Maxwell Lee's monthly column, "The Wisdom of John Lee Maxwell."

As we continue to pray for our youths, let us also thank God for our Pastor, the administrative staff, ministry chairs, and every human instrument God pre-ordained to work in His vineyard this summer.

**HIS Love and Mine,
Sister Marion K. Smith, Editor and Ministry Chair**



**The Deadline for submitting articles
for the October 2022 Edition
is September 15, 2022.**

***The Calvary Courier staff will take a respite
in August -NO SEPTEMBER publication.**

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MONDAY MORNING
WITH THE MASTER
MINISTRY PROFILE

Researched and submitted by
Sister Betty Donaldson, Lead Facilitator and Host

Editor's note: The Calvary Courier continues its series on spotlighting the various ministries of the church, their roles and how you might get involved — if you are not already.

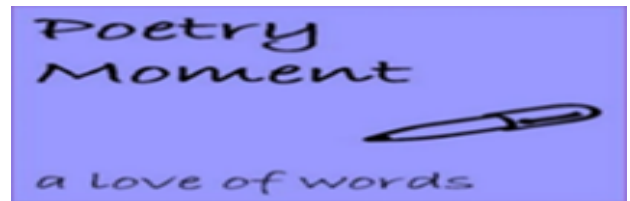
HISTORY: **Monday Morning with the Master** replaced the **Hour of Power** prayer ministry which started in 2004. Evangelist Wisteria Polite and Sister Deloris Starkes were appointed by Pastor Edwin Coffie as the lead prayer warriors of Hour of Power, and later Deaconess Gladys Reid and the late Sis. Regina Webb were selected to join the team. This team of warriors, along with other MCBC family and friends, met every Wednesday morning in the Family Life Center at 8:30. Pastor Coffie's vision was what he called the **three P's; Prayer, Praise and Peace**. Regular attendees could say that this vision was realized. In 2020, at the onset of the COVID 19 pandemic, Pastor Coffie, along with Reverend Dr. M. Frances Fontaine, collaborated regarding how prayer could remain an integral part of worship for the MCBC family. Thus, **Monday Morning with the Master (MMM)** was born as a conference call ministry.

Dr. Fontaine was appointed as advisor of this new Prayer Ministry. Deaconess Barbara Robinson was appointed as Diaconate, facilitator and host; Sister Betty Donaldson was appointed Lead Facilitator and host; and Trustee Yvette Knighton as facilitator and host. Later Sisters Shirley Maloney and Cynthia Jones were added to the team as scribes. Director of Operations Leasa McLeish serves in many capacities in this ministry.

FORMAT AND PURPOSE: MMM was officially launched on November 9, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. with 27 participants on the call-in-line. Currently, we average 55 participants each week nationwide. They have the opportunity to give praise reports and bring their petitions before the Lord. Additionally, more than 50 MCBC family and friends go to our website on a weekly basis requesting prayer. The most important components of this Prayer Ministry include the intercessors who pray on behalf of the listeners, the devotional leaders who bring words of wisdom and encouragement, and the soloist who sets the tone for worship through songs of praise.

Pastor Coffie's vision for the Prayer Ministry remains the same as in 2004: Prayer, Praise and Peace. Two years in, without successful contradiction, God is doing amazing things in the lives of His people. Prayers are being answered as evident by the weekly praise reports. Pastor Coffie is the official prayer warrior, and he strongly encourages all members and friends to continue in prayer, "being watchful and thankful." *Colossians 4:2*.

GOAL: If you have not tuned into one of the Monday Morning with the Master sessions, we encourage you to call in by 8:30 a.m. each Monday by dialing (425-436-6364) and putting in the access code: 148592#



“They Shall Know We Are Christians - By... Our... Love!”

Written and Submitted by Sister Cynthia Jones

They shall know that we are Christians
by our love,
God sent His only begotten Son from above,
To illuminate our path for daily living,
To impart our faith in Him to others
Which He has given.

They shall know we are Christians by our love,
For we pray for others, not only ourselves,
Asking our Heavenly Father to help us through,
So we may endure, revive, and renew.

They shall know we are Christians by our love,
Staid on the battlefield to let our light so shine,
Beckoning, awakening,
and harkening those who are lost,
Those who have yet to witness the divine.

They shall know we are Christians by our love,
We embrace God's truth proclaiming
His grace and mercy are more than enough.

They shall know we are Christians by our love,
Bearing one another's burdens and sorrows,
Looking to the hills, to the future
– a brighter tomorrow.

They shall know we are Christians
by our love,
We sacrifice, support, suffer and serve
– all for Christ's sake
Without reserve - cocooned in God's
ark of tranquility,

Because we are yet free indeed! We are Christians!

WE... ARE... LOVE...

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- **Next Ministry Profile / October 2022**
SWAT ~ Evangelist Rae-Jean Philippe
Sunday School ~ Sister Susan Crockett

WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT BRUNCH

Submitted by Dr. Myra Valentine

Several women of Mt. Calvary, including First Lady Coffie, traveled to Palatka on July 9th to attend a Women's Empowerment Conference Brunch. It was held at the Calvary Family Life Center which was decorated in gorgeous shades of purple and white. All attendees enjoyed a delicious brunch and a panel of eloquent speakers, which included one of our own members, **Faith Perry**.

Faith shared her testimony of becoming a successful Director/Owner of a Childcare program then going on to becoming a Certified Life Coach and business owner of "Just Faith It." Her journey was grounded in her faith in God and trusting His guidance even when things were not going the way she had planned. The MCBC women were proud to share in this moment with Faith and other empowering women speakers. God was glorified and the devil horrified because he lost the battle in the life of each speaker as they reached out to help others.

Karen Duncan, First Lady Carol Coffie, Susan Crockett, Betty Donaldson, Dr. Myra Valentine, Faith Perry



Sister Delores B. Holley: *A Celebration of Life*

Submitted by Sister Marion Smith



From beginning to end, the Homegoing Celebration for Sister Delores B. Holley was a beautiful testimony of a servant whom her pastor, the Reverend Edwin Coffie, described as one who “finished well.” Adding to this accolade were family members who reflected on her life and concurred that Sister Holley was “loving and strong, but mighty.” In fact, grandson Howard, Jr., ended his remarks with one of his grandmother’s last requests for the family – “Make sure you love on each other.” Mother Holley’s legacy of love was reiterated by Trustee Chair Leon McLaurin who, just before making acknowledgements, told of his connection to the Holley family. One could also feel the love which abounded as soloist and niece, Karin Thompson, fervently sang, “Surely the Presence of The Lord Is In This Place.”

Prior to delivering the eulogy, Pastor Coffie commended Brother Howard and Sister Barbara Holley “for the way you took care of your mother.” He likewise thanked Reverend Dr. Kevin James, Pastor of Palm Coast United Methodist Church, for the opening invocation as well as his generosity in the consolidation of choirs (Palm Coast United Methodist and Mt. Calvary).

Pastor Coffie’s sermon, “*I Shall Wear a Crown,*” was taken from *James 1:12* – “Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.” Comparing the life and works of Mother Holley to jewels in a royal crown, Pastor Coffie pointed out the **PROMISE as Jewel Number One**: Her longevity was one of her blessings. **Jewel Number Two was the PROMISE**: She will receive the crown of life. **Jewel Number Three was the PREFACE** which is a preliminary status for those who love Him. In his conclusion, Reverend Coffie said, “We will continue to spread the love – just as she did.” True to his word, Pastor and the combined choir evidenced that love as he directed, and the group sang “I shall wear a Crown...When it’s all over...I’m going to put on my robe and tell the story...Soon as I get home.”

THE WISDOM OF MAXWELL JOHN LEE

Submitted By Maxwell John Lee



I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against thee.

Psalms 119:11

Psalms 58:4 says: In God whose word I praise. In God I trust and am not afraid. What can man do to me?

My Wisdom: You should not fear anything. The Lord is with you at all times. He won't let anything bad happen to you.

My Grandmother's Response: Always remember Maxwell, that even if it appears to be bad, the word says, that if we love the Lord and are called according to His purpose, it will work for our good and His glory.

Luke 6:35 NIV says: But love your enemies, do good to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because He is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.

My Wisdom: Have love for all of your enemies. Give to them and don't expect anything in return and your reward will be greater than you ever imagined. You are a child of the Most High and the Lord is kind to each and every one of us.

My Grandmother's Response: So true, Maxwell! Our reward truly will be great when we love like Jesus loved. He loves everyone, regardless of who they are, or what they've done.

Romans 15:4 NLT says: Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us. And the Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled.

My Wisdom: The Scriptures are in the Bible to help us and uplift us as we are waiting for our prayers to be answered.

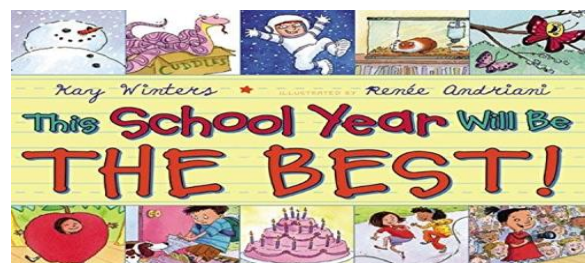
KIDZ KORNER

Submitted by Sister Leila Jordan



As this school year begins, we want to encourage and motivate you. Continue working hard in your classes; that is always going to be important. But more importantly, continue to put God before everything that you say and do! Jesus is going to use you in so many ways, so make sure to invest your time in Him each day! Keep up the hard work. You have a team (MCBC) behind you constantly praying for you.

Students – look at it as one assignment at a time. You can do this!! Remember, we are all here for you and cheering you on! And if you need help, don't be afraid to ask. We want to see you succeed!!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, STEM SUMMER CAMP, and BASEBALL

Submitted by Jennifer Harris,
Rachel Haynes, and Marion Smith

VBS



This year's two-day Vacation Bible School definitely was fast track as students excitedly greeted each other, consumed breakfast and a lunch tailor-

made by the Hospitality Ministry to spark learning, and eagerly absorbed the main ideas of the lessons lovingly prepared by their teachers. This year's theme was **I've Got This with Jesus**. The challenge for teachers was trying to determine which suggested activities would best meet the spiritual needs of their students. Judging by the closing day performances, the teachers got it right. Of course, as in the past, classes were assigned specific times to transition to the Arts and Crafts Center where students made keepsakes corresponding to Biblical stories. As there was never a dull moment, each class was also assigned a specific time for reporting to the Games Center. A closing ceremony was held at the end of Day Two where teachers and students were creative in wrap-up presentations. Pastor Coffie, always on hand to share words of encouragement, did not disappoint as he prayed and officially ended VBS 2022.



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TOTAL Inc.

Computer Science Summer Camp



Imagine being in a class where there are no lectures, no pop quizzes on Tuesday nor unit tests on Friday. Most importantly, there is no homework! In fact, one of the Camp's objectives is to "allow campers to choose how to focus their interests. Instructors are leaders in the tech training

field and are there to encourage and assist campers in channeling their efforts into a specific aspect of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) related projects based on their strengths and weaknesses" (TOTAL INC.'s online summary). Upon observing the students "at work," it was clear



that all the learning activities were fun, but some were more popular than others. Such were the virtual reality goggles where, according to camp instructor, Brian Curry, "one can experience things in 3-D, such as taking a roller coaster ride, going fishing or simply playing games. On campus field trips were also popular. On

one occasion, Reverend Michelle Arrington was observed leading a group of students to the parking lot in order to locate a spot suitable for linking up to a satellite. Such was the nature of this extremely motivating Summer Camp made possible through the generosity of Total Inc. and its coordinator, Ms. Cycily Thomas. Mt. Calvary is also extremely grateful for the role the Arringtons played in affording young people the opportunity to participate in this enriching summer camp.

Youth and Men's Ministries sponsors **Baseball Outing**

On July 8, 2022, the Men's and Youth Ministries took the youth to a completely packed Jackie Robinson Stadium for a Minor League Baseball game as Daytona Beach (Cincinnati Reds) took on St. Lucie (New York Mets). The youth were privileged to learn about Black historic baseball pioneers. Realistically speaking, they enjoyed the entire baseball experience, which included singing the traditional "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" song. The fireworks spectacular after the game brought an end to an exciting evening at the stadium.



Submitted by Sister Maxine Moore



HAPPY BIRTHDAY AUGUST!

Scripture: “For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD will give grace and glory; no good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly.” **Psalm 84:11**(KJV)

**God’s plan was fulfilled when He placed Pastor and Lady Coffie in our lives. We all wish you a Happy August Birthday, Pastor!*

Your birthstone is Peridot.



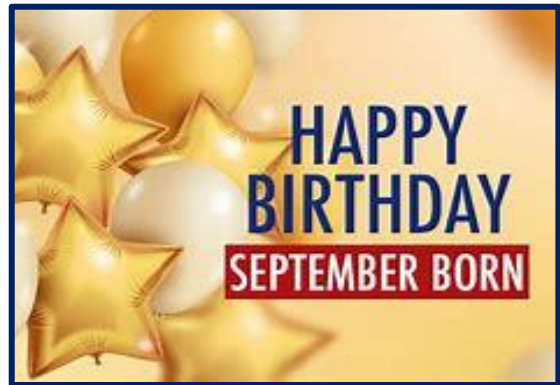
Your flower is Gladiolus.



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Albert Hines, Sr., Shirley Horne
Carolyn Snow, Yumeka (F) Carey
Willette Nelson–Prime, Randolph Arthur
Alfred Phillips, Alberta Tyson
Jacobi Williams, Joseph Fennell, Jr.*
Esther Stubbs, Shirley Maloney
Leasa McLeish, Ronald McNeal
Phillip Turner, Walter Johnson
Beverly Chandler, Angela Simpson
Patricia Ann Williams, (Rev) Otis Smith
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Richard Nettles, Daniel Brown
Samuel Brown, Evelyn Dandy
Linda Murray, Donna Easterling
Patricia Ann Williams, Terry Turner-James
Terrance Gerald, Christie Cooper,
Thelma Boykin, Brenda Edwards

Enjoy your Birthday!



HAPPY SEPTEMBER B-DAY!

Scripture: “One thing I ask from the Lord... that I may dwell in the house of the Lord.”

Psalm 27:4

Your birthstone is Sapphire.



Your flower is Aster.

** Denotes Youth*

Maryiotti Johnson, Vanessa Brown
Sandra Mason, Caleb (M) Thompson
Antoinette Bailey, Thelma Fletcher
(Rev) Allan Pennill, Sr., Anunique Salter*
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Richard Mackie, Steven Haynes
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Patricia Young, George Brown
Arthur Leon McLaurin, Ruth Nettles
Eddie Bailey, Cynthia West

Enjoy your Birthday!

Please wear your mask, get your shot,
and keep your hands clean.

Love of Jesus,
Sister Maxine Moore,
Sunshine Care Ministry

HOMECOMING 2022



PASTOR COFFIE DIRECTING THE CHOIR!