



THE CALVARY COURIER

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A NEWSLETTER OF THE MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH OF PALM COAST, FLORIDA
Bringing Information and Inspiration to the Mt. Calvary Family and Community

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Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

*“Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable.”
Psalm 145:3 (KJV)*

Greetings and blessings upon you, my dear Mt. Calvary family. I thank God that He has, once again, granted many of us the opportunity to experience a time of refreshing and rejuvenation at some point during the summer break. Whether at home or far away, however, I pray you made it a priority to pray often for Mt. Calvary and her members – especially the sick and shut-in. Likewise, I trust that you made Pastor Coffie's prayer burden your burden also. Furthermore, as committed followers of Christ, we thank God for affording us the opportunity to let people know that God is not dead; He's still alive. Therefore, if this summer was one of missed opportunities for you to pray regularly and share the claims of Christ, just know there is hope as you “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” (2 Peter 3:12)

Additionally, I thank God for the Mt. Calvary members who, while making plans to travel, simultaneously made a point of taking care of their obligations to the church first. This practice is thoroughly in accord with Biblical teachings. By the way, in case you missed it, Mt. Calvary's Tithe It Forward initiative continues to make a remarkable difference in the lives of others, both near and afar. In order to keep church members informed, a PowerPoint presentation was recently made during a Sunday morning service. It is indeed no secret what God can do because if He gives us a vision, He will make provision.

In fact, the psalmist said, “His greatness is beyond understanding.” (GNT) It is for this reason that I end this month's greeting with a sincere, heartfelt note of gratitude for the birthday thoughts you accorded me last month. You did not have to do it, but you did. As a result, I lift my hands in total praise to Him as we continue to lean and depend upon the Good Shepherd who is the Guiding Force in all our lives. Even so, **THE BEST IS YET TO COME!**

In His Service,
Pastor Edwin Coffie

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LETTER

From the Editor

The EDITOR Is In – SEPTEMBER 2023

Submitted by Sister Marion K. Smith, Editor

This month's issue of The Calvary Courier points to "CHANGE." In fact, at times, it echoes the sentiments of English author Charles Dickens who described seasonal transitions as a "succession of changes so soft and comfortable that we hardly notice the progress." Consider this quotation as you reflect on the aeronautical advances made by Jill Prime (Page 5) and those which could be made by Space Camp participants (Page 3). The reference to a series of "soft and comfortable" changes paves the way for recognizing September birthday celebrants (Page 7).

Furthermore, the transition from one season to another also reminds us of the promise God made in *Genesis 8:22* – "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease." In other words, we can depend on Him, "the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow" to take care of us and provide our needs "according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (*Philippians 4:19*). Articles pointing to His dependable servants continuing to do their jobs well can be found on Page 3, Sister Betty Flakes (constantly others of all ages); Page 4, Sister Cynthia Jones' poem, *Falling for Jesus*; Deacon Robinson's story on the Pinnock's departure, Page 4; as well as Maxwell's Wisdom and Sister Jordan's Kidz Korner, Page 6. Others "reaped the fruit of their labor" as they travelled to receive awards, flew to other continents, or sailed the high seas (Page 8).

Finally, The Courier's emphasis on seasons and change would not be complete without highlighting several Mt. Calvary members who recently re-located during these sweltering days of summer. Sister Helen Elfie, Sister Maxine Moore, Evangelist Doreen Pinnock, Reverend Fred Pinnock and Sister Linda Turner, we miss you dearly and pray that the good Lord will bless and keep you in this season of your life. In the words of theologian Charles Spurgeon, "The seasons change and you change, but the Lord abides evermore the same, and the streams of His LOVE are as deep, as broad and as full as ever."

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

Welcome
New Members

Welcome to the **Mt. Calvary family**, where the Word of God is being spread through the preached Word on Sunday. **Mt. Calvary Baptist Church of Palm Coast, Florida, welcomes the following new members for the month of July and August:** James Lockhart, Priscilla Campbell, Latice Flanders, Stacy Flanders and Sylvia Joiner.



The Calvary Courier Staff

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*Special thanks to Deaconess Lorraine Gilford
for the Summer Space Camp photos.*



**Deadline for submitting articles for
the October 2023 Edition is**

September 15th

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“Let Your Light Shine”

Recipient, *Sister Betty Flakes*, Has Spent a Lifetime Sharing Her Talents

Submitted by Sister Marion Smith



After having worked in the public school system for 37 years, Sister Betty Flakes admits that her decision to retire was “very easy.” Upon graduating from Jackson State University, Sister Flakes flew to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to work in a summer recreation program where activities had to be planned for working with youth and adults from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm daily. This was a precursor for the Middle School and High School Physical Education classes Sister Flakes taught as she simultaneously coached at both levels throughout her teaching career. For Middle Schoolers, she coached cheerleaders, a girls’ basketball team to a championship, a girls’ volleyball team, and a girls’ track and field team. Her high school coaching included jr. varsity cheerleaders and varsity cheerleaders (including boys) who also held the distinction of being local competition champions. Additionally, she served as coach for the drill team, the flag team and its dancers, as well as the rifle team.

Upon moving from Fort Lauderdale to Palm Coast, Sister Flakes said she and Bro. Flakes visited several churches in the area but made Mt. Calvary their choice because of the service style, the motivational sermons and the church’s motto: You may find some bigger but none better. When asked about her ministry work at Mt. Calvary, Sister Flakes was sentimental as she shared that her keeping busy in the church was based on the admiration she had for her mother who, in spite of being very busy on her job as a nurse, was also a dedicated worker in the church; she insisted that her children do likewise. Therefore, as a child, Sister Flakes followed in her mother’s footsteps as she served as Sunday School secretary, sang in the youth choir, and served on the usher ministry. Sister Flakes’ zeal for ministry work is manifested at Mt. Calvary where she serves on the Youth Ministry, chairs the Hospitality Ministry, works as a new member orientation teacher for youth, and regularly participates in the Women’s Ministry. She also designs and sends out cards for birthdays.

When Sister Flakes was asked about some of her most rewarding experiences while working with young people, she noted how rewarding it was to watch the “growth of teenagers coming into adulthood.” Sister Flakes gives the following advice to young people in reference to their future plans: “Always give God some of your time. Know what you want to do and stay on one job for early retirement. Always be considerate of and helpful to others.” Sound, practical advice coming from one who spends immeasurable time helping others.



Space Camp 2023

Submitted by
Brian Curry

This year's Summer Camp 2023 was held from July 10th to July 27th. This was the second year TOTAL Inc held Summer Camp at Mt. Calvary. Last year we had about 20 kids. This year we had double the amount, and we're thinking the number is only going to increase in coming years.



Our theme this year was space. We dressed the kids up in astronaut suits, took pictures, and then returned to the inside where we gave them stomp rockets. We even did a space scavenger hunt. This segment of our agenda was filled with indoor and outdoor fun.



Our big project this year was having the kids construct their own planetarium. In order for them to get a feel for how they wanted it set up, we took them to the Museum of Arts and Sciences in Daytona Beach, FL to visit the planetarium and get some ideas about their project. This was also our first field trip. When we got back, the decision was made to split everything into two rooms. One room was aliens and asteroids and the other was stars and planets. We also had the groups to record voice overs, giving facts about their favorite things relevant to space.



The second to last day was an outdoor day. We gave participants a bounce house and ice cream treat. This was in response to a survey which was done last year where kids were asked what they would like to see the following year. One of the responses was a bounce house.

On the last day of camp, we asked the parents to come and see the planetarium. We also showed a video of all the projects they did and had a ceremony at the end to see them getting their certificates for completing summer camp.



If this is something your kids or grandkids would like, feel free to have them sign up for next year's Summer Camp.

Reverend Pinnock Leaves Mt. Calvary to Pastor Church in New Jersey

Written by Deacon Robert Robinson

The Mt. Calvary church family bade a fond farewell to Associate Minister Reverend Fred Pinnock and his wife, Evangelist Doreen Pinnock, on July 30 as they returned home to New Jersey, where he has been called to pastor the Calvary Evangelistic Assembly in Elizabeth, N.J.



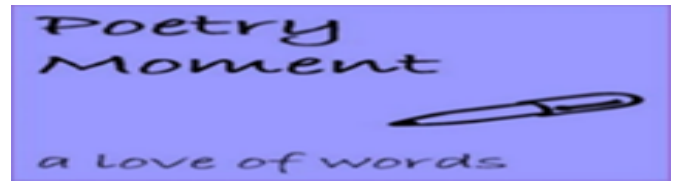
The church is a new plant with branches in Patterson, New Jersey; Canada, Jamaica, and St. Vincent. The new church will begin service in early September. Reverend Pinnock has been in ministry since age 17. In his native Jamaica, he formerly served as an associate minister and later pastor for two years prior to coming to the United States.

The Pinnocks were Mt. Calvary members for six years, serving together in several ministries: Prison Ministry, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, SWAT, and Nursing Home. Reverend Pinnock also served in Men's Ministry, Men's Choir and the Sanctuary Choir. He also worked alongside the Deacons as leader of the Manasseh Tribe, which sent him and Evangelist Doreen off with a celebration dinner in the Family Life Center on July 30.



Leaving Mt. Calvary, Reverend Pinnock said, was bittersweet. "We enjoyed our time at Mt. Calvary. It was such an encouragement. We fell in love with the people, and we learned so much from Pastor (Edwin) Coffie. He is truly a man of God and one who cares about his people," Reverend Pinnock said. "What I will take from Mt. Calvary and hope to implement at my new church is fellowship, discipline and order. Everything about Mt. Calvary is about commitment and organization."

Pastor Coffie said the Pinnocks were loyal members who gave of their time and service during their stay at Mt. Calvary. "We are sad to see you go, but we know that God has called you for such a time as this," Pastor Coffie said to Reverend Pinnock during his final worship service at Mt. Calvary. "We send you off with the blessing of this Church and this pastor and know that God will never send you anywhere that His grace cannot keep you."



Falling For Jesus (He Will Lift You Up)

Written and Submitted by Sister Cynthia Jones

I am the vine, you are the Branch
The sweetness and completeness
of falling for Jesus
His bounty and fullness thereof
A season always of thanksgiving
To His majesty, His creation and His love.
Waterfalls of His beauty
His glory to unfold
Flourishing by God's cooling water
In the abundance of Jesus' overflow.
Peace planted like a tree by the river
God's awesome autumn to ensue
Harvest time fast-approaching
Gather God's provisions and blessings
In Jesus we can restore, refresh and renew.
Mountains we have overcome
We praise thee, O God, for the journey
Painted by the Master's brush
Blooming colors of His glory!
The grass may wither, the flowers may fade
The Word of our God endures forever
He will never leave you
Nor forsake you.
Let the Word sprout up in each of our hearts
One body in Christ is our endeavor.
The season of righteous ripeness and richness
God's favor to us imparted
Bearing witness to good fruit
And forgiveness.
The harvest is plentiful, but
the laborers are few.
Ensure your seed falls on good soil.
Cultivate the reaping harvest
God's anointed oil! Amen.

Mt. Calvary Teen Jill Prime Makes Solo Flight to the Delight of Well-Wishers

Written by Deacon Robert Robinson



It took a couple of days for Jill Prime's cell phone to stop blowing up after the 17-year-old Flagler Palm Coast High School senior and Mt. Calvary member completed her first Florida solo flight on August 11 from DeLand Municipal Airport. "Everybody, my family, friends and teachers were just so excited for me," said Jill, who received a scholarship to participate in the two-week Black Pilots of America Les Morris Summer Flight Academy, held at Houston (Texas) Southwest Airport. It was in Texas that she got in the cockpit and took to the air for the very first time. While at the academy, Jill received 10 hours of flight training and 40 hours of intensive ground school sessions.

Jill's zeal for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) helped her earn the flight training scholarship through the joint sponsorship of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Volusia/Flagler Counties and the Boulevard Tire Center. The solo flight was a "thank you" to all those who helped her get the scholarship. During the 45-minute, low-flying flight at the DeLand airport, Jill, at her instructor's directions, dipped one wing of the plane a couple of times — no doubt causing some concern among the onlooking crowd that included her mom, dad, sister Joy, aunts, friends and other well-wishers who had gathered at the airport to see the flight.

"They didn't know what was happening but that is how we (pilots) say hi to the onlookers,"

Prime said with a hint of glee in her voice. Jill said that her two weeks of flight training in Texas prepared her for the solo flight so there was no nervousness on her part, even though she was flying for the first time in a Cessna aircraft after having flown a Piper in Texas. "The biggest difference in the planes is the instrument panel," she said, sounding like a veteran pilot.

As for nerves, her mom, Willette Nelson-Prime, said she was "extremely nervous" as she for the first time watched her daughter taxi down the runway, lift off into the wild blue yonder and, nearly an hour later, execute a perfect landing. "I had been up since 1 o'clock in the morning, praying and moving about," Nelson-Prime said. "But I was just so excited for her. To be honest, I was peacock proud. I told her this was a big deal. There aren't that many African American women in aeronautics."

Jill's interest in aeronautics peaked at the early age of nine when she participated in the Women in Aviation Program in collaboration with the Boys & Girls Club and Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. Her head might be up in the clouds right now as she begins training for her student-pilot license, but Jill's feet are firmly planted on the ground as she buckles down for her senior year of high school. Along with graduation, she hopes the school year will culminate with her receiving a scholarship to Alabama's Tuskegee University, home of the famed Tuskegee Airmen and the top-rated Aeronautical program among historically Black colleges or universities (HBCU). Her goal is not to be a pilot but an aeronautical engineer.

In an interview before her solo flight, Jill told Flaglerlive.com that her time spent at the Summer Flight Academy added air under her wings to pursue a career in aeronautical engineering. "There is more to aviation than just being a pilot, such as being an aeronautical engineer. In fact, I learned that according to national statistics, less than 5 percent of pilots are women and even more chilling, less than 1 percent are African American," said Jill, who has her sights squarely set on raising that percentage.

THE WISDOM OF MAXWELL JOHN LEE

By: Maxwell John Lee

*I have hidden
your word in
my heart that I
might not sin
against thee.
Psalm 119:11*



Proverbs 13:20 NLT says, Walk with the wise and become wise. Associate with fools and get in trouble.

My Wisdom: Always put yourself around people with good Christian values. These people can help to better you. Don't associate with the wicked.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 says, Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

My Wisdom: The Lord protects and comforts us at all times. Pass that on to your Christians brothers and sisters. Do the same thing for them that the Lord does for you.

Matthew 11:22 says, Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

My Wisdom: Take your burdens to the Lord. Don't be stressed about anything. Trust Him. He will take care of all of your problems.

KIDZ KORNER

Submitted by Sister Leila Jordan

We are ready to have a great year!



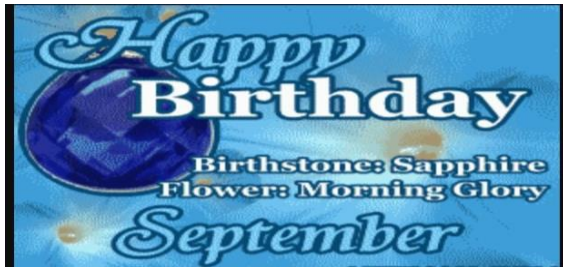
**BACK
SCHOOL**

WORD SEARCH PUZZLE



BELL	DESK	MATH	SCIENCE
BOOKS	FRIEND	PENCIL	STUDY
CALCULATOR	GLOBE	QUIZ	
CLASS	GYM	RULER	





Submitted by Sister Rachel Haynes



Happy Birthday!

*Denotes Youth

Vanessa Brown, Sandra Masom

Antoinette Bailey, Thelma Fletcher

(Rev) Allan Pennill, Sr., Anunique Salter*

Teldra Jones, Betty Bell

Richard Mackie, Steven Haynes

Perman Eubanks, Charlene Stewart

Faith Perry, Angel Salter*

Nijama Coles-Moment, Faye Glover-Walker

Lloyd Waddell, Alahni Cooper *

Tina Hemby, Madeleine Broughton

Gladys Hall, Keith Williams

Curtis Salley, Jeanette Wheeler

Sally Evans, Lelia Spearman

Patricia Young, George Brown

Arthur McLaurin, Ruth Nettles

Eddie Bailey, Cynthia West

Your flower is the Aster.
And Morning Glory.



Your birthstone is Sapphire.



PASTOR'S 2023 PRAYER BURDEN:

DEAR INTERCESSORS:



OUR COMMITMENT AND CONSECRATION THROUGH PRAYER

- ✚ *Supernatural Growth of MCBC Congregation Spiritually, Financially & Numerically*
- ✚ *SACRIFICIAL GIVING TOWARDS MINISTRY OF MCBC*
- ✚ *Revival to re-ignite the spiritual passion at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church*
- ✚ *Deliverance from any/every spirit of unforgiveness in Mt. Calvary Baptist Church*
- ✚ *Encouragement of those entrusted to instruct our youth (teachers, educators) etc.*
- ✚ *Greater willingness for members to get actively involved in a ministry.*
- ✚ *PERSEVERANCE OF PASTORS IN THEIR PLACES OF MINISTRY*

ERADICATION OF COVID19 (HUMAN CORONAVIRUS)

MEMORIAL PLAQUE

*"In Loving Memory of Our Family and Friends
Who Have Transitioned from Labor to Rest With The Lord."*

YOUR SPECIAL PLAQUE WILL CONTAIN THE
INFORMATION BELOW AND MOUNTED ON THE
MASTER PLAQUE IN THE SANCTUARY LOBBY.

Name of Deceased

Dates: Birth – Deceased

Name of Family Member or Giver

A Special Offering from you of \$250.00 for each plaque
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Checks and Information of Your Dear Departed Member
can be directed to the Church Office,
Sister Carrie Moorman, Financial Secretary.
Forms are available in the Lobby.

A Season for Everything

(Editor's Note: Many Mt. Calvary members are as busy as bees throughout the year. Therefore, in recent years, some ministries' activities have been limited or they have not met at all during the months of July and August. What a wonderful opportunity this hiatus provides for members to get away for a few days or weeks and then return rejuvenated and ready to happily resume ministry work. The Courier is grateful for the following members who generously shared pictures when asked:)

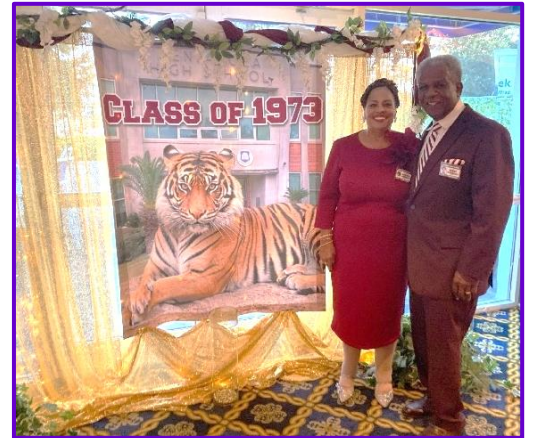
Edwina Mezzo and Mom visit Spelman College



Patricia Bottoms & husband sailed on Royal Caribbean's Wonder of the Seas to St. Thomas and St. Kitts.



Deacon and Deaconess Robinson at his 50th class reunion in Pensacola, FL



Patrica Askew and family cruise on The Independence of the Sea to Nassau and CocoCay.



Rachel and Steven Haynes attending evening Wedding in St Augustine, FL.



Frankie Jones and her sister, Delphia Kaigler in the Bahamas on Royal Caribbean cruise.



The McGary Family in Dubai -Including three of Mt. Calvary's members Steven, Tonya and mother, Pearl Smith



The Baileys together again in California.

