

# The Calvary Chronicle

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An Exciting  
Church  
Excited About  
Its Mission!

## WOMEN JOURNEYING TO THE EXCELLENT WAY

*“But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.” – 1 Corinthians 12:31 KJV*

Women of God, you are the daughters of our most Heavenly Father. You are greatly loved by Him and revered by your families as they see your strength in Him. You are women of faith who find that in hard times, you learn that you are stronger than you ever imagined, God was closer than you ever realized, and that you are loved more than you ever knew. God grants you the patience to listen, the strength to support, and the ability to love and care for others. Continue to rely on your Heavenly Father and your faith, as you journey to that *more excellent way*.

- FCBC Calvary Chronicle Staff

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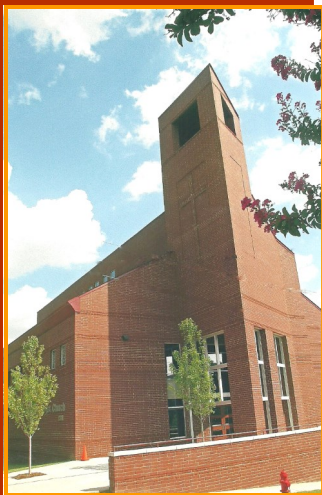
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## Pastor's Desk Message



"Go ye therefore,  
and teach all  
nations, baptizing  
them in the name of  
the Father, and of  
the Son, and of the  
Holy Ghost:  
Teaching them to  
observe all things  
whatsoever I have  
commanded you..."  
- Matthew  
28:19-20a



**Dear First Calvary Family:**

Wow! What a time we are having here at First Calvary Baptist Church! Spring is in the air and ministry is on the move at our church. We have done quite a bit through our Leadership Month, African American History Month, and Stewardship Month! Now, here we are ending Womanhood Month, where things are ALWAYS busy! Congratulations to the Womanhood Month Committee for their hard work in planning this month's events for our Sisters! Coming soon is Evangelism Month...and my challenge is that every FCBC Ministry will join us in our Evangelistic efforts on April 30, 2016 at 10am. We will have an Evangelism Briefing and then go out into the community of the West End area! Let's pray continuously for our Spring Revival, Youth Month (young folk, get ready!), and Men's Month (calling all men!!) We also celebrate our 2nd Sacrificial Sunday in July. There is so much to do and so much ministry going on at First Calvary. Find your place and let's get busy!

Our church theme for 2016 is "**Developing and Leading Disciples into Spiritual Excellence**". Today, more than ever, if there is a need for this congregation to exemplify what it means to be an excellent Disciple of Jesus Christ, it is right now! Here is my question: Are you a Worshiper, Affiliator, or are you a Disciple of Christ in the life of FCBC? I AM CONVINCED MORE THAN EVER THAT IT'S BEING A DISCIPLE, OR SHALL I SAY, DOING DISCIPLESHIP THAT PLEASES GOD. Over the twenty-five years of our pastoral leadership in this congregation, we have taught that "A DISCIPLE IS A LEARNER, A DISCIPLE IS A GIVER, A DISCIPLE IS A STEWARD, AND A DISCIPLE IS A WORSHIPER." For years, our Church Motto has been that we are **AN EXCITING CHURCH EXCITED ABOUT ITS MISSION!** So let's be excited about Discipleship in Excellence!

I strongly believe that we are making great gains as a community congregation, living to glorify Christ by making disciples and leaders who are growing daily. In a recently purchased book by John Maxwell entitled "Failing Forward:

Turning Mistakes Into Stepping Stones for Success", he shares a phrase to use as a motivator for the remainder of the year: **REAL!** He says to succeed, a person needs only four things: **R**elationships, **E**quipping, **A**ttitude, and **L**eadership. I say to you, First Calvary, to succeed, we must keep it **REAL!** Now that God has blessed me to serve this congregation for 25 years, I am convinced that our relationship for the coming years will only continue to grow if we keep it REAL! It is my prayer that we show ourselves worthy to represent the Kingdom of God and that we work towards DEVELOPING AND LEADING DISCIPLES INTO SPIRITUAL EXCELLENCE! I encourage us as a church body to be in prayer that God will continue to be **AN EXCITING CHURCH EXCITED ABOUT ITS MISSION!**

Yours in that Blessed Hope,

Pastor Fredrick A. Davis

## Ministry Spotlight

### Spotlight on: Pearls of Praise

Ministry Chair: Judith Davis

The **Pearls of Praise**, formerly Women of Worship, is the women's ministry of the church. We seek to transform the lives of women through the love of God by introducing seeds of faith, developing wisdom, and sustaining generations as we grow into Godly women.

#### Goals

To encourage spiritual growth and maturity through bible study  
To encourage women of all ages to know their worth and purpose in Christ  
To guide and equip women of all ages to utilize their God-given gifts in the home, church and community.

## "STRIVING FOR SPIRITUAL EXCELLENCE"

"And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make [it] plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it." - Habakkuk 2:2

"A woman who walks with God will always reach her destination."

- Anonymous

First Calvary Baptist Church's theme for 2016 is "Developing and Leading Disciples into Spiritual Excellence." Pastor Davis' message stressed that the emphasis for 2016 is not just on developing disciples but on leading them into spiritual excellence. Spiritual excellence should result in a believer looking more like Jesus. The goal of every spirit-filled believer should be to exhibit the "Fruit of the Spirit" found in Galatians 5:22-23. The fruits of the spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness and self-control. To achieve this, Pastor Davis asks us to make ourselves available to God by doing the following:

- Searching the Scriptures and praying
- Saying "no" to mediocrity
- Showing love to all economic groups
- Serving in our communities
- Becoming a consistent tither or sacrificial giver
- Witnessing about Christ to one person in 2016
- Attending worship weekly
- Volunteering to serve in one of the ministries of the church
- Sharing in the responsibility of liquidating the building debt by 2020
- Supporting the Pastoral Ministry
- Becoming excited about our mission to **Enhance, Empower and Evangelize**

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Habakkuk 2:2 (KJV) states: “And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.” For twenty-five years, Pastor Davis has made the vision for FCBC clear by emphasizing the importance of servitude. As Christ did, Pastor Davis leads by example. As a visionary, he remains positive and optimistic about the future of FCBC and the surrounding community. In order for FCBC to be “an exciting church, excited about its mission,” we must embrace and follow our visionary as he follows our Savior.

First Calvary Baptist Church is striving towards spiritual excellence through the work of the many ministries of the church. From feeding the hungry and providing clothing for those in need, to providing assistance and care for the sick, FCBC remains busy working toward the Vision. Can First Calvary do better? Yes! If we take our mission statement seriously, we will endeavor to “**Empower** spiritual lives, **Enhance** quality of life and **Evangelize** the lost.” Let us become doers of the word instead of hearers only because “Many hands make light work.” Pastor Davis often reminds us that, “God loves to stretch his people.” He also tells us that we need to be willing to give of our time, talents and treasures to the work of the church because it takes all three to do effective ministry. As Pastor Davis leads us towards spiritual excellence in 2016, let our first response be to show love towards one another as we exercise all of our spiritual gifts to make First Calvary Baptist Church a place that is truly “*An Exciting Church Excited About Its Mission.*”

Submitted by: Sister Mary Vickers and Sister Rita Bryant



## "Is Our Preaching Christian?"

"And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people."

- Matthew 9:35

"Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies"

- Proverbs 31:10

On Tuesday, March 8, 2016, our very own Pastor Fredrick A. Davis was a featured lecturer at The Shaw Divinity School 43rd Annual Alexander/Pegues Ministers' Conference. The 3-day event was held on the campus of Shaw University in Raleigh. Ministers and Seminarians from across the State gathered to learn from the theme, "Our Christian Heritage in the New Millennium: Is Our Preaching Christian?" Pastor Davis engaged approximately 150 attendees at this session.

The assembly flowed effectively, and Pastor Davis gave many golden nuggets for those in the chapel seats to take away and apply to their ministry lives. Pastor Davis stated that his purpose was to "enlighten and empower our thought patterns." He quoted the late great Dr. Gardner C. Taylor and shared that, "Measured by almost any gauge, preaching is a presumptuous business. If the undertaking does not have some sanctions beyond human reckoning, then it is indeed rash and audacious for one person to dare to stand up before or among other people and declare that he or she brings from the Eternal God a message for those who listen which involves issues nothing less than those of life and death." Pastor Davis shared other quotes from Dr. Taylor, the "Dean of Preachers", throughout his presentation, quite a poignant tribute in recognition of the loss of the great theologian and preacher a year ago in Durham.

Pastor Davis reminded those in attendance that the motivation for one's preaching is of utmost importance. Preaching is Christian when CHRIST is central to the message. He shared that what grows churches and congregations is not entertainment, nor simply programs, but the preaching and teaching of God's Word. The relevant question for the Preacher today is, in fact, "Is Our Preaching Christian?" Pastor Davis discussed a current definition of

preaching: "the art and science of proclaiming the Gospel and Good News of Jesus Christ", which led to his sharing on the difference between a preacher and an orator. With opinions gathered from the FCBC Ministerial Staff, Pastor Davis delved into the depths of what preaching is, or should be, for the modern day Preacher. Preaching is ordained by God and is a transmission of the Word of God to a lost world. It is truth through personality. Pastor Davis mentioned the importance of gathering with like-minded individuals, citing the FCBC Associate Ministers' meetings that take place every second Sunday.

He even gave credit to the FCBC Senior Associate Minister, Minister John Carter, who stated that "Preaching is not the same as lecture. Preaching must have Godly doctrine, Doctrinal integrity, and Dogmatic, Practical, and Biblical Theology. Preaching is a tool of the Church; without it, men will perish. It is the gateway to Grace and growth."

Pastor Davis shared that from his many years of study, it is clear that Christian Preaching is the Proclamation of the Word being made flesh as stated in John 1:1; 14. It cannot be and is not self-promoting. Christian Preaching proclaims, professes, and proves Jesus as the Christ! He closed this educational session by sharing four tips for preaching:

Don't Preach Issues,  
Don't Preach Tips,  
Don't Preach Pressure, and  
Don't Preach Yourself...but PREACH CHRIST!



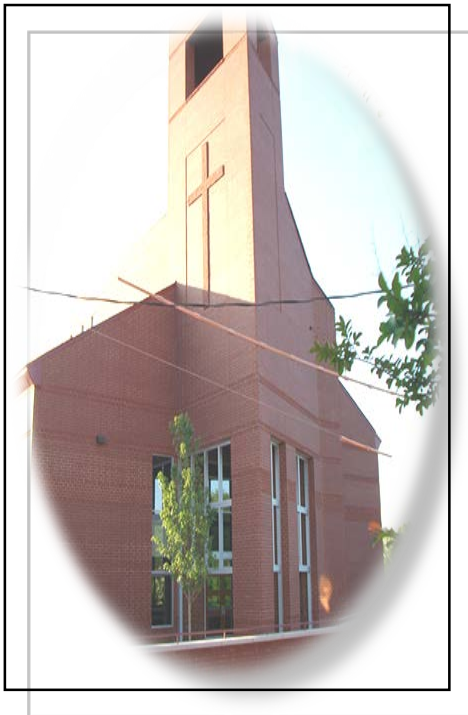
Submitted by:  
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# MORTGAGE BEARER CONTRIBUTION

AS OF APRIL 10, 2016

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS: \$59,631.99

TOTAL GIVERS: 89



*PAID IN FULL! Praises and  
Glory to God, from whom  
all blessings flow!*

**Who:** YOU

**What:** We are asking every individual to give some amount towards this effort. This amount is above your tithes and offerings. No amount is too big or too small.

**When:** Every Sunday for the next 3 years (Jan 2015 – Dec 2017)

**Why:** To pay down the principle on the mortgage. This money goes directly to the principle of the mortgage once a month.

**Where / How:** Feel free to complete a commitment card, but not required. New Envelopes have Mortgage Bearer Campaign as a line item or just write it on the "Other" line item on the old envelopes. Also feel free to contribute online.



## PROVERBS 31:10; 25-31

<sup>10</sup> Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.

<sup>25</sup> Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.

<sup>26</sup> She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

<sup>27</sup> She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

<sup>28</sup> Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

<sup>29</sup> Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.

<sup>30</sup> Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.

<sup>31</sup> Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

## Some Women's Health Tips

Learn how you can maintain a healthy lifestyle.

- **LAUGH OFTEN**

Laughing eases stress, boosts your immune system and lowers blood pressure.

- **DON'T SKIP BREAKFAST**

After sleeping, your body needs fuel. An early start keeps your metabolism more active.

- **CONSIDER VITAMINS**

Except for vitamin D, the human body cannot make vitamins. Get vitamins from healthy foods or from vitamin supplements.

- **CUT DOWN ON DRINKING ALCOHOL**

Alcohol consumption by women should be in moderation. According to the National Cancer Institute, alcohol consumption is linked to certain cancer types, including breast cancer.

- **WEAR SUNSCREEN**

The effects of the sun are known to be cumulative, so be sure to apply even on a day that appears cloudy.

- **GET AT LEAST 7 HOURS OF SLEEP**

Sleep is increasingly identified as being integral to good health and well-being.

- **FIND SOME "ME TIME"**

Find something enjoyable to do to relieve stress each week.

- **VISIT THE DOCTOR**

See the doctor regularly each year. A good time to schedule appointments is around birthdays to always remember.

- **TAKE A TEST**

Get all necessary medical tests and screenings each year, including pap smears and mammograms.

- **QUIT SMOKING**

Smoking can increase risks for many types of cancer including lung, throat, bladder, pancreas and mucinous ovarian cancer.

- **PAY ATTENTION TO YOUR SYMPTOMS**

Listen to your body. See your doctor when you are unsure of what is going on.

- **EXERCISE**

This helps your body and your mind stay healthy.

*...for your  
health...*



## *Becoming A Woman Of Excellence*

A woman of excellence  
Is what I long to be,  
Filled with your godly wisdom  
So it is part of me

A woman of integrity  
No matter what I face,  
Standing up for righteousness  
And for your saving grace

A woman of destiny  
Living out your plan,  
Knowing where you'd have me walk,  
Being guided by your hand

A woman of promise,  
Standing on your word;  
Holding on to all the truths  
While carrying out your work

A woman of compassion  
For the ones in the dark,  
Those that do not know your love  
And have darkness in their hearts

A woman that will never  
Compromise the faith  
With what the world may offer,  
But will keep the narrow way

A woman who loves Jesus  
And will only follow Him;  
Gladly to give up the world  
So His light can shine within

Lord, this is my earnest prayer  
As a daughter by your grace,  
Grow in me these qualities  
As I walk with you in faith.



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# God's plan for me

God has a very special plan for you. He has given you the ability to do certain things well. These abilities are your talents. What's more, when you ask Jesus to live in you and control your life, the Holy Spirit gives you a spiritual gift as well. A spiritual gift is something God puts in your heart that helps you to serve and bless others in a special way.

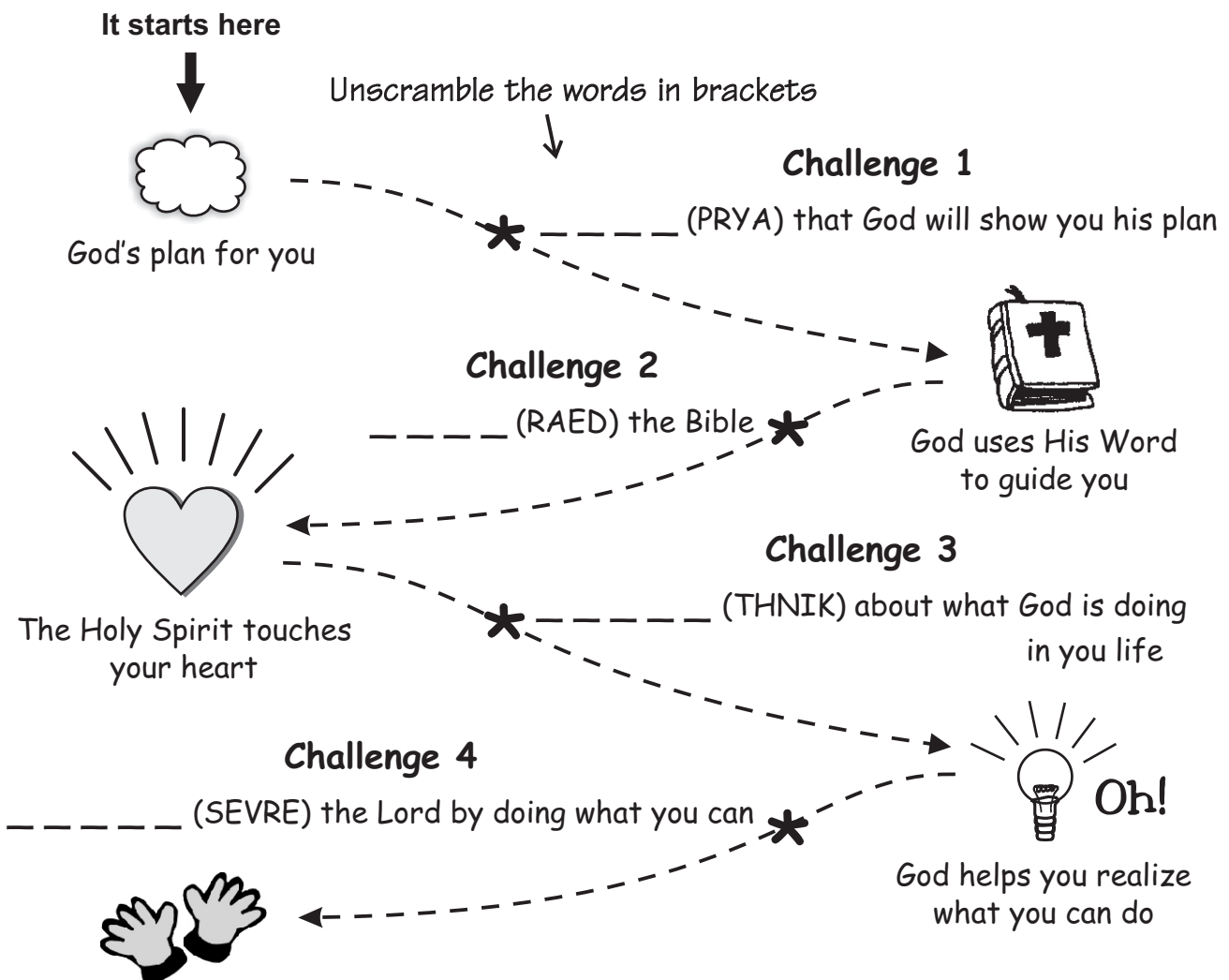
\* What are you good at doing and what do you enjoy doing?

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\* What do you do for others that makes you feel useful?

.....

If you want to find out more about God's will (plan) for your life, follow the challenges below.



Now it is over to you to turn all your good thoughts and ideas to actions!

# God created EVERYTHING!

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Psalm 19:1

David, the Psalmist



Use the words around the thought bubble to write a praise psalm like David did.

Praise the Lord for...

creation                      blue / green                      earth / world                      stars / space

created                      beautiful

sunset                      -----                      awesome

sunrise                      -----                      wow

valleys                      -----                      nature

colour                      -----                      praise

rainbow                      -----                      glory

mountains                      -----                      power

universe                      -----                      thank you

sea / waves                      wonderful

great / greatness                      heavens (sky)





# My Helper



Before Jesus left earth to go back to His Father in Heaven, He told His followers that He would not leave them all alone but send them a special friend.

So Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to comfort and help them and all those who would believe in Him in the future. Now the Holy Spirit is not only in one place at as Jesus was when He lived on earth, but lives inside every believer.

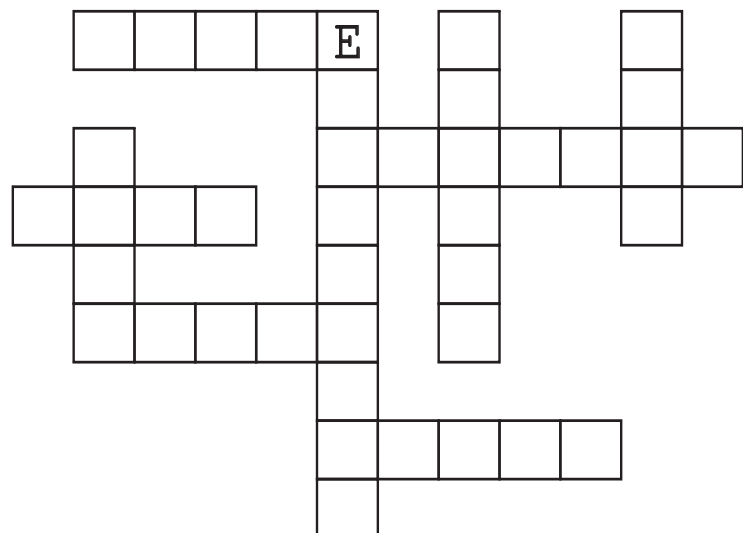
## Facts about the Holy Spirit:

- He comes alongside us when we are discouraged or sad and helps us through difficult times.
- He shows us what to do when we need to make important decisions (see John 16:13).
- He helps us to remember parts of the Bible we have learned. This is very important when we tell others about Jesus or when we are being tempted to do wrong (see Luke 12:12).
- He helps us to become more like Jesus by making us notice the things we are still doing wrong. He also helps us to want to do good.
- He helps us pray and makes God real to us (see Romans 8:26-27).
- He gives us spiritual gifts with which we can serve and help others.
- He is our guarantee (proof) that we belong to God because He comes to live in us (see 2 Corinthians 5:5 and Romans 8:16).

## The words below remind us of the Holy Spirit.

Can you find the right place for them in the crossword?

- COMFORT
- ENCOURAGE
- POWER
- GUIDE
- WARN
- REMIND
- REAL
- GIFTS
- HELP





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### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS: LATE APRIL-JULY 2016**

#### **Each Wednesday:**

- Noon Day Prayer, 12:00 p.m.
- Prayer & Praise, 6:45 p.m.
- Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.      Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

#### **Each Sunday:**

- Early Worship, 7:45 a.m.    Worship, 10:45 a.m./ Children's Church, 10:45 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
- Baptism, 10:30 a.m. (1<sup>st</sup> Sundays)

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Sundays:**

- Intercessory Prayer, 7:00 a.m.

### **LATE APRIL-WOMANHOOD MONTH**

- Administrative Professionals Day-APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup>
- Senior Lunch & Learn-APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- Evangelism Blitz-APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

### **MAY-EVANGELISM MONTH**

- "When Choirs Meet" Music Concert-MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 4:00 p.m.
- SPRING REVIVAL-MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>-4<sup>TH</sup>, 7:00 p.m. nightly
- VBS Teachers' Training-MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 6:00 p.m.
- Nurses' Day-MAY 6<sup>TH</sup>
- Mother's Day-MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>
- Super Sunday School-MAY 29<sup>TH</sup>
- Couples' Sunday-MAY 29<sup>TH</sup>
- Memorial Day-MAY 30<sup>TH</sup> (Church Office Closed)

### **JUNE-YOUTH MONTH**

- Brainstorming Session, 8:30 a.m.-JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup>
- Graduation & Recognition Sunday-JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup>
- Vacation Bible School-JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup>-17<sup>TH</sup>, 5:30 p.m. nightly-dinner, 6:30 p.m. sessions
- Family Fun Day-JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup>, 10:00 a.m.
- Flag Day
- Father's Day-JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup>
- Youth WORDshop/Event, 8:30 a.m.-JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup>
- Celebration of Youth Sunday-JUNE 26<sup>TH</sup>
- Youth Songfest, 4:00 p.m.-JUNE 26<sup>TH</sup>

### **JULY-MANHOOD MONTH**

- Independence Day-JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> (Church Office Closed)
- Quarterly Church Conference- JULY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 7:00 p.m.
- Men's Songfest- JULY 17<sup>TH</sup>, 4:00 p.m.
- Lifebuilders' Conference- JULY 23<sup>RD</sup>, 8:00 a.m.
- Sacrificial Sunday-JULY 24<sup>TH</sup>
- Celebration of Manhood Sunday-JULY 24<sup>TH</sup>
- Super Sunday School-JULY 31<sup>ST</sup>
- Couples' Sunday- JULY 31<sup>ST</sup>

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If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, the Calvary Chronicle is in need of your talents!



**Welcome New Disciples!**  
The following individuals completed New Disciples' Class and received the Right Hand of Fellowship (since 01 February 2016):

**Toneka Oliver  
LaTonya Jones**

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If you are interested in joining the Calvary Chronicle staff, please contact Sister Toni McIntosh at [tmtrustee@aol.com](mailto:tmtrustee@aol.com) or (919)341-4645. Thank you!