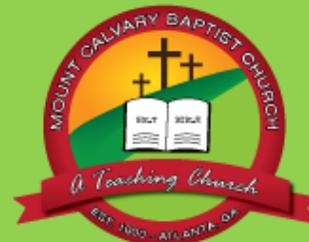


Calvary's Voice



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Happy New Year!

As we reflect on the past, we give thanks for the goodness of the Lord! We realize that God's mercy and grace kept us on the journey.

We also look forward with great expectation, knowing that God has promised to be with us.

May we start this New Year with the Promises of the Past and the Hope of the Future, knowing that we are in God's Hand.

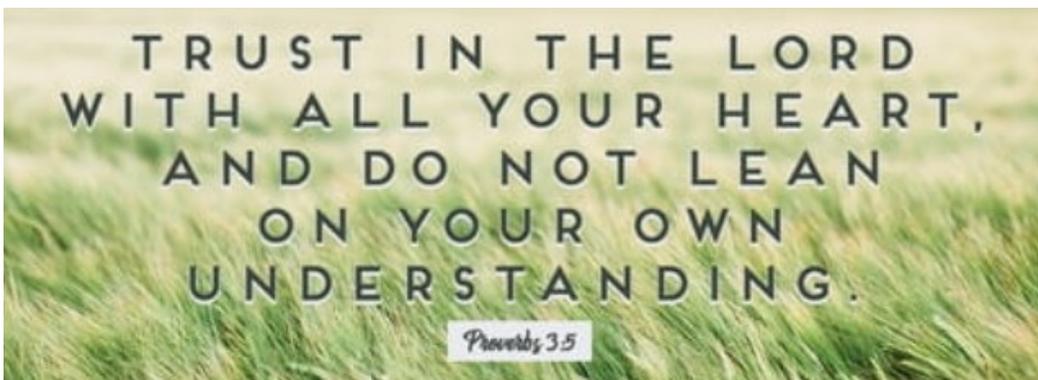
Thanks for the support and dedication to the ministries who are building God's Kingdom!

On behalf of Sister Stowers and myself,
Be Blessed on the Journey!

Pastor Stowers



Let your FAITH be BIGGER than your fear in 2020!



Important Dates:

January 18: Leader's Workshop

January 19: Installation of Leaders

January 20: Rev. Dr. M.L. King, Jr. Day

January 20-23: PNBC Mid-Winter Board Meeting, San Antonio, TX

Vision Statement

The Mount Calvary Baptist Church seeks to be a "Teaching Church", empowering people through the Word of GOD to effect change in their lives and the life of the community.

Happy New Year- Happy New Beginnings



God created us to need new beginnings...places where we can release our faith and say "this is a place of new beginnings for me. A place to have a fresh start." The dawn of a New Year is always a good time for a fresh start. You can experience the abundant life Jesus says you can have, but it requires making a decision to let go of the past. Unless you refuse to let go of the way you have been, no change will come. God wants to change things for you, but He is waiting for your total cooperation. Circumstances won't change until you change within yourself. So if you want to experience God's new things this year, release your faith right now and say, "This is a place of new beginnings for me." Then watch for the results. Let's make this New Year a new beginning in our lives with the Savior. Happy New Year my Mt. Calvary family. I wish you all the goodness of God as you begin a New Year in your walk of faith with the Savior.



*Love Is Forever!
Lady Wanda Stowers*

Mt. Calvary Welcomes PNBC Esther M. Smith Christmas Mission Drive

On Tuesday, December 3rd, Rev. Stowers and the Mt. Calvary family welcomed the New Era Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, Inc. President, Rev. Dr. Michael Baldwin as he gave his New Era "Vision For the Future". Rev. Baldwin highlighted the accomplishments of the past year. He also stated that as New Era continues to reach forward together with a vision, issues dealing with protecting church members during an active shooter, mental health issues in our community and ways to increase youth attendance at New Era events will be addressed. At the 7:00 pm worship service, Rev. Edward Reynolds, presided and Rev. Dr. Henry W. Jones brought the message "Getting Clean in Murky Water." **Sister Betty Chandler** read the Esther M. Smith Missions report. Attendees enjoyed a nutritious meal served by the MCBC culinary staff.



Kathy Crawford Honored with Proclamation by Atlanta City Council



Sister Kathy Crawford was honored by the Atlanta City Council on Monday, December 2nd with a proclamation. Sister Crawford is a dedicated community servant and currently chairs the Neighborhood Planning Unit – H (NPU-H). **Lady Wanda Stowers, Sister Janie Lowe, Sister Pattie Poole Mobley, Brother James Floyd and Deacon Richard Linton** attended the event to support our beloved sister.

Following is information submitted on Sister Crawford and the work she has done that helped her to earn this distinguished award.

“Kathy is an Atlanta native and resides in Northwest Atlanta in the Adamsville Community. After contributing 35 years of dedicated service, Kathy retired from AT&T as a District Administrative Supervisor.

Kathy holds a Master of Science Degree in Managerial Leadership and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Applied Behavioral Science from National Louis University/Atlanta Campus.

Kathy has one son, Quiency who is married to the lovely Vivian Ramirez and they have one dog, Maya.

Kathy was awarded the City of Atlanta Fire Rescue (AFR) Department’s “ Citizen’s Award of Honor,” in 2011 for partnering the Neighborhood Planning Unit-H (NPU-H) with AFR and local business to work with the ongoing revitalization of Atlanta Fire Rescue Station 9 to upgrade various internal and external sections of the facility. Again, Kathy was awarded the AFR Citizen Award of Honor in 2015 for partnering the Neighborhood Planning Unit-H (NPU-H) with AFR and local business to replicate “Safe Places Off the Streets (SPOTS) Kits” to assist those victims of Human Trafficking and Domestic Violence. The Citizen Award of Honor is the highest civilian honor awarded to private citizens for outstanding acts of bravery or service to Atlanta Fire Rescue.

In 2014 Kathy was recognized and received Georgia State House of Representatives’ Resolution 1627 and the Servant Leadership Award during Women’s History Month for her vital role in and deep commitment to the welfare of NPU-H citizens. Kathy diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time, talents and energy toward the betterment of her community.

In 2016 Kathy was recognized and received Georgia State Senate Resolution 1266 for having been active as an advocate for community development, affordable housing, public safety, to help sustain neighborhoods within NPU-H and to ensure communities were safe and viable places to live.

Kathy was first elected NPU-H Chair in 2013, was reelected to 6 continuous 1-year terms thereafter, the current of which expires December 31, 2019.

Kathy’s Community involvement has included the Atlanta Citizen Review Board, the Adamsville Business and Community Partnership and the C.T. Martin Natatorium and Recreation Center where she facilitated numerous Computer and Technology classes for Seniors.



Kathy is an active member of Mount Calvary Baptist Church. She serves as a member of the Bell Chime Ministry, Church School Secretary and Pianist. Kathy has previously served as website administrator and volunteer computer instructor for the Summer Motivational Intensive Learning Education Program (SMILE).” **Congratulations Sister Crawford!**



MCBC Experiences “The Mystery of The Christmas Star” and Science Museum at Fernbank Science Center

The Social Action and Events ministry planned an outing for the church to enjoy some fun with the Pastor. After a trip to The Varsity - where **Pastor Stowers** humorously stated that we all had our “oil changed” - everyone headed off to the Fernbank Science Center and Planetarium. We all toured the museum exhibits and interacted with some of the displays. Next we watched the planetarium’s presentation on “The Mystery of the Christmas Star”. It was a great learning experience for all. More photos can be found on the Events page of the church’s website.



Fernbank Science Center



MCBC Members Enjoys Black Nativity at the Cobb Energy Center

The Social Action and Events Ministry planned an afternoon of fellowship for members to see Black Nativity at the Cobb Energy Center. This gospel Christmas musical performance is in its seventh year of production. The birth of the Savior is told with spectacular singing and dancing by an amazing group of performers as the audience is transported hundreds of years back in time to experience The Christmas Story.



DOMINION ENTERTAINMENT GROUP'S
Black Nativity
A GOSPEL CHRISTMAS MUSICAL EXPERIENCE

Food Drive to Benefit the Atlanta Community Food Bank Partner SWEEAC



Mt. Calvary members rise to the occasion again!!! The Social Action and Events Ministry wishes to thank everyone who donated food items and toiletries that will benefit the Atlanta Community Food Bank partner SWEEAC. This organization depends on community donations as well as the Atlanta Community Food Bank assistance to help feed individuals and families who are food insecure. Thanks to your generous donations, we collected more than 350 pounds of food items and 15 pounds of toiletries that included toothpaste, soap, lotion, body wash and shampoo. Thank you Mt. Calvary for caring about food hunger in our community during this special season, A Season of Sharing and Giving!

A Season of LOVE!

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink.... Then the righteous will answer him, Lord when did we see you hungry and feed you or thirsty and give you something to drink?... The King will reply, Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of these brothers or sisters of mine, you did for me.” Matthew 25:35,37 & 40 NIV.



MCBC Support Ministry Brings Christmas Joy to Sick and Shut In

The Support Ministry assembled 21 beautiful Christmas gift baskets to deliver to our sick and shut in members. The gifts brought smiles and joy to the recipients. With the help of members from the Deacons and Brotherhood Ministries, the gift baskets were delivered just in time to bring some Christmas cheer. **Sister Irma Barksdale** stated that she was so joyful and thankful to be remembered by her MCBC family. **Submitted by Sisters Loretha Jones and Jean Floyd**



MCBC Brotherhood Ministry Participates in Angel Tree Program

The Angel Tree program is designed to help children of incarcerated parents remain in contact with their children during the Christmas Holiday and introduce them to the love of Jesus Christ. This year Mt. Calvary was gifted with the opportunity to sponsor Zhariah (17), Kennedi (10), Preston (8), Nicole (17) and Nisha (17). All children were present to receive their gifts except for Nisha and Nicole. We also had the pleasure to provide Emmanuel, who was in attendance with a gift, even though he was not listed on the original request. The Grandmother, who cares for many of the children was also given a monetary gift to help her with providing for the children and herself.

Thank you to the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church family for making this a memorable Christmas for this family. They were very appreciative and thankful for what we did.

Special thanks to **Kesha Brooks-Jones** and **Lisa Stowers** for assisting in the purchasing of the gifts and to the Brotherhood for sponsoring this years Angel Tree family.

Submitted by Brother Demarco Jones



Let The Children Come



Church School Superintendent **Sister Pattie Poole Mobley** helped the children to learn a little more about the Advent Season during “Let The Children Come.” She reminded them of the many events such as the Candle Lighting Service and the Festival of Lights that remind us about the Advent Season. But what she likes most is the music and stated, “I think music is a great way to express the love and joy we feel during this Season.” After learning that one of the youth’s favorite song is “I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus”, she went on to explain “Mary’s Song” of praise based on Luke 1:46-49 (NIV). She told the children that even though they may not be able to write songs of praise they can still sing praises written by others that express how they feel in their heart at the birth

of Jesus Christ. Finally, her prayer for the children and everyone was **“Heavenly Father on this fourth Sunday of Advent, like Mary and others, let us praise you God for you have done great things for us. You sent us the gift of love, your only begotten Son, that we might have eternal life. Let us come and adore Him Christ the Lord. Amen.”**

Social Action and Events Ministry and the Kingdom Builders Ministry

Sponsors MCBC Tour of “Magical Night of Lights” at Lake Lanier

Mt. Calvary members enjoyed a night of fun and fellowship as they toured the dazzling display of Christmas lights at Lake Lanier. The “Twelve Days of Christmas” and “Teddy Bear Land” were just two of the many displays we saw. Many enjoyed hot chocolate, giant cookies, rides, snow ball fights, sliding down snow mountain and roasted marsh mellows. **Pastor Stowers** stated how important it was for members to enjoy and value fellowship with one another just as we enjoy and value fellowship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Fifty three participants relaxed and enjoyed the chartered bus trip to Lake Lanier. Enjoy photos on the church’s website Events page.

