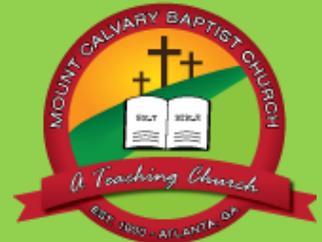


# Calvary's Voice

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## From The Pastor's Heart

Greetings,

We have just celebrated the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ. May this day and season remind each of us of the extent of God's love and care for his children.

Easter, Resurrection, Spring, all remind us of new life, and new beginnings. All of this is possible because of the Power of God.

The hymn writer sums it up for us by penning these words:

In all the world around me I see His loving care,  
And though my heart grows weary I never will despair.  
I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast,  
The day of His appearing will come at last.  
He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today.  
You ask me how I know He lives?  
He lives within my heart. ( A.A. Hymnal )

May the joy of knowing Him fill each of us with Love, Joy, and Strength to face today and tomorrow with bright Hope.

Be Encouraged! He Lives!

Blessings on The Journey!  
Pastor Stowers



## Important Dates:

May 10: Mother's Day

May 25: Memorial Day

May 31: Pentecost Sunday

## 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.



## Mother's Day

In the book of John 19:26 KJV tells us...

"When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home."

Jesus knew the value of a mother. Mary held a special place in his heart. She brought him into this world. Straight from heaven's glory. He was wrapped in swaddling clothes by Mary's loving hands and laid in a manger bed. Years later, from the cross, in agony, breathing his dying breaths, Jesus made preparations for his mother's care. He told the disciple dearest to his heart, believed to be John, to take Mary as his own mother.

There is a lesson here for all of us. When we are children, our mothers care for us. Inevitably, at some point, the tables turn. Our mothers need our care. Follow the example laid out for you by your savior. Honor your mother all the days of your life. Honor her by living well, spending time with her, and by meeting any needs she may have. No mother and child relationship is perfect, but God's word is clear in its command to honor our mothers. Love and serve your mother for this pleases God.

So let's honor our mother's this Mother's Day and always.

**Pray:** God help me to honor my mother, may my words and actions bring glory to you as I love my mother well. Amen

If your mother is no longer here thank God for the memories of her life. Just like mother's love it's always Forever,

Happy Mother's Day Mt. Calvary

Love Is Forever!

*Lady Wanda Stowers*



## Mothers Are Special

(A Tribute To My Mom)



Inez Smith Mann

My mom, Inez Smith Mann, went home to be with the Lord on January 22, 1985. I thank God for her and the godly example she set in our home. My mom was a portrait of a godly mother. She taught me and my sibling endurance by her example. Maybe that's where I got my tenacity. Throughout her life, she faithfully obeyed God. There were many hardships, but I watched her stand in those hard places. I never really heard my mom complain and she would not allow us to complain, but would always tell us to be thankful. A lot of responsibilities and decisions fell on her shoulders; and beside that, she had some pretty strong-willed and strong-headed children she had to pray for a lot.

2 Timothy 2:3 says "Thou therefore, endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." My mom knew what it meant to endure hardness as a good soldier. She taught us to stand strong in the face of obstacles, to be faithful and prayerful. Faithfulness was a hallmark of her life. I can remember her saying, "don't worry about what you don't have, stay true to God and you'll be blessed in the end."

I think mothers are the most special people in the world. Mothers' Day is a celebration honoring the mother of the family. Show her how special she is. Call her if she lives far away – if she lives close by, give her flowers and take her out to eat. Just make sure you do something extra, extra special to let her know how much you love and appreciate her. Perhaps your mother isn't alive today, so I encourage you to reflect on the valuable lessons she taught you. Proverbs 1:8-9 says "forsake not your mother's teaching, for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck."

"Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness." (Proverbs 31:25-28) Thanking God for our mothers.

*Sister Janie Lowe*



# MCBC 2020 Graduates



## Briel Delores Hill

**Briel**, always smiling, is a very loving young lady at Mt. Calvary. We have enjoyed seeing her very active presence especially on first Sundays when she participates with the Dancing Angels. She has also participated in our youth led worship services where she has served as the worship leader and has welcomed our visitors. Her mother, **Sister Debra Aikens**, has encouraged her to be very active at MCBC and at school. Her grandmother, **Sister Mildred Taylor**, also attends Mt. Calvary. Briel is a senior at Benjamin E. Mays High School where her favorite subject is science. She is also an Honor roll student and has participated in the National Beta Club, Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA), Junior ROTC (2nd Lieutenant), Drill Team,

National Society of High School Scholars, Beautiful Ladies of Legacy Empower for Success (B.E.L.L.E.S), and B.E. Mays Contemporary Dance Ensemble. She plans to pursue a degree in Biology at Albany State University. She is active in the Intermediate Ushers, Dancing Angels and the Youth Choir for Christ. She enjoys the love and support she receives from her MCBC family. She especially likes Pastor Stowers' caring and loving support of the youth. **Her favorite Bible verse is 1 Timothy 4:12 - "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." (NIV)**

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## Bria Juanita Hill

**Bria**, twin sister of Briel, is another smiling and very loving young lady at Mt. Calvary. We have enjoyed her praise dance worship on first Sundays when she participates with the Dancing Angels. She has also participated in our youth led worship services. Her mother, **Sister Debra Aikens**, has encouraged her to also be very active at MCBC and at school. Grandmother **Sister Mildred Taylor** attends MCBC also. Bria is a senior at Benjamin E. Mays High School where her favorite subject is science, particularly anatomy. She has participated in the Beautiful Ladies of Legacy Empower for Success (B.E.L.L.E.S.) and B.E. Mays Contemporary Dance Ensemble. She plans to attend Savannah State University. Her career goals are to become a professional dancer and choreographer and have her own dance studio. She is active in the Intermediate Ushers, Dancing Angels and the Youth Choir for Christ. She likes that everyone at Mt.

Calvary is so supportive of the youth. She especially likes that Pastor Stowers is a kindhearted person and leads the church with a vision. **Her favorite Bible verses is Philippians 4:13 - "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (NIV)**

## MCBC 2020 Graduates



### Amari Elaine Lockhart

**Amari** is an active and loving young lady at Mt. Calvary. We have enjoyed seeing her changing hairstyles, especially the new one she now wears. Her family roots run deep as she is the granddaughter of our pastor, **Rev. Dr. Douglas E Stowers and Lady Wanda Stowers**. Other family members who attend Mt. Calvary are mother **Sister Lisa Stowers** and aunt **Sister Delita Smith**. Great grandmother **Sister Mary Stowers** was recently called home to be with the Lord. Amari is a senior at Georgia Cyber Academy where her favorite subjects are science, art and history. She is also an A-B Honor roll student and participates in the American Red Cross Club. Her future plans are to pursue a degree in Design and Media Production at Georgia State University and Atlanta Technical College. She grew up participating in the many Youth Ministry activities and currently is active in the Intermediate Ushers and the Youth Choir for Christ. She

enjoys fellowshiping with family and friends at church. She especially likes that Pastor Stowers is committed to the youth.

Her favorite Bible verses are found in Ephesians 6:10-20 – The Armor of God. 10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world, and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions, with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. 19 Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given to me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should." (NIV)



**Technology Helps to Keep MCBC Members Connected for Worship**



The recent and ongoing health pandemic related to the coronavirus caused many to have to shelter in place and stay at home. Churches were affected as they were asked to closed their doors to help safe guard the health of their members. **Pastor Stowers** called members via calling post to offer words of encouragement and weekly scripture readings. He also initiated worship via teleconference in late March. Many members were eager to hear their Pastor's voice as he spoke words of encouragement and hope. Pastor Stowers then approved the Social Action and Events' Ministry initiation of a Mount Calvary Baptist Church Facebook page and we posted greetings from the Pastor as he offered words of

hope and encouragement. He reminded us that God sees, God knows and God cares. Weekly scripture readings and announcements about the upcoming teleconference were also posted on the Facebook page. Pastor Stowers has strongly supported the initiation of our live stream worship services. Although we were not able to live stream from the sanctuary, Pastor Stowers was able to livestream on Facebook his first virtual sermon for worship on April 19th while simultaneously allowing callers to connect for worship via the teleconference line. All who connected via Facebook were happy and encouraged to see our Pastor live stream on Facebook. We praise God for our ability to stay connected via technology during this health pandemic. Remember to check on each other, lift everyone up in prayer, and stay safe by following recommended health guidelines. We pray that we will be able to return to Mt. Calvary Baptist Church to offer God our praise and worship in our sanctuary soon. Don't forget to like us and follow us on Facebook and receive updated church announcements.



*Sister Shirley Seymour*

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**Tax Filing Deadline Extended:** The deadline to file federal income taxes has been extended from April 15 to July 15. Payments can also be deferred until July 15 without penalties or interest. The IRS urges taxpayers who are due a refund to file as soon as possible.

**Healthcare Fraud Alert:** Please beware of phone calls, emails or online ads from companies offering to send you a test or kit in the mail for the Coronavirus. Remember not to give your Medicare number or other personal information to strangers.

**Mental Health:** During this time of social distancing, seniors may also experience changes in sleep patterns, lack of nutrition, decreased physical activity, and worsening signs of depression and dementia. Don't forget to check on your loved ones and others to help them cope and feel less isolated. Make a virtual visit via video, chat, phone or text message. Check reputable news sources only once or twice a day. Let loved ones know you're just one phone call away.