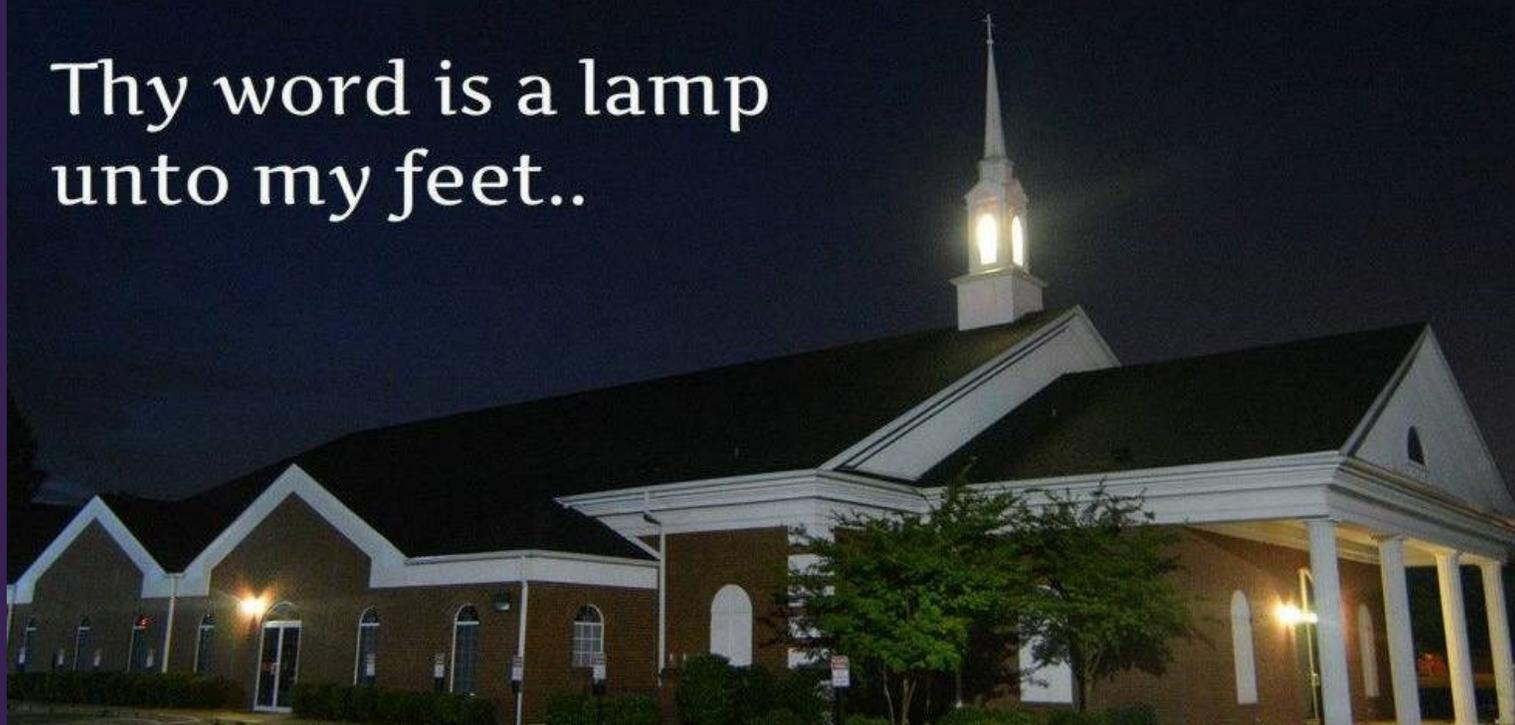


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Thy word is a lamp
unto my feet..



Psalm 119:105

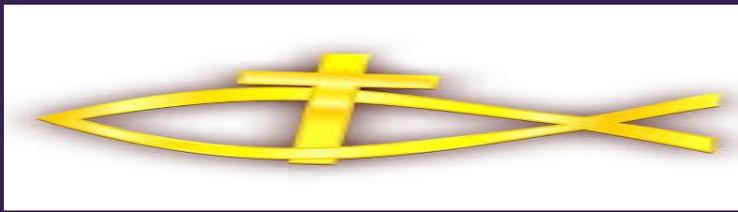
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Message from the Pastor

Greetings in the mighty, marvelous and matchless name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to our newly designed newsletter. In 2017, I was inspired by God to focus more on building and improving our ministries, which is why I eagerly re-established the newsletter. It is another way of extending communication beyond the worship service, in addition to our church's website. As your pastor and spiritual leader, it is my pleasure and duty to teach, communicate and inspire you in your Christian journey. As you continue to evolve and define your lives, goals and desires, I want to offer you some encouragement.

In Matthew 12:24 we read these words: A man sowed good seeds in his field; but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares amount the wheat. There is a powerful message hidden in this text that I want to reveal unto you, and Here It Is: **GOD HAS PLACED SO MUCH POTENTIAL IN YOU, BUT THE ENEMY WANTS TO KEEP YOU FROM HARVESTING WHAT GOD HAS PLANTED IN YOUR SPIRIT.** Watch This. The resistance is fiercest on the borderline of a breakthrough. In other words, just when you are about to achieve success, the enemy intensifies his attack against you. OK, let me reverse it. The attack gets worse just when you are about to win. So remember, the worse the attack, the closer you are to winning your battle.

~Pastor William E. Armstrong



Christian Corner

Are you too Busy?!

We as "Christians" are always so busy. Why? Why don't we make time? Here's why....

Satan called a worldwide convention of demons. In his opening address he said, "We can't keep Christians from going to church." "We can't keep them from reading their Bibles and knowing the truth...." "We can't even keep them from forming an intimate relationship with Their SAVIOR."

"Once they gain that connection with JESUS, our power over them is broken." "So let them go to their churches; let them have their covered dish dinners, BUT steal their time, so they don't have time to develop a relationship with JESUS CHRIST."

"This is what I want you to do," said the devil: "Distract them from gaining hold of their SAVIOR and maintaining that vital connection throughout their day!" "How shall we do this?" his demons shouted. "Keep them busy in the non-essentials of life and invent innumerable schemes to occupy their minds," he answered....

"Tempt them to spend, spend, spend, and borrow, borrow, borrow." "Persuade the wives to go to work for long hours and the husbands to work 6-7 days each week, 10-12 hours a day, so they can afford their empty lifestyles."

"Keep them from spending time with their children." "As their families fragment, soon, their homes will offer no escape from the pressures of work!" "Over-stimulate their minds so that they cannot hear that still, small voice."

"Entice them to play the radio or I-Pod whenever they drive." To keep the TV, DVDs, CDs and their PCs going constantly in their home and see to it that every store and restaurant in the world plays non-biblical music constantly." "This will jam their minds and break that union with CHRIST."

"Fill the coffee tables with magazines and newspapers." "Pound their minds with the news 24 hours a day." "Invade their driving moments with billboards." "Flood their mailboxes with junk mail, mail order catalogs, sweepstakes, and every kind of newsletter and promotional offering free products, services and false hopes."

"Keep skinny, beautiful models on the magazines and TV so their husbands will believe that outward beauty is what's important, and they'll become dissatisfied with their wives."

"Keep the wives too tired to love their husbands at night." "Give them headaches too!" "If they don't give their husbands the love they need; they will begin to look elsewhere." "That will fragment their families quickly!"

"Keep them busy, busy, busy!" "And when they meet for spiritual fellowship, involve them in gossip and small talk so that they leave with troubled consciences." "Crowd their lives with so many good causes they have no time to seek power from JESUS." "Soon they will be working in their own strength, sacrificing their health and family for the good of the cause."

"It will work!" "It will work!" It was quite a plan!

The demons went eagerly to their assignments causing Christians everywhere to get busier & more rushed, going here & there. Having little time for GOD or their families. Having no time to tell others about the power of JESUS to change lives. I guess the question is, has the devil been successful in his schemes? You be the judge!!!!

Does "BUSY" mean:

B-eing

U-nder

S-atan's

Y-oke?

Are you too "BUSY"?

~ Sister Bobbie Davis

Funny For the Pew!



Men in Heaven - Who is the Head of the Household?

At the end of time, when all the believers were standing in line waiting to get into heaven, God appeared and said, "I want all the men to form two lines. One line will be for the men who were the true heads of their households. The other will be for the men who were dominated by their wives."

God continued, "I want all the women to report to St. Peter."

The women left and the men formed two lines. The line of men who were dominated by their wives was seemingly unending. The line of men who were the true head of their household had one man in it.

God said to the first line, "You men ought to be ashamed of yourselves. I appointed you to be the heads of your households, and you were disobedient and have not fulfilled your purpose."

Of all of you, there is only one man who obeyed me. Learn from him."

Then God turned to the lone man and asked, "How did you come to be in this line?"

The man replied, "My wife told me to stand here."



LOCAL EVENTS

March

3/4/17

First Annual Coffee & Tea Festival

Time: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Venue: Downtown Monroe RiverMarket

Admission Cost: \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door.

3/7/2017

High School College Night

6:00 pm (All area juniors and seniors invited)

Venue: Neville High School

3/11/2017

Calvary's Couples Ministry Fun Day

Venue: Shreveport Boardwalk

(See Couple's Ministry Chairperson for details)

5th Annual St. Paddy's Bicycle Parade & Festival

Time: 10:00am-1:00pm

Free green lemonade and popcorn will be served.

Venue: Kiroli Park

Admission Cost: \$1 park admission

3/12/2017

Calvary Men & Women's Day

Time: 8:30 am

Venue: Calvary Missionary Baptist Church

3/15/17

State of the City

Time: 11:30am

Venue: Monroe Civic Center

Web: <http://www.ci.monroe.la.us/monroe-civic-center.php>

The Price is Right Live

Time: 7:30pm-9:00pm

Venue: Monroe Civic Center

Admission Cost: \$25-\$50

Web: ci.monroe.la.us/calendar/month

3/16/17

Ladies Night Out by Unity Worship Center

7:00 PM & Fri, Mar 17, 2017, 10:00 PM CDT

Venue: 500 S. 7th Street Monroe, LA 71202

\$30

Web: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ladies-night-out-tickets-30214985836?aff=es2>

April

4/16/17

Calvary's Easter Musical

Time: 6:00 pm

Venue: Calvary Missionary Baptist Church

4/22/17

2017 NE La Summer Camp & Kids Expo

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM CDT

Venue: Forsythe Park

Admission: Free

4/29/17

Calvary's Young at Heart Banquet

Time: 1:00 pm

Venue: Calvary Missionary Baptist Church

3rd Annual Superheroes for Autism 5K Run/Walk

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM CDT

Venue: Kiroli Park

MAY

5/25/2017

Northeast Louisiana Go Red For Women

Time: 11:00am-1:30pm

Venue: West Monroe Convention Center

Admission Cost: \$50

Announcement!

CMBC Youth Headed To Disney

The recently inducted CMBC Youth Committee has developed a series of activities for all those actively involved in the youth department during the 2017 - 2018 fiscal period.

Beginning in March of 2017, each month will feature a selected activity for the members of the CMBC youth to engage in. Each activity will be worth a certain number of points, and at the end of March of 2018, those youth who have earned the proper number of points will be eligible to go on an all expense paid trip to Disney World in Florida.

All youth who are interested in participating should sign up for the youth activities and get ready to actively participate. It will be a time they will not want to miss.

For sign up information, please see Sister Melanie Walker.

PARISHIONERS' PICK

Every quarter we want to highlight something or someone from Calvary, for Parishioners' Pick. There are so many stories and wonderful things happening among our Christian sisters and brothers, and this gives us an opportunity to not just announce it, but to write about it. We want to share your stories about where you went and recommend for vacation or an inspirational message you want to share. This section is for and about the parishioners. Take ownership of it. We will use this space to simply say great things about people. You can always share a positive thought about someone as well. I like to think of it as: The People's Choice!

-Avius

Note from Editor

Hello and thank you for taking time to read the Calvary Chronicle. I am the co-editor, and as the chief editor for this quarter's issue, I have thoroughly enjoyed the process of recreating and redesigning a new look for communicating information. Communication is a vital thread in connecting people and building relationships. We hope this newsletter not only conveys information, but also bring people together in and outside of the sanctuary through shared interest and common goals.

To start, let me say that I am an enthusiast for learning, meeting new people and hearing their stories. I believe that who we are: our experiences, successes and failures, is what makes us unique and relatable. My first encounter with uniqueness was with my 7th grade Math teacher who taught us more about life than math. It was a hybrid math class with 5 students (eventually dismantled because of complaints). However, it changed my life and gave me the confidence to always challenge myself and set high goals. I will never forget her because she was brave enough to do something different, and for the short time we had with her, she instilled in us tenacity and drive.

This is why I want others to join our committee: to share your stories and your view of the world to inspire others; just like my math teacher, Dr. Garrison, inspired me. The world is changing rapidly and we are exposed to many sources of information; whether biased, direct or poorly reported, it influences our perceptions and actions. I believe this newsletter can evolve into a resource for those who are interested in learning, engaging and connecting to their fellow Calvary parishioner. It's my sincere desire as a person who loves people, that we can find a way to socialize more with each other, by meeting one another through this newsletter.

I pray for God's love, protection, grace and mercy towards each of you. My favorite part of this newsletter are the weekly scriptures and I hope they provide you inspiration and encouragement.

Positive vibes and blessings,

Avius Carroll-Zimmerman



Newsletter Committee Members:

Bobbie Davis, Sharonda Highshaw and Avius Carroll-Zimmerman

Weekly Scriptures

Everyone has a bad day and has felt alone in dealing with our problems, but the good news is, God knows how to encourage you with HIS WORD in difficult times:

1. Psalms 37:4
2. 1 Peter 5:7
3. Hebrews 13:6
4. Philippians 4:6

Forgiveness is a gift not only to those who hurt us, but also to the forgiver. When you are having trouble forgiving those who hurt or offended you, remember what GOD says about the beauty of forgiveness:

1. Colossians 3:13
2. Matthew 6: 14-15
3. Luke 17:3-4
4. Ephesians 4:31-32

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. (John 15:13)

Remember children of God, we are called to love our brothers and sisters. Be encouraged by God's love for us:

1. 1 Peter 4:8
2. 1 Corinthians 13:4-8
3. Proverbs 10:12
4. John 3: 16-18

- Sharonda Highshaw

If you have a story, announcement and/or event you would like to publish in this newsletter, please email it to aviuscarroll@aol.com or submit it to Sis. Carol McClinton.

The newsletters will be posted on our website at:
www.calvarywestmonroe.com