

Note from Editor in Chief

Making Memories:

This issue is very special to me because we had the opportunity to not only convey information, but also show you how wonderful our church family is.

I absolutely love pictures; they are lifetime memories from moments in our past, and if put in perspective, the past can help shape our future as we reflect on our life's journey. Take time out of your day to make beautiful memories and celebrate the life God has graciously given you.

The newsletter committee would like to say Happy Fathers' Day to all our Calvary men, and may you all have a wonderful and blessed day. Thomas Paine said, "a man smiles in trouble, gathers strength from distress, and grows brave by reflection". As you continue to live in your purpose, we pray for your continued strength in Christ.

Positive Vibes & Blessings,

Avius Carroll-Zimmerman



Young at Heart Banquet



Best Dressed Winner:
Pastor Armstrong



Lemonade under the Tent



Community Service Day:
Honoring Fraternities & Sororities

Newsletter Committee Members: Sharonda Highshaw & Avius Carroll - Zimmerman

7 Great Verses To Read For Strength:

1. Isaiah 40:31

But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

2. Psalm 119:28

My soul melts from heaviness; Strengthen me according to Your word.

3. Psalm 28:7-8

(7)The Lord is my strength and my shield; My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; Therefore my heart greatly rejoices, And with my song I will praise Him (8)The Lord is their strength, And He is the saving refuge of His anointed

4. Psalm 46:1

God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble.

5. Psalm 118:14

The Lord is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation

6. Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

7. Ephesians 3:14-19

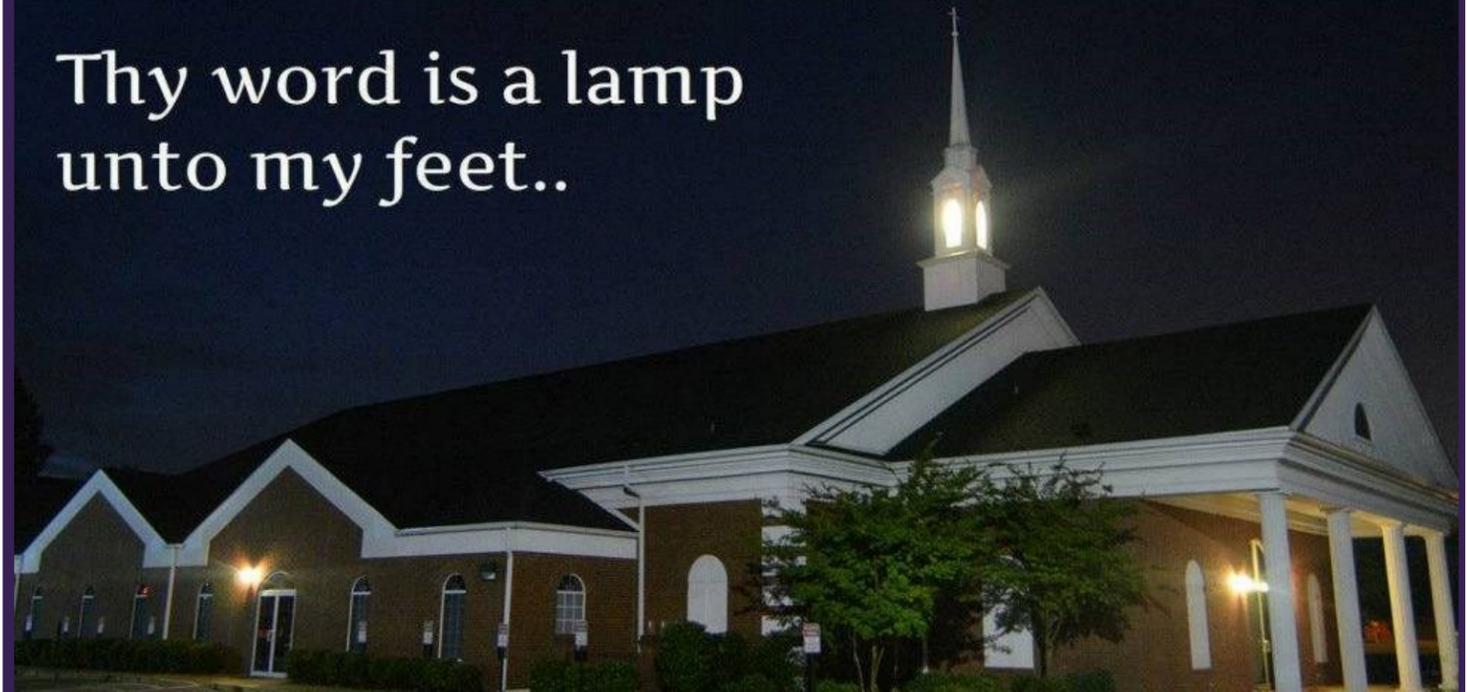
(14)For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, (15) from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, (16) that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, (17) that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, (18) may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height (19) to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

-Sharonda Highshaw

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Thy word is a lamp
unto my feet..



Psalm 119:105

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Message from the Pastor

I will bless the Lord at all times. His praises shall continually be in my mouth. Oh magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt His name together.



Greetings from Pastor Armstrong are extended to each of you. As we publish our 2nd edition of the Calvary Chronicle Newsletter, where we shine a light upon the word of God, we hope that you enjoy reading this newsletter and that you will share it with others. Sister Zimmerman and the newsletter committee have worked very hard to bring you a quality product.

As we enter the summer season of the year, we congratulate our graduates and pray for their future success. May God continue to lead and guide them to a bright future with abundant blessings.

I want to leave you with this thought: Keep the faith. Faith will tell you to have patience when everything else is telling you to panic. Faith will tell you to hold on when everything else is telling you to let go. Faith will tell you to push forward when everything else is telling you to pull back.

~Pastor William E. Armstrong

Christian Corner

Ministry for the Millennials

An interview with Pastor Vance A. Price

Q: Your ministry has been described as relatable and life changing. How has this afforded you the ability to minister to millennials?

Millennials are visual people. They are a generation that needs relatability to anything they are connected to and see themselves involved in.

I Preach the Word of God that allows them to see themselves through life applications. My approach is to make the scripture live in a 21st century way; to make it plain where fools can't error and the blind man can't miss his way.

Modern day ministry has evolved. Our ministry is not just confined to churches; it's now live streaming, on Facebook, YouTube & other methods of messaging. People can access ministry anywhere they are. They are not confined to spaces and places, but believe in accessibility through technology, which is why I expanded my ministry to FB and FB live, and created a YouTube channel.

Q: Why do you think it's difficult for churches to adapt their message to millennials?

Some churches are afraid of change and getting to far away from what they believe church to be, thus making it too convenient for millennials. However, we live in a convenient and instantaneous world. Churches sometimes think if it's too convenient, we lose power and attract-ability. Any church that does not want to adapt to & attract millennials is a church that's on it's way to becoming extinct.

We want the church to remain the same in a changing world, but we must adapt. Look at music and movies. We download music instead of buying CDs and movies are available by live streaming instead of going to the theaters. **"So, we adapt not to maintain a brand, but to reach a soul."**

Q: Do you believe the generational gap stops us from bridging collective worship?

No, our perception of God effects how we worship him. The spirit of God helps us meet everybody: often times we over appeal to one group and under appeal to the other. Make worship about Christ,

and then you will have a Christ centered worship.

"Everybody wants to feel like they have been in the presence of God; and, when church is Christ centered, he bridges generational gaps."

Q: How can the church become effective in embracing the integration of different styles of worship?

There are different types of people who come to worship, but we have 1 Lord, 1 faith and 1 baptism. When worship is Christ centered, it's not influenced by culture and class.

Q: How do you see the church in 10 years?

If you are not on social media or live streaming, or if you don't have a Saturday service or multiple services, you might be a church that does not exist. Our younger generations are not attached to buildings, they are attached to life and relationships; and relationships transcend buildings and boundaries.

Do you believe the move to technology and worship outside of the church walls contradicts the scripture that talks about not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together?

Jesus preached on the streets and taught in the temple. John the Baptist never preached in the temple. So, even though they were not in the temple, it didn't nullify their followers as a congregation.

We come together for worship & righteousness, but we don't want to lose fellowship. When Paul wrote to the church at Corinth, he said we can't really have love for each other with no fellowship.

We must bring church outside the sanctuary, but I am not saying that we leave the church. We need the church building, but also consider those who aren't in the building, but still seek a relationship with God.

"Change is not rewriting your approach, but expanding it."

Change shouldn't threaten what already exist, but expands our influence in society.

Any Final Words:

I want the church to know, that Christ is the most important person in our lives and in our worship. Our relationship with Christ should provoke a hunger for him outside of Sunday morning experience. The millennial era has allowed us to reach beyond the walls of our sanctuary to affect the lives of people we may never see.

Funny For the Pew!



A kindergarten teacher gave her class a "show and tell" assignment of bringing something to represent their religion.

The first boy got in front of the class and said, "My name is Benjamin and I am Jewish and this is the Star of David."

The second boy got in front of the class and said, "My name is Mary. I'm am Catholic and this is the Crucifix."

The third boy got in front of the class and said, " My name is Tommy and I am Baptist and this is a casserole."



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Calvary's Vacation Bible School Kickoff is Sunday, June 4th from 4pm - 6pm .

Vacation Bible School will be held Monday, June 5th - Wednesday, June 8th from 6pm - 8pm. We hope to see you there!

Pack A Pew Sunday is on June 11, 2017 @ 8:30 am. **Be sure to invite as many people as you can!**

Calvary Graduates and Scholar's Tea will be held on June 11th @ 3:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

CWA Host: **FATHERS' DAY SERVICE** on June 18th during morning worship. Ministers Dexter Moffitt, Brenda Hamlin & Lisa Hammonds will deliver the sermonettes. **The women will be in charge of everything.**

Dinner with Dads is immediately after church service on June 18th.

Everyone is invited to Calvary's Youth Ministry Skate Party on June 18th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at SkateTown.

Zoobilation - Bayou Blast: June 10th @ 1405 Bernstein Park in Monroe

Downtown Cinema Presents: The LEGO Movie on June 24th @ the corner of Jackson & Desiard Street in Monroe.



Calvary's Easter Egg Hunt



The Zack Williams Scholarship



Honor Roll Awards Day



Parishioners' Pick

Zakiya Kyles has not been a member of Calvary for very long, but she has been an effective and active member from Day 1. She is a worthy successor of our Big Sisters, Little Sisters program, and has continued the Chew&Chat sessions with teens and young adults. She was recently chosen as ambassador for Catherine plus sizes fall campaign and will have her own photo shoot in New Jersey. Zakiya is a very accomplished member, and we are so excited to see her use her gifts and talents to benefit God's people.