

# **CBC NEWSLETTER**

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### "A Letter From the Pastor's Desk"



To God Be the Glory for the Great and Marvelous things that He has done. Calvary, We have a great responsibility to our communities and those who are not connected to us. People need to know that we care; there is a saying that goes like this: "People do not care how much you know until they know how much you care." This entire year our ministry is centered around our theme: Kingdom Minded People Pursing God's Pleasure". This year we are going to be much more effective in reaching people with the Word of God and Creating an Atmosphere for people to come

than we have ever been in the entire church's history. Now is the time to make a positive change so that we can see some excellent results within our church and community. Our focus this year is not acting like the church, but "BE THE CHURCH". How many mouths have we fed? How many children have we reached? How many single family homes have we assisted? How many people have you invited to the morning worship experience at Calvary? There are so many questions that we can ask ourselves, but this is the time to stop talking about issues and now is the time to start and make a positive change within society. I am pleased to say that we are on the move with the "Calvary Baptist Learning Center" that will be an instrument to the community and to those who need assistance in advancing in knowledge and in their education . In the CBC Center we will have computers and a library where the youth, young adults and seniors can come to learn and study in a peaceful and safe environment. Also, we will be partnering with Ms. Towanda Hickman and the organization "Empowering Youth for Positive Change", this organization helps kids who are troubled within their homes and community to become better kids within society. Also, I give special thanks to Trustee William "Billy" Lee and Rev. Ulysess Turner for their hard work and dedication in working to make a difference within our community and helping in creating an atmosphere for people to come to Calvary. Calvary, as I always say: "There is so much work that needs to be done". We have real issues that plague our communities and we are bound to "BE THE CHURCH" that will help solve issues and help save children and families from destruction; but create a home at Calvary for them to come learn and fellowship. Calvary, Let's Continue to Make a Positive Change here in the Northern Neck.

Peace and Great Blessings, Reverend Travis L. Copeland, Senior Pastor PAGE 2



Working In GOD's Favor

Top Corner: The First Lady

"....do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others."

Philippians 2:4

Article By:

First Lady Tabitha M. Copeland



### "Let's Fill the <u>Box</u> and send it to AFRICA"

 $\mathbf{T}$  o My Calvary Women Ministry: It was brought to my attention through one of our Young Adults who attends Hampton University about young girls in Africa who are missing school because of their menstrual cycle. It is a widespread but unacknowledged problem that girls in Africa miss school and stay at home because of menstruation. I researched this information on Young girls in Africa who go through this. One articled stated that: One in ten schoolgirls in Africa miss classes or drop out completely due to their period, and substitute pads or tampons for less safe and less absorbent materials such as rags, newspaper or bark. It sadden my heart.....

about these young beautiful girls. Once it was brought to my attention and as I read an article on it, I began to share this information with our Pastor. I expressed to Pastor that I wanted to make a difference and that I would love to have the support of the Women's Fellowship to send pads or tampons to Africa so that they can have the same privileges as the young girls here in America. As a Result, Pastor was "ALL FOR IT". I felt that not only should we be a blessing locally but we should be a blessing "Globally". So, starting this month we will 'FILL THE BOX" with PADS and send it by one of our Young Adults that attends Hampton University. Hampton

University will send the box that we filled and send the items to Africa. I need everyone's support, not just the Women's Fellowship but the Men's Fellowship, Let's Make a Positive Change by sending PADS to Africa. Scripture says: "do not merely look out for your own interest, but also for the interests of others. Please, Let's fill the Box and send our Love, Support; and Most of all, the PADS that will **"FILL the BOX"** 

God's Love and Compassion,

Mrs. Tabitha M. Copeland, Senior First Lady

## **New Discipleship Classes**



Calvary Baptist Church welcomes Rev. Ulysess Turner as the New Discipleship Class Director. All new members who have joined the church are required to take the courses that are offered: The Main Course of Study is:

### • Salvation 101, Baptism 102, Holy Communion 103, Giving 104

There are other courses that you must take as you move forward in the class curriculum . Classes are every Sunday morning from 9AM to 9:30AM...If you need to be taught the basics, please register with Secretary Gail Turner to start your class. This will be a FUN experience.

### **Upcoming Events**

- We will travel to Emmanuel Worship Center, Richmond VA for Revival: service starts at 7:00 PM.
- February 25-March 1, 2013 6:45PM- 9:00PM: Northern Neck Baptist Associations and its Commissions: The 2013 Winter Institute "Growing Disciples for Kingdom Service" John 13:34-45. On Wednesday Night Calvary Baptist Church will be in charge of the evening service and message. Please Note: the evening session Worship Service begins at 8:05PM

### Join us for Morning Worship

### Calvary Baptist Church 490 East Church Street Kilmarnock, Virginia 22482 "A Church that Worship's, A Place to Grow" Sunday School: 9:00 AM Morning Worship: 10:15 AM Visit us on the Web: www.cbc490.org



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Live A Healthy Life and JUST SMILE.

"People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care"

## "Its ALL ABOUT Your Health"

**High Blood Pressure**: Hypertension or high blood pressure is often a precursor to heart disease. High blood pressure that goes undetected or isn't properly controlled can lead to heart attack, heart failure, kidney failure, stroke or premature death. Because hypertension has few early symptoms, many people aren't aware they have it. Statistics show that African Americans are 50 to 100 percent more likely to develop high blood pressure than their white counterparts. African Americans also develop hypertension at younger ages than whites, have a harder time keeping it under control and die from it at much higher rates. To stay healthy: Exercise, Shake off the Salt Habit, Say NO to smoking and drinking alcohol and make Good Healthy and Holy decisions. Make sure that you take real Good Care of yourself.

## "THE CALVARY LEARNING CENTER"

Pastor Copeland has been declaring that we should not just be labeled as an organization but a "Living Organism" that helps and supports the community. At a special call meeting on Monday, February 18, 2013 it was decided that Calvary would move forward with establishing a computer lab at the church. This decision was unanimously supported by all those attending the meeting.

**Trustee William Lee,** who led the discussion pointed out that *"This project would be funded through fundraising and not from the church budget."* 



### The Calvary Learning Center for the Community and Abroad.....

The intent of this project is not only to give our members access to computers and the internet but to also create a learning environment for our young people. Pastor Copeland and the Leaders of Calvary decided to convert the old choir room into *"The Calvary Learning Center"*. The target date to have everything installed and active is September 2013. Our goal is to raise \$25,000.00 to support this project. We will need volunteers to staff the center. **PEASE SUP-PORT THIS EFFORT.** Our kids need our assistance. If you would like to sow a seed offering towards this Project; your seed will greatly be appreciated. More Information will be publicized in the near future of "The Calvary Learning Center"

### **Calvary Youth Ministry Welcomes "Sister Carisa" as Youth Advisory Leader**



To the Youth Ministry of CBC and all of my covenant brothers and sisters in Christ, Peace and Blessings from God the Father through Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I took a leap of Faith to trust God to help me and the youth advisors to develop a ministry where our children can grow spiritually, mentally and physically. We will create an environment of Love and Trust. I value and love our children so I ask the parents and youth to consider this endeavor a "Team Effort". I expect just as much from the parents as I do the Youth. I will do my very best to fulfill this ministry position for your child and in return I anticipate your involvement Please feel

free to contact me with any questions you may have concerning youth activities and for the plans that this ministry has for the 2013 year. May God Bless You and

the CBC Youth Ministry.

Sister Carissa Turner-Davis

## The Women's Ministry

This year Calvary's theme is about Kingdom Building. In keeping with the theme Kingdom Building, let us renew our minds according to the word of God. We have a job to do. It is time to establish and maintain an intimate relationship with the Father. Women of God to arise clothed in the armor of God (Ephesians 6). You are women of valor with great inner strength. What are your perceptions about God, about yourself and about others? Have you given up your right to make choices? Do you blame others for your present circumstances? You have no responsibility for what was done to you, but you are totally responsible for your actions and reactions. As you read in (Proverbs 20:27) the Word of God, ask

the Holy Spirit to come alongside your spirit and expose the religion, man-made doctrines and traditions that have hindered you from rising up as the woman of God. Exchange old thought patterns about yourself for God's thoughts about you. You will become well-balanced and in tune with God's spiritual laws. I am looking forward to when we leave from behind the four walls of a Calvary and reach out to our community. God bless you and may the expectations about tomorrow be a reality for you today.

#### Sister Gail Turner, Women's Fellowship Ministry Leader

"Let's sow into our Youth today , for a better tomorrow"

### What do you know about Calvary Baptist ?



The early beginnings of the Calvary Baptist Church are clouded in mystery. Thus, there are practically no recorded records of the years of the Dr. Levi Reese Ball, Calvary Baptist Church first pastor. Tradition has it that Calvary is the outgrowth of what was known as the "old" St. Johns Baptist Church. Old St. Johns was located in the lower end of Lancaster County, between Kilmarnock and White Stone. During this period Reverend Levi Reese Ball was preaching for the congregation. Records of the exact size of the congregation are unavailable. It seems that during these early days, the old building was beginning to crumble, making it unsafe for worship service. The Trustees, under the leadership of Reverend Ball, contacted a Mr. John Palmer, who lived in the village of Kilmarnock about selling them a tract of land. The land sold by Mr. Palmer to the then trustees of St. John Baptist Church, was purchased at a cost of \$37.60, with the deed being recorded in the County Clerk's office in Heathsville, Virginia. The trustees of record were Stephen Smith, Walker Byrd, A. J. D. Harmon, J.S.W Pinn, and William McCampbell, all whom became deacons and trustees in Calvary Baptist Church. The evidence seems to suggest that when the congregation moved the name of the church changed from St. John to Calvary Baptist Church. The Calvary Baptist Church was organized as a Baptist congregation on June 11, 1892, in Northumberland County, Virginia. Reverend Dr. Levi Reese Ball, served Calvary Baptist Church until 1899, Dr. Ball was a gifted preacher, teacher, and Great Leader. Calvary Baptist Church has progressed throughout the years and continues to be the leading congregation of the Kilmarnock Area and the Northern Neck of Virginia. Over the years several pastors would lead the way such as: Rev. Dr. Levi Reese Ball, Rev. Dr. D. H. Chamberlayne, Rev. Paul Pollard, Rev. Samuel Thomas, Rev. Frank Bosworth, Rev. Howey R. Young, Rev. William Olds, Sr., Rev. Thomas B. Davis, Rev. Rosamond C. Kay Jr., Rev. Olive B. Brinkley, Rev. Marian F. Hall, Rev. Wilfred E. Johnson, Rev Dr. Alexander Lincoln James, Jr., Rev. Joseph D. Martin, Rev. Dr. Geoffrey V. Gunns, Rev. James S. Wellington, Rev. George E. Comfort, Rev. Lamont D. Brown and Rev. Myron Sutherlin. These Great Pastors lead Calvary Baptist Church to become instrumental and dedicated to the spiritual and physical growth of the church. Calvary Baptist Church is blessed to have a young pastor who is vibrant, wise and full of the Holy Spirit to lead and guide the congregation to its higher dimensions; and that is in the person of the Right Reverend Travis L. Copeland who serves as Calvary's twenty-first pastor. On December 21st, 2011 Rev. T.L. Copeland was elected as Calvary Baptist Church twenty-first senior pastor. Rev. T.L. Copeland began to serve the church as pastor-elect on January 1st, 2012 and was officially installed as Senior Pastor on April 28th, 2012.