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The Season in Lent

In the seasons of Lent and Easter, the church focuses on remembering, retelling and participating in the story of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Lent, the period of 40 days before Easter (excluding Sundays), begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Saturday, the evening before Easter. Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter" and the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.



FEBRUARY, 2016

During Lent, we enter into a season of preparation, self-reflection and repentance when we seek to literally "turn around" and realign our lives and focus toward God. It is a time to give up things as well as take on new life-giving practices, helping us rid ourselves of distractions and our own selfish desires. By doing so, we seek to live and love as more faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

Beyond Fasting: 10 Tips for a more meaningful Lent..

- Apologize to someone—Most sins include hurting others. Lent is a great time to seek forgiveness from those we have harmed. (Matthew 5:23-24)
- Perform random acts of kindness-Express your love for Jesus by loving others. Pay for the order of a person behind you! Share the love of Jesus in any way you can think of!
- Delve into a book of the Bible—Enhance your devotions by getting to know a book of the Bible. Meditate. Memorize. Pray through it!
- Read John Westley's sermons about "The Sermon on the Mount"-Reading these sermons will have you focused on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7)
- Serve people in need—Identify an organization. Sign up! Then volunteer to serve throughout the Season of Lent.
- Visit the lonely—Jesus also taught his disciples to treat other as we would treat him. This includes visiting those who are sick and in prison (Matthew 25:3'-36)
- Tell others you LOVE them—Some struggle to say these little words, assuming others already know. Fight the fear and say "I Love You" to friends and family members.
- Serve in worship—"Calvary" needs YOU! Sing on the choir, usher, serve as a leader. Offer yourself in service to your church.
- Say "Thank You"—-Send a note of gratitude to those who have shaped you into the person you are. Consider including a small gift.
- Throw a party for everyone—Host your own "Kingdom Party" by cooking and sharing, giving people \Diamond an opportunity to be together

There are many ways to be observant during Lent.

Children's Church is offered at both 8:00AM and 11:00AM services for ages 2-11. Club J (co-ed) is offered the 1st & 3rd Sunday of every month for grades 6—12 in the White House. Young Men's Forum is offered 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays for grades 6-12 in the White House.

All are welcome!

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Order of Service

8:00AM & 11:00 AM

"Please remember to "Mute" all electronic devices"

PRAISE & WORSHIP

INVOCATION

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Bring ve all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. Malachi 3:10

SELECTION

PREACHED WORD

INVITATION TO CHRIST

COMMUNION

(1st Sunday Only)

BENEDICTION

A Few Reminders



- 2016 Back2School Giveaway needs YOU! All meetings will begin at 6:30PM on Mondays: February 8th; March 14th; April 11th; May 9th; June 6th; July 11th and August 8th. Please contact Sister Lettia Trusty or the church office.
- The Drama Ministry will meet on Thursdays during the month of February in Room #5.
- 10th Pastoral Anniversary Committee will be held on Thursday, February 11th at 7:00PM
- Right Hand of Fellowship (RHOF) and/or Baptisms will be held on Sunday, February 14th at 11:00AM ONLY.
- The church and offices will be closed on **Monday**, February 15th in observance of Presidents Day. Deaconesses Fasting & Prayer meeting will be held on Monday, February 8th due to holiday.
- New Life & Care (NLC) will meet on Saturday, February 20th at 10:00AM. If you joined Calvary and have not yet taken this class, please contact the church office.
- On Sunday, February 21st, the Prime Age Ministry will host "Black History Display Day" in the Narthex. There will be something of interest for everyone on display, as we remember the history, struggles, and achievements of African-Americans, past and present.
- Connection deadline for March's publication will be Monday, February 22nd.
- Black History Month Bake Off—Deadline for submissions is Monday, February 22nd. The event will take place on Sunday, February 28th immediately following the 11:00AM worship service, in the Fellowship Hall.
- The next baby dedication is Sunday, March 20th at 11:00AM.
- If you are a member and did not receive a church conference booklet or your 2016 giving envelopes, please see one of the trustees or the administrative staff in between services or during office hours, Mondays-Thursdays, 8:30AM—3:30PM.

Serving in Worship

We are seeking men and women to teach classes in Children's Church during both 8:00AM & 11:00AM worship service. Please see Rev. Swakuu Karim or any member of the Children's Ministry.

The Julia Reed Nurses' aim is to have at least one nurse on duty each Sunday during both 8:00AM and 11:00AM worship services. If you have experience in care giving, we welcome you to join us! Please call Sister Learnie Donovan at (410)664-7360 or Sis. Mary Ware at (410)566-0717 for additional information.

The Prison & Prayer Ministry seminar has been rescheduled to Saturday, February 20, 2016, 11:00AM at Towson Detention Center, 720 Bosley Avenue. Interested in joining the ministry, this training is open for you! If you have any additional questions, please see Sis. Linda Ingram.

Sermon Notes: 1st Sunday, February 7th	The Connection—February, 2016
Bible Text:	
Speaker:	
Subject:	
Notes:	
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DID YOU KNOW?



It takes a certain type of person to work — and thrive — at the National Security Agency. It takes discretion, considering the organization collects and protects sensitive and classified information for the United States government. It takes intelligence, working among the best and brightest minds in America to think comprehensively and solve complex, high-level problems. And it takes resilience, assuming responsibility within an agency whose work is critical to the safety and well-being of every American — work that can never be openly discussed, even with those closest to you.

Christina Achampong, an operations researcher for the NSA and 2006 Drexel mathematics alumna, says she owes her sense of resiliency to her teachers, her role as an RA, her extracurricular activities and her three co-ops at Drexel. After co-op positions in accounting and auditing at Giant Food, Lincoln Financial and MBNA in Wilmington, Delaware, Achampong says her experiences helped her realize what kind of career she *didn't* want — one in the financial realm.

"True to Drexel style, I left the University seriously prepared for the real world," says Achampong, who's been working for the NSA since 2009. "It was tough at the time, but looking back, I really value that insight." Resiliency became a necessity to Achampong in 2013, when the NSA experienced one of its most widespread and controversial security breaches in the agency's history. Former NSA contractor Edward Snowden leaked an unprecedented amount of classified information, polarizing the agency and blindsiding its employees.

"It was difficult in many ways, and it still can be," Achampong says. "The whole situation ushered in a new normal here at the agency, and we're still adjusting to that. And we will." In part, Achampong's faith in the agency is due to its history: She was intrigued at the thought of working for an American defense agency, where the field of operations research put down roots during World War II.

As an operations researcher, Achampong considers herself a practitioner of the "science of better." "We make things better, period," Achampong says. "The question is, 'What does better mean?" At the NSA, she says, it means making government processes more effective and less risky. It requires her to work in the space where mathematics meets the physical, social world. Where human actions and decisions may seem unpredictable to the untrained eye, Achampong sees patterns and formulaic models.

"I think folks might be surprised that the social sciences can be combined with mathematics, especially within game theory, because it suggests this notion of a payoff," Achampong says. "If you can understand what drives a person, then you can [create a mathematical] model, and you can apply some probabilities to say, 'Well, chances are, because I know what drives them and their values, they'll probably go this way.""

Achampong explored this approach in more detail while pursuing dual master's degrees at Penn State. Her thesis, "An Evolutionary Game Model of Self-Deception and the Effect of Belief on Performance," examined how a person's belief in victory impacts their performance, and whether a person's capacity for belief is influenced by their personal history. "The takeaway is that your belief actually does affect your performance. What you believe actually does go a long way," Achampong says.

By Maria Zankey, Photo by Jared Castaldi

Sermon Notes: 2nd Sunday, February 14th	The Connection—February, 2010
Bible Text:	
Speaker:	
Subject:	
Notes:	



New Life Continuation Class



Obey God's command to, 'Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. " (II Timothy 2: 15).

Purpose: To help shape your Christian character to the end that you may be built up in Christ, enlightened, and God's Kingdom advanced.

Requirements: There are no admission requirements except a strong desire to study God's Word. Students may enroll for one or more courses. Students must purchase the course textbooks [where applicable] and commit to attending classes regularly.



120: NEW LIFE CONTINUING EDUCATION: Knowing God

The "Knowing God" course is for individuals who are new to the body of Christ. It serves as a continuation of study following the new member class. Students will understand that there is a profound worth in knowing God and they will understand that God wants them to know Him intimately no matter their situation and/or circumstance.

Facilitator: The Diaconate Location: Sundays The White House or Thursdays: Fellowship Hall Day: Sundays, 10:00AM (Beginning Sunday, February 7, 2016) or Thursdays, 7:00PM (Beginning, Thursday, February 11, 2016)

REGISTRATION FORM

Please drop completed forms in the offering basket, box in the Narthex, Administrative Offices or return to Dr. Dorothea James.

NAME:	Email:
Telephone # (H) (W)	Entry Name:
Email Address:	Please CIRCLE the approp
Youth Guardian: NAME	1) PIES/COBBLERS 2) CAKES
Guardian Contact Number: Email:	4) BARS/BROWNIES
Street: City:	By signing below you agree
	Signature:
State: Zip Code:	Submit complete application
Indicate which day of the week you would like to take the course:	Sis. Natalie White, or

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Name:		
Address:		
Contact Phone:		
Email:		
Entry Name:		
Please CIRCLE the appropriate		
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4) BARS/BROWNIES		
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Sis. Natalie White, or Sis.		
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE T		

Each entry must have it's own form and entry fee of \$5.00 See Rules for additional information.

When: Sunday, February 28, 2016 (Drop Off between 10:00AM & Noon)

Where: Calvary Baptist Church, Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$5.00 per entry

e category you wish to participate in:

PCAKES/CHEESECAKES 3) COOKIES

5) MUFFINS/BREADS

"all bake off rules" found on page 9.

Date:

and payment to Dr. Dorothea James, Wendy Johnson, 410-664-2111.

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Bake Off Rules

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 Baked good entries are accepted on Sunday, February 28, 2016 between 10:00AM & Noon in the Fellowship Hall. 	Bible Text:
2. All entries must be on non-returnable plate/pan/trays, and covered with plastic wrap for viewing & sanitation.	Speaker:Subject:
3. Multiple entries are allowed, but limited to one (1) entry per category.	Notes:
4. All entries must be from scratch, to include crust and pie shells. No store brought/pre-baked entries allowed.	
5. Each entry must have a separate entry form.	
6. Refrigeration is not available. Items that require refrigeration after baking are the sole responsibility of the entrant.	
7. Contestants must be present during the announcement to win. \$5.00 is required for each entry.	
8. All entry forms must be submitted no later than Monday, February 22, 2016 . No entry form will be accepted on the day of the bake off judging.	
9. At the time of submission all entries must include full recipe (preferably typed) listing all ingredients with measurements, instructions and baking times.	
On the day of judging, we will provide a label for your entry, so please do not mark or identify your entry. All entries become the property of the Calvary Baptist Church. All proceeds from the bake off will help toward the 10th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration.	
Scoring is based on the following:	
1. Taste [50%]	
2. Appearance [25%]	
3. Originality/Creativity [25%]	
Entry requirements are as follows:	
Pies/Cakes/Cobblers/Breads must be a full size (minimum 8 inch round or square)	
Cookies/Bars/Brownies/Cupcakes/Muffins must be 1 dozen (12) minimum	
This is the minimum entry amount. All submissions will be sold after the judging. Additional supply for the sale would be greatly appreciated.	
Bake Off Schedule:	
Drop Off Time: 10:00AM—Noon	
Judging Time: 12:30PM—1:30PM	

Sermon Notes: 3rd Sunday, February 21st

Competition Winners Announced: 1:45PM

Calendar of Events

Sundays: Services are held at 8:00AM & 11:00AM. New Life Continuation Class, 10:00AM in the	Sermon Notes: 4th Sunday, February 28th Bible Text:	The Connection—February, 2016
White House. Communion is served the 1st Sunday of the month. Baptism and/or Right Hand of Fellowship (RHOF) is extended the 2nd Sunday of the month. Children's/Men's Choir sing the 5th Sunday	Bible Text:Speaker:	
of the month.	Subject:	
Mondays: 10:00AM: Praisercise, Fellowship Hall 6:00PM: Deaconesses Fasting & Praying (Every 3rd Monday) 7:00PM: Drama Rehearsal (Please email Deacon Terry Stanley, tls000@hotmail.com if interested) 7:00PM: Adult Bible Study 7:00PM: Trustee Board Meetings (Every 2nd Monday) 7:00PM: Joint Board Meeting (Every 4th Monday) 7:00PM: Scholarship Committee Meeting (Every 3rd Monday)	Notes:	
Tuesdays: 10:00AM: Staff Meetings 6:00PM: Band Rehearsal 7:00PM: Voices of Victory Choir Rehearsal. All are welcome!		
Wednesdays 11:00AM: Prime Age Ministry 12:00PM: Noon Bible Study with Pastor Russell 7:00PM: Bible Study with Pastor Russell		
Thursdays 7:00PM: Women's Bible Study 7:00PM: Men's Bible Study 7:00PM: New Life Continuation Class		
Fridays 10:00AM—1:00PM: Food Pantry, White House 6:00PM: Narcotics Anonymous, White House 6:30PM: Intermediate Ushers (2nd and 4th Friday only) 7:00PM: Men's Fellowship (1st Friday only) 7:00PM: Prison Prayer Ministry Meeting (Every 3rd Friday)		
Saturdays 9:30AM: Deacons/Deaconesses Ministry Meeting (Every 1st Saturday) 10:00AM: Youth Cooking Class (Every 2nd Saturday) 10:00AM: New Members Class (Every 3rd Saturday) 10:00AM: Focus 2020 (Every 4th Saturday) 10:30AM: Greeters Ministry (Every 2nd Saturday) 11:00AM: Art for Love (Every 2nd Saturday) 12:30PM: Julia Reed/Senior Ushers Meeting (Everty 3rd Saturday)		

Calvary Updates

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We Welcome Our New Members!

- Sis. Kevina Beatty
- Sis. Angela Dupree \Diamond
- **Bro. Devon Fergerus** \diamond
- Sis. Marcia Holmes-Maye \Diamond
- **Bro. Scott Montooth** \Diamond
- **Bro. Eric Taylor** \Diamond
- Sis. Labreia Thurman \diamond
- Sis. Nannie Vanderhall \Diamond
- \diamond Sis. Linda Zivuku

Join us on Wednesday, February 10th (Ash Wednesday) as we kick off the Lent Season!

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There will be two showings: II:00AM-I:00PM in the Sanctuary and 6:00PM-8:00PM in the Fellowship Hall.

SAVE THE DATE!!

New Members Brunch! Saturday, May 14, 2016 12:00Noon—3:00PM



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Sick & Shut In



PROJECTED 2016 ANNUAL EVENTS

Black History Celebration—Month of February Missions Giveaway—Saturday, April 9th Usher's Anniversary—Sunday, April 24th New Members Brunch—Saturday, May 14th 95th Church Anniversary – Sunday, May 22nd Graduation Sunday—Sunday, July 17th Family & Friends Day—Saturday, July 30th Back to School Giveaway—Saturday, August 13th 10th Pastoral Pre-Anniversary Revival Services Wednesday, October 12th—Friday, October 14th 10th Pastoral Anniversary—Sunday, October 16th College Tour-Monday, November 14th Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway—Saturday, November 19th Harvest Sunday, November 20th Church Conference—Saturday, December 10th Leadership Consecration—Sunday, December 11th Angel Tree Exchange—Saturday, December 17th Christmas Production—Friday, December 23rd Summit—To Be Determined VBS—To Be Determined

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AFRICAN AMERICAN ★ HISTORY MONTH ★

ABOUT

February is African American History Month

The Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum join in paying tribute to the generations of African Americans who struggled with adversity to achieve full citizenship in American society.

As a Harvard-trained historian, Carter G. Woodson, like W. E. B. Du Bois before him, believed that truth could not be denied and that reason would prevail over prejudice. His hopes to raise awareness of African American's contributions to civilization was realized when he and the organization he founded, the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), conceived and announced Negro History Week in 1925. The event was first celebrated during a week in February 1926 that encompassed the birthdays of both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. The response was overwhelming: Black history clubs sprang up; teachers demanded materials to instruct their pupils; and progressive whites, not simply white scholars and philanthropists, stepped forward to endorse the effort.

By the time of Woodson's death in 1950, Negro History Week had become a central part of African American life and substantial progress had been made in bringing more Americans to appreciate the celebration. At mid-century, mayors of cities nationwide issued proclamations noting Negro History Week. The Black Awakening of the 1960s dramatically expanded the consciousness of African Americans about the importance of black history, and the Civil Rights movement focused Americans of all color on the subject of the contributions of African Americans to our history and culture.

The celebration was expanded to a month in 1976, the nation's bicentennial. President Gerald R. Ford urged Americans to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history." That year, fifty years after the first celebration, the association held the first African American History Month. By this time, the entire nation had come to recognize the importance of Black history in the drama of the American story. Since then each American president has issued African American History Month proclamations. And the association-now the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH)-continues to promote the study of Black history all year.



(Excerpt from an essay by Daryl Michael Scott, Howard University, for the Association for the Study of African American Life and History)