

Mt. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS!

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The end of winter always reminds me of God's promise of life after death and I feel that the seasons are representative of the stages of our life. God knows that we humans have a short attention span so He reminds us with the changing of the seasons that our lives on earth will end but spring reinforces His promise that we will have eternal life if we believe in Jesus.

As we approach Easter we are reminded of the last days of Jesus' ministry here on earth. You can just imagine how he was feeling, he had been with his disciples for three years and the time was winding down. He had spent three years preparing them for his departure. He tried to fill them with as much knowledge as they could handle. He showed them how to live and respond to their fellowman. He showed them compassion, how to respond to gossip, how to turn away anger and he showed them how to handle anger constructively. He showed them how to treat the children, how to treat those considered beneath them. He showed them that they could do these things because he did them and not only that, he gave them the courage and power to do them.

Before Jesus was arrested he celebrated one last meal with his disciples. If you close your eyes you can just see and feel the atmosphere in the upper room that night. Just imagine what he was feeling as he gave his disciples his last instructions. Imagine yourself having to say goodbye to your loved ones, knowing they will be lost without you. You will have an idea of what Jesus must have been feeling. That is why our celebration of communion should be a sober occasion as we commemorate the sadness of the occasion.

Jesus knew what he had to suffer before he died and knowing that, he was pained to know those who loved him had to watch his suffering, and be helpless to do anything about it. He knew for this reason he came into the world and he had to be obedient until the end even though it would cause pain and confusion to his disciples. Oh, how his heart must have been breaking for their pain. He told them that he had loved them not as servants but as friends. A friend tells his friend his plans. Jesus had told his disciples his plans and gave them instructions. He told them to love one another as he had loved them. How sad it must have been for the disciples but they were sure since Jesus was the Son of God he would not allow himself to be killed. He would call down the angels to avenge himself and release them from Roman rule.

After three years of training they still did not understand. This is how some of us are, we feel once we accept Jesus as our savior all our struggles will be over and nothing bad will ever happen to us again. But that is not what Jesus promised. He promised to be with us always. When Jesus died his disciples were discouraged and disillusioned. How could He who was the Son of God let them kill him? They lost hope, just as some of us. As soon as we have some adversity in our lives we blame God for not taking care of us we feel if he loved us he would not let anything bad happen to us. But we forget how he allowed himself to suffer to show us that life will not always be easy just because you believe in him and are obedient to him. He was obedient to his father and yet he had to suffer. He knew the outcome would be eternal life for all mankind if they would only believe and trust in him.

That is why this time of year is evidence of that promise. All the earth looks dead but soon we will see the resurrection. A reminder that just as Jesus died, was buried, and rose from the dead so shall we. He promised.



HELLO

By DR. RUSSELL LEE

First Presbyterian Church of South Boston, VA
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"And behold, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him." ~ Matthew 28:9

Today we take a look at one of the most common words in the English language, hello. A very popular song by the singer Adele begins with the words, "Hello. How are you? I was wondering if after all these years you'd like to meet and go over everything." So perhaps this could be a hello from Jesus. For years you may have known him from a distance, and He finally wants to have the conversation with you. Maybe you knew Him once and drifted away. This might be a call to come back and sit down and hear of His love and grace. Or maybe you've never met Him. He's been saying hello all these years, and you never responded.

When we meet people, as Christians we must look into each other's eyes and see the beautiful soul which dwells there. We must show love, care and interest, for that is who we are as God's people. When we greet others, whether physically, electronically or on the timeworn written page, hello unlocks and works. It's a big responsibility, and at the same time an awesome opportunity to do good in the name of the Lord.

The word hello did not come into being until 1827, and then it was a word which was called out to attract attention. When Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone, he encouraged people to say "hello," when they answered. Thomas Edison advised people to keep on saying "ahoy" which had been in vogue for at least a century. In a very real sense, worship is a hello to and from God, and to one another. Worship is a place where everyone is welcomed in the name of God, and they feel valued and part of God's family. In fact, the aim of the church is that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will find eternal life and end up with a hello from our heavenly Father at heaven's gates.

"A city like London," Alain de Botton writes, "is sociable in a sense that there are people gathering in bars and restaurants, concerts and lectures. Yet you can partake of all these experiences and never say hello to anyone new. And one of the things that all religions do is take groups of strangers into a space and say it is OK to talk to each other." That is the key. We may not always agree, but we can say hello and say again and again it is ok to talk to each other. Saying hello to people we know is one thing. The next level, which I experienced once again the other day, is when someone you do not

know says hello and genuinely wants to know how you are. What a gift of crossing barriers, meeting new friends and being warmly greeted God gives us on a regular basis. As Christians, we have the chance to say "Hello!" numerous times each day.

Here's how Paul the apostle did it. From Paul and Silvanus and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace and peace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I Thess 1:1-2. Sharing grace and peace is our moment of blessing. It begins with a meeting of the eyes, a smile and a hello. It just as easily could be missed by being lost in our thoughts or a turn of the head at the wrong moment. "So many of us," writes boxer turned preacher and grill salesman George Foreman, "have loved ones and people we really care about, and the only time we show affection is when they are gone. I have preached at funerals, and you see loved ones who didn't even say hello to dear ones when they were alive. Give them hugs, kisses while they are alive and need it." At one time we will be beyond the hello in this world. But heaven offers us the next level of that beautiful and welcoming word. Ernie Harwell, a longtime announcer for the Detroit Tigers, had a beautiful way of saying it on his retirement from broadcasting. "It's time to say goodbye, but I think goodbyes are sad, and I'd much rather say hello. Hello to a new adventure."

Perhaps the blessing of the Carpenter's Workshop for you dear reader, is new adventures of hello that brighten your world and the space of others. "The movie star Harrison Ford," says Liam Hemsworth, "comes on set, and he's very polite and says, 'Hello' to everyone. He cares about everything that's going on, on set. He cares about what's going on with your character and what's in the scene and what's on the desk."

Perhaps the truest essence of the word hello is indeed care.

God cares and loves enough to say hello to the world with His son, Jesus. He invites us to do the same.

Submitted by Sis. Linda Clarke

*Greet one another with the
kiss of love. Peace to all of
you who are in Christ.*

1 Peter 5:14 ESV

HE KNOWS HOW YOU FEEL

I've heard people say, "Why talk to God about my problems? He can't understand." According to the Bible--he can! The writer of Hebrews says, "he himself has shared fully in all our experience of temptation, except that he never sinned" (Hebrews 4:15 Phillips).

He *himself*! Jesus himself shared fully, not partially, but entirely! In all our experience; every hurt; all the stresses and strains; with no exceptions! Why? So he could sympathize with our weaknesses.

Every page of the Gospels hammers home this crucial principle: your God gets you! God knows how you feel. When you tell God you've reached your limit, he knows what you mean. When your plans are interrupted by people who have other plans, he nods in empathy. He has been there. He gets you. He knows how you feel!

Max Lucado

TWO SACRIFICES

From the beginning you knew the final outcome watched as the jigsaw pieces were slotted into place saw the significance of every moment.

As your body was anointed with oil at the table of Simon the Leper the picture was becoming clearer not only in your eyes but to an unknown woman and one of your closest friends.

Judas sensed that this was his moment sacrificing trust that had been so freely given on the altar of selfish gain for his fifteen allotted minutes of fame and thirty pieces of silver

The woman recognized the moment. She gave generously unselfishly a costly gift, freely offered. A fragrant sacrifice of perfume and love remembered forever in your heart. And as Judas slipped away unnoticed, your disciples saw none of this, failed to see the significance of the moment.

Two sacrifices, one of trust and one of love. But you noticed, Lord as you notice each day our sacrificial offering and betrayal

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CHUCKLE OF THE MONTH

The Funny Story of the Taxi Driver and St Peter



One Easter a preacher and a taxi driver both died and went to heaven. St. Peter was at the Pearly gates waiting for them.

'Come with me,' said St. Peter to the taxi driver.

The taxi driver did as he was told and followed St Peter to a mansion. It had everything you could imagine from a bowling alley to an Olympic size pool.

'Oh my word, thank you,' said the taxi driver.

Next, St. Peter led the preacher to a rough old shack with a bunk bed and a little old television set.

'Wait, I think you are a little mixed up,' said the preacher. 'Shouldn't I be the one who gets the mansion? After all I was a preacher, went to church every day, and preached God's word.'

'Yes, that's true.' St Peter rejoined, 'But during your Easter sermons people slept. When the taxi driver drove, everyone prayed.'

What Price a Sermon?

One Easter Sunday the Reverend Jones announced to his congregation, 'My good people, I have here in my hands three sermons.....

A \$100 sermon that lasts five minutes

A \$50 sermon that lasts fifteen minutes

And a \$20 sermon that lasts a full hour.

Now, we'll take the collection and see which one I'll deliver.'



**The Person who can bring
the spirit of laughter into a
room is indeed blessed.**

Bennett Cerf

THE MONTH IN REVIEW

COUNTDOWN TO 100!



In anticipation of the church's 100th anniversary in August, the Homecoming Committee has invited friends of Mt. Calvary to several pre-anniversary celebrations. The first took place March 19th and featured Archbishop Leroy Bailey, Jr. and the First Cathedral family. Archbishop Bailey spoke on *When Jesus Takes Over* from Matthew, Mark and other memorable passages of the Bible. He advised that Jesus wants to come to church and take over and we should let him. Jesus has this right because he created and owns us by right of redemption. Therefore, we should give him full control. When we allow Jesus to come in, Jesus is able to heal those that hurting with withered hands, blindness, issues of blood, broken hearts and other ailments. We shouldn't be concerned with tradition because Jesus doesn't respond how we want him to. He is a loving spirit. So when he comes, we should let him have his way. The church should be a center for healing. If someone comes in hurt, he should not leave hurt. No one should leave the way they came. The message was a perfect mission statement for a Godly church. Subsequent to the preaching of this inspiring message, Archbishop Bailey prayed for all and laid hands on those who so desired. He also gifted **Pastor Nash** with a special offering since him and **Sis. Nash** were unable to be in attendance.

This celebration began with our own praise team setting the pace with enthusiastic renditions of *Our God is*



Greater, Death Could Not Hold You Down and How Great is Our God.

**Deaconess Donna**

Campbell was a Worship Leader that gracefully guided the service with her special charm and humor. All other participants on the program performed their duties well, including

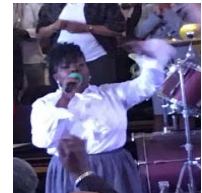


Hartford City Council President T. J. Clarke. Clarke

thanked Mt. Calvary for 100 years of service to the Hartford community and beyond. The First Cathedral Praises of Zion did not disappoint in the welcome response and ministry in music. The respondent, Sis. Vanessa Walton,



proclaimed: "We Will Act Just Like Family" and the choir's first selection, *There's a Miracle in this Room*, mesmerized the congregation. "Keisha" sang with such power that if you did not know you were a miracle before the service, you surely knew after. Her powerful voice was matched by Talonie Daniels who led the Praises of Zion in an awesome rendition of *You Made a Way*.



The committee would like to thank **Rev. Lorenzo Elliott** and



the many officers, members and friends who came out to celebrate. Most importantly, the Mt Calvary family thanks Archbishop Leroy Bailey, Jr. and the First Cathedral Family for taking time out of their busy schedule to set the stage for the pre-anniversary celebrations.



The next celebration is scheduled for April 23 at 4:00 and will feature favorite son, Elder Victor Rush and the Ebenezer Temple UHCCA family. You should be there!



HERITAGE CORNER

DR. BETTY HARRIS



Dr. Betty Harris was born on July 29, 1940 in Ouachita Parish, Monroe, Louisiana, and raised on a farm by her parents Henry Hudson "Jake" and Legertha Evelyn Thompson Wright and ten siblings. She attended Union Central High

School, enrolling at Southern University at the age of 16. She received her B.S. in science at the age of 19 and subsequently attended Atlanta University, receiving her M.S. degree. Both are historically black colleges. She earned her Ph.D. from the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, N.M.

She taught as an assistant professor of chemistry and mathematics at Mississippi Valley State University, Southern University and Colorado College.

She is known for her work on the chemistry of explosives completed at Los Alamos National Laboratory. She invented and patented a spot test for detecting 1,3,5-triamino-2,4,6-trinitrobenzene (TATB) explosives in the field.

After her teaching career, she moved to do research at Los Alamos National Laboratory, where she worked in the areas of hazardous waste treatment and environmental remediation as well as explosives chemistry. Areas of focus included explosives detection, safing liquids, synthesis and characterization of insensitive high explosives and sensitivity of weathered high explosives. In addition to her research, she has worked in outreach to young people, including working with the Girl Scouts in developing a badge based on chemistry.

She has received the New Mexico Governor's Trailblazer Award. She is recognized as a distinguished African American Scientist by the National Academy of Sciences. She is a 50 year member of the American Chemical Society.

Dr. Harris currently lives in Maryland and has three children: Selita Harris Lucas, Jeffrey Harris and Alloyd A. Harris, II.

Submitted by Deaconess Donna Campbell



JANET JUDKINS RECEIVES NATIONAL HONOR

Once again, congratulations are in order to our own young and gifted, **Janet Judkins**. Janet, the daughter of **Sis. Debbie Gamble** and granddaughter of **Sis. Betty**

Gamble, was selected to become a member of the National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS) for demonstrating outstanding academics, leadership and community commitment. The announcement was made February 23, 2017.

'Janet is now a member of a unique community of scholars—a community that represents our very best hope for the future.' We at Mt. Calvary knew this all along but it is so rewarding to Janet and her family to know her gifts are being recognized by her school and this "esteemed" national organization. With her induction into the NSHSS, Janet will be connected with the resources she will need to develop her strengths and pursue her passions from high school to college. Janet is a senior at Albert I. Prince Technical High School and is very active in youth organizations at this church. May God continue to bless and keep her as she continues to soar.



NEW WORKERS IN THE VINEYARD

Please join us in welcoming "new" member **Sis. Tonya Roberts** back to the fold. It is a blessing to have the Roberts/Johnson family back home.

The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Next time you hear the words, ***"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few"*** I hope you will be reminded of the Lord's grand work of bringing ***physical and spiritual restoration*** and also know that you—as a laborer—***will be transformed in participating in His work of salvation spreading the gospel to all you encounter in your daily life. Bring someone to church with you next Sunday.***



To all those born in the month of APRIL

Sis. April Taylor	3	Sis. Eustacia Williams	17
Sis. LaTasha Smith	4	Sis. Veronica (Decou) Wilson	18
Sis. Caroline Championr	4	Dea'ness Donna Campbell	19
Sis. Nelida Hall	5	Sis. Roxanne Gill	20
Sis. Michelle Robinsn	6	Sis. Estelle Freeland	23
Sis. Kimberly Moore	10	Sis. Tamego Samuel	23
Bro. Steven Bowen	14	Bro. Ricky D. Brown	26
Bro. Tyrone Coleman	14	Sis. Betty Gamble	26
Sis. Juanita Elliot	14	Sis. Thelma Hollis	26
Bro. Eugene Robinson	14	Sis. Mary Singleton	26
Sis. Norma Wilma	15	Sis. Leslie Robinson	28
Sis. Susie Goolsby	15	Sis. Shannon H. Eaton	28
		Sis. Lea Wilson	30

Anniversary Celebrants	Date	Years
Bro. Moses & Sis. Mary Singleton	18	67



"For this reason a man
will leave his father & mother
and be united to his wife,
and the two will become
one flesh." Ephesians 5:31

"What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder" Matthew 19:6



Sis. Pearlie Williams and her family express heartfelt thanks to all Mt. Calvary family and friends for their many acts of kindness shown during the loss of her brother, Willie "Georgia Boy" Bailey. Your love and presence at his Home Going will always be remembered and will sustain us as we journey for a while without his earthly presence. We pray that God will bless each of you in His special way for all you have done.



Please keep the following families in your hearts and prayers:

Min. Jerry McCall & Family in the passing of his



mother, Ms. Nona Bell Hall ("Ms. Doll"), 96, on February 10, 2017. Ms. Hall worked as a share-cropper, domestic and nanny and eventually opened a school for children with disabilities. She was also a 'master quilter' and one who touched the lives of many. Ms. Hall's Home Going Celebration was February 18 in Manassas, GA.

Sis. Lillie Gregory & Family in the passing of her brother, Gene L. Walker, on March, 4, 2017. Described as a man of many words, Gene's funeral was March 13 at Mount Olive Baptist Church.



Sis. Pearlie (Juanzia)

Williams & Family in the passing of her brother, Willie "Georgia Boy" Bailey, Jr. (86) of Springfield, MA, on March 8, 2017. Bailey was described as a sharp shooter at pool and a man with exceptional mechanical ability that would

fix anything for anyone, especially cars. His services were March 17 at St. John's United Congregational Church in Springfield.

Shut-in Sunday school teacher, **Sis. Fannie Green Rosemond, & Family** in the passing of her son, Felmon Green, Jr., 72, of North Port, FL, on March 8, 2017. He was a Navy veteran and retired from United Parcel Service.



Felmon's Homegoing Service was March 25 at Carmon Windsor Funeral Home.



Sis. Christine Turner & Family in the passing of her nephew, Calvin Johnson, Jr., 36, on March 12, 2017 in New Orleans, LA. Calvin, his deceased sister, and parents, Calvin Sr. and Carol, were members of this church for many years.

He was employed by Trinity College and Taxperts. Services to celebrate his life were March 24th at the Trinity College Chapel.

From our happy home and circle, God has taken ones we love; Borne away from sin and sorrow to a better home above.

HEALTH NEWS

13 LIES YOU TELL YOUR DOCTOR (AND WHY YOU SHOULDN'T)

PUT IT ALL OUT THERE If there's ever a place to be honest about your habits and your health, it's your doctor's office. Forget the embarrassment -- your doctor's there to help you, and the more information she has, the more she's able to do.

'I NEVER BINGE DRINK' Don't want to tell your doc just how hard you party? Binge drinking can throw test results off and send your doctor down the wrong path if you have health problems.

'I QUIT SMOKING' It may seem like a harmless way to avoid a lecture, but your doctor needs to know if you smoke. It can interfere with certain drugs, and might help explain symptoms you may have. And he may be able to help you kick the habit for good, through therapy or medication.

'I EAT MOSTLY KALE ... unless there are doughnuts nearby.' If you leave out this last part while your weight and "bad" cholesterol skyrocket, your tall tale could lead to less effective treatment. You're not the first person with a doughnut weakness, so just tell the truth - your doctor might be able to help you manage your eating habits.

'I RUN EVERY DAY' Tell your doctor the truth about your exercise habits. It will help her figure out how to keep you healthy. If you're not the type to go to the gym every day, that's OK. There are lots of ways to have an active lifestyle: Garden, play with your dog, or take a brisk stroll around the block.

'I HAD SEX WITH 1 PERSON THIS YEAR' A doctor's visit is not a morality test. If you have sex with several partners, you could be at risk for certain diseases, and it might help explain some medical problems. Your doctor's not there to judge, but to help.

'I DON'T HAVE ANY STDs' If you think you have one, know you have one, or have had one in the past, tell your doctor. It may be awkward, but some STDs can be dangerous if they're not treated. They're also contagious. One awkward moment with your doctor now could save you awkward moments with sexual partners later.

'I'M NOT SLEEPING WITH ANYONE' Lying about having sex -- or who you're having it with -- appears to be pretty common. It may seem like no one's business, but it's important to be honest about whether you're with the same sex, the opposite sex, or both. It can make a difference, especially if your doctor is trying to figure

out what certain symptoms might mean (pregnancy, for example).

'MY SEX LIFE IS GREAT' If you have trouble in the bedroom -- low sex drive or erectile dysfunction (ED) -- it can be a sign of an illness and your doctor should know about it, especially if you're young and otherwise healthy. Plus, your doctor may be able to improve your symptoms with medication or a referral for psychological therapy.

'I FEEL GREAT!' Don't ignore little things that may be bothering you -- they could be valuable clues to your doctor. Do you get headaches when you exercise? That may not seem like a big deal, but it could be a sign of something serious.

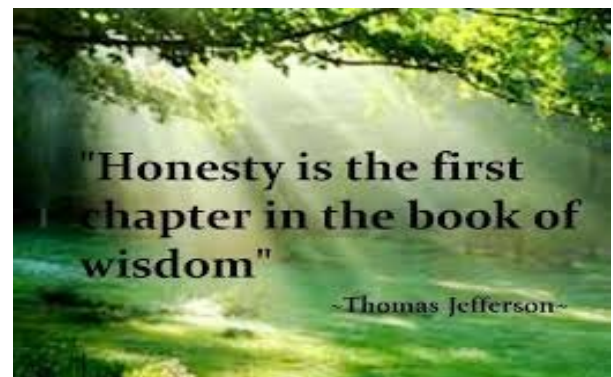
'I DON'T DO DRUGS' This can be a dangerous lie. If your doctor prescribes you medication, it may react with street drugs and make you sick or cause other problems. Drug abuse can also cause other issues your doctor may not know to look for. If you have a drug habit or addiction, your doctor may be able to help you stop.

'I DON'T TAKE SUPPLEMENTS' Afraid to get into a discussion with your doctor about those vitamin supplements you buy at the grocery store? Your doctor needs to know. Some may be dangerous if you take them along with other medications or you have certain medical conditions.

'I TAKE MY PILLS' About half of people who are chronically sick don't take their medication the way they're supposed to. If you skip it because you're worried about side effects, or you don't like the way they make you feel, tell your doctor. He may be able to adjust it. If money is the problem he might help you find ways to lower the cost.

'I DON'T TAKE OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATION' It's important to tell your doctor about all the medication you take. It can interfere with the way prescription medications work, sometimes in a dangerous way.

SOURCE: <http://www.webmd.com/>



Easter

Easter is a promise that God gave you, a promise of eternal life, and a season of renewal.

As the scent of roses fill the air, and blue jays sweetly sing, remember that God is with you and guiding you this spring.

For he vowed that he will always be there to wrap you in his arms when you need his care.

He has faith in you and his heart shall ever be true no matter what you say or do. Even should you stumble or fall, God will lend you a hand to help you stand tall.

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