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The Newsletter of Calvary Episcopal Church

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WHAT IS CONFIRMATION?

by Christopher D. Girata, Rector

On Sunday, November 3, Calvary will observe the Feast of All Saints with a wonderful worship service celebrating baptisms, confirmations, and remembering all those who have gone before us. All Saints' Day is one of my favorite days because I'm reminded of all those I have loved and lost over the years, those great saints who have paved the way for me and for us to experience God's love and to share that love in the world. That is a legacy that I am proud to continue, a faithful torch that has been handed to each one of us that we have the privilege to carry.

On All Saints' Day we celebrate even more than the memory and legacy of those we have lost; we will celebrate as youth and adult members of our Calvary family commit themselves to the life of the church and to their continued life as Christians through the sacramental rite of confirmation. These youth and adults have spent the past few months praying and studying about our church and their place in it and they have made the decision to recommit themselves to God and to their neighbors and

profess that commitment in front of their church.

The sacramental rite of confirmation is often misunderstood. It is not a rite of passage, nor the end of a process. Rather, confirmation provides an amazing opportunity for all of us to claim our place in the great chorus of saints all around us, joining in a confession of faith that lives as an example to a world so desperate for love. When we choose to step out of the pews and kneel in reception of this sacred blessing, when our commitment to a life lived with God is renewed, we become examples and inspiration of faith for all those around us.

Calvary is a very special place, a sacred place where hope is always present and love is always shared. On this Feast of All Saints, I hope you will join me in celebrating the vibrancy of our church as we welcome so many into a new sacramental identity, into a new life in the great household of saints!



IT'S TIME FOR AN UPDATED PORTRAIT

Calvary is partnering with Lifetouch to create new parish pictorial directories! Sign up online at calvarymemphis.org/directory and you will receive a free 8x10 portrait, a free directory, and a gift certificate towards additional portraits purchased!



UPCOMING MUSIC EVENT: LISTEN. REMEMBER. PRAY.

A Collaborative Choral Evensong on All Saints' Day,
Friday, November 1, at 7:00 p.m.,
with a reception following,
St. Mary's Cathedral, 700 Poplar Ave.

The choirs of Calvary and St. Mary's Cathedral will join together to offer one of the most beautiful liturgies of the Anglican tradition: the sung office of Evening Prayer, otherwise known as Evensong. If you lost someone this year, or if you find the simple human need to take a moment and remember all the saints who once touched your life, this is the day of the church year to do it: the Feast of All Saints. Imagine being wrapped in beautiful music while you say your prayers during this 40 minute service!

Evensong is held quarterly, monthly, or daily in Episcopal and Anglican churches all over our country, and beyond. Many English universities hold this office daily. Here is an excerpt from a bulletin from Salisbury Cathedral, explaining the purpose of Evensong: "We pray at the beginning and the end of every day because our lives, our history and our future belong to God. We give thanks for good things, ask for help with difficult things and pray for those in pain and need. We also listen, day after day, to words from scripture that tell the great story of what God has done and will do. God is with us in all things and in all places. In this service of Evensong, we give God our undivided attention."

MIFA PLUS-1 PARTNERSHIP



Through MIFA's Plus-1 partnership with MLGW, customers can help families in crisis keep their utilities on by adding \$1 or more to their monthly utility bills. MLGW retains none of these funds, all of which are used by MIFA to assist Plus-1 clients. During the month of November, MIFA is asking faith communities to participate in the Plus-1 partnership. If every MLGW customer gave \$1 a month to Plus-1, MIFA could help more than 20,000 families. What can you give?

VESTRY NOMINATIONS

Identifying candidates to serve on the vestry, the governing board of Calvary Episcopal Church, is one of the most important tasks of our faith community. The Nominations Committee soon will begin its work. Committee members ask that you to submit names of individuals who exhibit personal maturity, broad vision, strategic thinking, deep faith, and a can-do attitude.

Candidates for vestry must meet the following criteria:

- Be a confirmed member of Calvary
- Be a communicant in good standing (i.e., having received communion at least three times during the preceding year, and having been faithful in corporate worship, in prayer, and in working and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God through Calvary)
- Be 18 years of age or older
- Not have served on the Calvary vestry in the past three years.

If you know someone you wish to nominate, or if you feel called to this ministry of leadership, please contact Ebet Peoples (ep Peoples@calvarymemphis.org or 525-6602 ext. 138) or one of the members of the nomination committee:

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Drew Smith, unicurse@gmail.com or 901-340-2043
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Nominations are due by Friday, November 15. If you wish to nominate someone, please be sure to obtain that person's permission first. The Nominations Committee then will review all names submitted to ensure they meet required criteria.

Five members will be elected at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 12, 2014, to serve a three-year term. Members of the vestry act as agents of the parish in all matters involving parish property and assets and assisting the parish in its planning and in leadership.

ALL SAINTS' DAY EUCHARIST

An All Saints' Day service of Holy Eucharist will be offered at 8:00 a.m. at Calvary on Friday, November 1. As this is a "said service," it is short, allowing attendees to get on with their day. All are welcome.



RE-IMAGINING TREASURED TRADITIONS

by Madge Deacon and Mary Jane Viar



One of the treasured traditions of Calvary has been the annual AIDS Healing Service, offered as a “gift to the city” for the past 25 years. Over this span of time, the service has offered a symbol of hope and a shelter in the storm for our neighbors whose lives have been affected by HIV/AIDS. It has served as yet another example of Calvary’s willingness to open our doors to many who, at times, have had few other welcoming places to go for comfort and spiritual healing.

Fortunately, the reality of living with HIV/AIDS has changed dramatically for the better since the first healing service in 1989. That reality has provided an opportunity for Calvary to reexamine our service and think about the current needs of our community.

A new Ecumenical Service for Healing will debut in the New Year. The service itself will be similar to what we’ve come to know and love from past AIDS healing services—an ecumenical group of clergy from across the city to lead our prayers and beautiful music to inspire and comfort all in attendance. However, while in the

past, our invitation to the service was focused on those living with and/or affected by HIV/AIDS, we will now focus our efforts on reaching out to anyone with a need or desire for healing prayer for any reason or condition. The new Calvary-St. Jude Partnership Ministry presents an opportunity to invite the families of patients at St. Jude to join our Calvary family for an evening of healing and hope. Our goal will be to extend an invitation to the entire Memphis community to experience with us the power and comfort of healing prayer. A new date for the service is tentatively set for the last week of January.

Another meaningful tradition at Calvary has always been the presence of David Johnson’s beautiful fabric sculpture hanging from the rafters of our nave during the days surrounding the AIDS Healing Service. This year, we will hang the sculpture to coincide with the celebration of The Feast of All Saints. With each opening in the fabric representing a window to God, it seems a perfect time for such a memorial in our midst. The banner will be hung on Tuesday, October 29, and remain in the nave through November.

We hope you will plan to join us for the new Ecumenical Service for Healing in January. Be thinking about the friends and neighbors YOU will invite to this service. And then let’s all plan to be present to welcome our guests, and to continue an old tradition at Calvary with a renewed spirit.

ANNUAL DOK QUIET MORNING

Calvary’s JOY Chapter of the Daughters of the King will host its annual fall Quiet Morning, open to all women, on Saturday, November 23, from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. The theme for this year’s event, “Transformation: Healing & Forgiveness,” follows our recent sermon series.

Our morning will begin with a breakfast potluck, followed by a brief program and associated (optional) activities. The morning’s loose agenda is designed to provide opportunities for personal renewal. The labyrinth, the sanctuary, and the courtyard will be available for quiet reflection. Pianos may be played. Books may be read in the library. For more information, contact Madge Deacon, madge6993@yahoo.com or 901-871-7380.

WHEN DOES

$100 + 100 + 36 + 4 + 10 = 12?$



Answer: At Calvary, when over 100 poinsettias are transferred to 100 clear bags, and then added to 36 wreaths and 4 garlands, which are all placed in the church by the 10 members of the Flower Guild (with maybe a few extra volunteers) to celebrate the 12 days of Christmas.

Help Calvary continue this miraculous math by sending an honorarium or memorial this year for Christmas flowers. The order must be placed soon, so please send your check and the name of the person or people you wish to honor or remember to Cindy Yeager at the church by Wednesday, December 11.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Calvary Episcopal Church is a place where spiritual seekers can gather in a safe community of faith, questioning and learning, reflecting, and sharing diverse viewpoints. Faith formation classes for children, youth, and adults are offered on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings during Koinonia.

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Ages 0-5 • Sunday Morning Nursery Care

Calvary provides an excellent nursery facility for children ages five and under. The nursery is located on the first-floor in the Orgill Room, and is staffed by trained, professional caregivers. The loving atmosphere, personal attention, age-appropriate toys and activities, and Bible stories are designed to make the nursery a safe, nurturing place for your child.

Pre-K • 2nd Grade – Godly Play

In a carefully designed environment, children learn to prepare themselves to hear and listen to God's voice through the presentation of sacred, Old and New Testament stories, parables, and liturgical lessons. Godly Play is devoted to awakening children to their relationship with the Creator, and to helping them grow in their relationship to God and others.

3rd Grade • Godly Play– People, Prophets, & Parables

3rd graders continue with the Godly Play and Grow curriculum and build upon stories learned in Pre-K-2nd grade, with focus on specific people, prophets, and the parables of Jesus.

4th & 5th Grade • Bible 101 – The Old Testament

The entire Sunday school year is devoted to teaching basic concepts to create a firm foundation for study of the Old Testament. We strongly encourage students to be present every Sunday as each lesson builds on the previous week's lesson.

6th, 7th and 8th Grades • re:form

re:form is a curriculum rooted in historic Christianity and the Gospel which speaks to youth on their level. The three key foundations of this curriculum is encounter, engage, and respond. Animated short films frame tough theological questions that youth really ask, like "Why does God let bad things happen?"

High School 9th – 12th Grade Making it Real and Relevant

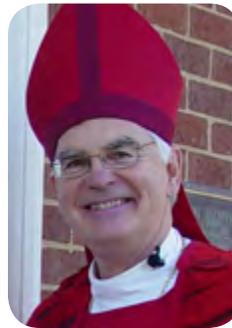
Making it Real and Relevant is a lectionary-based study that uses contemporary music, movies, and videos to connect with faith formation in daily life. Class goals are

to learn that one has a life-purpose and it is possible to discern what it is; to seek connection with the inner self; to seek connection with God and the world around one, both natural and human; to learn how one fits into the bigger picture of life.

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Bishop Don Johnson • November 3

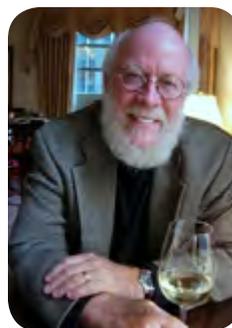
11:15 a.m. in Crook Auditorium



The Rt. Rev. Don Edward Johnson is a native Tennessean who has served his entire ministry in the state, including a brief tenure as Priest-in-Charge of Calvary in the late 1970s. Born and raised in Nashville, he received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Vanderbilt University in 1972, a Master of Divinity degree from Seabury-Western Theological Seminary in 1976, and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Graduate Theological Institute in 1988. Bishop Johnson will lead a discussion about "A Conversation: What next for the Diocese of West Tennessee?"

How to Be Authentically Alive • November 10 & 17

11:15 a.m. in Crook Auditorium



Are you breathing just a little and calling it a life? Mary Oliver's piercing question invites us to consider whether we are making the most of the God-given miracle of being alive. Pastor and family therapist Daniel P. Amsler refers to himself variously as a "meaning junkie" and an "evolving Christian." He writes, "My career asked me to help people with the meaning of life. At a crisis in my own life, I turned to wrestle deeply with the meaning of MY life." Come hear this master raconteur share how, over a period of several decades and with the help of "bottom line truths" gleaned from Scripture and an ancient Church Father, he discovered (and is discovering) how to live authentically.

Unplugging the Christmas Machine •**November 10, 17, 24****11:15 a.m. in the Emison Room**

With the holidays fast approaching, Michelle Fulmer and Jill Piper will reprise this popular workshop to give participants a chance to re-examine the “most wonderful time of the year” and develop an authentic experience of Christmas that is meaningful to them. Based on the best-selling book of the same name, this class will help participants reduce stress while increasing enjoyment by making simple changes in tired holiday habits. Through a combination of humor, wisdom, and insight you will be able to establish a workable plan for the coming holiday season.

**Meet Kristine Smith • November 24****11:15 a.m. in Crook Auditorium**

Kristine “Krissi” Smith is Samaritan Counseling Center’s newest therapist and brand new to Memphis. She comes to us from Indiana where she served as a mental health counselor and as a drug/alcohol education coordinator for Indiana University. She also initiated the first counseling programs at two Indiana Catholic schools. Her approach is holistic, taking into account all aspects of a person’s being. In addition (as if her mental health interests were not enough!), Kristine is also an Athletic Academic Counselor at the University of Memphis and a certified personal trainer. She has much to offer Calvary and is eager to get acquainted with us.

CALVARY ARTISTS MARKET RETURNS

by Mary Roudnev, ECW



Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 24, from 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., for the third annual Calvary Artist Market, sponsored by the Episcopal Church Women of Calvary (ECW). A preview party will be held the night before, Saturday, November 23, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Both events will be held in Calvary’s Great Hall.

Artist, gift, and jewelry vendors will include Susan Clement (photography), Judy Nocifora (painting), Carrington Wise (catering), Helen Bird (painting), Catherine Ostner Johnston (molded crayons & crayon mats), Elizabeth Madden (jelly & christening caps), Elizabeth Brown (painting), Bill Branch (watercolors) and the Guild of the Holy Spirit (variety of crafts).

Money raised will benefit Calvary ministries, including the Emmanuel Center Carnival, the Emmanuel Meal and the Salvation Army Easter Fashion Show. For more information contact Molly Polatty (mcpolatty@hotmail.com) or Mary Roudnev (info@balletchildren.com).

FIFTY YEARS LATER: THE STATE OF RACISM IN AMERICA

The Episcopal Church will host and produce this 90 minute live forum at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Cathedral in Jackson, MS, beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, November 15. St. Mary’s School and Church of the Holy Communion will host a viewing in Buckman Theater with a discussion following, so that our diocese may come together and be in dialog.

The forum will be moderated by well-known journalist and PBS commentator Ray Suarez. Presiding Bishop Jefferts Schori will present the keynote address. Joining to help facilitate the post-forum discussion will be Dr. Stephen Haynes, Professor of Religious Studies at Rhodes College

and author of *The Last Segregated Hour*, and Dr. Andre Johnson, the Dr. James L. Netters Associate Professor of Rhetoric & Religion and African American Studies at Memphis Theological Seminary. This is an event that you won’t want to miss!

Ray Suarez will be part of Calvary’s Lenten Preaching Series in 2014! Stay tuned for more details!



In your prayers at home, please remember those on the Calvary Prayer List.

Jean Ahokas	Emmett Lee Hallom	Kelvin Richard	The Tigrett family
Rick & Nicola Allen	Richard Harrison	The Richardson family	Jean Vandiver
Shirley & Chris Allen	Garrett Helms	Liley Robinson & family	Julia Velasco
Ciera Blackburn	John Heuer & family	Lil Rudd	Sarah Keesee Vogel
Bob Boelte	Sylvia Huebner	Beecher Smith	Joshua Wallace
Daphne Boyle	Bill Hughes	Craig Smith	Eileen Watson
Shuanta Broadway	Sally Jones	Jane Smith	Bill Webster
Jane Carruthers	Jay Killen	Mildred Stevens	Felder Williams
Linda Dana	Gerri Logan	Maureen Stoneman	Trisha Wood
Jeremy Davis & Family	Raymond Martin	Philip Strubing	Amelia
Tim Doyle	Al McCraw	David Sullivan	Evie
Terry Fox	Anthony Muniz	Dane Swindell	Patrick
Susan Hill Frazier	Warren Nash	Robert Tayloe	
Holly Potter Gibley	Sissy Nickels		

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

Katie & John Owen • Heidi & Dave Rupke • Beth & Matt Yarbrough

NEW LIFE

Emerson Macmillin Beck, son of Danita Beck-Wickwire & Emerson Wickwire (9/16)

WEDDING BELLS

Rachel Barton & Sheldon Ruud (10/5) • Eleanore Kelly & Barry Maynard (10/5)

SAINTS DEPARTED

Jim Blackburn • Frances Martin, mother of Jim Martin • John Philipp, father of Karla Philipp • William Yarbrough, father of Matt Yarbrough

To have a loved one or yourself added to any of the Calvary Prayer Lists, please contact Ebet Peeples, 525-6602 ext. 138 or epeeples@calvarymemphis.org.

CALVARY CYCLE OF PRAYER

We give thanks for the many blessings of the gifts and talents of our parishioners.

November 10: Stella & Vinks Blocker • Karen Broadway • Kim & Jay Coggin and daughter Lilly • Ken Hopkins • Heather & Joseph Koury and daughter Zoe • Terri Nelson • Tom Thomley • Christine & Carroll Todd and daughters May & Caroline • Michelle & Brian Vernon and son Justin • Tom Williams

November 17: Margaret Alexander • Deborah Whitt & Darrell Baker and daughters Alexandra & Mary

Madinson • Martha & Jim Boyd • Mimi Dann • Ann Denton • Jim Frazier • Wayne Knerr • Susan & B. Lee Mallory • Gail & Ozzie Schaefer • Eldridge Wright

November 24: James Aldinger • Linda Bennett • Kay Carey • Lynda Gayle Deacon • Claudia & Bill Haltom and daughter Margaret Grace • Barbara & Chuck King • Jo Potter • Laura Rogers & Nina Sublette and daughter Katie • Terry & Joe Sullivan • Eric Milner & Shannon Tucker

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3
THE ALTAR FLOWERS**

are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Buster & Frances Spence and Jean & Lloyd Partridge
by Gayle & Raymond Spence

and in loving memory of
*Jeanne Walker Craddock and William S. Craddock, Sr.,
and Jane Matthews Day and Robert Clark Day*
by Margaret and Bill Craddock

and in honor of
*the marriage of Hillary Kerry Edwards & James Christopher
Musice, November 2, 2013*

THE FLOWERS IN THE COLUMBARIUM
are given to the glory of God
for The Feast of All Saints by Mimi Dann and Jo Speak

THE AUMBRY CANDLE
is given to the glory of God and in honor of
Jacob Martin for his birthday by Kendra & Jim Martin

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10
THE ALTAR FLOWERS**

are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
*Elizabeth and Frank Fitzhugh Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Frank
Taylor, Mr and Mrs. Hugh Street, Mrs. Pearl Street Mattice and
Mrs. Dorothy Street Sherman*
by Robert McQueen Taylor

THE PAVEMENT FLOWERS
are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
J.C. & Elizabeth Watkins and W.D. & Clarice Blakely
by Jordan Cole Watkins

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17
THE ALTAR FLOWERS**

are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
*Charles Philip Percer, W.C. & Ethel Percer, Bill Percer,
and Letha & Alva Neff*
by Dana Sue, Ann, David, John and John Philip Percer

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24
THE ALTAR FLOWERS**

are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Ellen and Fred Muller
by Cristina & Cap Pinkham and Ginny & Philip Strubing



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The Rev. Deacon Audrey Gonzalez Deacon
The Rev. Ben G. Robertson, IV (x124) Associate Rector

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The Venerable Mimsy Jones 685-6916
The Rev. Canon Bill Kolb 438-0751

VESTRY

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Rose Johnston (2) • Mike Nelson (1) • Brett Norman
(3) • Allison Parker (1) • John Pruett (3) • Charles
Shipp (2) • Drew Smith (3) • Clay Woemmel (2)

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Kristin Lensch (x120) Organist-Choirmaster
Robyn Mauldin (x108) Dir. of Communications
Mary O'Brien (x123) Parish Chef
Katie Owen (x109) Parish Administrator
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Calvary Episcopal Church • Making God's Love Visible in Downtown Memphis



Sebastian and Sampson receive blessings from the Rev. Chris Girata during Calvary's annual pet blessing at Overton Park on Saturday, October 5. Pictured also are Sebastian's and Sampson's humans, Kathryn Jasper and Julie Bethell.



On Sunday, October 6, over 100 musicians filled Calvary with beautiful sounds. The Memphis Men's Chorale, Memphis Women's Chorale, and the Germantown Chamber Orchestra performed "Poetry on Wings."



On Thursday, October 10, members of Calvary's clergy and lay staff visited Calvary residents at Trezevant Manor. All enjoyed this mid-week fellowship.



Brennan and Anna share the communion cup during Eucharist at Calvary's Family Retreat at Camp McDowell in Nauvoo, Alabama, held the weekend of October 18-20. Over 50 Calvary parishioners participated in this year's retreat.