

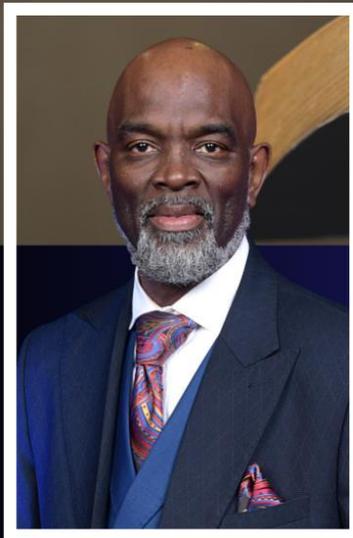
MOUNT CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

3<sup>RD</sup> YEAR  
*Prayer Line Celebration*

“Built on Prayer: Five Years of God’s Faithfulness”

1 Samuel 7:12

Sunday, March 22, 2026  
10:00 AM



Guest Speaker  
*Pastor Michael Otkins*  
Sherman Baptist Church  
Magnolia, MS

*Pastor Elmore Garner*  
Shepherd of the House



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# Order of Service

Call to Worship .....	Pastor Elmore Garner
Devotion .....	Sis. Maudie Davis & Sis. Dianne Francisco
Selection .....	Men Day Choir
Recognition of Guests & Visitors .....	Sis. Chrystal McGruder
Prayer Line History Reading .....	Sis. Hattie White
Worship Through Giving .....	Deacons & Ushers in Charge
Altar Prayer .....	Pastor Elmore Garner
Selection .....	Men Day Choir
Introduction of Speaker.....	Pastor Elmore Garner
God's Word .....	Pastor Michael Otkins
	<i>Sherman Baptist Church/Magnolia, MS</i>
Invitation to Christian Discipleship	
Remarks .....	Pastor Elmore Garner
Benediction .....	Pastor Elmore Garner

**Submit your Birthday, Anniversary Picture to Sis. Christine Bellamy by the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month for publication in the following Months First Sunday's program**

 **Mount Calvary Baptist Church**  
**WAYS TO GIVE**

REMEMBER YOUR TITHES & OFFERING

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# Church Announcements

Please keep our sick and shut-in members in your prayers,  
asking God to surround them with comfort, strength, and healing

**Sis. Evelyn Briscoe**, Calcasieu Community Care Center

**Bro. Lee Edward Henry**, Rosewood Nursing Home

**Sis. Lucille Jones**, Maison d'Acadiens/Basile, LA

**Bro. Paul Levias**, Lake Charles Care Center

**Sis. Lilly Williams**, Landmark of Lake Charles

Sis. Mary Brockington

Bro. Carl Parker

Bro. B. Lee Fontenot

Sis. Leola Robinson

Sis. Mary Hardman

Sis. Sally Simpson

Sis. Willie Mae Lewis

Sis. Delores Stagg



**BROTHERHOOD SESSION  
MONDAY  
MARCH 23 | 6:00PM**

## Trinity PRAYER CALL



SHERMAN BC - MAGNOLIA, MS  
REV. MICHAEL OTKINS  
SUNDAY - SATURDAY - 6:00AM  
551-258-6908



MOUNT CALVARY BC - LAKE CHARLES, LA  
REV. ELMORE GARNER  
MONDAY - FRIDAY - 6:30AM  
516-259-9958



OLIVE BRANCH BC - ALGIERS, LA  
REV. REGINALD NICHOLAS SR.  
MONDAY - FRIDAY - 7:00AM  
351-999-3908

**BRIDGE  
MINISTRY  
5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY  
WORSHIP  
MARCH 29  
10:00AM**

# *Brief History of the Mount Calvary Prayer Line*

*“I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you...”* *Jeremiah 29:11*

Yes, God had a great plan for the “Prayer Life” of Mount Calvary Baptist Church in 2021. He was working his plan out through a pandemic and the friendship and brotherhood of Pastor Elmore Garner and Rev. Michael Otkins, pastor of the Sherman Missionary Baptist Church of Magnolia, Mississippi.

Like Andrew came to find his own brother Simon and brought him to Jesus (John 1:40-41), Rev. Otkins shared with Pastor Garner his success with the Mississippi early morning prayer line and how it had brought many together in prayer and praise during the pandemic.

Although Rev. Otkins was providing much encouragement, Pastor Garner was reluctant to try this endeavor with the membership of Mt. Calvary. He even had requests from Sisters Georgia Balka and Linda W. Singleton and Brother and Sister Oscar and Anna Harmon, Mount Calvary members who were regular participants with the Mississippi prayer line, to start a prayer line for our church. However, Pastor Garner was still doubtful that such an adventure would work at Calvary.

Because Pastor Garner and Rev. Reginald Nicholas extended their friendship to conduct the Mississippi Prayer line for Rev. Otkins during the time of his son’s death, Pastor Garner finally realized that he could have a prayer line for our church. Sis. Christine Bellamy, Pastor’s secretary, prepared and distribute a flyer to announce the approaching Mt. Calvary prayer line time and date.

Thus, during Passion Week, March 29th through April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, at 6:30 am, the Mount Calvary Baptist Church Prayer Line was launched.

The Prayer Line service followed and continues to follow the

following format: greetings from the Pastor, a time of praise reports and prayer requests, a song, a meditation time with a specific scripture from the Pastor and a prayer on behalf of everyone.

During the first month, Pastor Garner led the prayer activities, and the Deacons and Brothers were the prayers. By July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Sisters Hattie F. White and Linda W. Singleton, Prayer Committee Coordinators, started to assign prayer warriors to pray on the line.

Rev. August Pete has served as the minister who conducts the prayer line when Pastor Garner is absent. Brother Esau Wright of Baton Rouge has been the faithful songbird of the prayer line with a few days when Brother Michael Watley, a member of Zion Tabernacle Baptist Church, has served as the substitute.

The Prayer Line has lasted these past five years because GOD had/has a plan. He planned that a family of prayer warriors from Mount Calvary members, people from the Lake Charles area, other cities of Louisiana like Baton Rouge, New Orleans, and Lottie, many from the Sherman Missionary Baptist Church Prayer Line of Mississippi, participants from Texas, California, Georgia and Baltimore, Maryland are gathered for prayer and praise to Almighty God. Prayers have been answered and miracles have been seen and daily 100 to 150 people on the prayer call. This is a “Family: for we are closer to GOD and each other because GOD has “Worked His Plan.” We are connected.

Thank you goes to Rev. Michael Otkins who encouraged Pastor Garner to get us started. Now, Rev. Reginald Nicholas of the Olive Branch Baptist Church of New Orleans was encouraged by Pastor Garner to start his prayer line in February 2024.

Three prayer lines blanket the body of Christ from 6:00am to 7:30am every weekday.

*GOD gets the Glory for this Great Blessing!!!*

✱ EXTRA!! EXTRA!! READ ALL ABOUT IT ✱

*Usher Annual*  
*Friday, May 1*

**Pre Women  
Day**  
**Sunday,**  
**May 31**  
**10:00am**  
Ladies are  
asked to wear  
all white

*66th Annual  
Women Day  
Sunday, June 7*  
*\*Red attire\**

*First Women's Day  
Choir Rehearsal*

*Thursday, April 9*  
*6:30pm*

**2026**  
**VBS**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**JUNE**  
**15-19**

**\*\*NEW DATE\*\***



CHECK YOUR LOCAL PROGRAM & CHURCH WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION

Mount Calvary Baptist Church  
Rev. Elmore Garner, Pastor  
Women's Ministry

*Sisters in Christ, Rooted in Faith*

**Poured out of Love Tea**

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026 | 11:00 AM

You're warmly invited to the Women's Tea  
Fascinator hats are welcome (optional)  
Color Attire: Pastels



Scan to  
Register

Special Guest Speaker:

*Sis. N Tundra Jasper*

Morning Star Baptist Church  
Vinton, LA  
Rev. Elijah Jasper III, Pastor



MOUNT CALVARY  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
REV. ELMORE GARNER, PASTOR

MID-WEEK

# BIBLE STUDY

EVERY  
WEDNESDAY

6 PM



300 N. Blake Street  
Lake Charles, Louisiana  
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Choir Rehearsal Schedule  
*Inspirational Choir*

MARCH 26  
6:30PM

*Men Choir*  
APRIL 23  
6:30PM

*Young Voices of Praise*

APRIL 7  
6:30 PM

MT. CALVARY BC  
REV. ELMORE GARNER, PASTOR  
CHILDREN AND YOUTH

C.R.E.W

MINISTRY

WOW Sessions  
6pm - 7pm

Wednesday, April 1  
Wednesday, April 15  
Wednesday, April 29  
Wednesday, May 10

Wednesday, May 13  
Wednesday, May 24  
Wednesday, May 27

Wednesday, June 3  
Wednesday, June 17



## Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026

### Reflection for Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is the day Christians remember when Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem and was welcomed by crowds waving palm branches and praising Him as King. The palm branches symbolized honor, victory, and hope as the people celebrated His arrival.

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week and reminds believers of Jesus' humility and His mission to bring salvation to the world. It also prepares Christians for the events leading to His crucifixion and ultimately His resurrection.

As we look toward Easter, Palm Sunday encourages us to reflect on Christ's love and sacrifice and to welcome Him into our hearts with praise and gratitude.

MOUNT CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
*34th Pastor Appreciation*

*Brunch with*  
**Sis. Renae' Garner**

*Pink & Pearls*

Drago's Seafood Restaurant  
at L'Auberge Casino

**Saturday, April 25**  
**11:00AM - 1:00PM**

This event is Dutch Treat  
\$30.00 pre person ages 6 and Older  
covers meal, drink, and gratuity

\*Must be Prepaid\* Deadline April 19  
See an Usher or Submit to the church Office

Cash\*CashApp  
Check made payable to Mount Calvary BC  
If paying by Givelify add \$2

**Men & Boys  
of Calvary**



*Breakfast with  
the Pastor*

**Saturday, April 25**  
**9AM**

**Golden Corral**  
**211 W. Prien Lake Rd.**

\$15 per person\*pay onsite



Use the QR  
Code for  
Registration

**Appreciation Service**  
**Sunday, April 26 | 10:00AM**

Guest Preacher:

**Rev. Paul Stevens**  
NEW COVENANT BC  
SAN ANTONIO, TX

Appreciation Theme:

**“Crowned with Love for  
the Sake of the Work”**

I Timothy 5:17

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Anniversary Colors: Pastels



**Antioch  
Baptist Church**  
Merryville, LA  
Pastor  
Timothy M. Owens

**108<sup>th</sup> Year  
Church  
Anniversary**

Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>  
3:00pm

*Theme: "Making Disciples  
of a Diverse People,  
Through Unity"*  
Acts 11:19-30

Guest Speaker:  
**Pastor  
M. Timothy Ceasar**  
Good Hope BC  
Westlake, LA

**UNION MISSION BAPTIST CHURCH**

*Pastor Lionel A. Jones*

*18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration*

Honoring

*Pastor Lionel A. Jones & Sis. Katherine M. Jones*

Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm

Guest Speaker:

*Pastor Albert Rhone Jr.*

Greater Macedonia MBC  
Beaumont, Texas

**Zion Tabernacle BC**

Rev. Alvin Brass, Pastor

*Songs of Deliverance Workshop*

Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>  
8:45am – 12:00pm

Guest Speaker:

**Sis. N'Tundra Jasper**

Morning Star BC / Vinton, LA  
Rev. Elijah Jasper III, Pastor

*(Lunch will be served)*

# March Bible Reading Plan

## *Confession and Forgiveness*

Preparing Our Hearts for Easter  
Through Repentance and Grace

The purpose of this reading plan is to help us confess our sins  
and extend forgiveness to others as we seek spiritual renewal.

### *Reflect, Repent, Forgive, Renew*

- Examine our hearts before God
- Accept God's mercy and forgiveness
- Forgive others as Christ forgave us
- Grow spiritually this Lent season

#### ***Week 2: God's Promise of Forgiveness***

**Mar 8:** Micah 7:18-19  
**Mar 9:** Isaiah 43:25  
**Mar 10:** Psalm 103:8-12  
**Mar 11:** Hebrews 8:12  
**Mar 12:** Psalm 86:5  
**Mar 13:** Romans 8:1  
**Mar 14:** Acts 3:19

#### ***Week 4: Repentance & Restoration***

**Mar 22:** Joel 2:12-13  
**Mar 23:** Luke 15:11-24  
**Mar 24:** Psalm 130:3-4  
**Mar 25:** Isaiah 55:6-7  
**Mar 26:** Ezekiel 18:30-32  
**Mar 27:** Acts 17:30

### **Daily Bible Readings for March**

#### ***Week 1: The Call to Confession***

**Mar 1:** Psalm 51:1-4  
**Mar 2:** Psalm 32:1-5  
**Mar 3:** Proverbs 28:13  
**Mar 4:** 1 John 1:8-9  
**Mar 5:** Isaiah 1:18  
**Mar 6:** Psalm 38:18  
**Mar 7:** James 5:16

#### ***Week 3: Forgiving Others***

**Mar 15:** Matthew 6:14-15  
**Mar 16:** Matthew 18:21-22  
**Mar 17:** Matthew 18:23-35  
**Mar 18:** Luke 6:37  
**Mar 19:** Colossians 3:13  
**Mar 20:** Ephesians 4:31-32  
**Mar 21:** Mark 11:25

#### ***Week 5: Living in Grace & Freedom***

**Mar 29:** Romans 5:8-11  
**Mar 30:** Hebrews 4:14-16  
**Mar 31:** 2 Cor. 5:17

*Take time each day to pray and reflect. Ask God to renew  
your heart and help you extend forgiveness as we prepare to  
celebrate the hope of the Resurrection!*



# HOW TO BE MORE ACTIVE

## 1 MOVE MORE

Adults should get a weekly total of at least

**150** minutes of moderate aerobic activity  **OR** **75** minutes of vigorous aerobic activity 

or a combination of both, spread throughout the week.

-  **BE STRONG**  
Include muscle-strengthening activity (like resistance or weight training) at least twice a week.
-  **ADD INTENSITY**  
Increase time, distance, amount or effort for more benefits.
-  **SIT LESS**  
Get up and move throughout the day.

**KIDS & TEENS** should get at least **60 minutes** of physical activity every day.



LEARN MORE AT [HEART.ORG/MYLIFECHECK](http://HEART.ORG/MYLIFECHECK) AND [HEART.ORG/BEACTIVE](http://HEART.ORG/BEACTIVE)

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## 2 TIPS FOR SUCCESS

### SET GOALS

Set realistic goals and make small, lasting changes to set yourself up for success.

### KEEP GOING

Once you reach these goals, don't stop. Gradually increase your activity and intensity to gain even more health benefits.

### WALK MORE

There are many ways to get active. You may find walking the easiest way to start.

### ADD IT UP

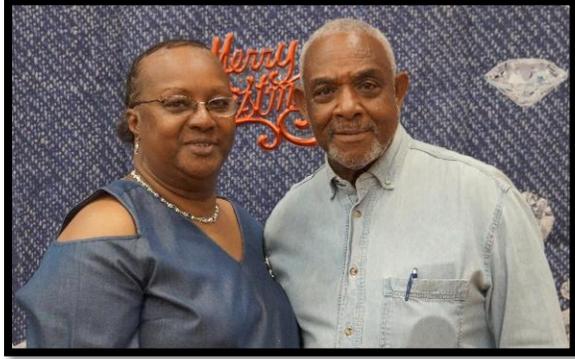
Find ways to move more throughout your daily routine, whether it's at work, on your commute or at home. Every active minute counts toward your goal.

### MAKE A HABIT

Do something active every day at about the same time so it becomes a regular habit. Put it on your schedule so you're less likely to miss a day.

# *Tribe of the Month*

## *Tribe of Dan*



*Deacon & Deaconess*  
*Alphonso & Mona Spencer*

Tribe of Dan serves Household Families with last names ending in the letter “D & R”. If your name is not listed with your tribe or your information need to be updated or corrected, please contact one of your Tribal Ministry Leaders!

Sherlie Daniel  
Denise Davis  
Maudie Davis  
Elrick & Allana Dejean  
Emray & Jocelyn Delafose  
Brooke Denson  
Marcus & Sharhonda Deville  
Sandra Deville  
Suzanne Deville  
David Dillon  
Calvin Dominique  
Alfred Doucette  
George & Joyce Duhon  
Tina Duhon  
LaDonna Randle

Laura Randle  
Norma Randle  
Gwendlyn Rankin  
Cheryl Reed  
Alice Richard  
Elizabeth Richard  
Fredrick Richard  
Jessica Rideau  
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Michelle Rougeau  
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