

Church History

Mount Calvary Baptist Church was organized in 1902. A small brush harbor east of the Florida East Coast Railroad was utilized for a meeting place. There were five ministers who organized the church: L. J. Ely, B. J. Goodwin, N. B. Williams, B. F. James and A. J. Thomas. Later, the church moved to a small frame house on Church Street, now known as Esther Rolle Avenue. Services were held there until a parcel of land was donated by the Model Land Company. It was then that a small frame church was erected on the site.

Reverend Brown (known as Little Brown) became the first pastor and served for a period of two years.

The following persons were a part of the first congregation of the church: Willie Gates, Jessie and Abbie Harry, Alex and Addie Holloway, Jonathan Rolle, and Jack Swain.

Reverend L. J. Ely served as the second pastor of Mount Calvary.

I. During His Administration:

The following men were ordained as deacons: Jesse Harry, Alex Holloway, Jack Swain, Willie Gates and Jonathan Rolle. Deacon Jesse Harry was elected as Chairman of the Deacon Board.

Mrs. Abbie Harry served as the first Mother of the Church. Later, Mrs. Addie Holloway was selected as Mother of the Church.

II. His Accomplishments:

Choir Number One was organized in 1916 with Deacon Jonathan Rolle serving as the first president.

Reverend Ely served until he became ill. He died in the year of 1918.

During Mount Calvary's early history, under the leadership of various pastors, the deaconesses were wives of deacons. Some of the pioneers were: Hattie Gates, Emma Jordan, Nellie Swain, Abbie Harry, Addie Holloway, Cora Rawls, Elizabeth Rolle, and many others who served well.

Reverend J.W. Brown (known as Big Brown) was elected to serve as the next pastor of Mount Calvary Baptist Church.

I. During His Administration:

Deacon Alex Holloway was elected as treasurer and served until his death. He was succeeded by Deacon Nelson Samuel. Later, Mr. Tony Mitchell became treasurer and served in that position until 1967.

II. His Accomplishments:

The Sunday School was organized with Deacon W. L. Jordan serving as superintendent. Later, Deacon Cheatham Moore was elected as superintendent.

The Baptist Training Union (B.T.U.) was organized with Deacon J. R. Rolle serving as president until 1953.

Deacon Jonathan Rolle served as the first clerk of Mount Calvary.

Reverend J. W. Brown served as pastor until 1924.

During the early years of the church, baptism was held in a local canal, rock pit or ocean. "Take Me to the Water to be Baptized" could be heard through the city as the candidates walked down the road to the baptismal location.

The church consisted of four separate buildings, the sanctuary, dining room and kitchen, the parsonage, where the pastor and his family lived, and the restrooms. The big rubber tree in the church's front yard served as a shelter for many church dinners and picnics.

The church bells served many purposes in the early church. They rang early Sunday morning to announce the Sunday School was getting ready to start. They rang on Sunday evening to invite all to BYPU (Baptist Young People Union). They rang to announce the death of a member or citizen. The bells of Mount Calvary were an integral part of the community.

In the year of 1924, Reverend Emanuel Coleman was elected to serve as pastor. At the time, he resided in Miami, Florida. Services were held on the first and third Sundays of each month.

I. During His Administration:

Reverend C. Mack was elected as the Assistant Pastor.

Bonnie Adams, J. E. Bryant, Ocie Phillips, Sr., Nero Mosley, J. Jackson, J.W. Davis and Murphy served as associate ministers.

Turman Grooms was elected to serve as superintendent of Sunday School in 1943. He served for three years.

II. His Accomplishments:

The membership increased and the following deacons were ordained: George Rawls, Willie L. Jordan, Nelson Samuel, and Cheatham Moore. Deacons Raymond Hodge, Eugene Horne and David Bell were added to the Deacon Board. Robert Adams, Sr., Turman Grooms, and Willie Swain were later ordained.

In the year of 1925 the Missionary Society was organized by Mrs. Elizabeth Gatson-Glover and Mrs. Emma Jordan. Mrs. Gatson-Glover served as the first president. Mrs. Jordan became the second president and Mrs. Rawls succeeded her as president. Sister Minnie Moore, Sister Ola Lang, Sister Luvenia Robinson-Douglas, Sister Lula McLamore Douglas, Sister Ethel Pete, Sister Cora Brown Douglas, Sister Carrie McBride, Sister Frankie Adams, Sister Marie Jones, Sister Ruby McCall, and Sister Rosa Mae Thurston.

Usher Board Number 1 was organized in 1929. For many years Sister Ola Thomas Lang served royally as chief usher and made sure that all ushers were always on their posts and properly dressed.

The Red Circle and Sunshine Band was organized in the early 30s by Sister Minnie Moore and Sister Emma Jordan. Some of the first members were Minnie Doby Polk, Bertha Thomas, Rosa Clayton, Myrtle Swain Wright, Leona Thurston Sumpter, Christine Black Sheffield, Mattie Black Nolan, Zelma Rawls, Vera Holloway, Sarah Lacy, Charlotte Lacy, Betty C. Holloway, Esther C. Ambrister, Rosa C. Little, Jewel C. Lockett and Earnestine C. Williams. Sister Minnie Moore served in this position for more than 30 years.

W. H. Johnson, Pittman Telfair, Vernon Grooms, R.W. Rolle, Alvin Rolle, Roy Lacy and Clyde Lacy were members of the first Royal Ambassadors.

The Junior Choir was organized in the year of 1944 by Deacon Jonathan Rolle. Brother Freddie Rozier was the musician. Some of the first members were: Alice Robinson, Thelma Jones, W. C. Bell, Robert Jones, Margie McDaniels, Christine White, L. Johnson, Annie Ruth Adams, Zelma Thomas, Minnie Polk, Bettye Rolle, Bertha Thomas, Myrtle Swain, Rosa Clayton, Leona Thurston, Alfred Thurston, Roy Lacy and Clyde Lacy.

Reverend James Emanuel Coleman served as pastor until he became ill in 1946.

Reverend J. M. Coleman was elected to serve as pastor of Mount Calvary in the year of 1946.

I. During His Administration:

Mr. Calvin Scott served as Superintendent of Sunday School.

II. His Accomplishments:

The following deacons were ordained: Willie Gates, Turman Grooms, Robert Adams, Sr. and James Durham, Jr.

Reverend J. M. Coleman served as pastor until 1948.

Reverend R. M. Lane was elected to serve as pastor of Mount Calvary in the year of 1948.

I. His Accomplishments:

The Progressive Club was organized in 1949. Sister Rosa McDaniels served as first president.

Sister Eulisee S. Laws served as the first secretary and Sister Cora Lee Swain served as the first treasurer. Sister Fannie Grisham named the organization The Progressive Club.

Reverend R. M. Lane served for two years. His tenure ended in 1950.

Reverend Collie Pete was elected to serve as pastor of Mount Calvary during the year of 1950.

I. During His Administration:

Reverend Daniel Miller was selected as Assistant Pastor and served until his death.

The following men served as Trustees: Jack Cohen, William Jackson, John Telfair, E.W. Adams, Adrian Black, Sr., Tony Mitchell, Samuel Sworn, Net Black, C.L. Austin and William Bell.

David Wright was selected as clerk for the church. He held that position for 15 years. He was succeeded by Carl Jefferson.

II. His Accomplishments:

Choir Number 2 was organized in March, 1951. Seeing the need for another choir, Reverend Pete asked the ladies of the Young Matron's Club to be instrumental in organizing the choir. Mrs. Catherine Johnson was the president of the Young Matrons at that time.

Sister Carrie Pete, wife of Reverend Collie Pete organized the Teenage Club at Mount Calvary during the early 1950's. The purpose of the club was to foster spiritual growth in the girls. Sister Pete served as Director, Counselor and friend. She was dearly loved and appreciated by the girls. Some of the girls in the first teenage club were: Sister Annie Ruth Adams, Sister Rosalie Goodwin, Sister Gloria Robinson, Sister Frances Judson, Sister Gwendolyn Hodge, Sister Easterleen Sworn, Sister Evelyn Daise and Sister Ida Stephens.

The following deacons were ordained: Willie Swain, Norbert Williams, Alfred Thurston and Fred Douglas.

The present site was acquired.

The Progressive Club purchased all of the blocks for the church.

A loan for ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) was secured from the Pompano Beach Bank which later became Barnett Bank. Most of the construction labor was donated by the members.

On May 5, 1957, the members of Mount Calvary, visitors and friends marched into the new church, located at 800 NW 8th Avenue

The first Back-to-School Prayer Meeting was established in 1961 with Sister Minnie Moore as chairperson. The planning committee consisted of: Mrs. Evelyn Bentley, Rebecca Winfield, Ruby N. Smith, Thelma Jones and Catherine Johnson.

Reverend Pete resigned as pastor during the year of 1962.

In January 1963, at the age of 21, Reverend Samuel M. Collier was selected as pastor of Mount Calvary.

I. During His Administration:

The following persons served as trustees: Levi Jenkins, Chairman, Norbert Williams, Vice Chairman, Calvin Scott, Robert Holmes, W. H. Johnson, Cornelius Rolle, Earl Williams, Willie Williams, Raymond Wright, Carl Jefferson, James Jones, Evelyn Larkins, Fannie Grisham, and Ida Stephens.

Mothers of the church were Mrs. Frankie Adams and Mrs. Rosa Mae Thurston.

Mr. James Jones, Deacon Robert Holmes, Deacon Norbert Williams and Mrs. Cornelia Payton served as superintendents of Sunday school.

Mrs. Pearl Bailey, Mrs. Johnnie Elvine and Mrs. Ruby McCall served as presidents of the B.T.U.

Mrs. Lucille Scruggs was elected to serve as clerk of the church. Dr. Fannie Grisham was elected to serve as financial secretary. Deacon Levi Jenkins was elected to serve as treasurer. Later Mr. Clifford Dudley was elected to serve as the treasurer.

Deacon Robert Holmes was elected to serve as Chairman of Finance. Deacon Norbert Williams was elected to serve as Chairman of Education. Mr. Malcolm Roberts served as Financial Secretary.

Musicians of the church were Mrs. Tonya Collier, Mrs. Evangeline Gay, Miss Etta Scott, Miss Pakita Wimberly, Mrs. Alice Scott, Mr. Fred Rozier, Mr. Fred Houston and Mrs. Lois Johnson.

II. His Accomplishments:

The Missionary Society was divided into circles with Mrs. Frankie Adams serving as general president. Mrs. Marie Jones, Mrs. Ola Lang and Mrs. Luvenia Douglas later served as presidents.

Nine acres of land was purchased.

The parking lot was paved.

The central air conditioning and heat were installed.

A new parsonage was constructed on 3rd Avenue (Esther Rolle Avenue).

Usher Board Number 2 was organized in 1963. Sister Juanita Black served as the first president. Founding members include Alice Robinson, Ida Stephens, Gwendolyn Hodge, Flonnie Adams, Elnora Blue, Carolyn McCall Adams, Gloria Robinson, Cecil Holloway and Bettye Walker.

The Youth Choir and Youth group were combined to form the first Youth Ministry with Sister Catherine Johnson and Sister Eliza Bickers as youth leaders.

In 1973, the Youth Ministry sent delegates to Dallas, Texas to the National Baptist Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress.

In the year of 1975, delegates from the Youth Ministry attended the National Sunday School and B.T.U. Congress in Birmingham, Alabama.

The first Family Day Program was instituted in November 1975 with Mrs. Thelma Jones as Chairperson and Mrs. Catherine Johnson as Co-chairperson.

The Negro Spiritual Choir began as a class in music appreciation taught at Ely High School by Mr. Freddie Rozier. It had a new beginning when it was later reorganized at Mount Calvary in the year of 1975.

The choir started out with eleven members under the directorship of Deacon David Wright with Mr. Freddie Rozier as the musician. Mrs. Eliza Bickers was elected as the first president. Other founding members were: Mrs. Josephine Derrico, Mrs. Tanya Collier, Mrs. Juanita Holmes, Mrs. Georgia Wright, Mrs. Gwendolyn Hodge, Mrs. Mildred Walker, Mrs. Alice Robinson, Mr. Perry Thurston, Mrs. Flonnie Reed, Mrs. Patsy Baker, Mrs. Julia Johnson, Mr. Purcell Houston, Mr. Louis Roberson, Mrs. Mary G. Jefferson and Mr. Willie Massey.

The Men's Chorus was organized with Brother Willie Williams serving as the first president.

Reverend Collier rendered fourteen (14) years of service and resigned in 1977.

Reverend Otis Sample, Jr. was elected to serve as pastor of Mount Calvary in January, 1978.

I. During His Administration:

Deacons Alfred Thurston, Norbert C. Williams, Levi Jenkins, and Charles Ellington in that order served as chairpersons of the Deacon's Board. The Deacon Board also consisted of: Deacons Norbert C. Williams and Isaiah C. Rolle served as chairpersons of the Trustee Board.

Trustees serving were: Fannie Grisham, secretary, Perry Thurston, Sr., Robert Holmes, Carl Jefferson, Malcolm Roberts, Adrian Black, Eunice Harvey, Earl Williams, Albert Walker, James Edward, Leander Fuller and Roosevelt Jackson.

Deacon Isaiah C. Rolle served as Superintendent of the Sunday School. Later Zadia B. Tyson served as Superintendent and finally Deacon Perry Thurston, Sr.

Deacon Isaiah C. Rolle served as Minister of Christian Education and in the year of 1986, Sister Zadia B. Tyson was elected to serve as Director of Christian Education.

Deacon Robert Holmes served as Minister of Finance.

Sisters Alice Grooms, Rosa McDaniels and Cora Douglas were added to the Mother's Board.

Deacon David Wright served as Minister of Music.

Sister Emily Judson served as President of the Missionary Society.

The Young Matron's group was reorganized with Mother Rosa M. Thurston serving as President of the Missionary Society and Judith Mathis serving as Group Leader.

Deacon Ulysses Holloway served as president of the Baptist Training Union (B.T.U.).

Mrs. Lois Johnson was added to the Music Department as pianist.

The Red Circle and Sunshine Band, was reorganized with Sister Ruby McCall serving as President of the Missionary Society and Sister Bettye A. Walker serving as Director. Sister Lucille Scruggs was later appointed as Directress. Sister Lola Phillips and Sister Mary Travis served as leaders of the Red Circle and Sunshine Band for many years.

II. His Accomplishments:

The installation of new windows and carpeting.

The sanctuary was paneled.

The pews were upholstered.

A bus and van were purchased.

A bus ministry known as "Out Reach Mission" was organized by Brother W.H. Johnson and implemented in the Farmer's Labor Camp.

Three air conditioning units, a commercial stove and office equipment were purchased.

Being one of the founders of the Pompano Christian Clergyman's Council is accredited to him.

The mortgage on the land and church were paid off.

Brother David Wright was ordained as a deacon.

Workshops were presented to enhance the spiritual growth of the church.

Tithing and evangelism were instituted.

In the year of 1983 he presented to the church a method of giving to the poor. During the Christmas season food, clothing, toys and finances were provided by the members of the church. During the year, provisions were made for the needy such as food, clothing, gasoline and housing.

A "Fellowship Breakfast" was held once a month for the pastor and deacons.

In 1983, the pastor instituted "Pioneers Day," honoring senior citizens of Pompano Beach who had contributed to the growth of the Black community. This event was observed in February (3rd Sunday) of each year during Black History Month.

In 1985 he was elected as First Vice President of the Florida East Coast (F.E.C.) Ministers and Deacons Union, Northern Division under the leadership of Reverend N. E. Grubbs, President.

In the year of 1986, he was elected President of the Pompano Christian Clergymen's Council.

The Children's Church was organized in 1987 with Mrs. Zadia B. Tyson as Directress and Mrs. Velma Anderson and Mrs. Thelma Jones as Assistant Directresses. The first Children's Church teachers and volunteer workers were: Mrs. Glenda Allen, Mrs. Laura Campbell, Ms. Delois Clark, Mrs. Lois Cross, Mrs. Lillie Grooms, Mrs. Valerie Kinchen, Ms. Ann Parker, Mrs. Jean Scott, Mrs. Mary Travis, Mrs. Sonia Watson, Patricia Isom, Mattie Morgan, Patricia Randall, Joyce Romeo, Bessie Sermon, Eileen Robinson, Sonia Forbes Watson, Maude Adderly, Elouise Fuller, Vernerva Thurston, Juanita Williams, Margaret Ricks, Deborah Roberts, Kotelia Walker, Sarah Lacy, Evelyn Larkins, Patricia Lamar, Alphonsa Coley and, Kelcina Allen.

An orientation class for new members was organized with Mrs. Zadia B. Tyson as Directress of Christian Education. Mrs. Emily Judson was the first teacher.

The Nurses Guild was organized with Mrs. Emma Ellington in charge.

Mrs. Bette A. Walker was employed as the first secretary. She was followed by Ms. Connie Rozier. Later, Mrs. Inez Adams served in that capacity.

In February 1986, five brothers were set aside as perspective deacons: Perry M. Thurston, Sr. Isaiah C. Rolle, Malcolm Roberts, Walter Kinchen, and Roosevelt Jackson. They were ordained as Deacons in 1988.

He licensed four ministers: Brother Glenn Bostic, Brother Keith Miller, Brother W.H. Johnson and Brother George A. Gay.

In 1987, The Young Adult Choir was organized with Gloria Houston serving as the first chairperson.

Reverend Sample's tenure ended in 1989 after rendering twelve (12) years of service.

On December 7, 1989, the church authorized The Pulpit Search Committee to search for an interim pastor. The committee consisted of the following: Deacon Alfred Thurston, Chairman; Deacon David Wright, Co-Chairman; Deacon Levi Jenkins, Deacon Ulysses Holloway, Deacon James Travis, Dr. Eunice C. Harvey, Mrs. Theresa Holland, Ms. Darlene Thurston, Mrs. Blanche G. Ely, Mother Frankie Adams, Mother Rosa Thurston, and Deacon Cheatham Moore.

In December 1989, a special meeting was called by the Deacons Board. Deacon Charles Ellington presided. In that meeting the church voted for Reverend Winston W. Rudolph to represent Mount Calvary Baptist Church at the Ministers and Deacons Union, which was held at the Antioch Baptist Church in Pompano Beach on December 31, 1989, and to serve as Interim Pastor.

Deacon Charles Ellington was elected Chairman of the Deacon Board and Mrs. Idella Walker as President of the Missionary Society. These two positions were the only changes in 1990. Officers were installed by Reverend Rudolph on December 18, 1989.

In April 1990, the church body voted to hire Mrs. Mary G. Jefferson as the church secretary.

On May 3, 1990, the Mount Calvary Baptist Church elected Reverend Winston W. Rudolph, Sr., Pastor.

I. During His Administration:

Deacons serving under Reverend Rudolph's tenure were: Charles Ellington, Chairperson, Levi Jenkins, Malcolm Roberts, Perry Thurston, Sr., Robert Adams, Sr., London Knox, Walter Kinchen, Carl Jefferson, David Wright, Earl Williams and Alfred Thurston.

Deaconesses were: Mary Travis, Clifford Jenkins, Deborah Roberts, Emma Ellington, Vernerva Thurston, Juanita Thurston, Inez Adams, Bertha Knox, Valerie Kinchen, Mary Jefferson, Myrtle Wright, and Mother Nora S. McCall.

The Trustee Board with Deacon Isaiah C. Rolle serving as Chairperson consisted of: Fannie Grisham; Secretary, Perry Thurston, Sr., Carl Jefferson, Malcolm Roberts, Adrian Black, Eunice Harvey and Earl Williams.

Sister Carolyn Adams served as Church Clerk.

Sister Zadia B. Tyson served as Director of Christian Education.

Deacon Perry Thurston, Sr. served as Sunday School Superintendent.

Deacon Ulysses Holloway served as B.T.U. Director.

II. His Accomplishments:

Three committees were appointed - the Finance Committee, the Membership Committee, and the Building Committee.

The Finance Committee members were: Deacon Alfred Thurston-Chairman, Dr. Eunice C. Harvey-Financial Secretary, Dwight Higgs, Maude Adderly and Lucille Scruggs.

The Membership Committee members were: Willie Fourth; Chairman, Everline Hamm; Secretary, Kelcina Allen, Deacon Malcolm Roberts and Deacon Ulysses Holloway.

The Building Committee members were: Mrs. Runette Williams; Chairperson, Deacon Malcolm Roberts, Brother Willie Fourth, Dwight Higgs, Deacon Ulysses Holloway, Attorney Perry Thurston, Jr. and Mrs. Gwendolyn Hodge.

Reverend Winston Rudolph, Sr. resigned as Pastor of Mount Calvary Baptist Church on August 2, 1993.

In the absence of a pastor, Reverend Derrick Gay and Reverend Willie Williams served as associate ministers.

In August of 1994 the Women's Ministry was organized with Gwendolyn Hodge serving as president. Other members were: Carolyn M. Adams, Idella Walker, Joyce Shelton, Lucille Scruggs, Jean Scott, Rosemary Dixon, Nora McCall, Catherine Johnson, Runell Daniels, Theresa Holland, Eunice Harvey, Blanche Miller, Everline Hamm, Myrtle Wright, Alice Robinson, Minnie Polk, Marcia Davis, Robin H. Carey, Loretha Kinchen, Valerie Kinchen, Tommie McBride, Catherine McCormick, Eileen Robinson, Ida Stephens, Zadia B. Tyson, Lillian Woodall, Lois Cross, Patricia Hodge, Ann Sapp, Runette Williams, Carrie Shivers, Willie Mae Blatche, Gloria T. Jones, Leona Sumpter, Mary Maxwell, and Deacon Alfred Thurston, who served as Liaison.

In September 1994, Reverend Percy M. Dixon was elected to serve as Pastor of Mount Calvary Baptist Church. A new parsonage located in Coconut Creek, Florida was purchased by the church in October 1994 for Reverend Dixon and his family.

I. During His Administration:

Reverend Derrick Gay and Willie Williams served as associate ministers. Other associate ministers joining the ministerial staff were: Reverend Clifton Montgomery, Sr., Reverend Scott Waterman, Kirby Thurston, Robert Winston, Walter Kinchen, Darian King, Leroy Woodall, Ronald Brown, Charles Sneed, Donald Robinson, Derrick Blatche, Anastal Geffard, Michael Scott and Herbert Shaw.

The Deacon's Board consisted of: Deacon Malcolm Roberts-Chairman; David Wright-Co-Chair; Levi Jenkins, London Knox, Carl Jefferson, Alfred Thurston, Perry Thurston, Sr., Isaiah Rolle, Earl Williams and James Travis, Sr.

The Deaconess's Board consisted of the following: Clifford Jenkins and Juanita Thurston served as Chairpersons, Mary Travis, Mary Jefferson, Bertha Knox, Vernerva Thurston, Deborah Roberts and Myrtle Wright. Deaconesses joining the board in 1997 were: Carolyn Adams, Lillian Woodall, Jean Scott, Connie Davis and Elsie Seabrook.

Mothers of the church were Mother Rosa Thurston and Mother Frankie Adams.

Trustee Board consisted of: Isaiah Rolle, Chairman, Freeman King, George Tyson, Earl Williams, Rodney Brown, Fannie Grisham, Laura Campbell, Barbara Rhone, Ann Parker, Runell Daniels and Runette Williams. Laura Campbell was later appointed as Chairperson.

Finance Committee members were: Alfred Thurston-Chairman, Eunice C. Harvey -Financial Secretary, Garland Jackson, Sr. -Treasurer, I.C. Rolle, Lucille Scruggs, Maude Adderly and Margaret Ricks.

Sister Zadia B. Tyson served as Director of Christian Education.

Deacon Perry Thurston, Sr. served as Superintendent of Sunday School. Later, he served as Superintendent of Children's Sunday School Department and Deacon Larry Seabrook served as Superintendent of the Adult Sunday School Department.

The clerical staff consisted of: Mary Jefferson -Church Secretary, Church Clerks were Carolyn Adams, Marcia Davis, Tonya Smiley and Hilda Ford.

Committees remaining in place to help carry out the goals of Pastor Dixon were: the Building Committee, chaired by Sister Runette Williams, The Membership Committee, co-chaired by Sister Everline Hamm and Sister Elsie Seabrook, and the Kitchen Committee chaired by Sister Muddia Davis.

Brother Freddie Rozier - Musician, retired in 1995.

II. His Accomplishments:

In January 1995, a radio ministry aired over live broadcast on WEXY 1520 AM each Sunday from 12:00 noon until 1:00 pm.

The Youth Empowerment System (YES) was established on March 4, 1995 to help youth improve their academics and self-esteem. The organizers of YES were Deacon David Wright, Dr. Eunice Harvey and Dr. Fannie Grisham. Volunteers and other resource persons were from Mount Calvary and other churches in the community.

Choirs One and Two merged to become the Senior Choir, with Ken Howard as Music Director and Star Thomas as organist. Other musicians were Scott Dixon Head Drummer, Benjamin Dixon and Timothy Higgs were assistants.

He was elected President of the Pompano Christian Clergymen's Council in March of 1996.

In 1996, Brothers Fred Allen, David Davis, Dwight Higgs, Larry Seabrook and Arthur Scott were selected to the diaconate training program. On October 12, 1997 they were ordained into the Deacon's Ministry except Fred Allen, who passed away before the date of the event.

He implemented the Thursday Night Midweek Service to give the young preachers the opportunity to preach.

He implemented the Wednesday Noon Day Prayer Service.

He initiated Mt. Calvary as a site for the Gateway Food Program. Sister Lucille Scruggs served as the Coordinator. Volunteers included: Deacon Alfred Thurston, Deacon Levi Jenkins and Deacon Carl Jefferson. Brother Adrian Black, Mother Mary Lee Maxwell, Sister Alice Robinson, Sister Mattie Nolan, Sister Catherine Johnson, Sister Gwendolyn Hodge, Sister Minnie Lee Polk, Sister Theresa Holland, Sister Tommy McBride, Sister Ida Stephens, Sister Runell Daniels, Sister Carrie Green, Sister Katherine Black, Deaconess Connie Davis and Dr. Fannie P. Grisham.

The second edition of the New Members Training Class Manual was generated with Sister Zadia B. Tyson serving as Director of Christian Education.

The Brotherhood was reorganized with Brother Greg Walker as Chairperson. Other members were: Brothers Walter Kinchen, Purcell Houston, Jimmy Glenn, Doris Shelton, Robert Hall, Ralph Holmes, Earl Williams, Perry Thurston, Sr. and Reverend Kirby Thurston.

The Aaron and Hur Committee (Pastor's Aide) was organized in January 1996, with Deacon David Wright serving as Chairperson.

Ordination service was held for Reverend Walter Kinchen. The Pastor's son, Benjamin Dixon along with David Deal and Jordan Treadville were added as associate ministers of the church.

Sisters Idella Walker and Nora S. McCall were appointed to the Mother's Board in 1996.

On December 31, 1999, a time capsule was buried with the intentions of it being dug up on December 31, 2025. Sister Mary Kyle chaired this event.

In February 2000, Sisters Clifford Jenkins and Mary Maxwell were appointed to the Mother's Board.

Reverend Dixon served as pastor of Mount Calvary until he resigned in 2003.

In the absence of a pastor, Reverend Walter Kinchen led the congregation for worship services assisted by ministers Kirby Thurston, Leroy Woodall and John McCall.

On Wednesday, May 26, 2004 Reverend Anthony Burrell was elected to serve as Pastor of Mount Calvary Baptist Church. He then began his service In July, 2004.

I. During His Administration:

Reverends Kirby Thurston, Leroy Woodall, John McCall, Sr., and El-Win Samuel served as associate ministers.

All auxiliaries became referenced as “Ministries”.

These Deacons served as Chairpersons: David Davis, Larry Seabrook, Malcolm Roberts and Robert Hodge. Other Deacons served were: Perry Thurston, Sr., Carl Jefferson, Alfred Thurston, Levi Jenkins, Arthur Scott, Dwight Higgs, Vernon Holloway and Earl Williams.

These Deaconesses served as Chairpersons: Sisters Connie Davis, Emma Ellington, Jean Scott and Mary Goins Jefferson. Other Deaconesses were Sisters Elsie Seabrook, Deborah Roberts, Vernerva Thurston, Juanita Thurston and Mary Travis. Sister Maude Adderly became a member in March of 2008. Sister Melanie Head became a member in 2014.

Mothers of the Church were; Sisters Idella Walker and Nora McCall (both deceased). Sister Lucille Scruggs was appointed to this ministry in May of 2009. In the year of 2014 Sisters: Emma Ellington, Gwendolyn Hodge, Mary Travis and Alice Scott were appointed to the ministry.

The Trustee Ministry consisted of Sister Laura Campbell, Chairperson; Brothers George Tyson, Alonzo King, Woodrow Poitier, Perry Thurston, Sr. and Sisters Barbara Rhone, Regina Glenn, Runette Williams, Terry Randall, Ann Parker, Bettye Walker, Jessie Walker and Annie Sapp Richardson.

Finance Committee Members were: Maude Adderly and Glenda Allen served as Chairpersons, Margaret Ricks, Alfred Thurston, Lucille Scruggs, Laura Campbell, Bettye Walker, Dwight Higgs and Jennifer Travis.

Sister Zadia B. Tyson served as Director of Christian Education.

Deacon Perry Thurston, Sr. served as Superintendent of Sunday School. In the year of 2014 Deacon Jimmie L. Goss became Superintendent.

Church clerks were: Minister Louise Atkinson and Sister Yolanda White.

After the resignation of Sister Gloria Showers, Sister Annie Harris served as Church Secretary until she became ill. Sister Deirdre X. Haynes assumed the position in October of 2009 after the death of Sister Annie Harris left the position vacant for one month. After the resignation of Sister Deirdre X. Haynes in August 31, 2010, Sister Lisa Y. McIntosh assumed the position in September 1, 2010.

In December 2009 the church voted to acknowledge the licensure of women ministers. Our first four women ministers were Sisters Louise Atkinson, Jannie Griffin and Lillian Woodall along with Reverend Carolyn Loper, who was already licensed and ordained. Minister Louise Atkison was licensed in May 2010. Later, Reverend Marcia Davis was added to the ministry

Early in his administration, two additional bathrooms were added to the front of the church.

A quarterly newsletter was generated in March of 2011 with Sister Zadia B. Tyson as director of Christian Education.

In the year of 2012, the sanctuary was totally renovated with Brother Jessie Walker serving as project manager. Later members of church had an opportunity to purchase plaques for the stain-glass windows honoring our past and present membership of loved ones.

II. His Accomplishments:

He licensed Minister El-Win Samuel. Minister Cleveland Jacobs who was licensed in April 2007, continued his training to become ordained and eventually became Pastor of his own church.

In 2007, he selected Brothers Ralph Adderly and Jimmie Lee Goss to the diaconate training program. In March 2008, they were ordained into the Deacons Ministry.

A website and wireless internet connection was created for the church. Once launched, the website, www.mtcalvarypb1902.org was managed by Sister Courtney Crockett.

The Prison Ministry was reactivated.

The Women’s Prison Outreach Ministry was organized with Reverend Louise Atkison as chairperson. Visitations were made on Friday nights.

The Homeless Ministry conducted a weekly Bible study at The Broward Outreach Center in Pompano Beach.

A Mission Statement for the church was created in conjunction with the Christian Education Department.

The church established a Sponsorship of Mitspa Baptist Church in Saint Louis Du Nord, Haiti was established. The Pastor at Mitspa is Reverend Louis Gabriel Saveur, affectionately known as Pastor Toto.

In the year of 2012, the third edition of the New Member Training Manual was generated with Zadia B. Tyson as Director of Christian Education.

In the year of 2013, he reinstated the Evangelistic program which he was very passionate about.

In 2013, he selected Brother Robert Hodge to the diaconate training program. When his training was completed, he was ordained into the Deacons Ministry.

In 2015, he selected Brother Walter Head to the diaconate training program. When his training was completed, he was ordained into the Deacons Ministry.

Reverend Burrell's tenure ended on April 12, 2017 after rendering almost 13 years of service.

THE HISTORY OF MOUNT CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH WAS RECORDED BY THE FOLLOWING HISTORIANS ON RECORD:

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Dr. Eunice Harvey
Mother Nora S. McCall
Mother Rosa Mae Thurston
Deacon David Wright

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Sister Minnie Polk
Sister Catherine Johnson
Sister Lucille Scruggs
Deacon Alfred Thurston
Deacon Perry Thurston, Sr.