

# *The Calvary Messenger*

## *The Newsletter of The Gardens at Calvary*

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### Not Really a Surprise

More than once God visited man on the earth. There was the time He spent with Adam and Eve in The Garden of Eden until Adam's sin banished them from the garden.

Genesis also tells us of God walking with Enoch and that somehow they walked together until Enoch was no more. A Bible professor explained it this way: "One day as they were walking together, God said to Enoch, 'We're closer to my home than we are yours. Why don't you just come home with Me.'"

Then there were God's visits with Abraham and Jacob. There was the smoke that filled Solomon's temple. Isaiah saw God high and lifted up. Ezekiel saw the smoke rise out of Solomon's temple and go east to Babylon where the exiles were to go.

One of the most unique ways was when God pitched His tent among the Israelites in the wilderness. That was what the Tabernacle was all about, God present with His people.

This is the same idea expressed by John the Gospel writer who wrote,

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. . . . And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, . . . ." (John 1:1 & John 1:14)

The idea contained in the word "dwelt" is that "He pitched His tent among us."

Is it really any surprise that when God wanted to do the most significant ministry to men that He would do, that He would do it in person? That ministry being the salvation of mankind.

And is it really any surprise that He would not only die for mankind's sin, but also rise from the dead to demonstrate His power to save? Even though they found it difficult to believe at first, the disciples knew the truth of Christ's resurrection and it changed their lives and ours.

HAPPY EASTER !

Vern

ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

April-11

Day	Time	Event
4	2:30 3:00	Activity Council Resident Council
5	11:00	St. Luke w/Garrett Miles
6	10:00 11:15 12:00 3:00	Rivertown Dancers Sidewalk Shoppe Lenten Luncheon Meet and Greet w/ Shon and The Balloon Animals
7	4:30	Visitors From the Past (Outing)
8	11:00	Out to Eat Mellow Mushroom
11	11:00	Merry Makers
13	12:00 2:00	Lenten Luncheon Wal Mart
14	4:00	Baseball at Calvary Christian School
15	10:30 3:00	Botanical Gardens Gardens Grand Prix
18	3:30	Dollar Store
20	10:00	Red Hat Society in the Gazebo
	12:00	Lenten Luncheon
	12:30	Piano w/Lesh Mezur
	3:00	Birthday Party w/ Laura Helton
21	7:00	Service of Shadows
22	1:30	Easter Egg Coloring w/ Another Great Beginnings
25	11:00 2:30	Nell's Hula Dancers Wal Mart
27	3:00	Bingo Bucks Cash In
29	11:00 2:00	Out to Eat Yogurt Shop Bubbles and Lemondade

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
27-Mar	28-Mar	29-Mar
3-Apr	4-Apr	5-Apr
10:00 Catholic LEM Comes	9:30 Chair Exercise 9:45 Advanced Exercise 10:00 News, Comments and Coffee	9:30 Chair Exercise 9:45 Parachute Exercise 10:00 2&3 Nail Care 11:00 St. Luke w/Garrett Miles
10:00 Sunday School (Activity Room)	2:30 Bridge	1:30 Matinee
2:00 Chapel Service	2:30 Activity Council 3:00 Resident Council	2:00 Pinochle 3:30 Bingo
10-Apr	11-Apr	12-Apr
10:00 Catholic LEM Comes	9:30 Chair Exercise 9:45 Advanced Exercise 10:00 News, Comments and Coffee	9:30 Chair Exercise 9:45 Parachute Exercise 10:00 2&3 Nail Care 1:30 Matinee
10:00 Sunday School (Activity Room)	11:00 Merry Makers	2:00 Pinochle
2:00 Chapel Service	2:30 Bridge 2:00 Music Appreciation	3:30 Bingo
17-Apr	18-Apr	19-Apr
10:00 Catholic LEM Comes	9:30 Chair Exercise 9:45 Advanced Exercise 10:00 News, Comments and Coffee	9:30 Chair Exercise 9:45 Parachute Exercise 10:00 2&3 Nail Care 1:30 Matinee
10:00 Sunday School (Activity Room)	2:00 Crafts	2:00 Pinochle
2:00 Chapel Service	2:30 Bridge 3:30 Dollar Store	3:30 Bingo
24-Apr	25-Apr	26-Apr
10:00 Catholic LEM Comes	9:30 Chair Exercise 9:45 Advanced Exercise 10:00 News, Comments and Coffee	9:30 Chair Exercise 9:45 Parachute Exercise 10:00 2&3 Nail Care 1:30 Matinee
10:00 Sunday School (Activity Room)	11:00 Nell's Hula Dancers	2:00 Pinochle
2:00 Chapel Service Happy Easter	2:30 Bridge 2:30 Wal Mart	3:30 Bingo

## MLB Opening Day

Be sure to wear you favorite team shirt and hat on Friday, April 1 for Baseball Opening Day (the Braves have their home opener on Friday, April 8).

## Service of Shadows

As part of this year's Easter celebration we will have a *Service of Shadows* on Thursday, April 21st at 7:00 p.m. commemorating the last hours of Jesus' life.

## Special Birthday Wishes

The Staff and Residents of The Garden's at Calvary would like to wish two very special ladies and dedicated volunteers

Happy Birthday

Lillian Proctor            14th  
Ruth Henderson           29th

Thanks for all that you do. We love you both very much!!!

## Easter Joy

Jesus came to earth,  
To show us how to live,  
How to put others first,  
How to love and how to give.

Then He set about His work,  
That God sent Him to do;  
He took our punishment on  
Himself;  
He made us clean and new.

He could have saved Himself,  
Calling angels from above,  
But He chose to pay our price  
for sin;  
He paid it out of love.

Our Lord died on Good Friday,  
But the cross did not destroy  
His resurrection on Easter  
morn  
That fills our hearts with joy.

Now we know our earthly  
death,  
Like His, is just a rest.  
We'll be forever with Him  
In heaven, where life is best.

So we live our lives for Jesus,  
Think of Him in all we do.  
Thank you Savior; Thank you  
Lord.

Help us love like you!

*By Joanna Fuchs*



*Bedie Rhodes*

### *Our Shining Star*

Mrs. Bedie Rhodes was born in Mt. Pleasant, Texas. She was married to Walter D. Rhodes for 39 years. Mrs. Rhodes was blessed with three children and one grandchild. She worked for the Civil Service located in Ft. Benning, GA for several years, until she retired medically. In her spare times, she loves to travel. Mrs. Rhodes has had the opportunity to travel throughout every part of the United States with the exception of the North West Region. She has also traveled throughout 13 countries. When asked what she likes best about the Gardens, she stated, “The good architecture and staff members.” Mrs. Rhodes stated, “the best advice that she can give about life is to be as honest with yourself as you would with others.”

### *All Star Staff Member*

Mrs. Angela Brewer was born and raised in Phenix City, Al. She has been married to Melvin Brewer for 22 years. They were blessed with three sons and one daughter. Mrs. Brewer has worked for The Gardens for almost two years. She loves to play golf and volleyball in her spare time. Mrs. Brewer stated, “there is no one thing that she loves about the Gardens. She loves everything”. When asked what advice she has about good living, she stated, “Fear God and keep his commandments for this is the whole duty of man (Ecclesiastes 12:13).”



*Angela Brewer*

## **St. Luke Music Concert**

Garrett Miles

Lunch 11:30 to 12:15

Reservations should be made by 12:00

April 4

The cost is 7:00 per person

### **Newsletter Archives**

If you would like to access the current or a past newsletter all the way back to November 2009, you can do so by going to the web address [www.calvary-ministries.com](http://www.calvary-ministries.com), click on The Gardens at Calvary and then on Newsletters and you will find them posted there. For newsletters prior to November 2009, please contact Vern or LaTanja.

### **After Hours Sharing Line**

This is a phone number to address Lisa, our Managing Director, with any concerns or request that you may have.

These calls may be anonymous. The number is **706-653-9180**.

### **The Gardens Family and Friends Day**

Plans are underway for the annual Friends and Family Day Event. This year we will have a carnival theme. If there are any family members wishing to volunteer or man booths, please notify the front office staff.

## **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

### **ELDERS**

- 4: Bedie Rhodes
- 9: Nellie Spano
- 13: Helen Bradford
- 16: Lee Grogan
- 17: Jack Murphy
- 29: Alice Cook

### **STAFF**

- 13: Pamela Aldridge

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

LISA DODGEN  
CAROLYN DAVIS

### **WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEIGHBORS**

Patricia Beebe  
Ruth Klusky  
Helen Reeves

Join us for our Meet & Greet Social on  
Wednesday, April 6 at 3:00 as we  
welcome our new neighbors.



# March Memories



Big Band Music with Ken and Trudy Lee



Enjoying The Sounds of Ken and Trudy Lee Kennedy!



Happy 100th Birthday Mrs. Oleta Hall



Celebrating The March Birthdays



Ms. Bedie, Ms. Betty and Ms. Meredith Pose For a St. Patrick's Day Picture



Happy St. Patrick's Day From Resident Services

# April-11

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30-Mar	31-Mar	1-Apr	2-Apr
		9:30 Chair Exercise 9:45 Advanced Exercise 10:00 Wii Sports Baseball Tournament 2:00 Peanuts and Coke on the Front Porch Major League Baseball Begins	10:30 Bingo  1:45 Movie Time
6-Apr	7-Apr	8-Apr	9-Apr
9:30 Chair Exercise 9:45 Advanced 10:00 Rivertown Dancers 11:15 Sidewalk Shoppe 12:00 Lenten Luncheon 3:00 Meet and Greet w/ Shon and The Balloon Animals	9:30 Chair Exercise 9:50 Bible Study 11:00 1st Nail Care 2:00 Bible on C.D. 2:00 Men's Nail Care 3:30 Bingo 4:30 Visitors From the Past Outing	9:30 Chair Exercise 9:45 Advanced Exercise 10:00 Wii Sports 11:00 Out to Eat Mellow Mushroom 2:30 Ride Around	10:30 Bingo  1:45 Movie Time
13-Apr	14-Apr	15-Apr	16-Apr
9:30 Chair Exercise 9:45 Advanced Exercise 10:00 Volleyball 12:00 Lenten Luncheon  2:00 Wal Mart	9:30 Chair Exercise 9:50 Bible Study 11:00 1st Nail Care  2:00 Bible on C.D. 3:30 Bingo 4:00 Baseball at Calvary Christian School	9:30 Chair Exercise 9:45 Advanced Exercise 10:00 Wii Sports 10:30 Botanical Gardens  3:00 Gardens Grand Prix	10:30 Bingo  1:45 Movie Time
20-Apr	21-Apr	22-Apr	23-Apr
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## Assisted Living Services

- Three meals daily
- Medication management and/or monitoring
- Scheduled transportation
- 24 hour staffing
- Assistance with personal care needs
- Security alarm system
- Social, spiritual and cultural activities
- Personal laundry service
- Fire sprinklers & smoke detectors
- All utilities (except telephone)
- Call pendants

## The Gardens at Calvary Administrative Team

**Lisa Dodgen, R.N.**  
*Managing Director*

**Joy Stilwell**  
*Marketing Director*

**Belinda McGahee**  
*Dietary Director*

**Sherry Hall**  
*Director Resident Services*

**LaTanja Peabody**  
*Activities Director*

**Pam Aldridge**  
*Office Manager*

**Larry Moore**  
*Building and Grounds Director*

**Vern Jordin, MDIV**  
*Chaplain*



Assisted Living Community

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