

The first meeting in Calvert County was held at the Rustic Inn in Port Republic. It was started by two cab drivers from Washington D.C. The meeting was moved to a church in Sunderland. They had no heat or electricity, so in the winter the meeting was moved to the Huntingtown United Methodist Church, and has been there for 49 years.

The Huntingtown Group was followed by the Today Group on Brooms Island Rd in Port Republic. It began on June 11, 1969 and moved to Christ Church in 1971. The first GSR was Jewel E.M.

The Trinity Group was the first daytime meeting. It continues to meet at on Thursdays at 1:30pm at Trinity Methodist Church in Prince Frederick. This is where a lot of the "Old Timers" attended the meeting on Thanksgiving every year.

The Cove Point Group was started by a couple of farmers and a pastor from St. Paul's Methodist Church in Lusby, who put them in touch with an another AA (Richard H). The meeting has grown to a Wednesday step meeting and a Friday open discussion meeting.

The Sunderland Group meets at All Saints Episcopal Church. It was the last meeting in Calvert County to allow smoking.

The North Beach Group was started in 1971 and met at the old North Beach firehouse until it moved to the Union Church. The N.R.L. meetings started 7 years later in Bldg 3. These two groups once formed a single group, known as the Twin Beaches Group, but have since split apart.

The Mt. Harmony Group was originally at the Mt. Hope Church and was started by Bob M. and moved to the Mt. Harmony Church in 1978. Bob B. started the first couples meeting with this group. The Monday meeting showed movies to boost attendance.

The 231 group is also one of the oldest meetings. It is the only meeting that has met in all 3 counties in Southern Maryland. It was started by Melvin F. and Jim W. It started in Old Fields Episcopal Church on Rt 231 in Hughesville (Charles County), but because there was not heat, it moved to Mechanicsville (St. Mary's County). It then moved to St. Francis De Sales Catholic Church in Benedict (Charles County), then back to Old Fields and finally to St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Prince Frederick.

The Happy Hour Group was started in August 1977 by Claude B. and an English teacher at Calvert High School (Victor D). The Patuxent Group was started about the same time and both are still in existence.

The Awakenings Group was started 11/19/92 on Wednesday at noon at the Emmanuel's Methodist Church but moved to the St. John Vianney Catholic Church where it is today. The Friday meeting began 3/14/97 at 11:00 am.

The 60 Minutes Group or what is now known as the Grapevine Meeting was started in March of 91. Frank J. was instrumental in the start of this meeting and the Daily Reprieve in September of 90.

At one time District 1 was comprised of all 3 counties. Richard H. was the D.C.M and was very instrumental in the building of the District. Before the bridge in Solomon's was built the only route across the river was to go all the way up to Prince Frederick and across 231 to 5 and south all the way to St. Mary's county. Richard had the foresight to know that AA in Southern MD was growing. He recognized that it would be a lot of responsibility for one person to service such a large area. When the Baltimore area was redistricting, Richard suggested that Southern Maryland should do the same. Hence District 35 and District 36 were created; we stayed District 1 since we were first. The District continues to grow. This is just a brief history of AA in Calvert County and I'm proud to be a member.