

The Gospel of the King

Why We Fast

¹⁸ Now John’s disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. And people came and said to him, “Why do John’s disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?”

¹⁹ And Jesus said to them, “Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. ²⁰ The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day. ²¹ No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. If he does, the patch tears away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made. ²² And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the wine will burst the skins—and the wine is destroyed, and so are the skins. But new wine is for fresh wineskins.”

- **Mark 2:18-22** (ESV)

The **question**: “Why do your disciples *not* fast (like John’s and the Pharisees’ do)?

Some assumptions behind the question ...

Fasting in the Old Testament (Leviticus 16:29,31) ...

Fasting in Jesus’ day (Luke 18:12) ...

Jesus’ **response**:

The Kingdom of God is a _____, not a _____!

The presence of _____ the presence of _____!

There will come a time for fasting, but it is not now!

Note: It’s important that we see Jesus’ time with his disciples as a _____ period that gives us a glimpse into what is to come in His Kingdom, not as a _____ for the church right now.

Our best practices come from the period _____ until the day that Christ returns.

2 metaphors declaring that the Kingdom of God is _____ and it is revolutionary.

What distinguishes Christianity from Judaism is that the _____ (and His Kingdom) has come _____!

We will still fast, but our _____ for fasting are different now!

We fast because we _____

We fast because we are _____

We fast because we still need to learn to _____

We fast because we still need to _____

We fast because _____ and we still need _____

Good News for us:

Our short period of _____ will surely give way to an everlasting period of _____!

*Dr. Paul Thompson
Calvary Baptist Church
March 1, 2020*

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions

Calvary’s Goal: **\$40,000**

One hundred percent of the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering goes to send, train, and resource to more than 5,000 missionaries across the United States and Canada.

Second Sunday Night Service | March 8

Join us in the Sanctuary for a prayer service at 6:00 pm.

New York Mission Trip

Thursday, April 16-Monday, April 20 | Cost: \$900

If you are interested in going, pick up a missions application at the Missions Kiosk in the Fellowship Center Foyer and turn it in to the church office.

Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting

Messengers Needed | June 9-10, 2020

If you would like to be a messenger on behalf of Calvary at the SBC annual meeting in Orlando, Florida, call the church office or email carenc@calvarydothan.com.

Marriage Bible Study | *Love and Respect*

Wednesdays Beginning March 4 | 6:00 pm | Office Conference Room

Based upon Ephesians 5:33 and extensive biblical and psychological research, author Dr. Emerson Eggerichs reveals the power of unconditional love and unconditional respect and how husbands and wives can reap the benefits of marriage that God intended. Space is limited. Contact Ian Worrell (334-790-7739) or Jennifer Worrell (334-790-7716) to sign up or for more details.

Men’s Church League Softball Registration Now Open

Games will be Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Westgate Park, May 26-July 16. Cost is \$25 per player and must be paid at registration. Registration forms are available in the church office. Deadline to register is April 5. For questions or more information, contact Tommy Perry 792-5159 or tommy@calvarydothan.com.

Dad and Kids Campout

Join us for a night under the stars full of fellowship, fun outdoor activities, and tasty food. It’s an event you don’t want to miss!

Who: Dads and their 1st-5th grade boys and girls. Kids whose dads are unable to attend are welcome to invite a grandparent or legal guardian to share the night.

When: Starts on Friday, March 6 at 6:00pm and ends on Saturday, March 7 by 11:00am. Dads and Kids are welcome to come earlier on Friday to set up and fellowship.

Where: Woodham Farm, 6219 County Road 55, Columbia, AL 36319.

Cost: \$15 per family.

Registration: Email Zach Daniels, zach@calvarydothan.com.

Register **TODAY**, don’t DELAY.

Wired | June 21-26 | Completed Grades 7-12

If your student plans to attend WIRED with Calvary, a \$50 deposit and ALL paperwork is due by Sunday, March 8. After this date, the total cost goes from \$249 to \$299. Register online at calvarydothan.com under events. Payment should be turned into the church office or the student drop box.

If you can be a chaperone during the week, your help is needed! Email reagancfarris1@gmail.com or brooke@calvarydothan.com to find out how you can help.

Mark Your Calendar for These Upcoming Events!

Sunday Night Prayer Service for Easter and Movie Night

Sunday, April 5 | 5-8pm | Fellowship Center

The movie showing will be *American Gospel: Christ Crucified*.

Good Friday Service

Friday, April 10 | 12:00 noon | Sanctuary | Worship and Communion

Secret Church Simulcast with David Platt

Friday, April 24 | 6pm-midnight | Fellowship Center | Cost: \$5



Vacation Bible School 2020

June 8-12 | 8:30am-Noon

This year’s theme is Concrete and Cranes! Grab your hard hat and tool belt, as kids explore a world of concrete and cranes, rivets and rebar, bulldozers and backhoes, they will learn to build their faith on Jesus as they uncover the truth that He who began a good work will be faithful to carry it on to completion. If you need more info or are looking to serve in VBS, contact Brooke Stickles, brooke@calvarydothan.com.

VBS Leader Workshop

Thursday, March 19 | 6:00-8:30 pm

Ridgecrest Baptist Church

Come learn all you need to know about this year’s VBS theme.

Community Ministry Partner Spotlight

Alabama Baptist Children’s Home & Family Ministries

APPROXIMATELY

6000

CHILDREN ARE IN FOSTER CARE IN ALABAMA.

What Can You Do to Help?

- Foster: Serve Children in need by becoming a foster parent. Help relieve foster parents during an emergency or break by becoming a respite parent.
- Give: Go to alabamachild.org/dothanchild or use Text-to-Give by texting “@ABCH #dothanchild” to 52014.
- Donate Items: Check alabamachild.org for a needs list, such as diapers or school supplies.
- Pray: Become a prayer partner for ABCH.

Contact dothan@alabamachild.org or call (334) 677-7856 if interested in getting involved.

I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT:

My Decision Today:

I trusted Jesus as Savior.

I’d like to join Calvary Baptist Church.

I believe God is calling me into ministry/mission.

Please have a pastor or elder contact me.

If you would like to speak with someone about one of the items noted above, please visit the Next Steps Kiosk before you leave today.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Pastors & Prayer Team Only

Churchwide

Connect Card

March 1, 2020

Please complete this tab, tear it off and drop it in an offering plate.

- Please update my information
 Please contact me about membership

I am a:

- First Time Guest Guest
 Member

Name

Address

City

State/Zip

- Male Female

- Married Single

Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Spouse

Spouse's Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

Children:

Name / Date of Birth

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March 1, 2020

In today's message, **Why We Fast**, we'll examine a fascinating encounter Jesus had with the crowds and how he responded to their question regarding fasting. His answer has profound implications for how we understand the Good News of the Gospel and what fasting means for believers today.

John Piper writes,

We have tasted the powers of the age to come, and our fasting is not because we are hungry for something we have not experienced, but because the new wine of Christ's presence is so real and so satisfying. We must have all that it is possible to have. The newness of our fasting is this: its intensity comes not because we have never tasted the wine of Christ's presence, but because we have tasted it so wonderfully by his Spirit, and cannot now be satisfied until the consummation of joy arrives. The new fasting, the Christian fasting, is a hunger for all the fullness of God (Ephesians 3:19), aroused by the aroma of Jesus' love and by the taste of God's goodness in the gospel of Christ (1 Peter 2:2-3).

- Piper, A Hunger for God, 43.

I pray that you encounter God today in His Word and by His Spirit!

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FIRST TIME GUEST?

We're so glad you've joined us for worship today and would love to be able to share more with you about our church. Please fill out the Connect Card to the left and place it in one of the offering plates when they are passed. Be sure to stop by our Next Steps Kiosk after the service for a gift from us!

THE PEOPLE CAME...

February 23

10:00 Worship: 646
Life Group: 570
Hispanic Church: 144
Grace City (NY Mission): 21
Nursing Homes: 81
Outreach Bible Study: 3

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given February 23: \$42,445.88
Given Y-T-D: \$379,681.82
Y-T-D Required: \$411,692.32
Adoption Assistance Fund: \$71,639.79
Annie Armstrong Offering: \$225.00
Annie Armstrong Goal: \$40,000

STAFF ON CALL

Sunday, March 1:

Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

Saturday, March 7:

Charles Uptain | 334-797-7191

Sunday, March 8:

Reagan Farris | 504-319-6986

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, March 1:

Gen 34, Mk 5, Job 1, Rom 5

Monday, March 2:

Gen 35-36, Mk 6, Job 2, Rom 6

Tuesday, March 3:

Gen 37, Mk 7, Job 3, Rom 7

Wednesday, March 4:

Gen 38, Mk 8, Job 4, Rom 8

Thursday, March 5:

Gen 39, Mk 9, Job 5, Rom 9

Friday, March 6:

Gen 40, Mk 10, Job 6, Rom 10

Saturday, March 7:

Gen 41, Mk 11, Job 7, Rom 11

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sundays

8:00 am

Call to Prayer, Sanctuary

8:30 am

Life Groups

10:00 am

Worship, Fellowship Center

10:00 am

Clubhouse, Preschool Worship,
Ages 4-K5, Preschool Building

Kids Worship, Grades 1-5,

Children's Building (except 1st Sun.)

6:00 pm

Second Sunday Prayer Service, Sanctuary
(Second Sunday nights only)

SERMON SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 4

6:00 pm - Sanctuary

How We Got Our Bible

How We Got the New Testament

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, March 8

10:00 am - Fellowship Center

The Gospel of the King

The Lord of the Sabbath

Mark 2:23-3:6

Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday, March 11

6:00 pm - Sanctuary

How We Got Our Bible

How the Books of the

New Testament Were Chosen

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, March 15

10:00 am - Fellowship Center

The Gospel of the King

The Crowds and the 12

Mark 3:7-21

Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday, March 18

6:00 pm - Sanctuary

How We Got Our Bible

How the New Testament Was Copied

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, March 22

10:00 am - Fellowship Center

The Gospel of the King

The Greatest Sin of All

Mark 3:22-30

Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesdays

10:00 am

Senior Adult Sunshine Choir, Choir Room

5:15 pm

Midweek Meal, Fellowship Center

6:00 pm

Preschool Activities, Ages 2-K5,
Preschool Building

Children Activities, Grades 1-5, ROC

Student Activities, Grades 6-12,
Student Building

Midweek @ Calvary, Adult Bible Study,
Sanctuary

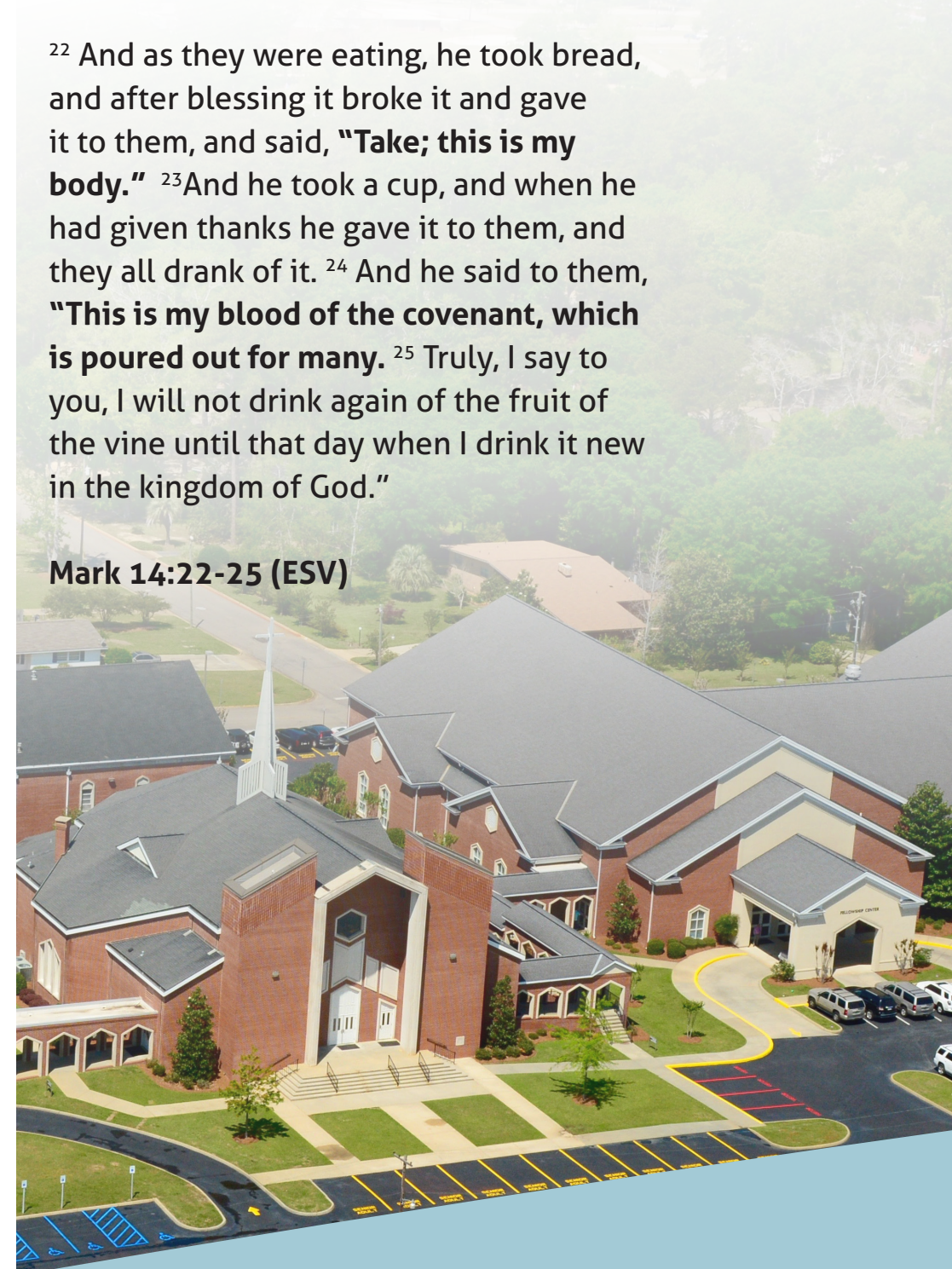
ESL Class, GR001

7:00 pm

Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

²² And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." ²³ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. ²⁴ And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many." ²⁵ Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

Mark 14:22-25 (ESV)



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BAPTIST CHURCH