

# ACTS: A Church Afire

## This is Who We Are

Acts 1:1-11

### A Sequel ...

*Luke 24:45ff*

### Three Essential Gospel Themes:

Physical \_\_\_\_\_ – Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ king over sin and death!

The centerpiece of \_\_\_\_\_ sermon in Acts.

Public \_\_\_\_\_ – Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ king at the right hand of the Father!

Jesus is the completed sacrifice and continuing intercessor and High Priest of Hebrews.

This is the glorification of the Son of Man taught by John.

His is the ultimate lordship written of by Paul.

This is the great triumph foretold by David in Psalm 110.

Promised \_\_\_\_\_ – Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ king who will rule over all!

The royal proclamation that Jesus is King includes \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and the call to \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 3:20-21, 10:42, 17:31)

*And now ...*

A powerful \_\_\_\_\_ will be established to complete the mission!

What is the mission?

How will it be carried out?

### The Last Words of Jesus:

*"It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

His mission will be carried out through a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_.

This mission is \_\_\_\_\_ ...

The 4 mentions of "heaven" in verses 10-11 are not about Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ but his \_\_\_\_\_! He is in heaven \_\_\_\_\_! (See: Acts 2:33-36)

This mission is \_\_\_\_\_ ...

Jesus, who sits at the right hand of the Father sends the Holy Spirit – God's \_\_\_\_\_ – to and for his people!

This mission is \_\_\_\_\_ ...

No exceptions. No exclusions. The Gospel is for neighbors and nations.

This mission is \_\_\_\_\_ ...

From 120 in Acts 1 to "many thousands" in chapter 21, God was, is, and will ever be \_\_\_\_\_ over His mission. The reigning Lord will continue to add to his church until he returns for her!

Therefore ... **Don't just stand there!**

*"Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."*

*Dr. Paul Thompson  
Calvary Baptist Church  
February 6, 2022*

### Member Meeting

Wednesday, February 9 | 6pm | Sanctuary

Our next Member Meeting will be held at the beginning of the Midweek service.

### Second Sunday Night Prayer Service

There will not be a Second Sunday Night Prayer in February. The next one will be March 13.

### Guatemala Mission Trip

March 25 – 28, 2022 | Cost: \$1,000

We will visit our church partner in Guatemala City and help them with discipleship, home visits, and training for their leaders. Contact the church office or Dave Lindey if interested.

### Vermont Mission Trip

April 10-16, 2022 | Cost: \$800

Construction work will continue for the duplex our Association is sponsoring. Jobs include painting, framing, sheetrock, etc. No experience required! Contact the church office or Roger Simpler if interested.

### Gospel Conversations Workshop

Saturday, February 12 | 8am-12pm | Fellowship Center

The Birmingham Gospel Outreach in partnership with The Church at Brook Hills is hosting a gospel conversations workshop! This excellent opportunity will better equip you to be an "everyday missionary." Continental breakfast and snacks provided. Contact Joyce Alexander (joyce@calvarydothan.com) for a childcare reservation.

### Women's Bible Study

*God of Deliverance: A Study of Exodus 1-18* by Jen Wilkin | Cost: \$17

Sundays beginning February 6 | 4:30pm | Kids Worship Room | Led by Joy Whaley

Tuesdays beginning February 8 | 9am | Kids Worship Room | Led by Sandra Hunt

In this 10-session verse-by-verse study, Jen Wilkin shows us that Israel's story is our story: the same God who delivered Israel also delivers all those He loves from slavery to sin and from service to the pharaohs of this world. He lifts our eyes to the promised land He has prepared where we dwell with I AM and worship Him as the one true God. Childcare is available on Sundays only. Contact Joyce Alexander for childcare reservation.

### Volunteers Needed for Families Count Ministry

Families Count, a ministry of Lifeline Christian Services, is a 6-week, biblically-based parent education program whose aim is to minister to parents of children who have been placed into the foster care system or are at risk of entering it. This ministry at Calvary needs volunteers to meet, mentor, and care for parents who attend classes. If you are looking for a place to serve our community and share the gospel, Families Count ministry needs YOU! For information on how to be a part of this ministry, see Margaret Myers at the Next Steps kiosk after worship Sunday or call the church office.

### Community Ministry Opportunities for Life Groups

**SABA (Thee Store)**

We are seeking several Life Groups to serve at THEE Store the 4th Saturday of every month. If we have three Life Groups volunteer to serve, you would only serve once a quarter. Contact Tommy Perry at tommy@calvarydothan.com for more details.

### The Harbor

We need Life Groups to commit to serve at The Harbor the 2nd Saturday morning of each month. If your Life Group would like to volunteer to serve in the various pantries (clothes, food, hygiene, laundry, etc.), pray for those who come through that are served) or donate breakfast items, contact Mike McCann (334-685-1859 or mpmccann63@gmail.com).

Life Groups are needed to partner with the Searcy LG to provide a meal at the Harbor the 1st Wednesday of each month. This includes transportation of the meal from the church to The Harbor and covering a portion of the cost of the meal. Contact Tommy Perry at tommy@calvarydothan.com for more info.

### Student Life Camp

6th-12th Grade | July 18-22 | Wilderness at the Smokies Resort, Sevierville, TN

\$75 deposit due by March 13 | Total Cost: \$319 + Food (TBD)

The students will host fundraisers over the next couple of months to raise money for camp and help reduce the total cost.

### WIRED

7th-12th Grade | June 19-23 | Total Cost: \$249

Deadline to register and pay \$50 deposit is February 20

Calvary will not be a host church this year. Students who sign up to attend wired will be in Calvary's group but will stay at another host church throughout the week.

"It has been said that "the Holy Spirit leaves no footprints in the sand." Jesus likened the work of the Spirit to the wind, with a word play of the Greek word *pneuma* (breath, wind, spirit), saying, "The wind [*pneuma*] blows where it wishes ... you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes" (John 3:8).

In the book of Acts we see the footprints of the Holy Spirit in and through the footprints of the Apostles. The sound of a mighty rushing wind introduces their work. As a sailing ship is carried about by the wind, so the apostolic mission in the early church was carried about by the Holy Spirit.

Acts does not present a perfect church, pristine and pure. No, it is an infant church, a nascent community. It is inspired, but not fully developed; alive with power and devotion, but not yet sanctified. All the problems addressed by Paul, Peter, John, James, et al. arise in the heat of the passion and struggles of the first decades of apostolic Christianity.

For Luke, Acts is his volume two. It flows naturally and irresistibly out of the gospel. It follows the *accomplishment* of redemption with the concrete *application* of redemption. Ultimately God is its author as well as its chief character. Here the invisible hand of Divine Providence becomes visible as the feet of the apostolic band, under the weight of the Holy Spirit, presses His imprint in the sand."

Acts tells the story of the beginning of the age of God's Spirit. This is the last age, the last chapter, of God's work of salvation. This age will continue until the return of Jesus. That is the big picture of Acts.

In Acts, the redemptive work of Christ spreads to the nations. His promises are fulfilled. The Holy Spirit comes in power for our redemption, sanctification, and effectiveness. God's powerful hand protects His Church so that it prevails despite opposition and persecution. And in Acts the strength-giving, hope-maintaining, obedience-motivating promise that our King, Jesus will return to earth as visibly as he ascended is given to every believer!

You see, Acts is not just *history*. It's *our story* as well. It tells us who we are – the family of Jesus, the children of the Covenant, the born again, Spirit-filled ones – and as such, what we are commanded to do and enabled to do. Between the Ascension and the Return, we have a mission: We are His witnesses.

### This is who we are.

Over the next several months, I pray that as we *gather* as His people, *grow* in godliness and effectiveness, *give* ourselves for the sake of the gospel, *engage* the lostness all around us, and *obediently* go wherever He sends us, that we too will experience God's power, enjoy his pleasure, and fulfill his purpose in and thru us for his glory and the good of those we'll introduce to King Jesus!

<sup>1</sup>R. C. Sproul, Acts, St. Andrew's Expository Commentary (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2010), 15.



### Get Connected

If you are looking for a ministry opportunity where you can serve, go, and give of yourself, we want to help you. Please visit calvarydothan.com/connect so we can connect your willingness to say yes with real tangible needs in our church, city, and world.

### 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

February 6, 2022

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)

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Spouse's Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

### Children:

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*Please complete the additional information on the back of this tab, if applicable.*

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### I'm New Here

To fill out a digital Connect Card or learn more about Calvary, please use your smartphone camera to scan the QR Code.

### How to Become a Christian

Want more information about how to become a Christian? Go to [calvarydothan.com/become-a-christian/](http://calvarydothan.com/become-a-christian/).

If you would like to view a pdf of today's sermon notes, go to [calvarydothan.com/podcast](http://calvarydothan.com/podcast) or use Calvary's MobileMission app.

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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...

#### January 30

Life Groups: 489  
10:00 Worship: 536  
Hispanic Church: 115  
Grace City Church (NY): 30

### THE PEOPLE GAVE...

#### General Fund

Given January 30: \$43,140

### DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

#### Sunday, February 6:

2 Chr 24, Rev 11, Zec 7, Jn 10

#### Monday, February 7:

2 Chr 25, Rev 12, Zec 8, Jn 11

#### Tuesday, February 8:

2 Chr 26, Rev 13, Zec 9, Jn 12

#### Wednesday, February 9:

2 Chr 27-28, Rev 14, Zec 10, Jn 13

#### Thursday, February 10:

2 Chr 29, Rev 15, Zec 11, Jn 14

#### Friday, February 11:

2 Chr 30, Rev 16, Zec 12:1-13:1, Jn 15

#### Saturday, February 12:

2 Chr 31, Rev 17, Zec 13:2-9, Jn 16

### Midweek Schedule

5:15pm Midweek Meal, Fellowship Center  
6:00pm Midweek Worship, Sanctuary  
Preschool, Birth-K5, Preschool Building  
Children, Grades 1-5, ROC  
Students, Grades 6-12, Student Room  
7:00pm Adult Choir

### 4 Ways to Give

- Give online by using the MobileMission app for Apple or Android or go to [calvarydothan.com/GiveOnline](http://calvarydothan.com/GiveOnline).
- On Sundays, drop in the offering plate or in the collection boxes near the Fellowship Center exit doors
- Mail to 901 Montezuma Avenue, Dothan, AL 36303
- Bring to the church office, M-F, 8am-12noon & 1-4:30pm

### Ministry Staff

Paul Thompson.....Senior Pastor  
Charles Uptain.....Executive Pastor  
Dan Tankersley.....Discipleship  
Tommy Perry.....Community

### STAFF ON CALL

#### Sunday, February 6:

Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

#### Saturday, February 12:

Charles Uptain | 334-797-7191

#### Sunday, February 13:

Reagan Farris | 504-319-6986

### SERMON SCHEDULE

#### Wednesday, February 9 | 6pm

Genesis: Where Grace Began

Message by Paul Thompson

#### Sunday, February 13 | 10:00am

Acts: A Church Afire

Prayer: The Power to be on Mission

Acts 1:12-26

Message by Paul Thompson

#### Wednesday, February 16 | 6pm

Genesis: Where Grace Began

Message by Paul Thompson

#### Sunday, February 20 | 10:00am

Acts: A Church Afire

"What Does This Mean?"

Acts 2:1-13

Message by Paul Thompson

### Sunday Morning Schedule

8:00am Call to Prayer, Sanctuary  
8:30am Life Group  
10:00am Worship, Fellowship Center  
Live Stream on Facebook & YouTube  
Kid's Worship, Grades 1-5, Chapel (except 1st Sunday)  
11:00am Worship Broadcast on JoyFM 94.3/96.1 with a 1 wk delay.

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

**- Acts 1:8**



WELCOME TO  
**Calvary**  
BAPTIST CHURCH