

ACTS

No Other Name; No Other Choice

Acts 4:1-22

4 Different Responses to the Name of Jesus:

- _____ and faith
- _____ reception and interest.
- _____ and avoidance.
- _____ and _____.

Light and _____ / truth and _____ are not friends. (John 3:19-20)

If we are not ever experiencing pushback, you are no threat to the _____.

Why do we proclaim the name of Jesus? (Acts 4:5-12)

We preach the name of Jesus because there is _____, there is no other way, there is no other _____ for humanity. It is a choice between _____ and _____. _____ and deception.

Where does our confidence / power come from?

The _____.! This validated everything Jesus had taught and promised about himself and the redemption of people. This sets Christianity apart from all religions of the world. Our leader lives and reigns! And we _____ in his resurrection!

The _____. The Acts of the Apostles suggests that in circumstances of need, of stress, of trial, of persecution, the Spirit comes, and He _____, gives _____, and supernatural _____.

What do we preach?

The _____ of Jesus! Jesus as the fulfillment of _____ God's promises for man's _____.

The death, burial, and _____ of Jesus.

_____ from sin and false sources of faith for salvation: self, religion, success, works.

_____ in the work and person of Jesus!

What motivates fearless faith?

Full _____ in the truth. This includes study, knowledge, and logical conclusions about the _____.

_____ life transformation resulting from the grace work of Jesus and the experiencing of the constant, overwhelming love and presence of God.

_____, responsive love and grateful loyalty naturally produced in an intimate relationship with Jesus.

Fearless faith comes from a _____ made up and a _____ sold out! _____ and _____ together are a dangerous threat to the devil of hell.

Reagan Farris
Calvary Baptist Church
March 20, 2022

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions

Calvary's Goal: \$40,000

100% of your gifts to this offering go directly to the mission field to support more than 2,200 missionaries and their families in North America and enable hundreds of churches to be planted and thousands of disciples to be made.

Deacon Nominations

We are requesting deacon nominations for the new church year that begins on July 1. Read Acts 6:1-7 and 1 Timothy 3:8-13, to remind yourself of God's description for deacons as you pray about which men to nominate. Nomination cards are available on the Next Steps table. Our deacon selection committee will accept nominations through April 15. Drop your nomination cards in the offering boxes in the Fellowship Center, bring to the church office during the week, or email carenc@calvarydothan.com.

A Night with John MacArthur Canceled

Due to family health issues, Dr. MacArthur has cleared his schedule of upcoming speaking events, including his appearance at Calvary.

There will be normal Midweek activities on Wednesday, March 23, including Midweek Meal, preschool, children and student activities, and adult Bible study.

Calvary Family Night

Sunday, March 27 | 5-7pm | Gym & ROC Parking Lot

Bring your families and lawn chairs out to enjoy some good fellowship, food, and fun together as a church family.

Community Ministry Opportunity

With Easter coming up, we want to encourage the families at Wiregrass Hope group by donating Easter baskets. We've put together some ideas for things to fill the baskets with, and are asking that you bring them to Calvary no later than April 1. You can drop them off in the Preschool Building, Children's Building, and the ROC. For more details, pick up a flyer at those drop-off locations.

Coffee & Connect

Sunday, April 3 | 3pm | Parlor

All ladies are invited to Coffee & Connect. Come enjoy light refreshments and sweet fellowship as we discuss the HOPE we have in God and ways to cultivate this hope in our own lives.

Joy Prom

Mark your calendar for Joy Prom on Sunday, May 1, 5-7pm. The Joy Prom is a full-scaled prom designed for people ages 13 and older with developmental or physical impairments. More information to come.

Vacation Bible School | June 13-17

Spark imagination and kick creativity into high gear at Spark Studios. This summer, kids will learn that God's creativity didn't stop in Genesis. The Master Artist is working to redeem, reclaim, and transform us—His creation—to the design He planned for us. Kids will see the beautiful truth that they are God's workmanship as they learn to use their talents to bring glory to Him.

Child registration will open in April. Volunteer registration is open now. Visit our website for more information and to get registered.

Sunday Morning Call to Prayer

Every Sunday at 8:00-8:15 am in the Sanctuary, there is a time of prayer led by our pastors and elders. Everyone is invited to join in for part or all of the prayer time. Children are welcome to attend with their parents.

2 Things You Need to Know about the Exclusivity of Christ

Derek J. Brown

1. The exclusivity of Christ is narrow, but not in the way you may think it is.

People usually don't take well to these claims because they believe they are far too narrow. And we would be dishonest if we didn't agree that these claims are, in fact, narrow. Yet, the exclusivity of Christ is not narrow in the sense that it is offered only to those who meet certain conditions, like an elite members club.

In her article for CNN travel, "[10 of the world's most exclusive members clubs](#)" Michelle Koh Morollo quotes Vincent Lai, a managing director of an elite concierge service: "Those who are invited fulfill certain requirements, they usually have economic capital but most importantly they carry a lot of social clout." These certainly are exclusive clubs, and they are narrow in the sense that only a few select people in the world qualify for entrance. Invitations, therefore, are only directed to those who meet the initial qualifications. But this is *not* what we mean when we say the exclusivity of Christ is narrow. It is not restrictive in its invitation like these private clubs. Indeed, the gospel is antithetical to such a spirit: Jesus' disciples are to "go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame" (Luke 14:21).

Rather, we would say that the exclusivity of Christ is *narrow in location but broad in invitation*. There are no restrictions based on a person's economic status, religious background, relative morality, geographical location, or family circumstances, for all are called to come to Christ (Matt. 11:27-30; John 3:16; Rom. 3:22). There is only *one place* to find salvation (narrow in location) but *all* people are invited to come to Christ for salvation (broad in invitation).

2. To speak of the narrowness of salvation in Christ alone is true kindness.

Still, some might object and say that pressing the exclusivity of Christ upon non-Christians is unkind. How can you tell others that their religion or worldview is wrong? That's just plain mean. Live and let live!

Yet, the exact opposite is true. The exclusivity of Christ is a compassionate and humble doctrine, for it guards people from seeking salvation in a place where it cannot be found. Think of it this way.

Let's say we find ourselves in the midst of post-nuclear war fallout, and there is one and only one source in the entire world where people can acquire clean, drinkable water. All other sources, though similar to the genuine source in their appearance, are actually poisoned and non-potable. We certainly wouldn't fault the *claim* that drinkable water can only be found at this one source; nor would we say that such a claim is unkind or arrogant. Actually, we would be thankful for this knowledge because it would keep us from making a fatal choice of drinking clean-looking but deadly water at a counterfeit location.

To hold up Jesus Christ as the only way of salvation among all other religions and religious leaders is not unkind; it is the most loving thing you can do. The "humble" person who doesn't have a strong conviction on where to find clean water (even though they may have seen the source several times) is neither loving nor humble. Such a person is hateful and selfish, no matter how soft-spoken and deferential they appear.

So, my brothers and sisters, continue to boldly proclaim that Jesus Christ is the only way to heaven. Teach and preach and share with a soft heart and tender love toward others, and remember that love does not preclude clarity on the exclusivity of Christ. Love demands it.

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 20, 2022

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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

Name / Date of Birth

Name / Date of Birth

Name / Date of Birth

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/.

If you would like to view a pdf of today's sermon notes, go to 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...

March 13

Life Groups: 495
10:00 Worship: 601
Hispanic Church: 132
Grace City Church (NY): 30

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given March 13: \$34,952
January Budget
Surplus (Deficit): \$17,036.65

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, March 27:

Gen 32, Mk 3, Est 8, Rom 3

Monday, March 28:

Gen 33, Mk 4, Est 9-10, rom 4

Tuesday, March 29:

Gen 34, Mk 5, Jb 1, Rom 5

Wednesday, March 30:

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

Thursday, March 31:

Gen 37, Mk 7, Jb 3, Rom 7

Friday, April 1:

Gen 38, Mk 8, Jb 4, Rom 8

Saturday, April 2:

Gen 39, Mk 9, Jb 5, Rom 9

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.
- 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, March 20:

Joyce Alexander | 334-798-4791

Saturday, March 26:

Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765

Sunday, March 27:

Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765

SERMON SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 23 | 6pm

An Evening with John MacArthur Fellowship Center

Sunday, March 27 | 10:00am

Acts: *If God is Sovereign, Why Pray?*

Acts 4:23-31

Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday, March 30 | 6pm

Genesis: *Where Grace Began*

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, April 3 | 10:00am

Acts: *The Fearful End of Fake 'Christians'*

Acts 4:32-5:11

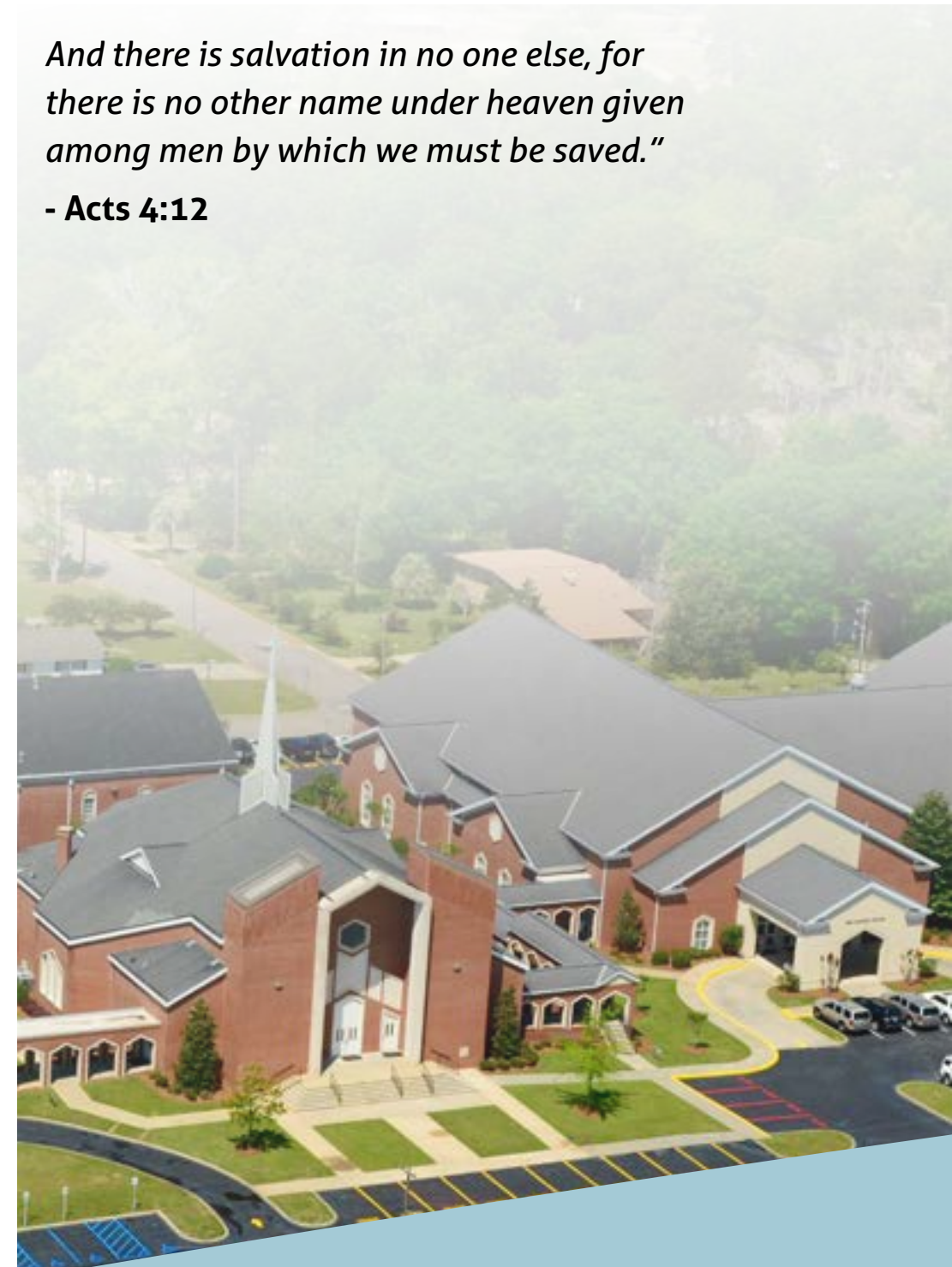
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Sunday Morning Schedule

8:00am Call to Prayer, Sanctuary
8:30am Life Group
10:00am Worship, Fellowship Center
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.

And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

- Acts 4:12



WELCOME TO
Calvary
BAPTIST CHURCH

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