

ACTS
Divine Appointments
Acts 8:26-40

Context – The Gospel and The Holy Spirit Come to Samaria!

So there was much joy in that city. (Acts 8:8)

(Romans 10:12-15)

A Critical Storyline:

The Gospel is about to go to _____!

God’s Mission/Our Mandate:

_____ is our _____
in every gospel conversation or encounter.

God is _____ to the _____ of His own mission.

God is _____ in the process of conversion.

He prepares the _____ and _____ of the hearer ...

He sends the _____ messenger who He also _____ ...

He speaks thru His _____ ...

He _____ that person to Himself ...

_____ and _____ are our
_____ in every gospel conversation or encounter.

One is a matter of the _____. The other is a matter of the _____.

There is one primary motive for evangelism: Obedience for the _____.

There is one method of evangelism: The faithful _____ and
_____ of the gospel message. That’s it.

Then, we _____ God.

Several additional thoughts from the text:

God is no respecter of persons ...

Heaven will be multi-colored ...

Baptism* is for believers ...

The gospel requires a response ...

A message for the spiritual ‘searcher’ today:

God knows you ...

God has been at work in your life ...

God offers you ...

VBS Outreach Starts Today

On your way out today, pick up VBS Outrech postcards in the Fellowship Center foyer to begin inviting kids to this year’s VBS. If you live in a high traffic neighborhood with a lot of kids, please grab a VBS yard sign also.

Senior Adult Sunday | May 29

Join us as we honor our senior adults in worship. Tommy Perry will be preaching and Bro. Randy will be leading the Sonshine Choir.

10am worship will meet in the Sanctuary on May 29.

Grounded in the Faith Class

Every Tuesday | 6pm | The Cafe in Children’s Building

It’s not too late to attend the Grounded in the Faith class. This class is designed for believers of all levels of maturity. New Christians will begin building a Biblically-based foundation in theology and in practicing their faith. Those who have followed Christ for many years will sharpen their understanding of key Biblical principles that will aid in evangelism and discipleship.

If this is a training you would be interested in committing to for a season, please email grounded@calvarydothan.com and let us know.

The Alternative: Creation’s Competitive Edge

Wednesday, June 29 | 6pm | Sanctuary

In conjunction with our Midweek study in Genesis we invite you to join us in this special service with Dr. Robert Carter from Creation Ministries International.

Does God exist? How can anyone believe in religion when science has neither a need nor a place for God? Is evolution happening today? If God is a God of love, why do we suffer and die?

Evolution teaches us there is no need for God, there is no spiritual realm, and there is no afterlife. According to the theory, spirituality is just an evolutionary trick of the mind!

The Bible gives a very different picture about the nature of these things. At this presentation, you will learn how the scientific evidence, when properly understood, confirms the details of the biblical account. At the same time, we will answer many of the Big Questions.

This event is suitable for children in 3rd grade and up.

Baby Bottle Boomerang Benefitting Wiregrass Hope Group

Pick up location: Fellowship Center Foyer

Return Date: Sunday, May 29

Wiregrass Hope Group is one of our Community Ministry Partners. They provide free pregnancy resources, free parenting programs, and a free fatherhood program. Their mission is to share the hope of Jesus Christ, promote human life, and care for people through pregnancy resources, biblical counseling, and relationship education. Grab a bottle today and fill it with your loose change as a way to support this ministry.

Vacation Bible School

June 13-17 | 8:30am-Noon | Completed Kindergarten through 5th Grade

Have you registered for VBS this summer? If not, head on over to our website and get your child registered today, don’t delay!

Our volunteer team is almost complete, but we still have a few key leader positions to fill in 1st and 2nd Grades. Would you consider being on our VBS team this summer? If you’re interested, please let us know. Contact Zach Daniels, zach@calvarydothan.com or text 334.733.6326.

VBS Leader Training | May 22 | 5pm | Kids Worship Room

Signed up as a leader at VBS? This is a mandatory meeting required for all VBS leaders. Make plans to join us and get ready to lead well at VBS this summer!

Calling all ARTISTS!

The theme for VBS this year lends itself to creativity and art! We’d love to decorate by displaying artwork throughout our entire campus. If you’re an artist, would you consider bringing your work to us or making new pieces that can be displayed during the week of VBS? If so, please bring your artwork to the Church Office at your convenience during the work week, or to the Children’s Building on Sunday morning or Wednesday night.

Three Hinges to Turn Conversations into Gospel Conversations

You have the desire to tell others about Jesus. You want to do what Jesus commanded in Matthew 28:19-20, but do you have the confidence to do it? This is a hurdle most believers can’t overcome because they’ve either never done it or haven’t done it enough, which makes training to do so essential. We all know that the more experience we have doing something the more confidence we’re going to have in our ability to do it. This is true in every area of our lives, whether we are playing a sport, cooking a meal, or giving a talk. We need repetition. The more we do it, the better we get, and the more confidence we have.

In the same way, you can train to turn everyday conversations into gospel conversations. There are three hinges that can turn a conversation into a gospel conversation: transition, a gospeling tool, and invitation.

1. Transition

The first is the transition. You need a well-planned and well-practiced transition statement. A strong transition statement connects with the brokenness a person is expressing. Even if you aren’t in their exact situation, you can usually relate. Ask for permission to share something that has helped you then talk about how the gospel helps you live according to God’s design.

2. A Gospeling Tool

The second hinge is a gospeling tool like the 3 Circles diagram (https://www.namb.net/evangelism/3circles/). Using this tool, you will walk through God’s design, our brokenness, and the gospel. During this time, you help a person to see that though our sin separates us from God, He sent Jesus Christ to die in our place. If we believe Jesus died on the cross for our sins, was buried, and raised three days later and if we repent from our sins, we will recover and pursue God’s design for our lives.

3. Invitation

Finally, you issue the invitation and ask the person to respond. It’s not just enough to share the information. You have to issue the invitation. We boldly ask them this question, “Is there anything that would keep you from repenting and believing the gospel right now?”

There are three responses to this question, according to Acts 17:32-34, “When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some began to ridicule him, but others said, ‘We’d like to hear from you again about this.’ So Paul left their presence. However, some people joined him and believed.” The person may mock or ridicule, the person may want to talk more, or the person may repent and believe!

Remember that no one comes to the Son unless the Father draws Him. We aren’t alone in the work Jesus gave us to do. Jesus said He would always be with us. It’s the indwelling power and boldness of His Spirit that enables us to do this work. This is why focused prayer must precede any effort to turn everyday conversations into gospel conversations. Commit to praying for people you know who are irreligious or far from God in your life and depend on God to use you to make His appeal to them. You never know when He will call you to turn a conversation into a gospel conversation!

Adapted from Turning Everyday Conversations into Gospel Conversations, by Jimmy Scroggins

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

May 22, 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)

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

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/.

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...

May 15
Life Groups: 508
10:00 Worship: 645
Hispanic Church: 100
Grace City Church (NY): 30

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund
Given May 15: \$37,524
Y-T-D Budget
Surplus (Deficit): \$9,734.18

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, May 122
Lev 7, Ps 7-8, Prv 22, 1 Thes 1
Monday, May 23:
Lev 8, Ps 9, Prv 23, 1 Thes 2
Tuesday, May 24:
Lev 9, Ps 10, Prv 24, 1 Thes 3
Wednesday, May 25:
Lev 10, Ps 11-12, Prv 25, 1 Thes 4
Thursday, May 26:
Lev 11-12, Ps 13-14, Prv 26, 1 Thes 5
Friday, May 27:
Lev 13, Ps 15-16, Prv 27, 2 Thes 1
Saturday, May 28:
Lev 14, Ps 17, Prv 28, 2 Thes 2

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
Patrick Lima.....Worship
Tommy Perry.....Community

STAFF ON CALL

Sunday, May 22:
Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765
Saturday, May 28:
Charles Uptain | 334-797-7191
Sunday, May 29:
Charles Uptain | 334-797-7191

SERMON SCHEDULE

Wednesday, May 25 | 6pm
Genesis: The Fates of the 12 Tribes
Genesis 49:1-27
Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, May 29 | 10:00am
Acts: The Amazing Salvation of Saul
Acts 9:1-31
Message by Tommy Perry

Wednesday, June 1 | 6pm
Genesis: The Death of Jacob
Genesis 49:28-50:14
Message by Dan Tankersley

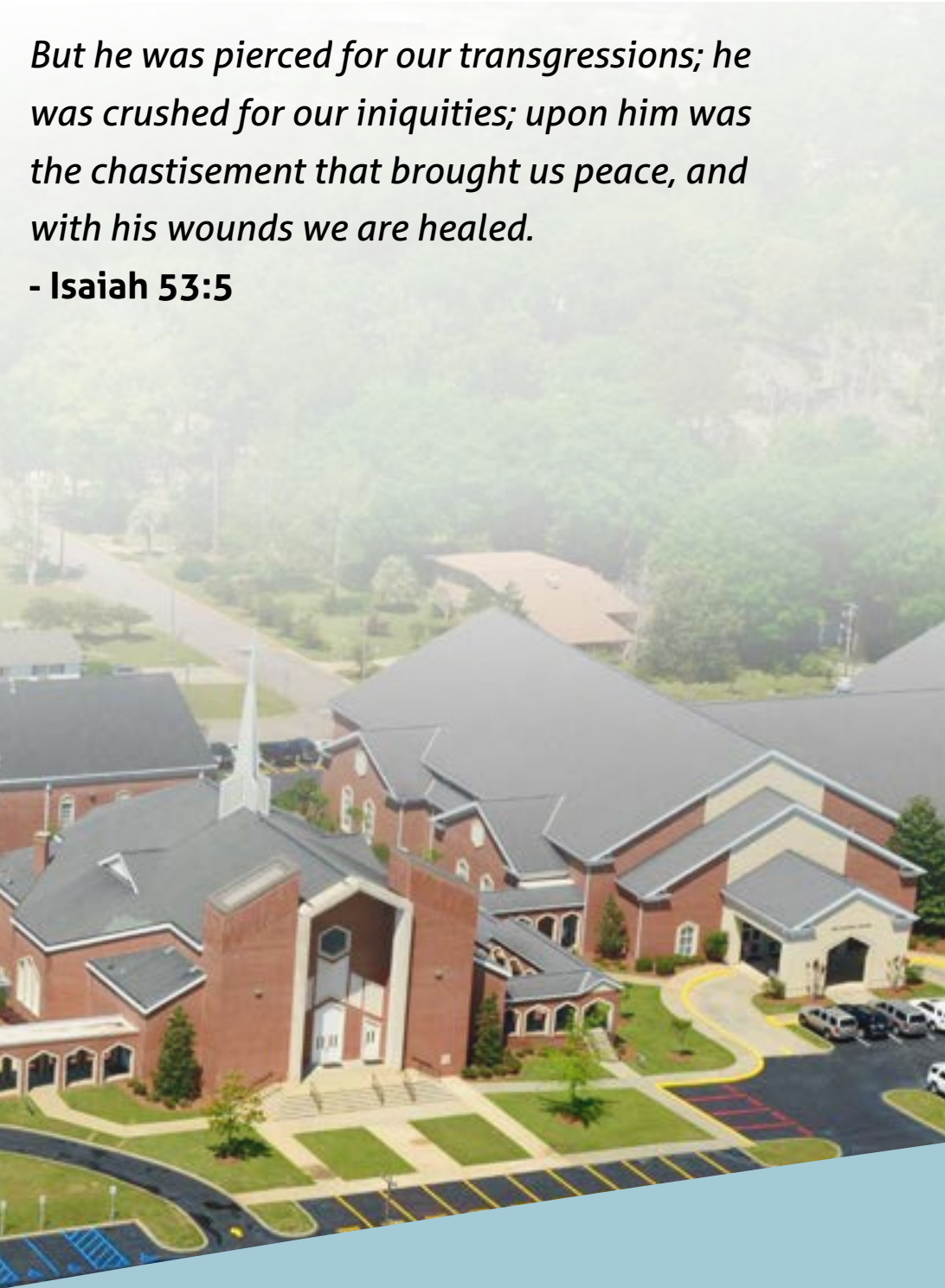
Sunday, June 5 | 10:00am
Acts: Our Impartial God and Our Universal Gospel
Acts 9:32-10:43
Message by Zach Daniels

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.

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

- Isaiah 53:5



WELCOME TO
Calvary
BAPTIST CHURCH