

Jesus: God’s Final Word

Healthy Churches/Healthy Leaders

Hebrews 13:7-14

Some Imperatives for Christians in their Local Church:

_____ to the primary focus of pastoral ministry – _____

I can do this best by ...

_____, and if worthy, _____ the life modeled before you.

Is there consistency? Authenticity?

1 Timothy 4:16

_____ all that is taught, not by how it makes you _____, but whether it is _____.

To do this, you’ll need ...

Two huge questions as you listen/respond/obey:

- 1) *Do they _____?*
- 2) *Do they inspire/encourage/motivate you to live for _____?*

_____/_____ to those in authority over you.

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Hebrews 13:17

Authority v. Authoritarianism

At some level, we all long for and need _____ ...

Pastors/church leaders can be guilty of manipulating that legitimate need via _____ ...

At Calvary, proper (biblical/ecclesial) authority is _____ by a _____ of elders.

The rightful authority wielded by the elders is the authority of _____, not the authority of the office or individual. (v. 7)

Theirs’ is authority of _____, not _____...

The final *exercise* of authority is _____.

The ruler of the church is _____.

*Dr. Paul Thompson
Calvary Baptist Church
December 12, 2021*

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions

Calvary’s Goal: \$150,000

100% of your gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering provides missionaries the services they need to live among the unreached peoples they serve. Your generosity sends and sustains missionaries, takes the gospel to the unreached, trains nationals to multiply disciples, meets tangible needs, and transforms lives around the world.

Community Ministry Opportunity

Calvary has been given another opportunity to invest and serve the students and faculty at Girard Intermediate by reading to individual 3rd and 4th grade classes. As ambassadors of Christ, this simple act of service and investment can make a significant difference in the lives of these students.

The following comprises the grade, days, and time slots for each week:

3rd Grade - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday - 10:20-10:50am

4th Grade - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday - 12:15-12:45pm

If you are interested in helping or would like more information, contact tommy@calvarydothan.com or call the church office.

SABA Night of Worship with Dr. Ed Litton

Monday, December 13 | 6:30pm | First Baptist Church Dothan

Dr. Litton serves as the lead pastor of Redemption Church in Mobile and is the president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Christmas at Calvary

Family Fun Night | Wednesday, December 15 | 6-7pm | Fellowship Center

Create Christmas memories together with your family. There will be crafts, games and activities for all ages.

Senior Adult Midmonth Worship | Thursday, December 16 | 11am | Sanctuary

Lunch in the Fellowship Center will immediately follow the service.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service | Friday, December 24 | 5pm | Fellowship Center

2021 Contributions

Contributions for 2021 must be turned in to the Sunday offering by December 26, postmarked by December 31, or brought to the church office by Friday, December 24. The church office will be closed December 27-31.

Deacons Workshop

January 7-8, 2022 | First Baptist Church

How They Serve and Strengthen the Church led by Matt Sethurst

Friday - 6-9pm

Saturday - 8-110am

All of Calvary’s deacons are encouraged to attend the Deacons Workshop. Call the church office or email caren@calvarydothan.com, if you plan to attend. The deadline to register is Monday, January 3.

Knowing God’s Word - Proclaim Truth Experience

Two Day Women’s Conference

January 28 & 29 | Fellowship Center

Experience the Proclaim Truth teaching with featured speakers (video) Jen Wilkin, Courtney Reissig, Whitney Capps, and Jackie Hill Perry. As a participant, you will.

- become more familiar with the whole story of scripture,
- be encouraged to know and pursue God more deeply,
- seek to share truth with others and deepen community among other believers.

Cost is \$35 and includes a canvas tote bag, participant workbook, dinner Friday night and lunch Saturday. Go to calvarydothan.com/proclaim-truth-womens-conference/ to register online or for more information.

For 176 years, Southern Baptists have sent missionaries to proclaim the gospel of hope among the nations through the International Mission Board. We get to be a part of the most important work in the entire universe. Through IMB, Southern Baptists have work in nearly every country of the world, and prioritize getting the gospel to those who have yet to hear.

Here are some facts you should know:

- 91% of our IMB missionary teams are engaging the unreached and the overwhelming majority of IMB financial resources are spent among the unreached.
- In 2020, in the midst of a global pandemic, IMB personnel reported more than 144,000 people coming to faith in Jesus Christ and more than 18,000 new churches planted.
- More lost people are alive today than at any time in human history. More lost people will die today and enter hell than on any day in human history.
- Of the 11,946 people groups that have been numbered around the world, 7,317 remain unreached. And 3,179 of the world’s people groups remain unengaged with the gospel.

So, what is our only right response?

Consider Romans 10:14: “And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?”

That’s what the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is all about. It’s about churches like ours partnering for the sake of the Gospel and the needs of the lost all over this world. It’s about funding a dedicated and well-trained army of called-out missionaries who are advancing the kingdom of God against the kingdom of darkness. And we want to do all we can to support them.

Romans 10:15 tells us: “And how are they to preach unless they are sent? “As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”

The prayers and financial partnership of Southern Baptists like us make possible the work on the front lines of lostness, getting the gospel to the unreached and the unengaged. And the needs and the urgency have never been greater. Unfortunately, between the years 2008-2018, Southern Baptists cut our frontline missionary force by 40%. It’s time to do something about that. We need more workers in the field and we need more money to support them.

Will you be part of the solution?

Calvary’s Lottie Moon Offering Goal this year is \$150,000.00.

We can all play a part. Together, we can do more.

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

December 12, 2021

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.

December 12, 2021



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...

December 5

Life Groups: 472
10:00 Worship: 615
Hispanic Church: 122
Grace City Church (NY): 30

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given December 5: \$47,786
Jan.-Oct. Budget
Surplus (Deficit): (\$74,938.66)

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, December 12:

2 Kgs 14, 2 Tim 4, Hos 7, Ps 120-122

Monday, December 13:

2 Kgs 15, Ti 1, Hos 8, Ps 123-125

Tuesday, December 14:

2 Kgs 16, Ti 2, Hos 9, Ps 126-128

Wednesday, December 15:

2 Kgs 17, Ti 3, Hos 10, Ps 129-131

Thursday, December 16:

2 Kgs 18, Phlm 1, Hos 11, Ps 132-134

Friday, December 17:

2 Kgs 19, Heb 1, Hos 12, Ps 135-136

Saturday, December 18:

2 Kgs 20, Heb 2, Hos 13, Ps 137-138

Midweek Schedule

5:30pm 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

Church Office Holiday Schedule

The church office will be open December 24 and closed December 27-31.

Ministry Staff

Paul Thompson.....Senior Pastor
Charles Uptain.....Executive Pastor
Dan Tankersley.....Discipleship
Tommy Perry.....Community
Joyce Alexander.....Preschool
Zach Daniels.....Children
Reagan Farris.....Students
Randy Hunt.....Senior Adults

STAFF ON CALL

Sunday, December 12:

Reagan Farris | 504-319-6986

Saturday, December 18:

Joyce Alexander | 334-798-4791

Sunday, December 19:

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SERMON SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 15 | 6:00pm

Family Fun Night
Fellowship Center

Sunday, December 19 | 10:00am

Jesus: God's Final Word

Keep Going!

Hebrews 13:15-25

Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday, December 22 | 6:00pm

No Midweek Activities

Sunday, December 26 | 10:00am

Jesus: Full of Grace and Truth

John 1:14-18

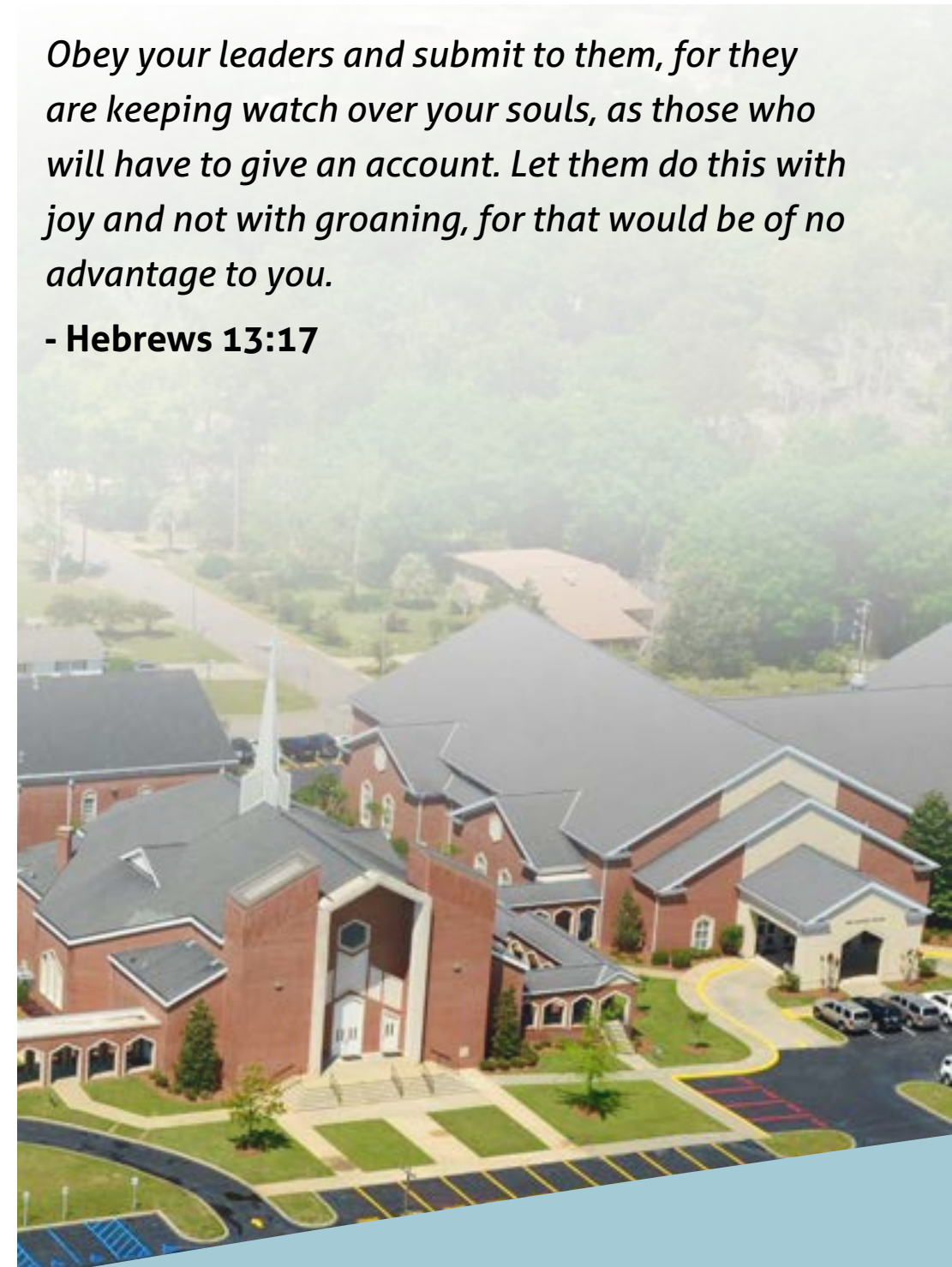
Message by Dan Tankersley

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.

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Calvary
BAPTIST CHURCH