

5 Habits of an Everyday Missionary

Habit #2: Growing

²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Hebrews 10:24-25

The Missional Value that drives this habit: _____.

How is this practiced and protected?

Why we gather – some lessons from **1 Thessalonians 1, 2:13-3:10**

We gather because the church is a God-established _____ community. (Ch. 1)

Whose bond and hope is _____ together

Who live as _____ together

Who exhibit the _____ together

Who _____ together

Who _____ together

Who proclaim the _____ together

Who await _____ together

We gather because _____ flourishes in community. (2:13-14)

Genuine transformation isn't merely about the delivery and receipt of _____, but requires the sharing of _____ watched, heard, and followed.

We are called to do more than _____. We are called to _____.

We gather because we are appointed to face _____ in this world but find _____ and _____ in community. (2:14-16, 3:1-5)

We gather because God made us for _____ relationships in community. (2:17-20)

We gather because we _____ in the _____ best in community. (3:6-10)

"The Bible assumes that all Christians love one another deeply and sacrificially. It assumes that all Christians assemble regularly with one another. It assumes that all Christians encourage one another to fight for faith. It assumes that all Christians guard one another—through difficult conversations and sometimes through church discipline."

- Jamie Dunlop, *The Compelling Community* (pp. 57-58).

My Missional Challenge this week:

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹² and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³ so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

1 Thessalonians 3:11-13

Dr. Paul Thompson
Calvary Baptist Church
January 9, 2022

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.

Second Sunday Night Prayer Service

January 9 | 6pm | Fellowship Center

Make plans to join us tonight in the Fellowship Center as we pray for our church. We believe that God has called us to be a family of everyday missionaries who make disciples. One of the many lessons we will learn in our study of acts is that we absolutely cannot accomplish this mission without prayer. In tonight's Second Sunday Prayer Gathering, we will focus on the behaviors and habits of everyday missionaries, and the effect those habits will have in our church and community. We hope to see you at 6!

Senior Adult Mid-Month Service & Lunch

Thursday, January 20 | 11am | Sanctuary

David Glover will be preaching the worship service. Lunch will be served in the Fellowship Center immediately following worship.

Dinner with the Pastor

Monday, January 24 | 6:15pm | Parlor

Membership Matters

Wednesday, February 2 | 5:45pm | Parlor

If you are considering membership at Calvary, please join us for Dinner with the Pastor and the Membership Matters class. Contact angie@calvarydothan or call the church office to RSVP for the dinner and childcare. Childcare will be provided for 6-week-olds through 5th grade.

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.

Women's Bible Study

God of Deliverance: A Study of Exodus 1-18 by Jen Wilkin

Sundays beginning February 6 | 4:30pm | Kids Worship Room

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.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions

Calvary's Goal: \$150,000

2021 Total: \$130,217

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.

One of my goals for the New Year, and one of my challenges for you is to read more and read better. As you commit to more and better reading, let me encourage you to read things genuinely worth your time. And a lot of what is really worth digging into is very old. I think we have a tendency to think that new is always better, but that certainly is not true when it comes to doctrine, theology and healthy Christian living. Today, as we consider the second habit of being an everyday missionary, I want to challenge you on the choices and behaviors that lead to **personal spiritual growth**. To help me, I'm tapping into the words of an old Puritan, Wilhelmus a' Brakel who wrote in 1700:

"God has assigned to each creature his station and measure of perfection, having created in each creature the inclination to be in that station and to strive for perfection. Heavy objects have a downward inclination, whereas fire is inclined to go upward, and the sparks of fire rise upward to float away. A fish seeks out the water, a bird chooses the air, and other animals seek out dry ground. As soon as a seed germinates, the plant will not rest until it has attained its proper height and size. As soon as a living creature is born, it will seek for food in order that he might grow. This is also true for spiritual life. As soon as a believer has been regenerated, he will be dissatisfied with the feeble measure of grace he possesses, and will at once be desirous to grow—yes, would desire to be perfect at once. This is so typical for a believer, that whoever does not have this smarting desire is no true believer."

Brakel goes on to describe **spiritual growth as being natural** for every true believer.

"First, God promises that he will cause his regenerated children to grow. God's promises are in truth, and He who has declared them will also perform them."

"Secondly, it is the very nature of spiritual life to grow. As natural as it is for children and trees to grow, so natural is growth for the regenerated children of God."

"Thirdly, the growth of his children is the goal and objective God has in view by ministering the means of grace to them." In today's message we will discuss the means of ordinary grace that God employs in our lives for our growth.

"Fourthly, it is a duty which God's children are continually exhorted, and their activity is to consist in the striving for growth." We will learn from the Scriptures that growth is a choice because growth is a command. As we follow that command, we develop certain behaviors that become habits which lead to growth.

"Fifthly, this is also conveyed by the difference in believers in regard to their condition and the measure of grace." Brakel rightly notes that there are levels of maturity in the church... Babies. Young men. Spiritual 'fathers'. He knows the spiritual growth then. Is in our new spiritual nature. Those who don't manifest growth are not really believers.

In today's message, we'll learn about some choices and behaviors that lead to growth. I'll offer some practical, useful tools that we can put to work that – if they become habit – will bless us, those around us, and enable us to accomplish the mission God has given us!

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

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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)

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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...

December 26

Life Groups: 244
10:00 Worship: 300
Hispanic Church: 91
Grace City Church (NY): 30
Christmas Eve Worship: 750

January 2

Life Groups: 356
10:00 Worship: 495
Hispanic Church: 97
Grace City Church (NY): 30

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given December 26: \$59,526
Jan.-Nov. Budget
Surplus (Deficit): (\$47,022.15)

Given January 2: \$75,285

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
Given to Date: \$130,217

STAFF ON CALL

Sunday, January 9:

Reagan Farris | 504-319-6986

Saturday, January 15:

Joyce Alexander | 334-798-4791

Sunday, January 16:

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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

Ministry Staff

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

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, January 9:

1 Chr 17, Jas 4, Jon 1, Lk 6

Monday, January 10:

1 Chr 18, Jas 5, Jon 2, Lk 7

Tuesday, January 11:

1 Chr 19-20, 1 Pt 1, Jon 3, Lk 8

Wednesday, January 12:

1 Chr 21, 1 Pt 2, Jon 4, Lk 9

Thursday, January 13:

1 Chr 22, 1 Pt 3, Mi 1, Lk 10

Friday, January 14:

1 Chr 23, 1 Pt 4, Mi 2, Lk 11

Saturday, January 15:

1 Chr 24, 1 Pt 5, Mi 3, Lk 12

SERMON SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 16 | 10:00am

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Habit 3: Giving

Hebrews 13:16; 1 Thes 2:1-8

Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday, January 19

Genesis: Where Grace Began

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, January 23 | 10:00am

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Habit 4: Engaging

Colossians 4:2-6

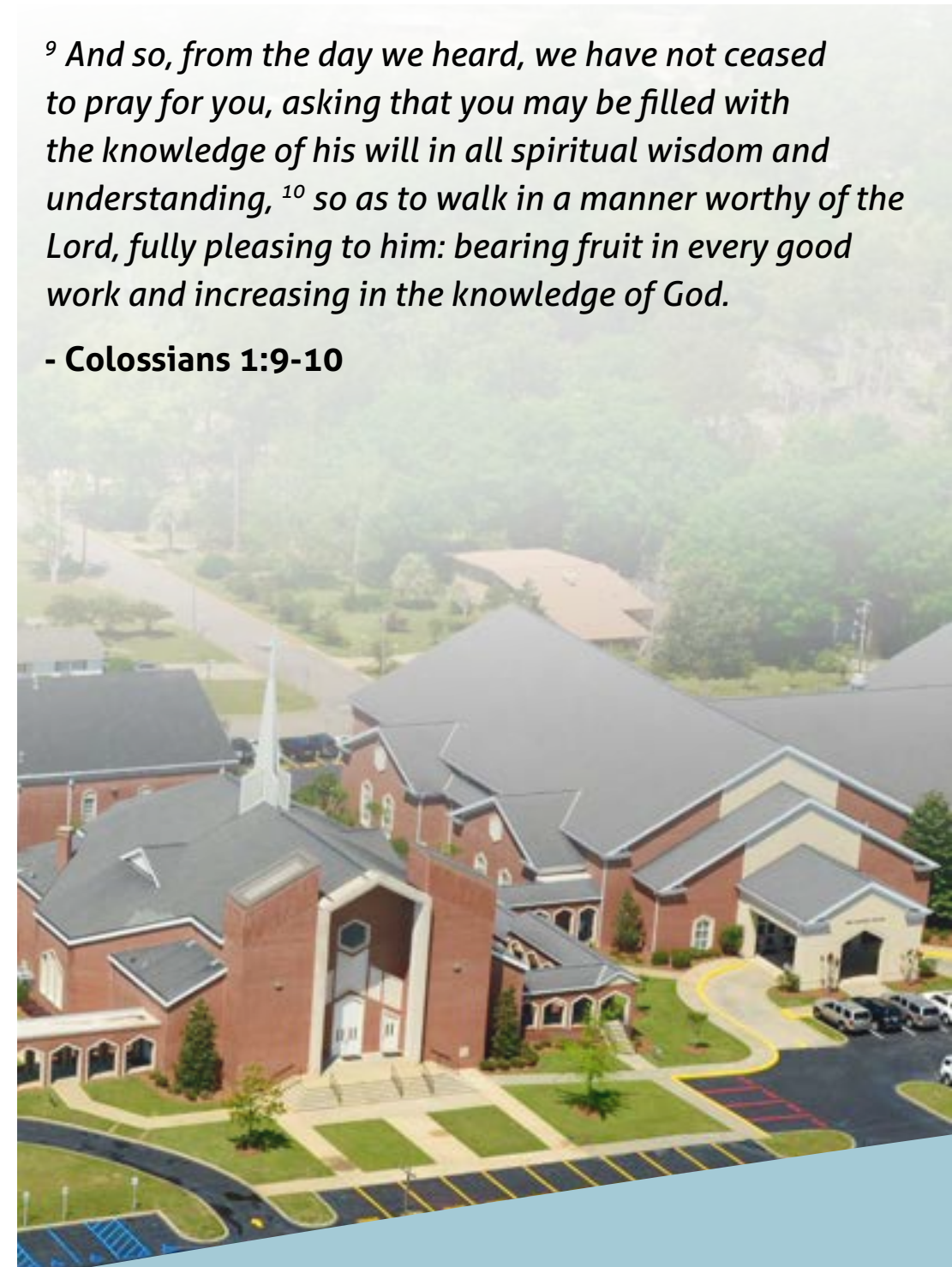
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Sunday Morning Schedule

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.

⁹ And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.

- Colossians 1:9-10



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