

ACTS

What to Make of the Miracles?

Acts 5:12-16

¹² Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon’s Portico. ¹³ None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. ¹⁴ And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵ so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. ¹⁶ The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

Acts 5:12-16

The What and Why of Miracles:

The focal point in Acts is clearly on accomplishing the _____ of the church (Acts 1:8).

One of our grave misunderstandings is that we separate the Gospel _____ and the _____ of people from the _____/_____. All are miraculous!

A miracle is ...

“a work wrought by a divine power for a divine purpose by means beyond the reach of man.” (Herbert Lockyer)

“an interference with nature by supernatural power.” (C.S. Lewis)

“an event in the external world that is wrought by the immediate power of God.” (J.G. Machen)

“an observed event that triggers awareness of God’s presence and power.” (J.I. Packer)

God’s primary purpose for the miracles he worked through men was ...

“to authenticate his messengers as bearing a true revelation from God.” (John MacArthur)

“to give evidence that God is truly at work and serve the advance of the gospel.” (Wayne Grudem)

“to help bring people to Christ” (John Piper)

Compare the purpose of Jesus’ miracles (Acts 2:22) with the purpose of the Apostles’ miracles (2 Corinthians 12:12; Hebrews 2:3-4) ...

Note the results of the signs and wonders: *“more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women ...” (v. 14)*

We must avoid two extremes today ...

Seeing _____ as a miracle

Seeing _____ as a miracle

Some important conclusions for us:

The era of miracle-working *Apostles* is apparently _____, but *God* _____ and still _____ the miraculous. And that miraculous work is His response to_____.

_____ according to Acts 4:30 is still _____ and still _____ ...

That signs and wonders _____ the Gospel message and messenger,

That they _____ hurting people,

That _____ to Gospel ministry are removed as a result

And that _____ is glorified in Christ!

Dr. Paul Thompson
Calvary Baptist Church
April 10, 2022

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions

Calvary’s Goal: \$40,000

100% of your gifts to this offering work to help more than 2,200 missionaries across North America bring the gospel to the estimated 275 million living without Christ.

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.

Second Sunday Night Prayer Service

Sunday, April 10 | 6pm

Join with staff and elders as we pray for our upcoming Easter service, that the gospel will be heard and souls will respond.

Good Friday Service

Friday, April 15 | 12:00 noon | Sanctuary

Join us for a service of worship and communion. There will be limited childcare available by a reservation. Email joyce@calvarydothan.com to make a reservation.

Dinner with the Pastor

Tuesday, April 26 | 6:15pm | Parlor

Membership Matters

Wednesday, May 4 | 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.com or call the church office to RSVP for the dinner and childcare. Childcare will be provided for 6-week-olds through 5th grade.

Spaghetti Night Fundraiser for Student Ministry

Thursday, April 28 | \$8/plate | Drive-Thru pickup

Help our students raise money for camp this Summer! Tickets will be on sale starting April 10.

Cake + Dessert Auction | May 22

Join us after worship on May 22 in the ROC for an auction to raise funds for Student camp this summer. If you would like to donate a homemade cake or dessert, please call the church office or email brooke@calvarydothan.com.

Joy Prom

Sunday, May 1 | 5-7pm | Fellowship Center

Joy Prom is a full-scaled prom designed for people ages 13 and older with developmental or physical impairments. Register online at calvarydothan.com.

Parent-Child Commitment Service

Sunday, May 8 | 10:00 am Worship

Email joyce@calvarydothan.com if you would like to be a part of this special commitment time with your child. There is a parent-child commitment meeting on Wednesday, April 27, at 6pm in the office building conference room.

Vacation Bible School Volunteer Registration

Mark your calendars for June 13-17! Last year we had a record-breaking number of volunteers who served at VBS – let’s keep up that trend for this Summer! Adults and students can sign up to volunteer online or by visiting the VBS kiosk in the foyer today. Deadline for online volunteer registration is May 8.

A Primer for Easter

As you probably already know, Easter is typically the highest attended Sunday of the year. More people will attend Easter services at churches all over America than will attend on Christmas or Mother’s Day. But, while more people do attend on this Sunday than any other, fewer are attending than ever before. According to a recent Lifeway study, 41% of Americans said they planned to attend, 39% said they are not planning to attend, and 20% said they were undecided. That information leads to the following suggestions on how to make this our best Easter possible as a church and how we can maximize our opportunities:

1) Do everything you can do to **make it to church on Easter Sunday**. No Christian should ever tire of hearing the Gospel or celebrating the Resurrection! And your presence here is a testimony. Don’t let a bright, sunny Spring day (or a cold, damp one) keep you from worshipping and celebrating! Let’s fill the room with enthusiastic worshippers giving a powerful testimony of our love for God!

2) **Invite someone** to come to church with you on Easter. Offer to pick them up, meet them at the door, or take them to lunch after. At least 20% of the people out there are still undecided. Let’s urge them to say “yes”. Use phone calls, emails, texts, Facebook, Twitter, etc. Knock on some neighbors’ doors while you’re at it. The benefits are eternal!

3) If you are a church member, **consider yourself a host/hostess** on this most important day. The responsibility of hospitality and friendliness is a not a ‘job’ meted out to the greeters, ushers, and staff. It is the calling of us all. Be very intentional about speaking to anyone you don’t know. Treat everyone like a special, invited guest.

4) **Pray** for me, the message, and all the people who will be hearing it on this day. Pray for clarity, conciseness, and supernatural power in the teaching. Pray that God will draw people to himself and that people will not resist, but respond to the Gospel. Pray also that God will speak to you.

5) **Begin thinking about what comes after Easter**. Far too often, churches experience a letdown after this big day. Let’s do all we can to prevent that! Let Easter be for us a launching point towards what God is going to do next in our church.

He is Risen!

Pastor Paul

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

April 10, 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

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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...

April 3

Life Groups: 542
10:00 Worship: 655
Hispanic Church: 114
Grace City Church (NY): 30

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given April 3: \$57,615
Y-T-D Budget
Surplus (Deficit): \$17,036.65
Annie Armstrong: \$26,199

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, April 17:

Ex 4, Lk 7, Jb 21, 1 Cor 8

Monday, April 18:

Ex 5, Lk 8, Jb 22, 1 Cor 9

Tuesday, April 19:

Ex 6, Lk 9, Jb 23, 1 Cor 10

Wednesday, April 20:

Ex 7, Lk 10, Jb 24, 1 Cor 11

Thursday, April 21:

Ex 8, Lk 11, Jb 25-26, 1 Cor 12

Friday, April 22:

Ex 9, Lk 12, Jb 27, 1 Cor 13

Saturday, April 23:

Ex 10, Lk 13, Jb 28, 1 Cor 14

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, April 10:

Reagan Farris | 504-319-6986

Saturday, April 16:

Joyce Alexander | 334-798-4791

Sunday, April 17:

Joyce Alexander | 334-798-4791

SERMON SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 13 | 6pm

Genesis: Where Grace Began

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, April 17 | 10:00am

From Death to Life

Ephesians 2:1-10

Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday, April 20 | 6pm

Genesis: Where Grace Began

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, April 24 | 10:00am

Acts: How Can I Know What's from God and What's not?

Acts 5:17-42

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday Morning Schedule

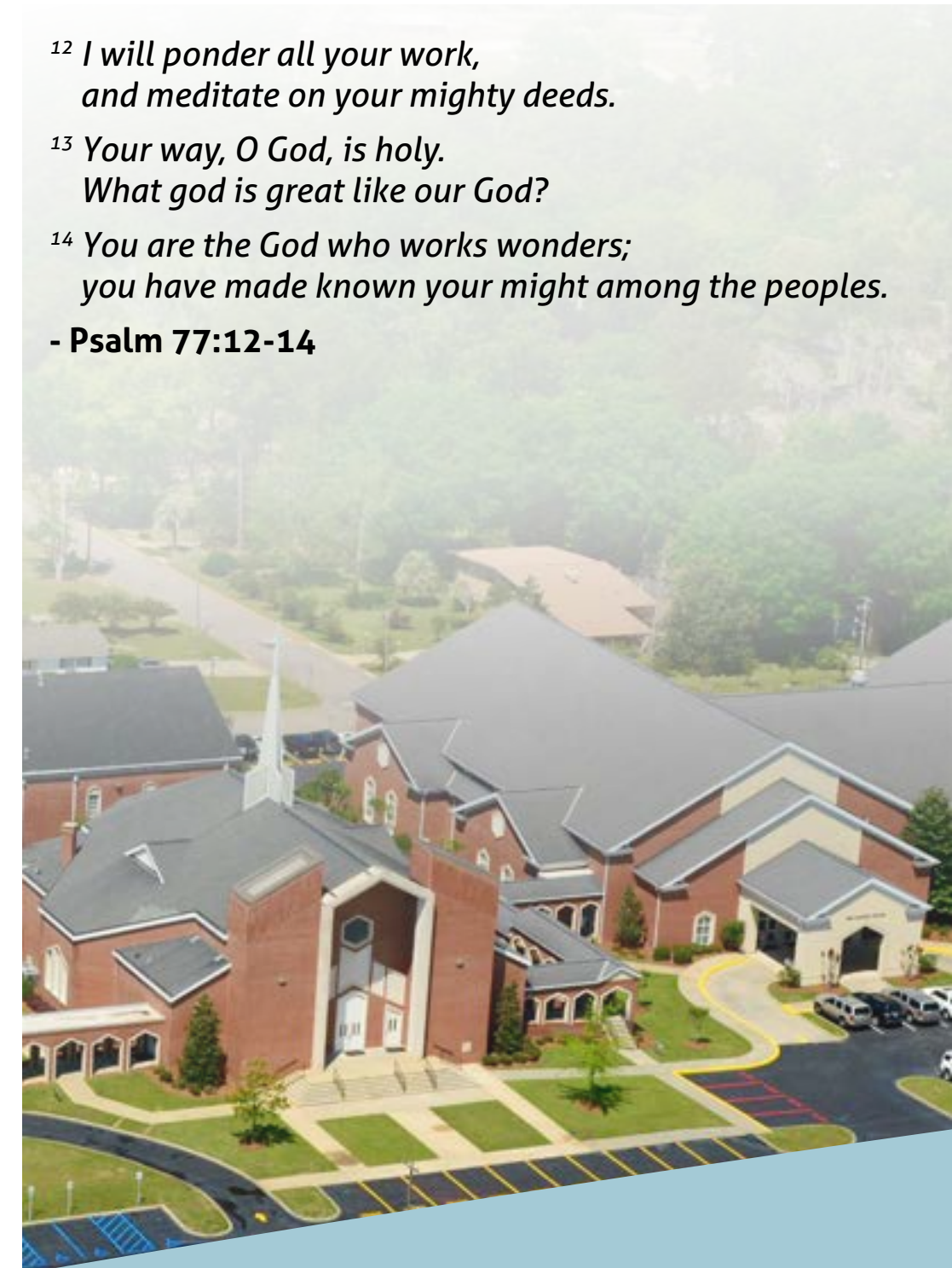
8:00am Call to Prayer, Sanctuary
8:30am Life Group
10:00am Worship, Fellowship Center
Kid's Worship, Grades 1-5, Chapel (except 1st Sunday)
11:00am Worship Broadcast on JoyFM 94.3/96.1 with a 1 wk delay.

¹² I will ponder all your work, and meditate on your mighty deeds.

¹³ Your way, O God, is holy. What god is great like our God?

¹⁴ You are the God who works wonders; you have made known your might among the peoples.

- Psalm 77:12-14



WELCOME TO
Calvary
BAPTIST CHURCH