

# ACTS

## The Unstoppable Church

Acts 12

### “About that time ...” v. 1-5

The Church is flourishing! Consider the miraculous conversions: 3,000 on Pentecost, the Samaritans, the Ethiopian eunuch, Saul of Tarsus, Cornelius, and now the Gentile city of Antioch ...

And then a major setback – James, the brother of John is killed by Herod Agrippa and Peter, the leader of the church was surely soon to follow ...

*Some thoughts on persecution:*

*Persecution is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ when and where the Gospel is advancing.*

*The level of persecution the church faces is directly related to the \_\_\_\_\_ of its mission field.*

*God is sovereign and makes persecution serve the \_\_\_\_\_.*

*Persecution has never stopped the Church.*

But now the church appears to be \_\_\_\_\_. They have no political influence. They have no social standing. They have no armed might. They have no advocates.

What they have is a Heavenly Father who hears their \_\_\_\_\_!

*v.5 So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.*

*Persecution and pain can push us to \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.*

*Some thoughts on “earnest” prayer:*

*Earnest prayer is impervious to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.*

*Earnest prayer is not \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.*

*Earnest prayer is \_\_\_\_\_ prayer.*

### The deliverance of Peter – v. 6-19

The church wasn’t \_\_\_\_\_ but they were \_\_\_\_\_.

Peter wasn’t \_\_\_\_\_. In fact, he was \_\_\_\_\_!

Only \_\_\_\_\_ could have accomplished this!

Irony – they \_\_\_\_\_ for this to happen but were \_\_\_\_\_ when it did!

### The futility of fighting God – v. 20-25

*23 Immediately an angel of the Lord struck him down, because he did not give God the glory, and he was eaten by worms and breathed his last.*

*24 But the word of God increased and multiplied.*

### A few lessons for us today:

We’ll always be dependent on \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

We’ll never be dependent on \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

The success of the mission is because of God’s \_\_\_\_\_ and His \_\_\_\_\_.

If we’re doing this right, we too will be \_\_\_\_\_. And that’s ok.

God – and His Church – will not be \_\_\_\_\_. Victory is assured!

My response today:

*Dr. Paul Thompson  
Calvary Baptist Church  
June 26, 2022*

### The Alternative: Creation’s Competitive Edge

**Wednesday, June 29 | 6pm | Fellowship Center**

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.

### Homemade Ice Cream Fellowship

**Wednesday, June 29 | Fellowship Center**

Please bring your favorite homemade ice cream for a fellowship immediately following Dr. Robert Carter’s presentation.

### Vermont Mission Trip

**October 17-24, 2022 | Cost: Approximately \$900**

If you are interested in going, please contact Roger Simpler, 701-6668 or Angie Tice, 792-5159.

### Calvary Preschool and Kindergarten is Hiring

Calvary’s K3 through Kindergarten program is looking for teachers for the 2022-23 school year. Applicants must be dependable, enjoy working with children, and have a CDA, a degree in Early Childhood Education, or currently working towards one of these. For more info, or to apply, contact Jaci Coleson at [jaci@calvarydothan.com](mailto:jaci@calvarydothan.com).

### Calvary Kids Summer Events

July 26 | Pool Party | Home of David & Deana Carroll

July 26 | 8am-7pm | Children and Family Trip to Shipwreck Island

### Student Ministry Summer Events

June 26 | Guys Steak Night | 6pm | Home of Carson Tew

June 26-27 | Girls Slumber Party | 5pm-12pm | Student Room

July 2 | Fireworks @ the Fairgrounds | 9pm | Meet at the Fairgrounds

July 13 | Day at the Zoo | 8am | Emerald Coast Zoo in Crestview, FL

July 24 | Drive-in Movie Night

July 27 | Pass the Torch | 6pm | Student Room

July 30 | Canoe Trip

### Summer Midweek Schedule

**June 29** | 6pm | The Alternative: Creation’s Competitive Edge for Students and Adults | Fellowship Center followed by Ice Cream Fellowship

Preschool Little Artist Night | The Clubhouse

Calvary Kids Creation Night | ROC

**No Midweek Meal June 1-August 3**

**No Midweek Service July 6-August 3**

LORD OF HEAVEN,

Thy goodness is inexpressible and inconceivable.

In the works of creation thou art almighty,

In the dispensations of providence all-wise,

In the gospel of grace all love,

And in thy Son thou hast provided for

our deliverance from the effects of sin,

the justification of our persons,

the sanctification of our natures,

the perseverance of our souls in the path of life.

Though exposed to the terrors of thy law,  
we have a refuge from the storm;

Though compelled to cry, ‘Unclean’,  
we have a fountain for sin;

Though creature-cells of emptiness  
we have a fullness accessible to all,  
and incapable of reduction.

Grant us always to know that to walk with Jesus  
makes other interests a shadow and a dream.

Keep us from intermittent attention  
to eternal things;

Save us from the delusion of those  
who fail to go far in religion,

who are concerned but not converted,

who have another heart but not a new one,

who have light, zeal, confidence, but not Christ.

Let us judge our Christianity,

not only by our dependence upon Jesus,

but by our love to him,

our conformity to him,

our knowledge of him.

Give us a religion that is both real

and progressive,

that holds on its way and grows stronger,

that lives and works in the Spirit,

that profits by every correction,

and is injured by no carnal indulgence.

***Valley of Vision, “True Christianity”***

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### Sunday, July 3 Worship Schedule

Life Groups will **NOT** meet.

10:00 am worship only

in the Sanctuary.

### 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

June 26, 2022

Please complete this tab, tear it off and drop it in an offering plate, or in the boxes by the exits.

- Please update my information
- Please contact me about membership

### I am a:

- First Time Guest
- Attender
- 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

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

June 26, 2022



### 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/](http://calvarydothan.com/become-a-christian/).

If you would like to view a pdf of today's sermon notes, go to [calvarydothan.com/podcast](http://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...

June 19

Life Groups: 431  
10:00 Worship: 603  
Hispanic Church: 105  
Grace City Church (NY): 30

### THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given June 19: \$46,367.58  
Y-T-D Budget  
Surplus (Deficit): \$34,765.07

### DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, June 26

Num 17-18, Ps 55, Is 7, Jas 1

Monday, June 27:

Num 19, Ps 56-57, Is 8:1-9:7, Jas 2

Tuesday, June 28:

Num 20, Ps 58-59, Is 9:8-10:4, Jas 3

Wednesday, June 29:

Num 21, Ps 60-61, Is 10:5-34, Jas 4

Thursday, June 30:

Num 22, Ps 62-63, Is 11-12, Jas 5

Friday, July 1:

Num 23, Ps 64-65, Is 13, 1 Pt 1

Saturday, July 2:

Num 24, Ps 66-67, Is 14, 1 Pt 2

### Midweek Schedule

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](http://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, June 26:

Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765

Saturday, July 2:

Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

Sunday, July 3:

Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

### SERMON SCHEDULE

Wednesday, June 29 | 6pm

*The Alternative: Creation's*

*Competitive Edge*

Dr. Robert Carter, Creation Ministry

Sunday, July 3 | 10am

*A Message to a 'Christian' Nation*

Jeremiah 2:1-13

Message by Paul Thompson

No Midweek Service July 6-August 3

Sunday, July 10 | 10am

*Acts: Paul's Great Sermon*

Acts 13

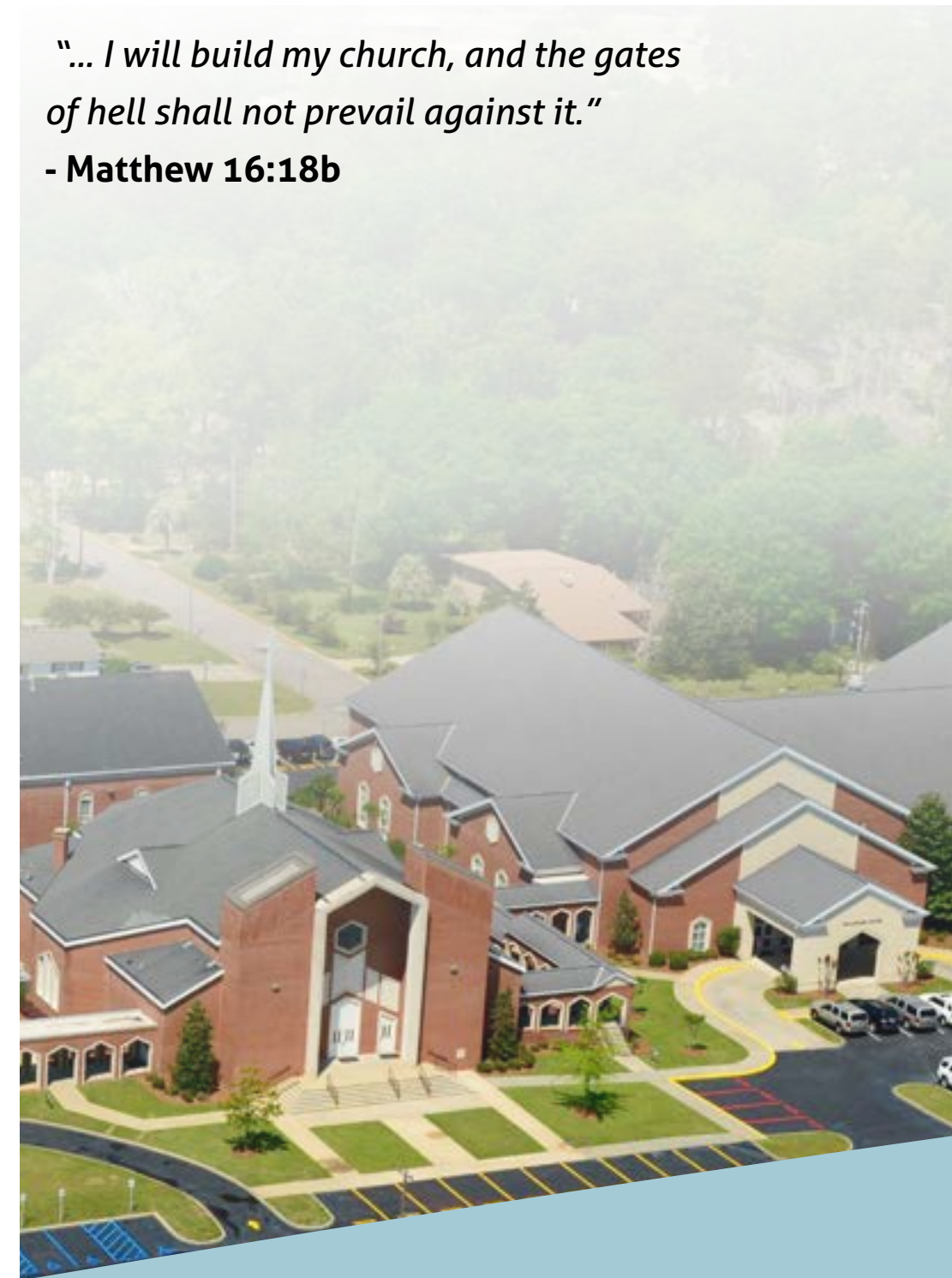
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### Sunday Morning Schedule

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.

"... I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

- Matthew 16:18b



WELCOME TO  
**Calvary**  
BAPTIST CHURCH