

The Heart of the Apostle

Acts 20:17-38

Paul’s love of the church (Acts 20:17-21)

Through the lens of a _____ - A proper perspective is necessary to serve the Lord. (v.19)

Being a servant of the Lord requires _____. (v. 19)

A servant of God _____ for the church and for the lost. (v.19)

A servant of the Lord will face _____ and _____. (v.19)

A servant of the Lord should boldly _____ the Gospel truth! (v.20) _____, and by extension his _____ is the _____ of all truth.

The crux of the Gospel: _____ and _____. (v.21)

Paul’s love of the Lord (Acts 20: 22-24)

_____ fall short when compared to the _____ of God. (v. 24)

The supreme value in _____ Jesus makes everything else look like _____.

Paul’s greatest love and desire was _____.

Paul lived to _____ the _____ that God gave him.

Paul knew that he was not _____.

Paul’s challenge to the church leaders (Acts 20:25-38)

Four admonitions to church leaders: (v. 28)

When Paul is speaking of guarding themselves he is speaking to _____. (v. 28)

Elders primary role in shepherding is to _____ the flock. In context to the church that would be _____, _____, and _____ the Word of God. (v. 28)

Shepherds are to _____ and _____ the flock from false teachers (v. 29-30)

Elders are to avoid _____ by protecting themselves from the love of money. (v. 33-35)

“For to me to live Christ, and to die is gain” (Phil. 1:21)

Have I fully committed to Jesus?

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.

Presentation of Elder Candidates

The council of elders are presenting three men to the congregation as elder candidates. Tyler Campbell, Jed Downs, and David Glover were nominated by the congregation in August, vetted in September by the council of elders, and now the church is asked to provide written, signed comments relating to these three men during the month of October. Email comments to charles@calvarydothan.com or drop them off in the church office.

SABA Fall Food Drive

Kickoff fall with a food drive for YOUR Ministry Center. This food drive for non-perishable foods will run through the entire month of October. Beginning Wednesday, September 28, drop boxes will be placed around campus. Thank you in advance for your generosity in serving our community.

Membership Matters Schedule

Meaningful Membership | Wednesday, October 5 | 5:45 pm | Parlor

If you are considering membership at Calvary, please join us for our next Meaningful Membership class. Call Angie in the church office or email angie@calvarydothan.com.

Fall Family Day

CornDodgers Farm | October 9 | 3pm | \$10 per person

Load up the family and let’s meet up at CornDodgers Farm for a fun-filled time of fellowship. Concessions will be open for you to purchase. Check out their webpage for all activities and food options, <https://corn Dodgers farm.com>.

Night of Prayer and Praise

October 16 | 6pm | Fellowship Center

Join us for a Night of Prayer and Praise. We will spend time in prayer and hear praise reports of answered prayer.

Student DNow Weekend

Stranded | November 11-13 | 6th-12th Grade

Cost to register is \$100 (additional students/siblings \$85 each). Register online at calvarydothan.com. The deadline is Sunday, October 30.

Student Summer Camp 2023

June 9-13 | 6th-12th Grade | Deadline for \$75 deposit: Jan 15

Mark your calendars! Online registration is open for camp next summer! Register soon to reserve a spot for your student.

October Missions Spotlight

Steve and Toni Chambers (Neighborhood Church UWS)

Steve and Toni moved to NYC in the Fall of 2017 with the intent of planting a church in the city. By God’s grace that became a reality and Neighborhood Church was born. Steve’s mission for the church is simple: Love God and Love Your Neighbor. If you would like to learn more about the ministry work of the Chambers’ in NYC, you can visit facebook.com/neighborhoodchurchuws or neighborhoodchurchuws.com.

Fostering Hope (Local Missions Partner)

The leadership of Fostering Hope has a desire to support, encourage, and assist foster families and children of the Wiregrass. Their mission: Fostering hope by sharing Christ’s love with foster families and children of the Wiregrass. If you would like to know more about the ministry work of Fostering Hope you can visit facebook.com/fosteringhopewiregrass or fosteringhopewiregrass.com.

The following are excerpts from a statement from the elders at Del Ray Baptist Church in Alexandria, VA. The elders at Calvary Baptist Church likewise are praying and laboring for meaningful membership among us as well. Consider the following and the implications for Calvary Baptist Church:

The New Testament pattern of church life is that believers come together on the first day of the week to worship and serve the Lord, and that they regularly sit together at the Lord’s Table to remember His death on their behalf (1 Corinthians 11; 1 Corinthians 16:2; Hebrews 10:24-26).

... Faithful church attendance does not earn salvation, nor does it act as a measure to rate spiritual greatness over and against other people. It does, however, reflect a growing commitment to the gospel, the good of the church community, and spiritual health.

We understand this commitment to mean that members will make every effort to be present to worship and serve on more Sundays than not. We also understand it to mean that members would encourage one another in this privilege, and that they should expect and welcome spiritual accountability as part of their membership commitment. We recognize, of course, that some members are unable to fulfill these responsibilities for unavoidable reasons, such as mandatory military service, education, or a prolonged illness. However, apart from those circumstances, we understand that any member who neglects regular attendance at our services and meetings is disregarding the Scripture and the requirements of membership ...

Faithful attendance honors Christ and builds up His church. Non-attendance moves in the other direction. It makes light of His name and harms His church in many ways and for many reasons:

1. Faithful attenders confirm the power of the gospel and support evangelism, whereas non-attenders make evangelism harder.

Jesus said, “By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:35). Jesus prayed for the unity of His disciples, “so that the world may believe” that the Father sent the Son into the world (John 17:21). For the world to see our love and unity, we must regularly gather together. Everyone who bears the name of Christ—as affirmed by a local church by calling them a “member”—yet who willingly chooses to live their lives apart from the covenanted community of believers is practicing identity theft. They’ve taken Christ’s name, but they don’t honestly identify with his body, the local church. Living unaccountable lives, they make evangelism harder for other Christians, because, often, they aren’t living like Christians.

2. Faithful attenders confirm Christ-centered lives for new believers, whereas non-attenders confuse them.

New believers need good models (Acts 18:24-26; 1 Corinthians 11:1; Titus 2:2-6). When the doctrine they’re taught doesn’t sync with the models they see in the absentees, they become confused. They’re led to believe one can be a “Christian” and yet have little or no connection to Christ’s body. Non-attenders are not only reverse witnesses (see the previous point), they’re reverse models. They disregard and disobey countless passages of Scripture and fail to image God’s character in the most basic ways, even though they claim to be his adopted children.

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

October 2, 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

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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.

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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...

September 25

Life Groups: 502
10:00 Worship: 598
Hispanic Church: 120
Grace City Church (NY): 30

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given September 25: \$83,411.74
Y-T-D Budget
Surplus (Deficit): (\$27,014.79)

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, October 2:

1 Sam 5-6, Rom 5, Jer 43, Ps 19

Monday, October 3:

1 Sam 7-8, Rom 6, Jer 44, Ps 20-21

Tuesday, October 4:

1 Sam 9, Rom 7, Jer 45-46, Ps 22

Wednesday, October 5:

1 Sam 10, Rom 8, Jer 47, Ps 23-24

Thursday, October 6:

1 Sam 11, Rom 9, Jer 48, Ps 25

Friday, October 7:

1 Sam 12, Rom 10, Jer 49, Ps 26-27

Saturday, October 8:

1 Sam 13, Rom 11, Jer 50, Ps 28-29

Midweek Schedule

6:00pm Midweek Worship, Sanctuary
Preschool, Birth-K5, Preschool Building
Children, Grades 1-5, Kids Worship Room
Students, Grades 6-12, Student Room
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

4 Ways to Give

- Give online by going to calvarydothan.com/give-online/.
- 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.....Missions

STAFF ON CALL

Sunday, October 2:

Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

Saturday, October 8:

Charles Uptain | 334-797-7191

Sunday, October 9:

Reagan Farris | 504-319-6986

SERMON SCHEDULE

Wednesday, October 5 | 6pm

Exodus 8: When Man Hardens His Heart
Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, October 9 | 10am

Acts: Love Worth Dying For
Acts 20:36-21:16
Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday, October 12 | 6pm

Exodus 9: Why God Allowed a Pharaoh
Message by Dan Tankersley

Sunday, October 16 | 10am

Acts: Law, Grace, and the Gospel
Acts 21:17-36
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.

But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

- Acts 20:24



WELCOME TO
Calvary
BAPTIST CHURCH