

A Life Leveraged for the Gospel

Acts 25

From Felix to Festus to Agrippa to Caesar:

Some backstory on the transition of leadership and the characters involved ...

Paul's 4th Defense:

The Jews had two years of pent-up frustration aimed at Paul.

But once again, their charges against Paul were baseless and unprovable.

Paul's defense was simple: "I have committed no offense whatsoever ..."

In weakness, and to curry favor with the Jews, Festus was unjustly willing to send him back to Jerusalem.

But Paul boldly appeals to Rome and to Caesar himself!

Paul trusted the Lord and was willing to do whatever He required of him at any personal cost!

The following night the Lord stood by him and said, "Take courage, for as you have testified to the facts about me in Jerusalem, so you must testify also in Rome." (Acts 23:11)

A thought on God's providence:

A thought on God's grace:

Agrippa Enters the Conversation:

Festus was in an awkward spot. Paul has appealed to Rome (as was his right as a citizen) and Festus would have to send him, but he had no real _____ Paul.

He calls upon Herod Agrippa (the Jewish vassal king) to consult with before Paul goes to Rome.

This will offer Paul an incredible _____. (Acts 26)

Several lessons for us today:

Never _____ – God has not forgotten you. Your days are in His hands.

Take _____ to have a _____ before God and man.

That means at least ...

Be _____ to give a reason for the _____ you have. You never know when that opportunity will come.

When _____ by man, make sure you can/will be _____ by God.

Find _____ and _____ in the _____ of God.

This is immeasurably practical theology ...

Next week: **Acts 26 – Not Ashamed of the Gospel!**

Sunday Morning Call to Prayer

Sundays | 8-8:15am | Parlor

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. Prayer time will meet in the Parlor while lights are being replaced in the Sanctuary.

Thanksgiving Communion Service

Join us Tuesday, November 22, at 6pm in the Fellowship Center for a service of thanksgiving and communion.

Breakfast in Bethlehem

Saturday, December 3 | 9:30-11:30am | Fellowship Center

A preschool family event for ages 3 (by 9/1/22) through Kindergarten. Register online at calvarydothan.com.

Want to help decorate for Christmas?

If you can help put up Christmas decorations at the church on Monday, November 21 and/or Tuesday, November 22, call Rebekah in the church office.

Presentation of Final List of Elder Candidates

The council of elders present Tyler Campbell, Jed Downs, and David Glover as elder candidates. The church will be asked to vote on each man at the end of the worship service on December 4 as required in the church bylaws.

Help Provide a Thanksgiving Meal for Fostering Hope Families

Calvary's Women's Ministry has agreed to provide side dishes to foster families through Fostering Hope. The church will provide large aluminum pans and lids plus freezer space but we need ladies to fill the dishes and have it ready to bake. Pans labeled with side dishes needed can be picked up in the Fellowship Center. Side dishes needed are macaroni and cheese, green bean casserole, corn casserole, sweet potato casserole, and chicken and dressing. Dishes are due back to the church office by Friday, November 18, and will be delivered to Fostering Hope on November 19.

Calvary Kids Worship Schedule

Please mark your calendar today. As we look ahead, there will be no Kids Worship on these Sundays: November 13th, December 4, December 25, and January 1.

Children's Choir

Wednesdays | 6-6:30pm | Clubhouse Room in the Preschool Building

This is an optional opportunity for 1st-5th grade children to join in leading worship during the Christmas at Calvary evening worship service on Sunday, December 4. Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays, November 2, 9, 16, and 30. Children in choir will need to be dropped off and checked-in at the Preschool Building. After rehearsals are finished, children will be escorted to the Children's Building to finish the night at Adventure Club, so pick up will be as normal.

Calvary Kids Leaders Needed

There are some excellent openings in the Calvary Kids Ministry we hope you will consider serving. We have THREE openings on Sunday mornings, and ONE opening on Wednesday evenings. If you're interested in joining our team and would like to learn more, email us at zach@calvarydothan.com or text 334-733-6326.

Student Summer Camp 2023

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

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

Prepare to Hear God's Word

How can you best prepare to hear God's word on the Lord's Day? Here are four suggestions:

1. Throughout the week, meditate on the passage that will be preached on Sunday. Pray for your pastor as he prepares his sermon. Pray that he'll meet with God, hear from God, and speak accurately of God. Take notes on the text. Ask questions of the text. Pray through the text. Doing these things will increase your appetite for the Word.

2. Prepare for Sunday morning. On Saturday night or Sunday morning, pray for your upcoming opportunity to hear God's Word preached. Pray that your heart would be soft and humble before it. Also, prepare by getting adequate rest on Saturday night! Treat Sunday as a "big day"! The gathering of the people of God for the worship of God centered around the Word of God is a big deal!

3. Talk and pray about the message with friends after church. Start conversations at lunch by asking, "How did the Scripture challenge or speak to you today?" Encourage others by sharing what you learned about God and his Word during the sermon. Talk to others about how you can specifically apply what you learned in the week ahead. Do this with your family, those you are discipling, and with your small group.

4. Meditate and act on the sermon you heard throughout the week. Don't let the Sunday sermon become a one-time event that fades from memory as soon as it is over (James 1:22-25). Review your sermon notes with friends or family. Choose one or two applications from the Scripture and prayerfully put them into practice over the coming week. We do more than study God's Word. We live it!

(Some of this material has been adapted from Thabiti Anyabwile's book What is a Healthy Church Member?, 22-25)

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

November 13, 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.

November 13, 2022

November Missions Spotlight

Moses O. Odhiambo

Echoes of Mercy Mission, Kenya

Echoes of Mercy exists to evangelize and disciple others through church planting and leadership, as well as through a number of mercy ministries including widow care, education, and healthcare. If you would like to learn more about the ministry work of Echoes of Mercy you can visit facebook.com/eomkenya or www.echoesofmercy.org.

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.

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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...

November 6

Life Groups: 503
10:00 Worship: 600
Hispanic Church: 123
Grace City Church (NY): 30

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given November 6: \$49,356.21
Y-T-D Budget
Surplus (Deficit): \$13,583.71

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, November 13:

2 Sam 22, Gal 2, Ezk 29, Ps 78:1-37

Monday, November 14:

2 Sam 23, Gal 3, Ezk 30, Ps 78:38-72

Tuesday, November 15:

2 Sam 24, Gal 4, Ezk 31, Ps 79

Wednesday, November 16:

1 Kgs 1, Gal 5, Ezk 32, Ps 80

Thursday, November 17:

1 Kgs 2, Gal 6, Ezk 33, Ps 81-82

Friday, November 18:

1 Kgs 3, Eph 1, Ezk 34, Ps 83-84

Saturday, November 19:

1 Kgs 4-5, Eph 2, Ezk 35, Ps 85

Midweek Schedule

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

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/how-to-become-a-christian/.

If you would like to view a pdf of today's sermon notes, go to calvarydothan.com/messages.

Ministry Staff

Paul Thompson.....Senior Pastor
Charles Uptain.....Executive Pastor
Dan Tankersley.....Discipleship
Patrick Lima.....Worship
Tommy Perry.....Missions

STAFF ON CALL

Sunday, November 13:

Reagan Farris | 504-319-6986

Saturday, November 19:

Joyce Alexander | 334-798-4791

Sunday, November 20:

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SERMON SCHEDULE

Wednesday, November 16 | 6pm

Exodus 14: The Salvation of the Lord

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, November 20 | 10am

Acts: A Resurrected Life

Acts 26

Message by Paul Thompson

Tuesday, November 22 | 6pm

Exodus 15: The Victory Song

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, November 27 | 10am

Acts: Promise and Warning

Acts 27

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:00am Call to Prayer, Parlor

8:30am Life Group

10:00am Worship, Fellowship Center

Kid's Worship, Grades 1-5,

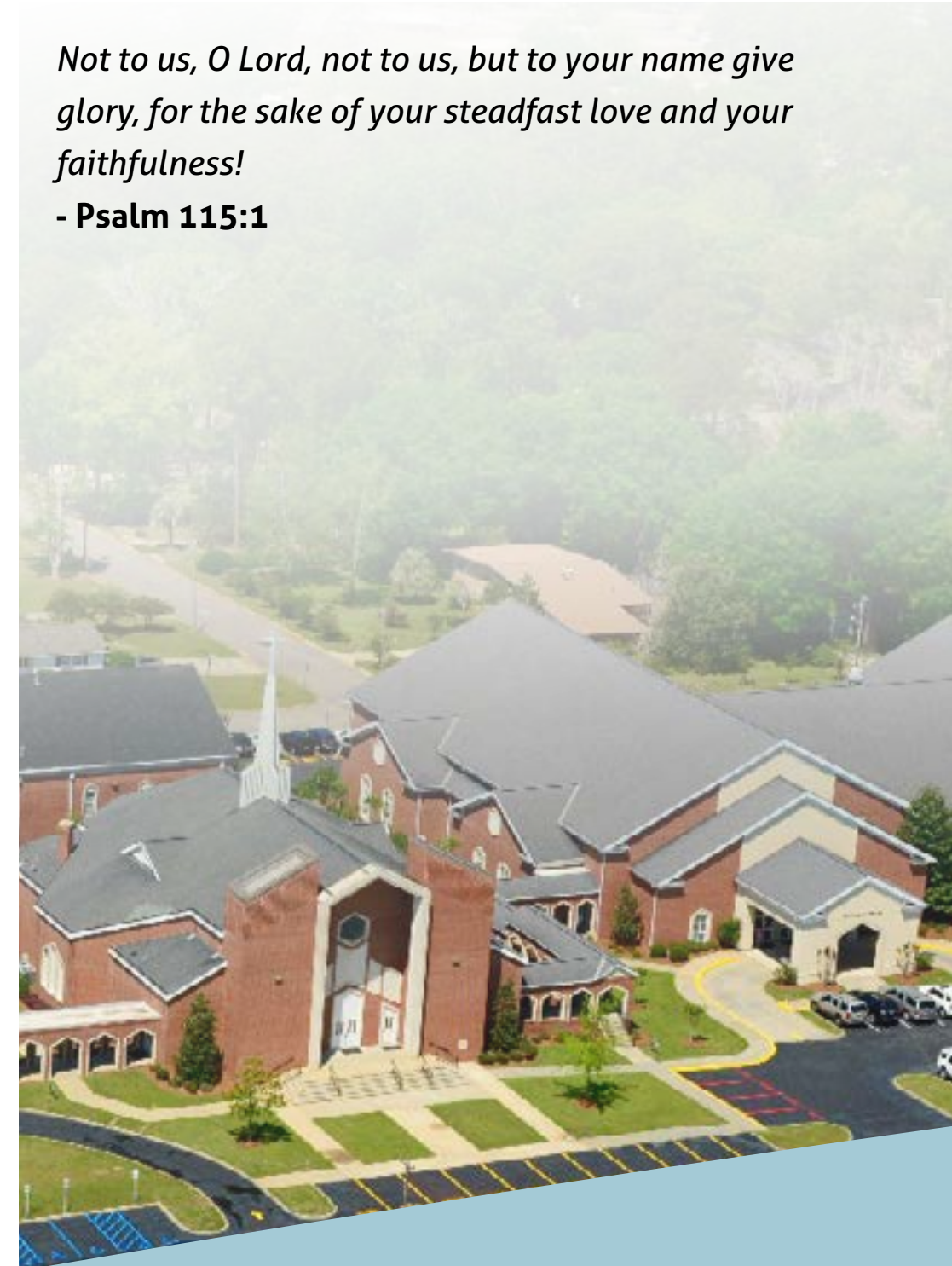
Chapel (except 1st Sunday)

11:00am Worship Broadcast on JoyFM

94.3/96.1 with a 1 wk delay.

Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!

- Psalm 115:1



WELCOME TO
Calvary
BAPTIST CHURCH