

In Chains for the Gospel

Acts 26

Behind the Scenes: Philippians 1:12-14; 18b-21

“... what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel ...”

“I will rejoice, for I know that ... with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death ...”

“For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”

Paul’s 5th Defense:

Begins and ends with the _____ ...

For Paul, it was _____ ...

For Felix, it was _____ ...

Why is it thought incredible by any of you that God raises the dead? (26:8)

The Resurrection of Jesus was ...

_____ to us

_____ by us

_____ for us

The Resurrection was the great “therefore” of Paul’s life:

Why I _____

Why I _____

Why I _____

Paul’s life (and hopefully ours) _____ apart from it.

A Big Question: Are We Trying to Make Everybody _____? _____!

We want people to _____ of the Gospel ...

We want people to _____ and find life ...

We want people to _____ from the penalty of their sins ...

We want people to _____ with God ...

How?

_____ and _____

For those **not-yet-Christian:**

Don’t _____ ...

Don’t _____ ...

But _____!

“Whether short or long, I would to God that not only you but also all who hear me this day might become such as I am—except for these chains.” (26:29)

Epilogue: The Beautiful Irony of Paul’s Chains

*Dr. Paul Thompson
Calvary Baptist Church
November 27, 2022*

Christmas Toy Drive

Calvary is partnering with a local school to provide toys for children this Christmas. If you’d like to donate, please visit calvarydothan.com to view the Amazon wish list. Items can be shipped directly to Calvary. The deadline is Sunday, December 11.

Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness!

Calvary family, you..

Donated 802 pounds of food to the SABA Ministry Center

Packed 473 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child

Provided 89 casseroles to foster families through Fostering Hope

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.

Calvary Kids Worship Schedule

There will be no Kids Worship on these Sundays: December 4, December 25, and January 1.

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

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

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.

Christmas at Calvary Schedule

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

Calvary Christmas | Sunday, December 4 | 6pm | Fellowship Center

Christmas at The Ark | Thursday, December 8 | 5:30-7:30pm

Join other members of your Life Group for this special time of fellowship, fun, and sharing Christmas cheer with the residents of The Ark this Christmas.

Preschool, Children & Student Christmas Parties | Wednesday, December 7 | 6pm

Christmas Family Fun Night | Wednesday, December 14 | 6-7pm | Fellowship Center

Senior Adult Midmonth Worship | Thursday, December 15 | 11am | Fellowship Center
Lunch will immediately follow the service.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service | Saturday, December 24 | 5pm | Fellowship Center

Christmas Day, December 25 | No Life Group | Worship at 11am | Sanctuary

No Midweek activities on Decemer 21 or 28.

The Scriptures resound with singing. There are over fifty direct commands for us to sing, and singing is mentioned over 400 times in the Bible. Singing doesn’t merely play a one-dimensional function in the life of the church; it plays a multi-faceted, invaluable role as we worship God. It shapes our discipleship and our declaration to the world.

Psalm 96:1–3 functions as a microcosm that helps us see this clearly. It highlights three reasons why we sing.

1. We sing as an act of worship.

Singing, first and foremost, is an act of worship to God. Psalm 96:1–2a stresses the importance of God being the first audience of our song. “Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! Sing to the LORD, bless his name.”

Notice the triple emphasis on the Lord. Don Carson defines worship as “the proper response of all moral, sentient beings to God, ascribing all honor and worth to their Creator-God precisely because he is worthy, delightfully so.” In this definition, we see a connection between blessing the Lord and singing. When Christians sing to God—whether alone, with our family, or at church—it’s an act of delightful worship.

2. We sing to disciple one another.

To use the language of Psalm 96:2, as we sing, we should “tell his salvation from day to day.” Notice the content of this song: the salvation of God.

The good news of the gospel builds us up, so we should sing to each other about it. That’s how we help one another grow as Christians. Paul communicates this idea in his letter to the Colossians: “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God” (Col. 3:16). Paul highlights for us that singing is a means of disciple-making.

3. We sing as a declaration to the world.

Consider Psalm 96:3: “Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!” The hymns we sing as a church should be saturated with the marvelous works of God. They’re little messengers of the truths we believe; we sing them to unconverted friends. Our act of singing is also a wonderful declaration to the world of our unity in Christ. John 13:35 says the world will know we are Christians by our love. So our act of congregational singing is itself an apologetic to an onlooking world of our shared salvation.

On this Lord’s Day, I hope you will sing from the bottom of your heart with gratitude to the Lord as an act of worship. I pray that you will sing to your brothers and sisters in Christ as you lend your voice to building one another up as disciples. I pray that as we sing, the Lord would bring into our gatherings people to whom we can boldly declare the salvation of our God.

By Matt Boswell, Pastor of The Trails Church in Celina, Texas.

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 27, 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
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- Member

Name

Address

City

State/Zip

Male Female

Married Single

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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 20

Life Groups: 464
10:00 Worship: 579
Hispanic Church: 115
Grace City Church (NY): 30

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given November 20: \$78,461.67
Y-T-D Budget
Surplus (Deficit): \$13,583.71

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, November 27:

1 Kgs 13, Phil 4, Ezk 43, Ps 95-96

Monday, November 28:

1 Kgs 14, Col 1, Ezk 44, Ps 97-98

Tuesday, November 29:

1 Kgs 15, Col 2, Ezk 45, Ps 99-101

Wednesday, November 30:

1 Kgs 16, Col 3, Ezk 46, Ps 102

Thursday, December 1:

1 Kgs 17, Col 4, Ezk 47, Ps 103

Friday, December 2:

1 Kgs 18, 1 Thes 1, Ezk 48, Ps 104

Saturday, December 3:

1 Kgs 19, 1 Thes 2, Dn 1, Ps 105

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 27:

Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765

Saturday, December 3:

Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

Sunday, December 4:

Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

SERMON SCHEDULE

Wednesday, November 30 | 6pm

Exodus 16: The Pull of Egypt; The Provision of God

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, December 4 | 10am

Acts: Promise and Warning

Acts 27

Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday, December 7 | 6pm

Exodus 17: That Rock Was Christ

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, December 11 | 10am

Acts: The Hard Journey of God's Will

Acts 28:1-6

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.

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- Philippians 1:21



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Calvary
BAPTIST CHURCH