

# Unhindered

Acts 28:17-31

## Context: When in Rome (Acts 28:17-22)

God providentially \_\_\_\_\_ Paul to arrive at “the gates of the ends of the earth”. This was God’s plan all along. (Acts 1:8; Acts 19:21, 23:11, 27:24)

Paul was seeking his own \_\_\_\_\_ and so, was there by \_\_\_\_\_. (Cf. Philippians 1:12-13)

Paul wanted to offer the \_\_\_\_\_.

“... is because of **the hope of Israel** that I am wearing this chain.” (v. 20)

The sin qua non of Paul’s message was always \_\_\_\_\_.

Paul wanted to \_\_\_\_\_.

“... We have received no letters from Judea about you, and none of the brothers coming here has reported or spoken any evil about you. But ... with regard to this sect we know that everywhere it is spoken against.”

## Paul’s Message (Acts 28:23-29)

Our Gospel is a \_\_\_\_\_ Gospel.

Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ who frees us from the kingdom of darkness and transfers us to His kingdom)

Our Gospel is a \_\_\_\_\_ Gospel.

Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ demands and the \_\_\_\_\_ foretold.

Our Gospel is a \_\_\_\_\_ Gospel.

It is a \_\_\_\_\_ that demands a \_\_\_\_\_!

*As King, as Messiah, and as Lord, Jesus is the only \_\_\_\_\_.*

Some were “**convinced**”. (See: Philippians 4:22!)

Some “**disbelieved**”.

*Sadly, their disbelief was both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.*

*Why is Isaiah 6:9-10 true?*

## The Curious *Non-Conclusion* of Acts (Acts 28:30-31)

The story was never Paul’s biography, but the story of \_\_\_\_\_ in the story of \_\_\_\_\_, and how He reached the \_\_\_\_\_ with this Good News!

Paul will one day \_\_\_\_\_. The \_\_\_\_\_ never will!

Our Gospel is an \_\_\_\_\_ Gospel.

The gospel will be \_\_\_\_\_, but it will never be \_\_\_\_\_!

So, \_\_\_\_\_.

Know that the \_\_\_\_\_ of God is sufficient to do the \_\_\_\_\_ of God in all times, people, and places.

## Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions

Calvary’s Goal: \$150,000

100% of your gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering provides missionaries the services they need to live among the unreached peoples they serve. Your generosity sends and sustains missionaries, takes the gospel to the unreached, trains nationals to multiply disciples, meets tangible needs, and transforms lives around the world.

### Christmas at Calvary Schedule

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

**Christmas Day, December 25** | No Life Group | Worship at 11am | Sanctuary | Childcare for babies-age 3 | No Kids Worship

**No Midweek activities** on Decemer 21 or 28.

**New Year’s Day, January 1** | No Life Group | Worship at 10am | Sanctuary  
Coffee will be served in the ROC prior to the service. Childcare is available for babies-age 3. There will be no Kids Worship.

### 2022 Contributions

Contributions for 2022 must be turned in to the Sunday offering by December 25, postmarked by December 31, or brought to the church office by Friday, December 23. The church office will be closed December 26-30.

### Pray for Calvary’s India Mission Trip

Please pray for David and Lee Glover, Tommy Perry, and Paul Thompson as they serve alongside our mission partners in India for the first two weeks of January. They will be involved in a variety of teaching, training, and hands-on ministry opportunities over a 13-day period. Please pray for their safety, effectiveness, and for long-term fruitfulness from their labors. Please also pray that our mission partners (The Van den Akkers and the Vadavanas) would be encouraged and that their ministries would be blessed.

### 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. Sunday Morning Call to Prayer will not meet on December 25 or January 1.

### Calvary Marriage Conference -The Marriage of Your Dreams

**4 Sessions - January 8, 15, 22 & 29 | 5pm | Fellowship Center**

Dream bigger, love better, and experience a deeper relationship with God and your spouse than ever before. After celebrating 50 years of marriage, pastor and counselor Paul Tripp will help you to discover how in this 4-session video-based conference. Register online at calvarydothan.com. Childcare and activities for babies-5th grade are available with registration.

## TOGETHER: How We ALL Foster a Healthier Church

*Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. (Hebrews 10:23-25)*

Beginning on Sunday, January 8, we will present a powerfully defining teaching series for our entire church. The content will be as follows:

### Week 1: The What and Why of Our Church

Because a local church is a group of Christians who regularly gather in Christ’s name to officially affirm and oversee one another’s membership in Jesus Christ and his kingdom.

### Week 2: What We Teach and Believe

Because nothing is more important to our church’s health (the spiritual life of every member) than what we teach and how we respond to it.

### Week 3: Our Covenant Together

Because the Bible calls us to make certain commitments to one another that define and govern our “membership” with one another.

### Week 4: Life Together as a Church

Because the Bible prescribes the normal rhythms of life for His people together that demonstrate their love for God, love for each other, love for His Word, and love for the lost.

So critical to the current and future health of the church is this series that all the elders are asking all of the church to gather together for four consecutive Sunday mornings during our Life Group Hour to hear and respond to it together. We will begin on **Sunday, January 8th at 8:30 AM in the Sanctuary**. All of our adult Life Groups, along with our middle and high school Life Groups will be meeting together. We will resume our normal Life Groups on the first Sunday of February.

I hope you will make every possible effort to be with the rest of us for each of the four Sundays of this study (January 8, 15, 22, and 29) and that you will join with us in reaching out to those who have not been a part of us for some time and to those you are praying for to become a part of us.

For God’s Glory in His Church,  
Pastor Paul

## I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT:

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### 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

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## Connect Card

December 18, 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

Name / Date of Birth

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

**December 18, 2022**

## December Missions Spotlight

### Brett Lamberth

#### Missioteca, Guatemala

Missioteca is a collection of missional initiatives dedicated to eradicating theological famine in the Global South and ending the water crisis in Guatemala. If you would like to learn more about the ministry work of Missioteca, you can visit [facebook.com/Missioteca](https://www.facebook.com/Missioteca) or [www.missioteca.org](http://www.missioteca.org).

### The Ark

#### Local Missions Partner

The Ark is a place of hope, healing, and help. The mission of The Ark is to nurture the total needs of humanity—mind, body, and soul. Their commitment is to guide individuals so that they can discover their God-given purpose and live out that very purpose. If you would like to learn more about the ministry work of The Ark, you can visit [facebook.com/thearkdothan](https://www.facebook.com/thearkdothan) or [www.thearkdothan.org](http://www.thearkdothan.org).

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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...

#### December 11

Life Groups: 491  
10:00 Worship: 607  
Hispanic Church: 139  
Neighborhood Church (NY): 30

### THE PEOPLE GAVE...

#### General Fund

Given December 11: \$44,208.46  
Y-T-D Budget  
Surplus (Deficit): (\$68,053.50)  
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering  
Given to Date: \$29,004

### DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

#### Sunday, December 18:

2 Kgs 13, 2 Tim 3, Hos 5-6, Ps 119:145-176

#### Monday, December 19:

2 Kgs 14, 2 Tim 4, Hos 7, Ps 120-122

#### Tuesday, December 20:

2 Kgs 15, Ti 1, Hos 8, Ps 123-125

#### Wednesday, December 21:

2 Kgs 16, Ti 2, Hos 9, Ps 126-128

#### Thursday, December 22:

2 Kgs 17, Ti 3, Hos 10, Ps 129-131

#### Friday, December 23:

2 Kgs 18, Phlm 1, Hos 11, Ps 132-134

#### Saturday, December 24:

2 Kgs 19, Heb 1, Hos 12, Ps 135-136

### 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/](http://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](http://calvarydothan.com/messages).

### Ministry Staff

Paul Thompson.....Senior Pastor  
Charles Uptain.....Executive Pastor  
Dan Tankersley.....Discipleship  
Patrick Lima.....Worship  
Tommy Perry.....Missions  
Joyce Alexander.....Preschool  
Zach Daniels.....Children  
Reagan Farris.....Students  
Randy Hunt.....Senior Adults

### STAFF ON CALL

#### Sunday, December 18:

Joyce Alexander | 334-798-4791

#### Saturday, December 24:

Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765

#### Sunday, December 25:

Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765

### SERMON SCHEDULE

#### Wednesday, December 21 | 6pm

No Midweek Activities

#### Saturday, December 24 | 5pm

A Thrill of Hope!

Luke 2:22-32

Message by Paul Thompson

#### Sunday, December 25 | 11am

God With Us

Matthew 1:18-25

Message by Paul Thompson

#### Wednesday, December 28 | 6pm

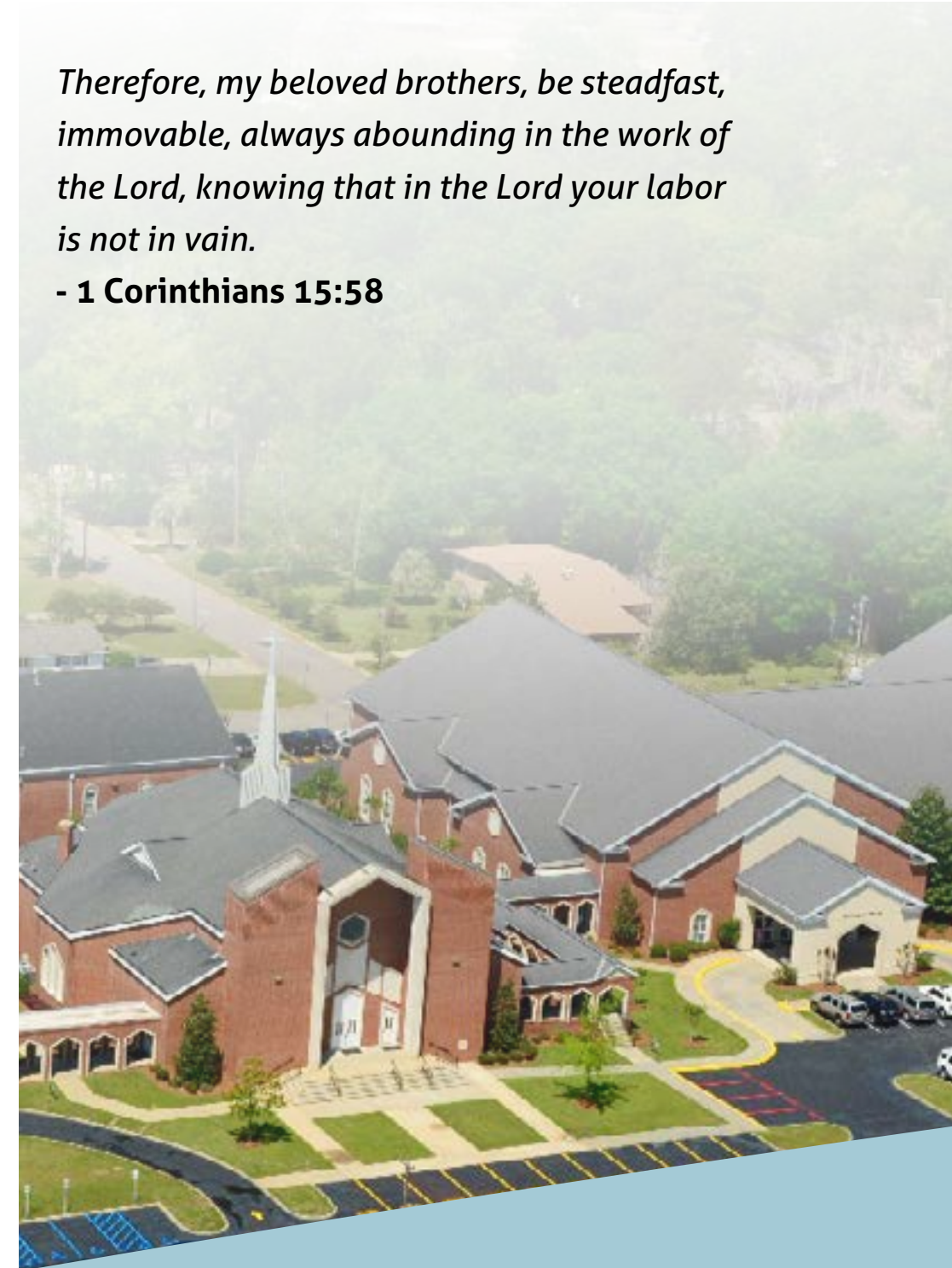
No Midweek Activities

### 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.

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

**- 1 Corinthians 15:58**



WELCOME TO  
**Calvary**  
BAPTIST CHURCH