

Perseverance and a Biblically Shaped Church

1 Timothy 1:18-20

¹⁸ *This charge I entrust to you, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies previously made about you, that by them you may wage the good warfare,* ¹⁹ *holding faith and a good conscience. By rejecting this, some have made shipwreck of their faith,* ²⁰ *among whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.*

Timothy's Good Beginnings

According to 2 Timothy 1:5, Timothy had a rich _____ of sincere faith.

According to 2 Timothy 1:6, he had received a _____ from God for ministry and the _____ of Paul.

According to 1 Timothy 4:4, his ministry was _____ by a prophetic word, and he was _____ by the church.

According to Acts 16:2, he was "well-spoken of by the brothers ..."

And now he's called to fight ...

The Fight to Finish Well

Premise 1: The Christian life is a _____.

In what sense?

Premise 2: Not every fight is a _____ (or worthwhile) fight. (*Remember verse 4?*)

How can I know the difference?

How we fight: (*Remember verses 5-7?*)

1) Hold onto (objective) _____ (the faith) ...

2) Hold onto (subjective) _____ (our consciences) ...

The result of letting go of either? _____.

"Shipwrecked" faith – two examples:

Hymenaeus – 2 Timothy 2:16-18

Alexander – 2 Timothy 4:14-15

Premise 3: Loving each other well means we fight to finish well _____.

A summary:

The fight for perseverance is _____ ...

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Member Meeting

Wednesday, January 25 | 6pm | Sanctuary

All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting. D-groups and Midweek Bible Study will begin after the meeting at approximately 6:15pm.

Worship Ministry Fellowship

Wednesday, January 25 | 7pm | Parlor

If you are thinking of joining our worship team, whether it be choir, band, or tech team, please join us in fellowship! We will enjoy finger foods and fellowship with each other as we discuss our 2023 plans and preview our Easter Music.

Prayer and Praise!

We have planned a series of Sunday night Prayer and Praise services for February 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, and August 6. These 1st Sunday night gatherings will be at 5pm in the Sanctuary. (Note: Sunday night March 5 will be the conclusion of the Missions Conference, and we will not have a service on Sunday night July 2). Join us for a time of worship thru singing, testimonies, prayer, and encouragement from the Word!

Women's Prayer Initiative Month and Night of Worship

The Calvary Women's Ministry team has organized a Women's Prayer Initiative Month to pray specifically for our church during the month of February. The team has written a prayer guide that will be available during the church service on January 29. This will be a special opportunity for all the women to pray in unity for God to do incredible things in our church. Will you join us?

On February 26 at 6:15 pm in the Sanctuary, we will have a Women's Night of Worship to celebrate all that God has done and will do. Come rejoice with us!

Local Missions Opportunity

Fostering Hope Loads of Love Annual Drive | Deadline: January 31

Fostering Hope is a local ministry that comes alongside, ministers to, and supports local foster families. Calvary is collecting laundry detergent (liquid or pods for babies, sensitive skin, or regular) for Fostering Hope through Tuesday, January 31. Detergent can be dropped off in the church office or give online at fosteringhopewiregrass.com.

Women's Bible Study

Habakkuk: Learning to Live By Faith by Lydia Brownback

There is a Kick-Off Night and book pick-up Sunday, February 5, immediately following evening service in the Kids Worship Room. This will be a brief intro to the book to set us up to begin homework for the first week's lesson. Cost is \$15. Register online at calvarydothan.com/habakkuk. Deadline is Sunday, January 22. Childcare is available for the Sunday afternoon class by registration only.

Three time options available:

Sundays, beginning February 12 | 4:30pm | Kids Worship Room | led by Joy Whaley

Early Bird Tuesdays, beginning February 14, | 6am | Parlor | led by Sandra Hunt

Tuesdays, beginning February 14 | 9:30am | Kids Worship Room | led by Amanda Trammell

Calvary Marriage Conference -The Marriage of Your Dreams

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

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

Dad and Kids Campout | February 24-25 | For Grades 1-5

Hey Dads, grab your tent and the kids as we camp out at the Weatherly/Woodham Farm with an awesome afternoon, evening, and morning of fun. \$20 per family. Registration will open on our website next week; deadline is February 19.

Calvary Kids Volunteer Opportunities

Life Group | Sundays at 8:30am - Two 1st grade teachers and substitute teachers

Kids Worship | Sundays at 10:00am - Serve on a rotation schedule to help manage and lead this service

If you're a church member and you are interested in these opportunities, we'd love to have a conversation with you. Email, zach@calvarydothan.com or call/text 334.733.6326.

Metaphors and Membership: How Biblical Metaphors for the Church Require Church Membership

If you're looking for the words "thou shalt be a church member" in Scripture, you won't find them. But if that troubles you, let me encourage you to think a little differently about how to arrive at biblical conclusions. The Bible doesn't necessarily provide us with a "chapter and verse" proof-text for everything we ought to do or believe. Yes, we should rigorously tether our beliefs to Scripture, but we need all of Scripture, not just bite-size snippets.

The Bible doesn't simply command us to join a church—it does something far better. It unfurls the relationship between the church and its members with a series of metaphors that shape our identity and challenge our near constant sinful inclination to individualism, self-sufficiency, pride, and I-got-this-ness.

If the Bible simply said, "join a church," we could treat membership like checking a box on a to do list. But by portraying the church and its members as a body, a temple, a flock, and a family, the Bible forces us not only to join a church but to consider how well our lives fit with that biblical imagery. The metaphors force us to ask, "Does my church membership look like *that*?" These metaphors provoke our imaginations, "How might I be more like what the Bible describes? Am I really a family member in my church or more like a next-door neighbor? Am I really a hand or a foot in the body, or more like some dispensable house shoes?"

The metaphors show us that membership is more than about having our name on a piece of paper; being a church member shapes how we choose to live.

So what metaphors does Scripture use to describe the church? Consider just three of them.

The Church is a Body

In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul refers to the church as the "body of Christ" and to Christians as "members" of that body—an image he likely adopted from Jesus himself (cf. Acts 9:4). For Paul, an individual Christian is neither isolated nor independent. A Christian is like a hand, a foot, a toe, an artery, an adrenal gland, or any other body part—we're only healthy and useful if we're in the body...

The Church is a Family

Both Paul and Peter call the church God's "household" (1 Tim. 3:15; 1 Pet. 4:17)—another word for "family." What's your family made of? Members, of course. Family members aren't simply names on a paper, or a file folder of marriage and birth certificates. A family is a network of relationships and obligations. Family members are bound to one another. They share meals, they celebrate together, they mourn together, they rejoice together, they make decisions together, and, when apart, they long to reunite...

The Church is a Temple

Finally, Paul calls the church the "temple of God" (1 Cor. 3:16–17). Peter calls Christians "living stones" that build up a "spiritual house" (1 Pet. 2:4–5). As the fulfillment of both the garden and the temple in the Old Testament, Jesus now pours his Spirit on the church. As we await the coming of Christ, the local congregation is now the dwelling place of God. Like bricks mortared together, the local church is composed of individuals built into a single temple. As we work for the "common good" of the congregation, we manifest the Spirit that resides in us (1 Cor. 12:7).

... these biblical metaphors for the church teach one big principle: we should strive to build up the spiritual well-being of our local church, not just our personal spiritual health. If you're part of a body, a sibling in a family, and a brick in a building, how could it be otherwise?

By Sam Emadi, Senior Pastor at Hunsinger Lane Baptist Church in Louisville, KY.

You can read the entire article here: <https://www.9marks.org/article/metaphors-and-membership-how-biblical-metaphors-for-the-church-require-church-membership/>

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

January 22, 2023

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)

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

January 22, 2023

January Missions Spotlight

Joe and Andie Carroll Erbil Baptist Church, Kurdistan

The Carroll's seek to serve the members of Erbil Baptist Church by encouraging them to be bold in their witness, and have wisdom to seek the salvation of their family, friends, and neighbors. They are also working towards the planting of a Kurdish-speaking church in this region. If you would like to learn more about the ministry work of Joe and Andie, you can visit erbilbaptist.church. Also, if you would like to know how to pray for the Carroll's, please pick up a prayer card at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer.

Wiregrass Hope (Local Missions Partner)

The mission of Wiregrass Hope is to share the hope of Christ, promote human life, and care for people through pregnancy resources, biblical counseling, and relationship education. Their vision is to build a healthy community where individuals and families value life and thrive because of the love and grace of Christ. If you would like to know more about the ministry work of Wiregrass Hope, you can visit facebook.com/wiregrasshopegroup or wiregrasshope.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...

January 15

Life Group: 288
10:00 Worship: 594
5:00 Marriage Conference: 185
Hispanic Church: 101
Neighborhood Church (NY): 30

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

2022 Y-T-D Budget Surplus: \$129,498.89
Given January 15: \$51,086.53
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
Given to Date: \$172,261.00

5-DAY BIBLE READING PROGRAM

January 22-28

- Genesis 41-42, Mark 16
- Genesis 43-44, Psalm 24, Galatians 1
- Genesis 45-46, Psalm 108, Galatians 2
- Genesis 47-48, Psalm 25, Galatians 3
- Genesis 49-50, Galatians 4

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, January 22:

Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765

Saturday, January 28:

Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

Sunday, January 29:

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SERMON SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 25 | 6pm

The Ten Words of Our Fearful God, Part 2

Exodus 20

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, January 29 | 10am

Prayer in a Biblically Shaped Church

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:00am Call to Prayer, Parlor

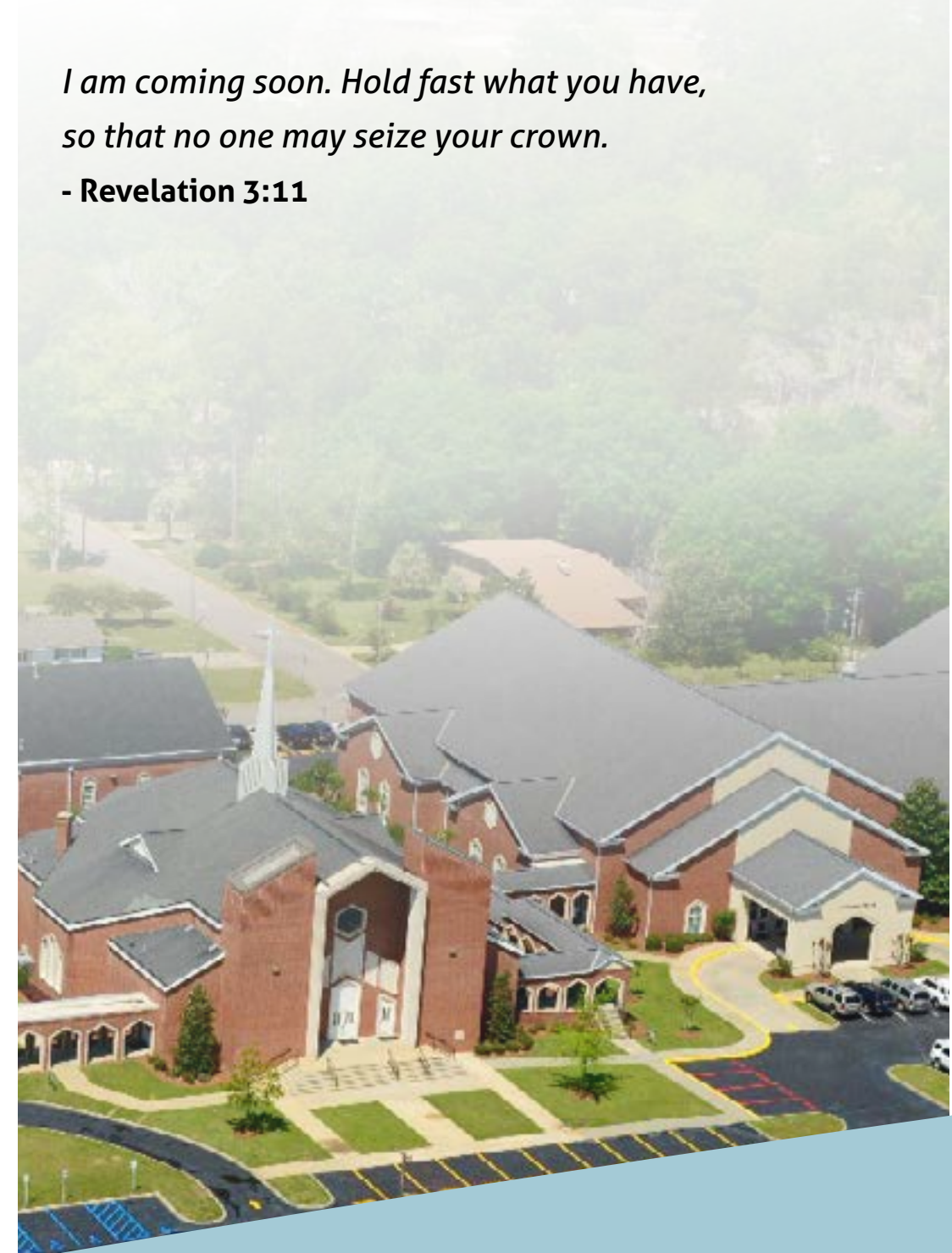
8:30am Life Group

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.

*I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have,
so that no one may seize your crown.*

- Revelation 3:11



WELCOME TO
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BAPTIST CHURCH