

Prayer and the Biblically Shaped Church

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Context: _____/_____:

“... *I am writing these things to you so that, if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth ...*”

“First of all, then ...”

Prayer is a necessary means to _____:

“... *charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine, nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies, which promote speculations rather than the stewardship from God ...*” (1:3-4)

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“*Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away ...*” (1:6)

“... *some have made a shipwreck of their faith ...*” (1:19)

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“... *the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners ...*” (1:9)

“... *in accordance with the gospel of the glory of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.*” (1:11)

“... *formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy ...*” (1:13)

Prayer is a necessary means to _____:

“*This charge I entrust to you, Timothy, my child ... wage the good warfare ...*” (1:18)

The message? In our lives together as God’s people – our discipleship, our fellowship, our evangelism, our warfare – what comes first (in priority)?

_____.

Practical Praying:

Lesson 1: _____ kinds of praying should be done for _____ people.

Specific needs, brought before God, with bold appeals and thankfulness ...

Lesson 2: We should be praying for our _____ (even the pagan ones).

The aim?

See: 1 Thess. 4:11-12; Jeremiah 29:7

When we aren’t praying for our leaders, we tend towards ...

Lesson 3: We should be praying that people everywhere are _____.

This sort of praying _____ God.

Why?

It affirms the _____ offer of salvation.

It affirms God’s decisive _____ to save anyone.

It affirms the _____ of Christ.

It _____ our mission to everyone.

This sort of praying is a _____ to God’s sovereign _____.

What God “_____” (2 Peter 3:9) is not the same as what God decisively _____ (Eph. 1:11).

What about the word “all”?

Lesson 4: We should be praying – every time we pray – with _____.

This command doesn’t teach that _____ cannot/should not be praying in church. (1 Cor. 11:5)

The command is not about the position of our hands as much as the purity of our _____!

Purity in prayer is both _____ and _____.

Dr. Paul Thompson
Calvary Baptist Church
January 29, 2023

2023 Calvary Missions Conference

We will be holding our first ever missions conference here at Calvary on March 3-5. Our theme for the conference is “Gospel Feet” based on Romans 10:14-15 and we will be hosting our missionaries for this weekend conference. More details will be upcoming in the month of February but mark your calendars **now** and plan on **participating** in this vital area of our church life.

Need a quick meal before Midweek services?

Every Wednesday, beginning February 1, the Quikeatz Food Truck will be in the church parking lot in front of the Parlor at 4:30pm for those who want to eat prior to evening activities. Tables will be in the Fellowship Center to sit and eat. On February 1 Quikeatz will be serving baked spaghetti plates with 2 sides and a drink along with a variety of other items on the menu.

Deacon/Widow Lunch

Sunday, February 12 | Immediately following worship

All widows are invited to come and enjoy a time of fellowship with each other and with the deacons and their families. Widows and deacons can contact Caren in the church office to RSVP by Monday, February 6.

Calvary Marriage Conference -The Marriage of Your Dreams

January 29 is the last Session | 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.

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.

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.

The Church Is an Embassy, Not a Social Club

To hear many Christians talk—and this would probably be the opinion of many more if you could read their thoughts—the idea of being a vital, connected member of a church seems strange, unnecessary, maybe even a little antiquated. After all, if the goal is to grow as a Christian—to learn more about God, to understand and act out our faith more consistently—why should we think the church is so important? The best Bible teachers on the planet podcast their preaching; there are energetic parachurch organizations where a Christian can serve well; and a small group meeting in a home provides excellent opportunity for fellowship. Really, when you get right down to it, what good is a hidebound, outdated thing like the church? And why should I be a part of one?

The answer, to put it simply, is that the church isn’t just an invention of Christians who were trying to fulfill certain needs—fellowship, teaching, and so on. It is, by Jesus’s own royal prerogative, the embassy of the kingdom of heaven to this rebellious world. This reality is mostly lost on Christians today, and yet that’s essentially how the Bible describes it.

Do you remember when the church was established in the Bible? It wasn’t in the book of Acts, though that’s what many people guess. It was during the ministry of Jesus himself, when Peter became the first person to recognize Jesus for who he really is—“the Christ, the Son of the living God” (Matt. 16:16). When Peter made that confession, it was as if the troop ships had landed, and the King’s counter invasion of a rebellious world began in earnest. Jesus immediately told Peter that, upon this rock—that is, upon him as the first to confess Jesus’s true identity, and later upon all those who would recognize Jesus in like manner—he would build his church, his “assembly,” and the gates of hell would not prevail against it.

Then, just as a king would do for an ambassador, Jesus gave that church the right to speak with his authority. That’s what he meant when he said the church would hold the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and that whatever it bound or loosed on earth would be bound or loosed in heaven (Matt. 16:19; cf. 18:18). In effect, Jesus was giving his church a royal charter of authority; it and it alone would be his embassy on the earth. Finally, he commissioned it with a charge that, until he returned, that embassy was to be about the work of proclaiming his gracious kingship and making disciples of all nations (Matt. 28:18–20).

The church, then, wasn’t the idea of a bunch of pastors who wanted some job security. It was Jesus’s idea. He constituted it, he chartered it, and he commissioned it; and now the church plays a grand and unique role in God’s plan of salvation. That’s why Paul could say in Ephesians 3:10 that it is “through the church” that God’s “manifold wisdom” is going to be made known to the universe. It’s not primarily through parachurch organizations, ministries, or podcasts, Paul says, but through the church that God is carrying out his purpose of glorifying himself.

If that’s true, then it’s no wonder Paul expects every believer in Jesus—everyone who, like Peter, understands who Jesus is and relies on him for salvation—to be a vital, committed part of a local church. To be a member of a local church is to be vitally connected to it, to feel what it feels, to contribute to its life, to be a part of it in a fundamental and even intimate way. That is something God expects of every Christian, and the benefits are amazing.

By Greg Gilbert, Sr. Pastor of Third Avenue Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky

You can read the entire article here: <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/the-church-is-an-embassy-not-a-social-club/>

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 29, 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)

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Spouse

Spouse's Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

Children:

Name / Date of Birth

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

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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 22

Life Group: 356
10:00 Worship: 577
5:00 Marriage Conference: 138
Hispanic Church: 114
Neighborhood Church (NY): 30

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

2022 Y-T-D Budget Surplus: \$129,498.89
Given January 22: \$31,508.03
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
Given to Date: \$172,386

5-DAY BIBLE READING PROGRAM

January 29-February 4

- Exodus 1-3; Galatians 5
- Exodus 4-6; Galatians 6
- Exodus 7-9; Psalm 105; Ephesians 1
- Exodus 10-12; Ephesians 2
- Exodus 13-15; Psalm 114; Ephesians 3

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 29:

Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

Saturday, February 4:

Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

Sunday, February 5:

Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

SERMON SCHEDULE

Wednesday, February 1 | 6pm

The Law and Life, Part 1

Exodus 21

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, February 5 | 10am

Women in a Biblically Shaped Church

1 Timothy 2:8-15

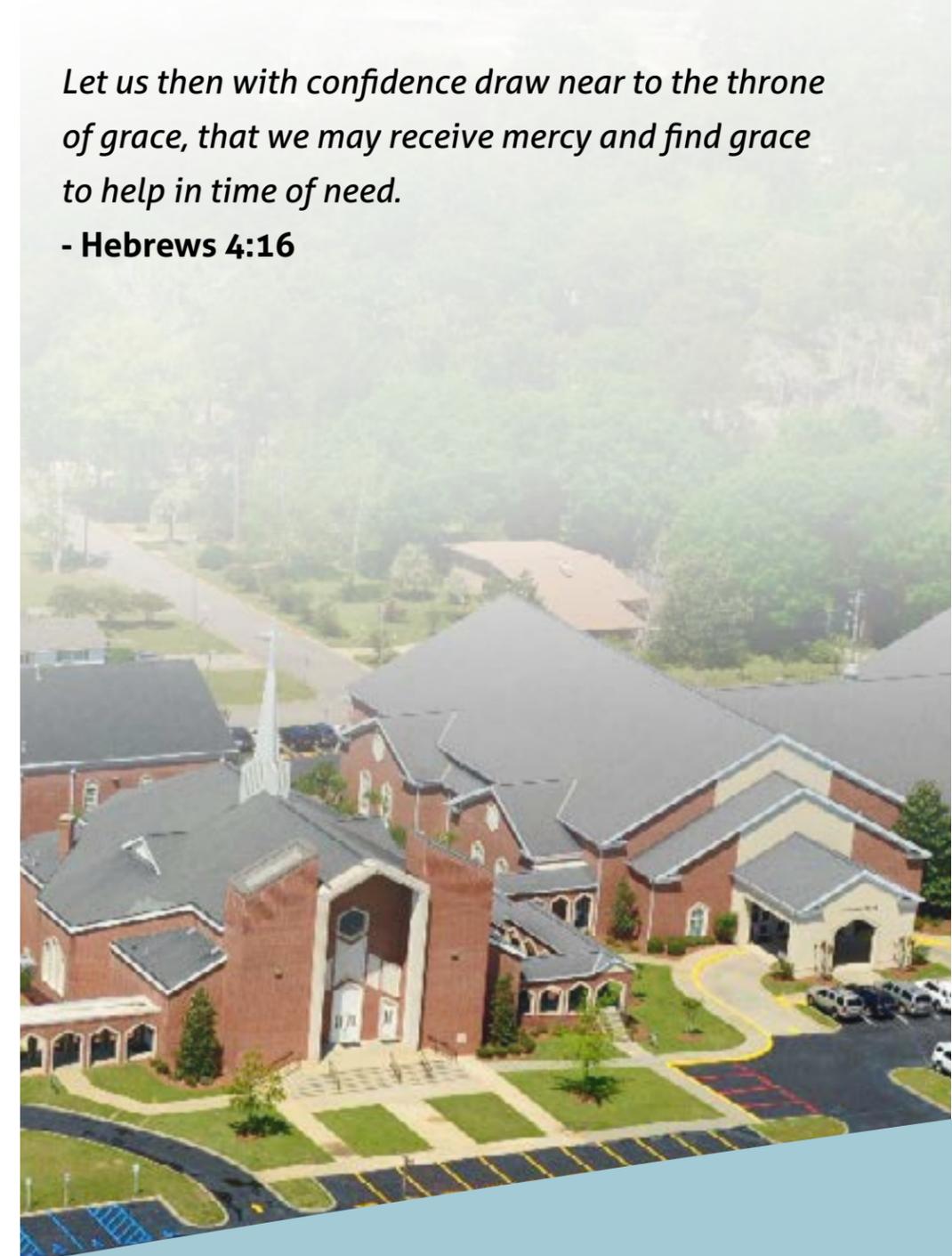
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Sunday Morning Schedule

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.

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

- Hebrews 4:16



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BAPTIST CHURCH