

The Second Coming of the King

Titus 2:11-15

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

¹⁵ Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

Is there any _____?

What is **biblical hope**?

What is the **basis for any hope**?

The First Appearance – An Epiphany of _____

God’s grace **has** appeared – in the coming of _____!

This grace is offered to the _____!

What does God ’s grace thru Christ Jesus do for/to us?

It _____ us from sin’s dominion and destruction.

It _____ us from the inferior, unsatisfying love of this world.

It _____ our source of identity and authority from self to scripture.

It _____ our broken lives into the image of Christ.

It _____ us for endurance in this world and enjoyment in the world to come.

“... he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. 27 And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, 28 so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.” (Hebrews 9:26b-28)

The Second Appearance – An Epiphany of _____

What was _____ in His 1st Coming will be _____ in His 2nd!

No longer “veiled”, soon* “we shall see him as he is” (1 John 3:2)!

Christ will return bodily, visibly, and suddenly to _____ the dead, _____ the living, _____ the world, and _____ all things _____!

The _____ will _____ forever!

This is our _____!

He who lived, died, was raised, and ascended will _____. This is _____.

Knowing the King is coming again ...

We _____ to the King.

We _____ to the culture.

We _____ we can while we can.

We _____ the truth of His Coming (encouraging some, while warning others).

As we _____ to that great day!

The Belgic Confession of Faith (1561), Article 37

*Dr. Paul Thompson
Calvary Baptist Church
April 2, 2023*

Palm Sunday Prayer & Praise Service

April 2 | 5pm | Sanctuary

Join us for a time of worship through singing, testimonies, prayer, and encouragement from the Word.

Maundy Thursday Service

April 6 | 6pm | Sanctuary

Join us for a service of worship and communion.

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions

Calvary’s Goal: **\$40,000**

Did you know nearly every nationality is represented in North America? There are 40 million United States residents who were born in a different country. By supporting North American missionaries through the Annie Armstrong Offering, you are reaching the nations.

Vacation Bible School

Keepers of the Kingdom: Standing Strong in Today’s Battle for Truth

June 5-9 | Completed K5-5th Grade

Volunteer registration is open today at the VBS kiosk in the Fellowship Center beside the Next Steps kiosk! Registration for kids begins in April. You can also register as a volunteer online at calvarydothan.com/VBS.

Parent-Child Commitment Service

Sunday, May 14 | 10am Worship

Email joyce@calvarydothan.com if you would like to be a part of this special commitment time with your child. There is a parent-child commitment meeting on Wednesday, May 3, at 6pm in the office building conference room.

Deacon Nominations

We are requesting deacon nominations for the new church year that begins on July 1. Read Acts 6:1-7 and 1 Timothy 3:8-13, to remind yourself of God’s description for deacons as you pray about which men to nominate. Our deacon selection committee will accept nominations through April 15. Nomination cards are available in the Fellowship Center Foyer and can be dropped in the offering boxes in the Fellowship Center on Sundays, by the church office during the week, or email caren@calvarydothan.com.

Secret Church 2023

April 21 | 6pm-Midnight | Theme: Jonah

Beyond the fascinating story of a fish swallowing a man, you will find the challenging account of God’s most unwilling prophet and how, more often than not, we, like Jonah, choose our own comfort over nations, even those we would consider our enemies.

Gather your friends or small group together in your home to watch this intensive Bible study walking through the book of Jonah, learning about the urgent spiritual and physical needs in Iran, and praying for the persecuted church around the world. Register your group online at radical.net/secret-church/.

Cake and Dessert Auction

April 23 | ROC | Immediately following worship

Join us for an auction to raise funds for Student Camp this summer. If you would like to donate a homemade cake or dessert, please call the church office or email brooke@calvarydothan.com.

Supernatural Community Is God’s Plan for the Church

What is God’s plan for the local church? The apostle Paul lays it out in Ephesians 2 and 3. It begins with the gospel, in 2:1–10. We were “dead in the trespasses and sins” (v. 1). But God “made us alive together with Christ” (v. 5). “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast” (vv. 8–9).

But that gospel doesn’t end with our salvation; it leads to some very disruptive implications. Implication number one: unity. As Paul writes of Jews and Gentiles at the end of chapter 2, God abolished the dividing wall of hostility “that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father” (vv. 15–18). Note that the gospel alone creates this unity: the cross is how Christ put to death their hostility. After all, what else could ever bring together two peoples with such different history, ethnicity, religion, and culture?

Now, what is the purpose for this unity between Jews and Gentiles? Skip down to chapter 3, verse 10: God’s intent was “that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.” Consider a group of Jews and Gentiles who share nothing in common except for a centuries-old loathing for one another. ...Bring them together into the local church where they rub shoulders on a regular basis, and things explode, right? No! Because of the one thing they do have in common—the bond of Christ—they live together in astonishing love and unity. Unity that is so unexpected, so contrary to how our world operates, that even the “rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms” sit up and take notice. God’s plans are amazing, aren’t they!

Gospel-revealing community is notable along two dimensions. First, it’s notable for its breadth. That is, it stretches to include such peoples as divergent as Jew and Gentile. As Jesus taught in the Sermon on the Mount, “If you love those who love you, what reward do you have?” (Matt. 5:46). One way in which this community glorifies God is by reaching people who, apart from supernatural power, would never unite together. Remember Ephesians 2:18: “For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.” Second, this community is notable for its depth. That is, it doesn’t merely bring people together to tolerate each other, but to be so tightly committed that Paul can call them a “new humanity” (2:15) and a new “household” (2:19, NIV). Paul reaches for the natural world’s deepest bonds—the bonds of ethnicity and family—to describe this new community in the local church.

Supernatural depth and breadth of community make the glory of an invisible God to be visible. This is the ultimate purpose statement for community in the Ephesian church. This is the ultimate purpose statement for community in churches today. Is it the ultimate purpose for community in your church? From *THE COMPELLING COMMUNITY: Where God’s Power Makes a Church Attractive*

By Mark Dever & Jamie Dunlop

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

April 2, 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

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- Male
- Female

- Married
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April Missions Spotlight

Northeastern Baptist College (Bennington, Vermont)

Northeastern seeks to impact the Northeast, the United States, and the world by training students to have the Mind of a Scholar, the Heart of a Shepherd, and the Perseverance of a Soldier through the provision of a college education with a biblical foundation and a distinctive blend of academic excellence and practical mentoring. NEBC provides an academically strong, biblically sound, and practically relevant college education from their campus strategically located in the Northeast. If you would like to learn more about the ministry work of NEBC you can visit necvt.org. Also, if you would like to know how to pray for NEBC, please pick up a prayer card at the mission's kiosk in the FC foyer.

Girard Primary and Girard Intermediate (Neighborhood Schools)

We are desirous that God would give us much wisdom and favor as we seek ways (on their school campus) to best serve and influence, for the sake of the Gospel, the students, and families at both schools. We are also longing to see the implementation of a Priority Kids Club at Girard Intermediate. If you are interested in leading this endeavor or want to know more about the ministry opportunities at Girard, please contact Tommy at tommy@calvarydothan.com.

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THE PEOPLE CAME...

March 26

Life Group: 448
10:00 Worship: 545
Hispanic Church: 139
Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given February March 26: \$30,896.32
Y-T-D Budget
Surplus (Deficit): \$36,874.35
Annie Armstrong Y-T-D: \$10,170

5-DAY BIBLE READING PROGRAM

Week 14, April 2-8

- Joshua 14-17; Luke 17
- Joshua 18-21; Psalm 15; Luke 18
- Joshua 22-24; Psalm 116; Luke 19
- Judges 1-3; Psalm 16; Luke 20
- Judges 4-6; Luke 21

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



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.

To fill out a digital Connect Card or learn more about Calvary, please use your smartphone camera to scan the QR Code or you can fill out the Connect Card in this bulletin and place it in the offering plate or in one of the offering boxes when you exit the Fellowship Center.

Also, be sure to stop by our Next Steps table after the service for a gift from us!

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, April 2:

Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

Saturday, April 8:

Charles Uptain | 334-797-7191

Sunday, April 9:

Reagan Farris | 504-319-6986

SERMON SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 5

From High Priest to Our Great High Priest

Exodus 29

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, April 9 | 10am

Citizens of Heaven

Philippians 3:17-4:1

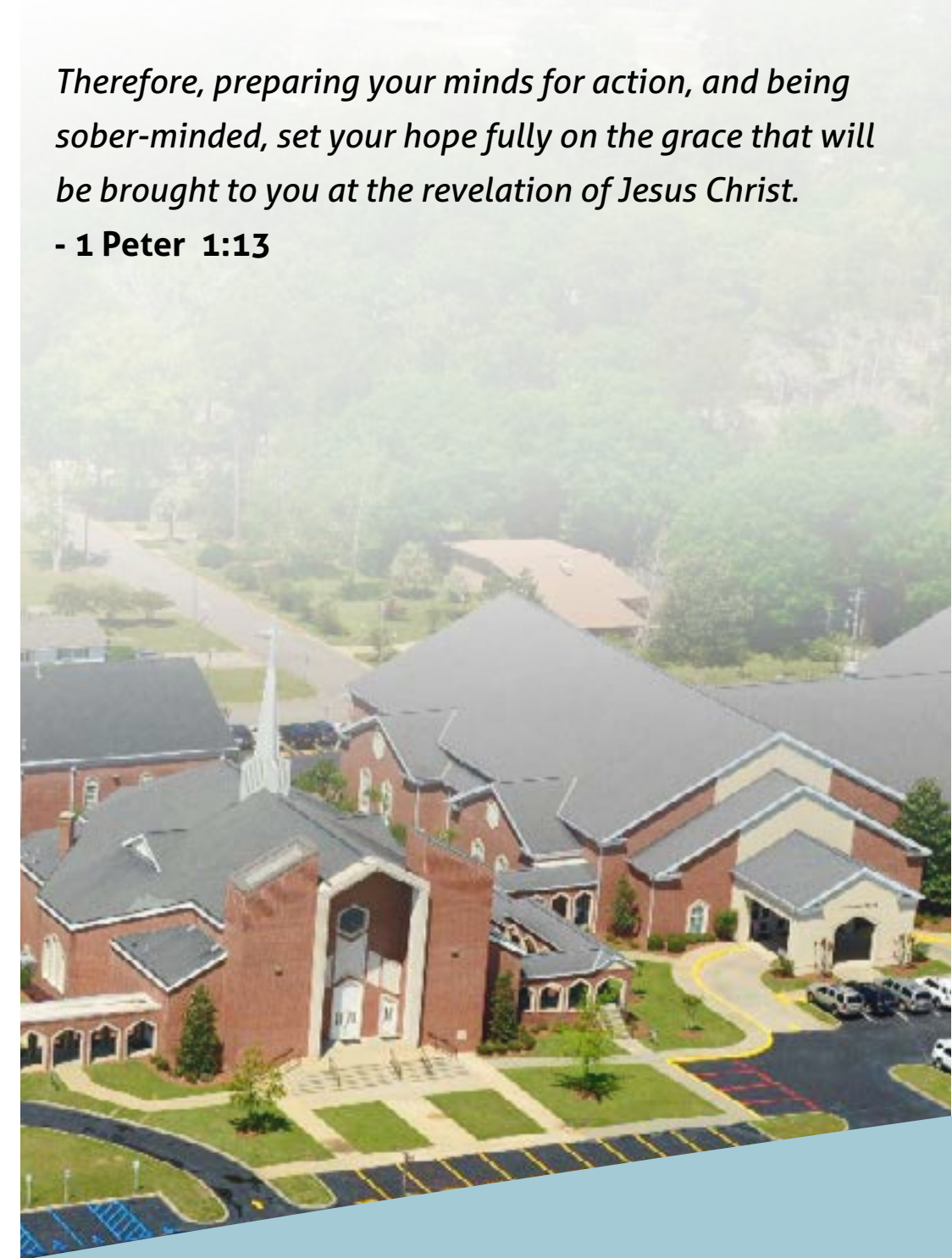
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Sunday Morning Schedule

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.

Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

- 1 Peter 1:13



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BAPTIST CHURCH