

An Easter Prayer

Ephesians 1:16-23

¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸ having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰ that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²² And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

7 Things I Pray for Us All Today:

1. *If you are not a Christian yet*, that you would recognize and receive the incredible gifts of _____, _____, _____, _____, and _____ that come thru faith in Jesus Christ who was and is and is to come!
2. *If you are a Christian*, that you'd _____ to _____ better, deeper, and more passionately and personally than you ever have before and would commit yourself to the _____ of that knowledge!
3. That the _____* we have been promised in Christ would give you _____ and _____ and _____ until the day you die. (See 1:13-14)
4. That the worth of your _____ in Christ would so far outweigh your estimation of and desire for earthly things that those things could no longer even compare anymore and that you would begin to _____ for _____.
5. That you would experience the might of His _____ that can change any wayward or broken thinking, overcome any hang-up or habit, and heal any hurt or pain and genuinely _____.
6. That you would be _____ in and _____ in his 'right here right now' _____ over all things and have no _____ of what the _____ holds for He reigns and will reign forever; *and* that you would _____, _____, and _____ to that authority for your good and to enjoy the benefits of His grace!
7. And that you would commit (or recommit) to being a vital, active, contributing part of His _____ – through its only visible, tangible expression, the _____ – and in it enjoy the _____ and exercise the _____ of authentic Christian living that cannot be known without it.

My response:

Today, I _____.

Welcome, First Time Guests!

If you are a first time guest with us today, we are so glad that you are here. We would like to invite you to join us in the Parlor after the service for a few minutes to meet our pastors and elders and to receive a gift.

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions

Calvary's Goal: \$40,000

The number of people in North America who believe in God has dropped to the lowest percentage ever. Meanwhile, the cost of doing mission work continues to rise. Your gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering help to provide the support that the missionaries need.

Vacation Bible School

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

June 5-9 | Completed K5-5th Grade

We hope your children can join us on Monday, June 5 through Friday, June 9 for VBS 2023 Keepers of the Kingdom! Children will spend a week learning how they can be part of God's Kingdom through salvation in his Son and what it means to be equipped with the armor of God. It will be a week of teaching, small group discussion, crafts, games, and music. To register your children or to sign up as a volunteer, visit calvarydothan.com/vbs.

Calvary Kids Ministry

Calvary Kids activities are alive, fun, Bible-focused and Christ-centered gatherings in a welcoming and safe environment. There are two Sunday Morning gatherings beginning with Life Groups for kids at 8:30am and Kids' Worship at 10am located in the Children's Building. On Wednesday evenings, we have Adventure Club starting at 6pm in the Children's Building. We hope your children can join us!

Deacon Nominations

We are requesting deacon nominations for the new church year that begins 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 carenc@calvarydothan.com.

Senior Adult Mid-month Worship

Thursday, April 20 | 11am | Sanctuary

Pastor Paul Thompson will be preaching the worship service. Lunch will be served in the Fellowship Center immediately following the service.

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/.

Student Ministry 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.

Joy Prom

Friday, May 12 | 5-7:30pm | Fellowship Center

Joy Prom is a full-scaled prom designed for people ages 13 and older with developmental or physical impairments. Participants can register online at calvarydothan.com. Volunteers are needed and can begin signing up in Life Groups next Sunday.

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.

Our Resurrection Hope

If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished ... But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead.

(1 Corinthians 15:17-18, 1 Corinthians 15:20)

Questions surrounding death and dying have faced mankind ever since the fall: "What will happen when I die? Will I go somewhere when I die, or is this it? Is there any significance to my life? What does it all mean?"

All of Scripture is timelessly relevant, and it provides answers to these questions. Paul, for example, addresses the issues of resurrection and eternal life in 1 Corinthians 15. Without the resurrection, he says, our faith would be in vain. Our salvation would be false, for we would still be living in sin. Death would prove to be stronger than God. Jesus' claims would be untrue: He would not be Lord, and He would not be returning. History would have no goal or purpose, and the human race would be going nowhere.

Since that's the "reality" in which unbelievers live, it's no wonder there is so much angst in our world! But the Christian can say, "Hey, not so fast! Don't say that history is going nowhere and all is meaningless! Consider the resurrection." We believe Christ rose from the dead and promises each of His followers full resurrection—not a resurrection only of soul but one of body and soul (1 Corinthians 15:42-49).

John Locke, the 18th-century British philosopher, wrote of Christ's resurrection that it is "truly of great importance in Christianity; so great, that his being, or not being the Messiah, stands or falls with it." It is the resurrection that proves that Jesus is who Scripture claims He is, the resurrection that seals our salvation, and the resurrection that transforms our lives. You can visit the burial sites of Buddha's ashes, Muhammad's body, and Gandhi's urn, but the tomb of Jesus of Nazareth is an empty one. Belief in the resurrection is the narrow gate through which we enter, and it's the only one that leads to life (Matthew 7:13-14). All our hope hangs on this fact: Jesus is alive!

Because of this hope, we can say that this life is not all there is; it is simply the appetizer, the first course. Shadows fall on our greatest successes on this earth. We lose loved ones. We're confronted by sin. Even our best days leave us longing for something more. But the fact is that we are only preparing for a day yet to come, when these former things will pass away and the new, resurrected kingdom will come. The resurrection of Jesus is what gives purpose to all you do today, and comfort in all your trials, and hope for all your tomorrows.

- Alistair Begg

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 9, 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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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 nebcvt.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...

April 2

Life Group: 459
10:00 Worship: 567
6:00 Worship: 158
Hispanic Church: 138
Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given February April 2: \$51,499.21
Y-T-D Budget
Surplus (Deficit): \$36,874.35
Annie Armstrong Y-T-D: \$10,495

5-DAY BIBLE READING PROGRAM

Week 15, April 9-15

- Judges 7-8; Luke 22
- Judges 9-11; Psalm 17; Luke 23
- Judges 12-16; Psalm 146; Luke 24
- Judges 17-18; Psalm 21; Acts 1
- Judges 19-21; Acts 2

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

STAFF ON CALL

Sunday, April 9:

Reagan Farris | 504-319-6986

Saturday, April 15:

Joyce Alexander | 334-798-4791

Sunday, April 16:

Joyce Alexander | 334-798-4791

SERMON SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 12

Worship of the Holy

Exodus 30

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, April 16 | 10am

Church As Family

1 Timothy 5:1-16

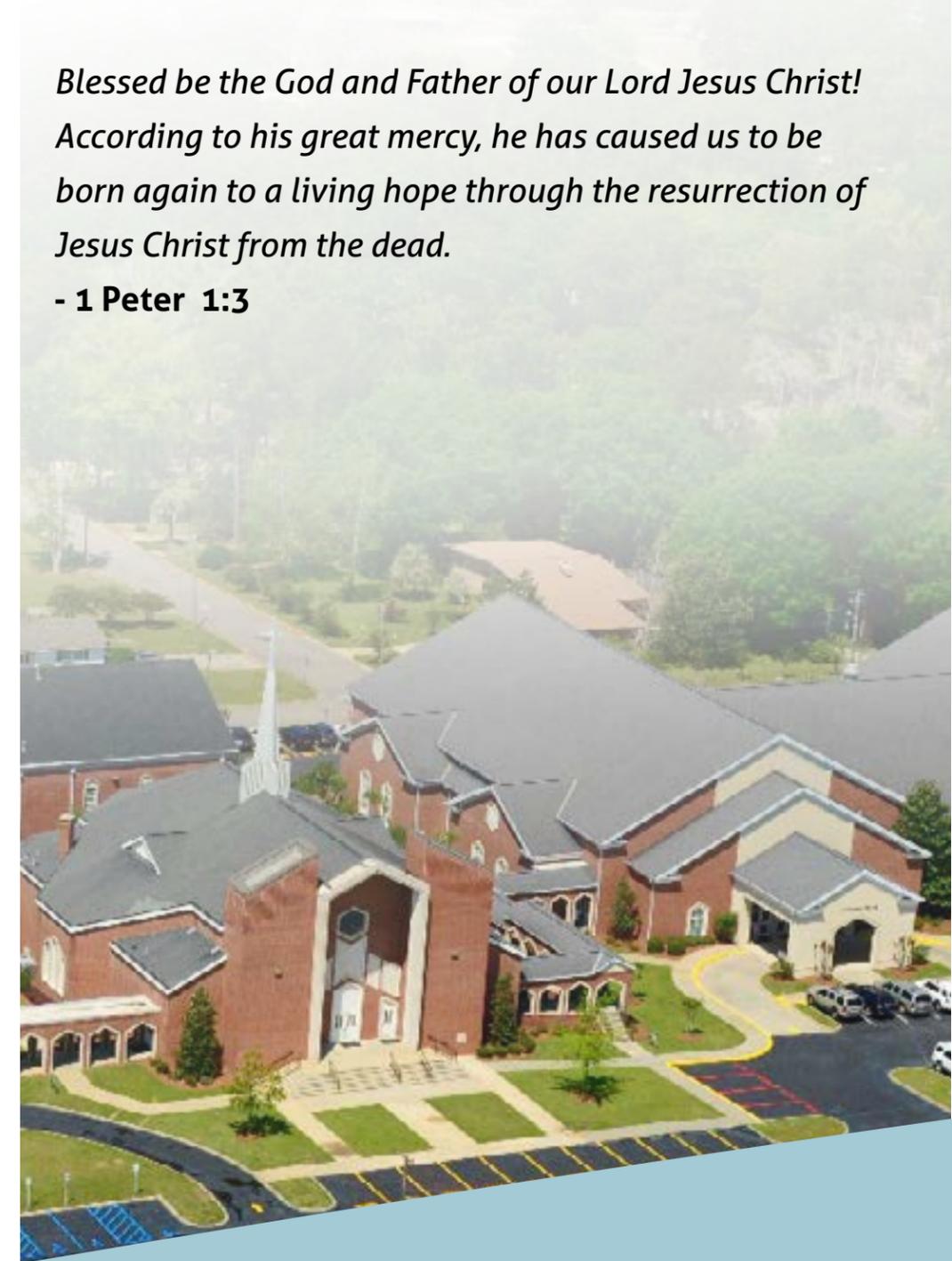
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Sunday Morning Schedule

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.

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be
born again to a living hope through the resurrection of
Jesus Christ from the dead.*

- 1 Peter 1:3



WELCOME TO
Calvary
BAPTIST CHURCH