

# Church As Family

1 Timothy 5:1-16

## Some presuppositions:

God’s design for His church is a gospel-revealing \_\_\_\_\_.

This newly formed community is notable for its \_\_\_\_\_ and its \_\_\_\_\_.

The concept scripture employs to define this community is \_\_\_\_\_.

“... 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 ...” (1 Timothy 3:14b-15a)

Church as family presumes multigenerational \_\_\_\_\_.

Church as family requires multigenerational \_\_\_\_\_.

Do I consider the other members of my church as my family – my fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers, sons, daughters?

If so, how should I commit to live among each other?

## The culture of a healthy family:

\_\_\_\_\_ our elders.

\_\_\_\_\_ our peers.

\_\_\_\_\_ for our vulnerable and needy.

*All with \_\_\_\_\_ ...*

## An excursus on widows:

“Honor widows who are **truly** widows.”

What does it mean to “honor”?

Who qualifies?

*Some guidelines:*

1) Widows are first and foremost the responsibility of their \_\_\_\_\_ (and then grandchildren).

2) Those who have no family are the responsibility of the \_\_\_\_\_ (not just the \_\_\_\_\_).

3) The church is to only honor \_\_\_\_\_ widows.

*Old enough?*

*Faithful to her marriage?*

*Known for good works?*

4) Younger widows (and presumably \_\_\_\_\_) are to \_\_\_\_\_ (and \_\_\_\_\_ if possible).

5) The church should \_\_\_\_\_ anyone to live an \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ life.

## A summary:

The supernatural bond we have in Christ is closer and tighter than any natural bonds ...

“Church” takes on a whole new meaning and expression when you realize what God has made us ...

Our lives together as supernatural family is one of the most compelling apologetics for the gospel ...

*Dr. Paul Thompson  
Calvary Baptist Church  
April 16, 2023*

# Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions

Calvary’s Goal: \$40,000

Since 2010, Southern Baptists have planted more than 9,400 churches. This number represents 9,400+ communities that otherwise would not have a gospel presence. Your gift this year will help to keep this momentum going.

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

## 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/](http://radical.net/secret-church/).

## Student Ministry Cake and Dessert Auction (DATE CHANGE)

April 30 | 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](mailto: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](http://calvarydothan.com).

Volunteers are needed and can begin signing up in Life Groups April 16.

## Parent-Child Commitment Service

Sunday, May 14 | 10am Worship

Email [joyce@calvarydothan.com](mailto: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.

## A Prayer about Loving Well

*And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. We love because he first loved us. (1 John 4:16–19 NIV)*

Gracious Jesus, today I’m remembering the call to love well all kinds of people in all kinds of situations. I’m recognizable as one of your disciples by the way I love others (John 13:34). This would be an unbearable burden if you didn’t love us as you do. We love you, and anybody, only because you first loved us.

Because of your great love for us, Jesus, we don’t have to fear judgment day. Your cross is judgment day for all who trust in you. You took the punishment I deserve for all the ways I love so poorly. I now rely on the love you have for me. In that assurance, here’s my plea, Jesus.

Help me love well the members of my immediate family. They are at the same time the easiest and the hardest people to love, day in and day out. Sometimes I think I have the greatest family on the earth; sometimes I think we’d trade one another in for a Diet Coke. Bring your kindness, compassion, patience, and perseverance to bear. Help us to provoke one another to love and good deeds, and not just provoke one another.

Jesus, help me to love my friends well. Help me not to take them for granted. Help me know how to give my friends feedback lovingly and receive feedback from them without being defensive. Forgive me when I want friendship to be simply a mutual admiration society rather than a community of groaning, grace, and growth.

Help me to know how to love the irritating people in my life, those I try hard to avoid. Help me know how to love the foolish people in my life, the ones making destructive choices, the ones I’m mad at right now.

Help me know how to love the depressed and sad people in my life. I instinctively try to fix them and make them happy, but I know that’s not really what they need from me. Help me to love the poor, the orphans and widows, the marginalized, “the least and the lost,” for among them I will surely find you, Jesus. I pray in your compassionate name.

Amen.

Scotty Smith, *Everyday Prayers* (p. 241)

## 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 16, 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

Name / Date of Birth

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

## April 16, 2023

### 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](http://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 Schools (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](mailto:tommy@calvarydothan.com).

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### THE PEOPLE CAME...

#### April 6

Maundy Thursday Worship: 165

#### April 9

Life Group: 585

10:00 Worship: 934

Hispanic Church: 144

Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

### THE PEOPLE GAVE...

#### General Fund

Given April 9: \$53,525.30

Y-T-D Budget

Surplus (Deficit): \$23,454.99

Annie Armstrong Y-T-D: \$12,320

### 5-DAY BIBLE READING PROGRAM

#### Week 16, April 16-22

Ruth 1-2; Acts 3

Ruth 3-4; Psalm 37; Acts 4

1 Samuel 1-2; Psalm 120; Acts 5

1 Samuel 3-5; Psalm 23; Acts 6

1 Samuel 6-8; Acts 7

### Midweek Schedule

6:00pm Midweek Worship, Sanctuary

Preschool, Birth-K5, Preschool Building

Children, Grades 1-5, Kids Worship Room

Students, Grades 6-12, Student Room

### 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'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/](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

### STAFF ON CALL

#### Sunday, April 16:

Joyce Alexander | 334-798-4791

#### Saturday, April 22:

Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765

#### Sunday, April 23:

Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765

### SERMON SCHEDULE

#### Wednesday, April 19

*The Gift of the Sabbath*

Exodus 31

Message by Paul Thompson

#### Sunday, April 23 | 10am

*What a Biblically Shaped Church*

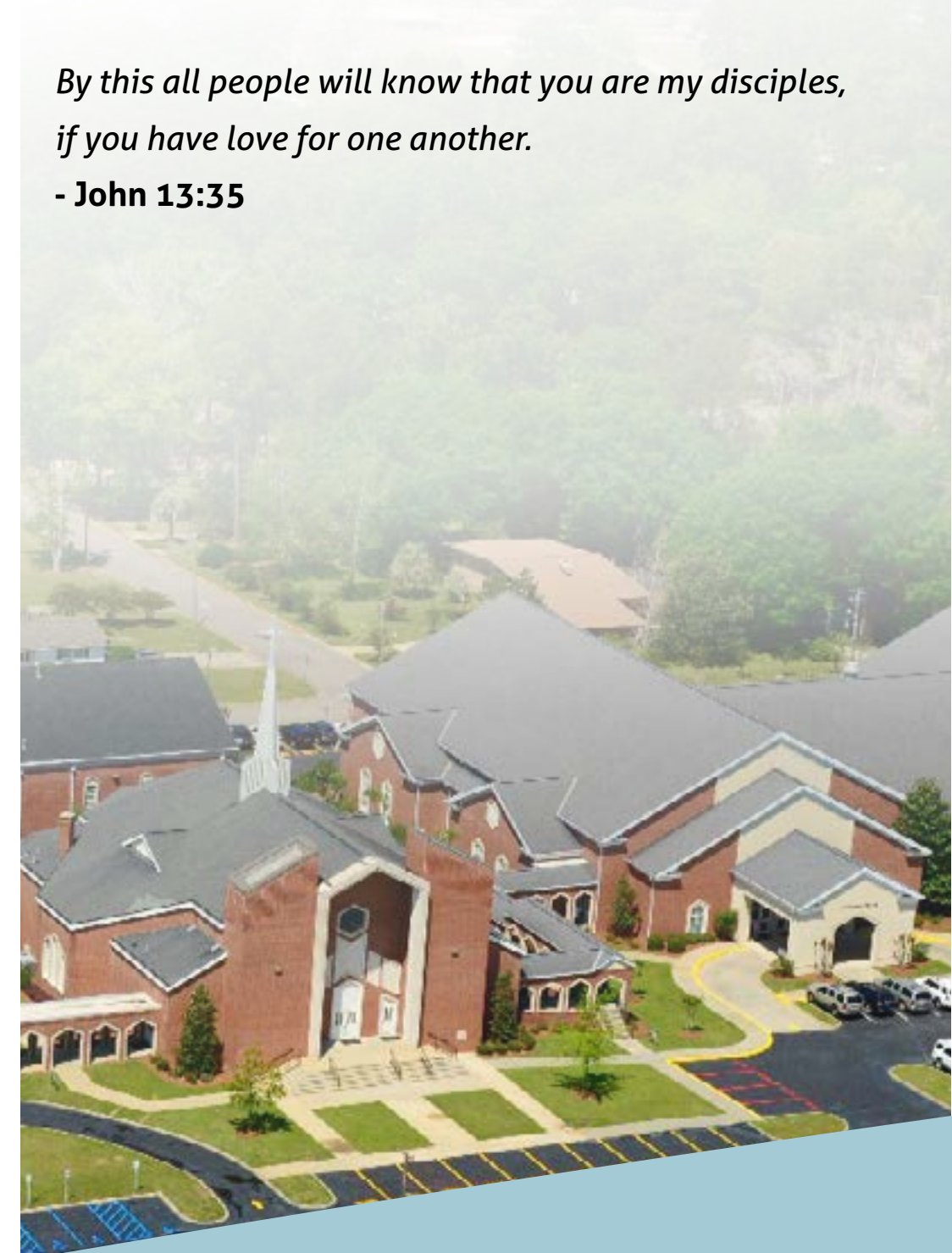
*Owes its Elders*

1 Timothy 5:17-25

Message by David Glover

*By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.*

**- John 13:35**



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**Calvary**  
BAPTIST CHURCH