

Church As Family

1 Timothy 6:1-2

6 Let all who are under a yoke as bondservants regard their own masters as worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and the teaching may not be reviled. ² Those who have believing masters must not be disrespectful on the ground that they are brothers; rather they must serve all the better since those who benefit by their good service are believers and beloved.

Several ways to **mishandle the text:**

_____ it.

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Some pressing questions:

Does the Bible _____ slavery?

Were many Christians before us _____ on the subject?

On what basis may we declare, “Slavery is wrong”?

Can we make specific moral pronouncements on matters Scripture does not directly or obviously address?

Some necessary information:

Slavery was ubiquitous in the 1st century. Some estimate that _____ of the world’s population was under the yoke of slavery during the time of the Roman Empire.

Slavery was both _____ (largely due to poverty and debt) and _____ (due to _____).

Slavery was rarely (if ever) _____ based in the 1st century.

The Old Testament _____ the existence of forms of slavery but _____ it, while _____ a certain form of it:

Exodus 21:16

Deut. 24:7

The New Testament acknowledges the reality of slavery in the world but _____ it for Christians:

1 Tim 1:9-10

The entire _____ institution of slavery—which began with the capture of African slaves and included the passage to the Americas—directly violated the law of God, as does the widespread _____ around the world today.

The text doesn’t address slavery in general, or even slaveholders. It addresses those who were _____.

Two necessary applications:

My _____ has nothing to do with my ability to _____.

My commitment to Christ requires _____ in all circumstances—even in unfair or unjust ones. God’s _____ supersedes my “_____”.

_____ transforms every relationship into that of _____. We must live accordingly.

Being a Christian _____ ought to be an obvious _____ to all who work for me.

Being a Christian _____ ought to be an obvious _____ to all who employ me.

One final consideration:

If I am viewing _____, I am participating in the most pervasive, most destructive form of _____ in history.

*Dr. Paul Thompson
Calvary Baptist Church
April 30, 2023*

National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 4 | 7am | Sanctuary

While prayer is always necessary and worthwhile, there is something uniquely critical about the moment we find ourselves as a nation. We are in the midst of an outright war on the family, on decency, on morality, and on common sense. While praying is not all we should be doing, it is the irreducible minimum of what we must be doing as Christians. Will you take some time out of your morning schedule and join us for a time of pleading intercession to the Father for the soul and sake of our broken nation? Join us at 7 and stay as long as you are able, even if your time is brief.

Celebration of Patrick Lima’s 1-year anniversary with Calvary

Sunday, May 7 | ROC | Immediately Following PM Service

We are so grateful to have Patrick, Amanda and their family with us and we look forward to the years to come. As many of you know, Patrick and Amanda have very recently moved back into their house that was in need of significant repair when they purchased it a year ago. To honor them for their service and to bless them as they return to their home, we are having a “pounding” for them! Instead of bringing goods, we encourage you to bring gift cards. We will share these with them after our PM service with a reception down at the ROC.

VBS Volunteer Training

Today | 5pm | Kid’s Worship Room

If you’re interested in or have signed up to volunteer at VBS this summer, we invite you to join us for a time of training today in the Kids Worship Room in the Children’s Building at 5pm. We will cover the basics for this year’s VBS! This training is the first of two training times that we are offering. You are welcome to attend either one, but you must attend at least one to volunteer. The next VBS training is scheduled for Sunday, May 21.

Vacation Bible School

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

June 5-9 | Completed K5-5th Grade

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.

Prayer and Praise Service

Sunday, May 7 | 5pm | Sanctuary

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

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 sign up in Life Group.

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.

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.

How to Serve a Bad Boss

A devotional by John Piper

Rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man, knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free. (Ephesians 6:7–8)

Consider these five things from Ephesians 6:7–8 in connection to your job.

1) *A call to radically Lord-centered living.*

This is astonishing compared to the way we usually live. Paul says that all our work should be done as work for Christ, not for any human supervisor. With good will render service “*as to the Lord* and not to man.”

This means that we will think of the Lord in what we are doing at work. We will ask, *Why* would the Lord like this done? *How* would the Lord like this done? *When* would the Lord like this done? Will the Lord help me to do this? What effect will this have for the Lord’s honor? In other words, being a Christian means radically Lord-centered living and working.

2) *A call to be a good person.*

Lord-centered living means being a good person and doing good things. Paul says, “With a *good* will [render service] . . . whatever *good* anyone does.” Jesus said that when we let our light shine, men will see our “*good* works” and give glory to our Father in heaven (Matthew 5:16).

3) *Power to do a good job for inconsiderate earthly employers.*

Paul’s aim is to empower Christians, with Lord-centered motives, to go on doing good for supervisors who are not considerate. How do you keep on doing good in a job when your boss ignores you or even criticizes you? Paul’s answer is: stop thinking about your boss as your main supervisor, and start working for the Lord. Do this in the very duties given to you by your earthly supervisor.

4) *Encouragement that nothing good is done in vain.*

Perhaps the most amazing sentence of all is this: “Whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord.” This is amazing. Everything! “*Whatever* good anyone does.” Every little thing you do that is good is seen and valued and rewarded by the Lord.

And he will pay you back for it. Not in the sense that you have *earned* anything — as if you could put him in your debt. He owns you, and everything in the universe. He owes us *nothing*. But he freely, graciously chooses to *reward us for all the good things done in faith*.

5) *Encouragement that insignificant status on earth is no hindrance to great reward in heaven.*

The Lord will reward every good thing you do — “whether he is a bondservant or is free.” Your supervisor may think you are a nobody — a mere bondservant, so to speak. Or he may not even know you exist. That doesn’t matter. The Lord knows you exist. And in the end no faithful service will be in vain.

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

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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)

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Name / Date of Birth

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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 necbv.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.

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THE PEOPLE CAME...

April 23

Life Group: 447
10:00 Worship: 549
Hispanic Church: 123
Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given April 23: \$42,233.67
Y-T-D Budget
Surplus (Deficit): \$23,454.99
Annie Armstrong Y-T-D: \$17,395

5-DAY BIBLE READING PROGRAM

Week 18, April 30-May 6

- 1 Sam 18-19; 1 Chr 3; Ps 59; Acts 13
- 1 Sam 20; 1 Chr 4; Ps 56, 57, 142; Acts 14
- 1 Sam 21-22; 1 Chr 5; Ps 52; Acts 15
- 1 Sam 23-24; 1 Chr 6; Ps 54; Acts 16
- 1 Sam 25; 1 Chr 7; Acts 17

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

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
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STAFF ON CALL

Sunday, April 30:

Reagan Farris | 504-319-6986

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SERMON SCHEDULE

Wednesday, May 3

The Glory of God and the Good of Man

Exodus 33

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, May 7 | 10am

Maturity and Holiness in a Biblically Shaped Church

1 Timothy 6:2b-10

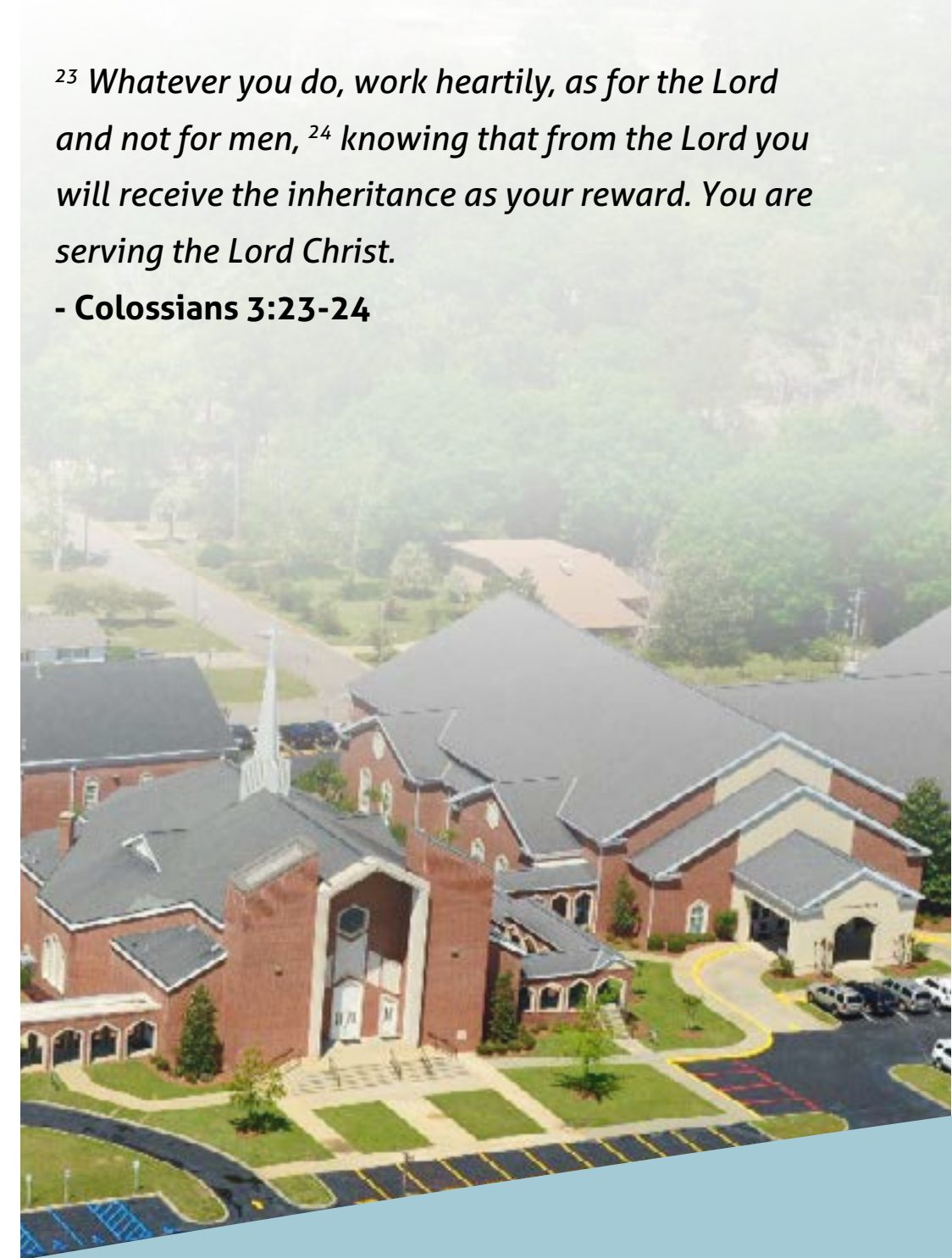
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Sunday Morning Schedule

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.

²³ Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

- Colossians 3:23-24



WELCOME TO
Calvary
BAPTIST CHURCH