

The Wisest Investment

1 Timothy 6:17-19

¹⁷ *As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.* ¹⁸ *They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share,* ¹⁹ *thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.*

The Responsibility of Wealth and the Richness of God

What we know so far:

The Bible doesn't require or endorse _____.

Instead, if you are blessed materially, you are not required to _____ of it, but to be _____ for it and _____ it. (1 Tim. 4:3-34)

At the same time, _____ living *is* condemned.

Living a life of _____ should never be the highest priority for any believer. (1 Tim. 5:6)

And the _____ is a path to all sorts of unnecessary pain and trouble.

Dissatisfaction and _____ are enemies of the faith. (1 Tim. 6:9-10)

Knowing then, that among God's people (and because of God's providence) there will be poor and rich, what does God say specifically to the rich*?

Guard yourself against _____.

Remember Who it is that provides _____ ...

Never misplace your _____.

Our resources can give us a false sense of _____ ...

Instead, liberated from _____ *in* and _____ *for* money, _____ your blessings from _____ for _____!

Those who do, discover that _____ riches come from _____ works!

Am I grateful?

Am I generous?

Am I doing good with what I have?

Let's talk about the future ...

That we are in "this present age" clearly implies that there is an age _____.

Am I prepared?

The standards of _____ are not comparable in that age, yet you can _____ there.

Am I preparing?

My best life _____ is the one that focuses on my life _____.

May 28 Memorial Day Schedule

8:30am Life Groups and Open Classes

10:00am Worship **IN THE SANCTUARY**

During worship we will recognize our senior adults and celebrate the gifts, talents, and contributions older adults make within the church and beyond.

Baby Bottle Boomerang Benefitting Wiregrass Hope Group

Pick up location: Fellowship Center Foyer

Return Date: Sunday, May 28

Wiregrass Hope Group is one of our Community Ministry Partners. They provide free pregnancy resources, free parenting programs, and a free fatherhood program. Their mission is to share the hope of Jesus Christ, promote human life, and care for people through pregnancy resources, biblical counseling, and relationship education. Grab a bottle today and fill it with your loose change as a way to support this ministry.

Security Team Volunteers Needed

If you are interested in being part of Calvary's security team, contact Keith Reed at 334-596-1421. Training will be provided.

VBS Volunteer Training

May 21 | 5pm | Kids Worship Room

If you are interested in or have signed up to volunteer at VBS this summer and missed the last volunteer training, we invite you to join us for this important training. We will cover the basics for this year's VBS!

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.

Member Meeting

May 24 | Sanctuary

All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting at 6:45pm at the end of the Midweek service.

Senior Adult VBS

Thursday, June 15 and Friday, June 16 | 9am-12noon | Room R300 in the ROC

All senior adults are invited to for Bible study, fellowship, and fun.

Open Classes Summer Schedule

Begins June 4 | 8:30 am

Opening assembly will be in the Sanctuary each week and classes will meet below the Sanctuary. Open classes will not meet on July 2.

Meaningful Membership: A required membership class

Taught by multiple staff members & elders | 4 weeks

Systematic Theology Part 2: Building a framework for knowing God and His creation

Taught by Paul Thompson, Charles Uptain, & Dave Lindey | 12 weeks

Old Testament Overview Part 2: A 30,000 ft. view of the books of the Old Testament

Taught by Dan Tankersley & Tommy Perry | 12 weeks

Meeting with God: Basic Disciplines of the Christian Life

Taught by Tyler Campbell & David Glover | 6 weeks beginning June 4

Fear of Man: Fear God rather than people

Taught by Tyler Campbell & David Glover | 6 weeks beginning July 23

Apologetics: Reasons for belief

Taught by Eric Donop & John Adams Uptain

Here's an excerpt from one of the great sermons of our time: ***Boasting Only in the Cross***

You don't have to know a lot of things for your life to make a lasting difference in the world. But you do have to know the few great things that matter, and then be willing to live for them and die for them. The people that make a durable difference in the world are not the people who have mastered many things, but who have been mastered by a few great things.

If you want your life to count, if you want the ripple effect of the pebbles you drop to become waves that reach the ends of the earth and roll on for centuries and into eternity, you don't have to have a high IQ or a high EQ. You don't have to have good looks or riches. You don't have to come from a fine family or a fine school. You just have to know a few great, majestic, unchanging, obvious, simple, glorious things, and be set on fire by them.

But I know that not everybody wants their life to make a difference. There are hundreds of you — you don't care whether you make a lasting difference for something great, you just want people to like you. If people would just like you, you'd be satisfied. Or if you could just have a good job with a good wife and a couple good kids and a nice car and long weekends and a few good friends, a fun retirement, and quick and easy death and no hell — if you could have that, you'd be satisfied even without God.

That is a tragedy in the making.

Three weeks ago, we got word that Ruby Eliason and Laura Edwards had both been killed in Cameroon. Ruby was over eighty. Single all her life, she poured it out for one great thing: to make Jesus Christ known among the unreached, the poor, and the sick. Laura was a widow, a medical doctor, pushing eighty years old, and serving at Ruby's side in Cameroon.

The brakes give way, over the cliff they go, and they're gone — killed instantly.

And I asked my people: was that a tragedy? Two lives, driven by one great vision, spent in unheralded service to the perishing poor for the glory of Jesus Christ — two decades after almost all their American counterparts have retired to throw their lives away on trifles in Florida or New Mexico. No. That is not a tragedy. That is a glory.

I'll read to you from *Reader's Digest* what a tragedy is. "Bob and Penny . . . took early retirement from their jobs in the NE five years ago when he was 59 and she was 51. Now they live in Punta Gorda, FL, where they cruise on their 30' trawler, playing softball and collecting shells."

That's a tragedy. And people today are spending billions of dollars to persuade you to embrace that tragic dream. And I plead with you: don't buy it. With all my heart I plead with you: don't buy that dream. The American Dream: a nice house, a nice car, a nice job, a nice family, a nice retirement, collecting shells as the last chapter before you stand before the Creator of the universe to give an account of what you did: "Here it is Lord — *my shell collection!*" And I've got a nice swing, and look at my bo at!"

Don't waste your life; don't waste it.

- John Piper

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

May 21, 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

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

May 21, 2023

May Missions Spotlight

Brett and Lia Lamberth (Missioteca)

Missioteca is committed to building missional solutions that cultivate human flourishing in churches and communities around the world. If you would like to know more about the mission work of Missioteca or the Lamberth's you can visit missioteca.org or email Brett at brett@missioteca.org. Also, if you would like to know how to pray for the Lamberth's, please pick up a prayer card at the mission's 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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THE PEOPLE CAME...

May 14

Life Group: 527
10:00 Worship: 761
Hispanic Church: 153
Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given May 14: \$47,537.31
Y-T-D Budget
Surplus (Deficit): \$11,554.24
Annie Armstrong Y-T-D: \$37,110

5-DAY BIBLE READING PROGRAM

Week 21, May 21-27

- 2 Sam 13-14; Acts 28
- 1 Chr 15-17; Psalms 3, 63; Romans 1
- 2 Sam 18-20; Psalms 34; Romans 2
- 2 Sam 21-23; Psalms 18; Romans 3
- 2 Sam 24; 1 Chr 21; Romans 4

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
Charles Uptain.....Executive Pastor
Dan Tankersley.....Discipleship
Patrick Lima.....Worship
Tommy Perry.....Missions

STAFF ON CALL

Sunday, May 21:

Joyce Alexander | 334-798-4791

Saturday, May 27:

Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765

Sunday, May 28:

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SERMON SCHEDULE

Wednesday, May 24

Worship and Obedience

Exodus 36

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, May 28 | 10am

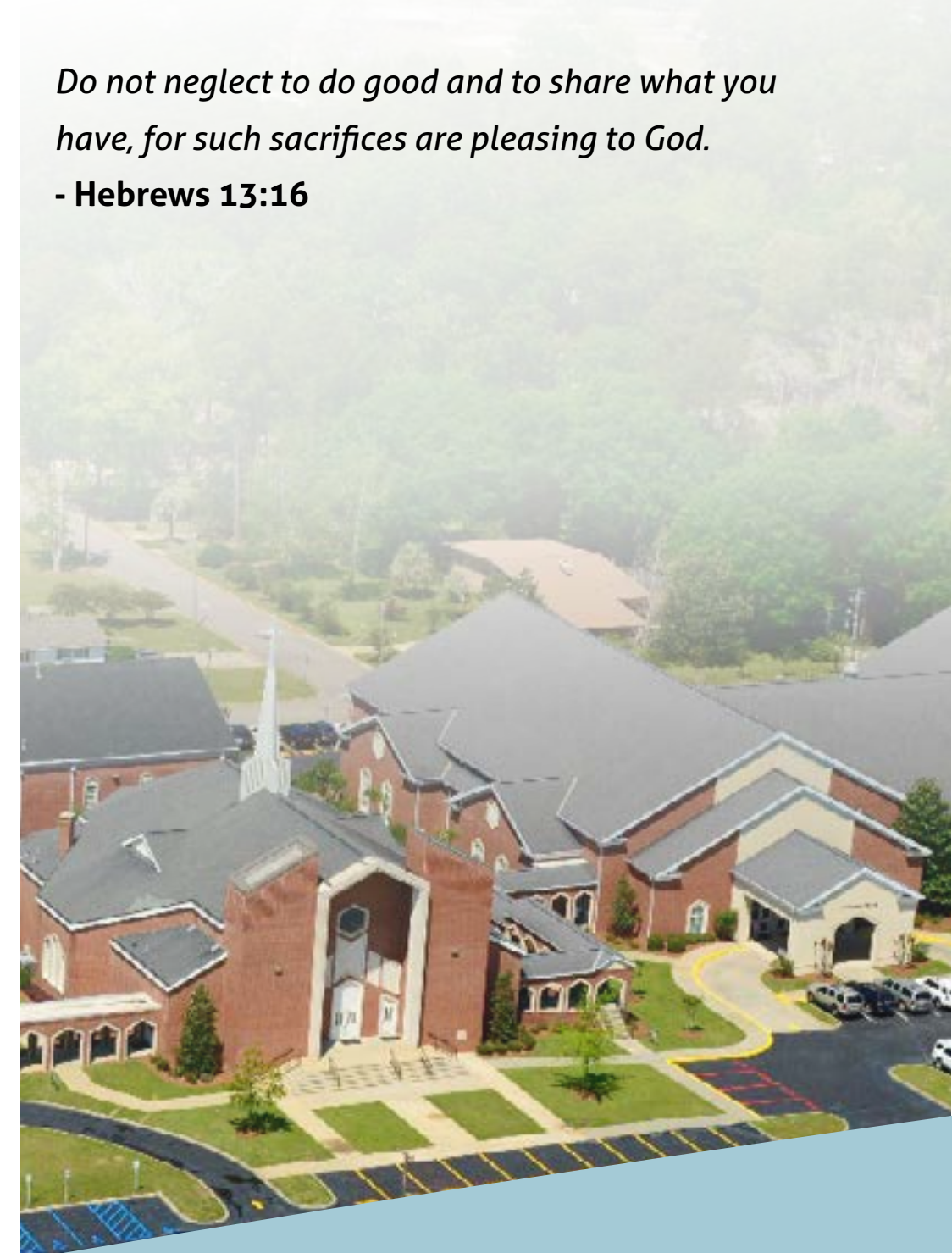
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Sunday Morning Schedule

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.

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

- Hebrews 13:16



WELCOME TO
Calvary
BAPTIST CHURCH