A Legacy of Love

1 John 3:11-18

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love. 1 Cor. 13:13

"Love sums up the entire Christian life."

Jonathan Edwards

1st John reaffirms the core of Christianity: Christians should exhibit sound doctrine, obedience, and love. John goes so far as to say, if you don't exhibit these things, you're not a Christian.

•	The gospel is (1 John 3:11)
•	We are to one another instead of following the example of Cain, who and his brother. (1 John 3:12)
•	Do not be when the world you. (1 John 3:13)
•	Love provides that we have (1 John 3:14–15)

• Service to others may mean ______. (1 John 3:16)

• Service to others always involves ______. (1 John 3:17–18)

Conclusion

Hatred characterizes the world, whose prototype is Cain. It originates in the Devil, results in murder, and is evidence of spiritual death. Love characterizes the church, whose prototype is Christ. It originates in God, results in self-sacrifice, and is evidence of eternal life. (The Letters of John, 148) – John Stott

Will you leave a legacy of love?

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

John 13:34-35

Annie Armstrong Offering for North American Missions

We are thankful for your contributions to the Annie Armstrong Offering for North American Missions.

Calvary's Goal: \$40,000 Given to Date: \$37,110

Today is the last Sunday we will be receiving these contributions for this offering.

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.

VBS Prayer Walk

Sunday, June 4 | Immediately Following AM Worship

Self-guided prayer guides will be available for you to use while you walk the classrooms and church campus praying for the leaders and volunteers working in VBS and for the kids who will be attending and their families.

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 <u>calvarydothan.com/vbs.</u>

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 Disiplines 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

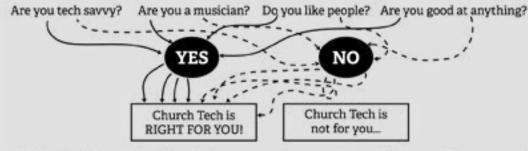
Apologetics: Reasons for belief

Dr. Dan Tankersley

Calvary Baptist Church

May 28, 2023

Taught by Eric Donop & John Adams Uptain



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What's really important in your life? In death? When that time comes, what will you be remembered for? You may leave money, property or assets to loved ones, but there's one thing that's far more valuable – a legacy of faith

By being intentional in your relationships, you can help build the kingdom of God for generations to come. If you don't share the Good News of Christ with family members, who will?

Billy Graham, who shared the Gospel with millions around the world, stressed the value of passing this gift to family and others.

"The memory of what we were like—not just our personalities but our character and our faith—has the potential to influence others for Christ," he said.

"Do they see Christ in you?" Billy Graham challenged. Are you a living example of His compassion and love? First, don't wait; start impacting young members of your family now.

"If they can sense our faith is sincere and our love is authentic, then they will respect us and take us seriously," said Billy Graham. "This is why it is important to begin building our lives on the solid foundation of Jesus Christ now, instead of waiting until it is too late and the problems of old age overwhelm us."

Here are 7 ways to live out the legacy you'll leave:

- Pray often for your family. Ask God to give your children and grandchildren a sense of purpose, direction and mission.
- Share God's Word and its truths. Study the Bible with them and let them see you studying on your own. For younger children, read stories from a children's Bible
- Leave a will and testament. In his book Nearing Home, Billy Graham wrote: "My prayer is that you will be responsible for settling the business that must take place when living wills and last wills and final arrangements must be made ... and more than anything else, let them know where you stand with the Lord Jesus Christ for this will be your lasting legacy."
- Lead by example and serve others. Teach your family to be doers, not just hearers of God's Word. Take them along when serving in your community.
- Be an influencer for Christ. Do they see you sharing about God's saving grace with others? Also teach them about unconditional love toward those around you.
- Buy a blank book and start writing. Jot down significant life memories and how God has guided you. Give it to your grandchildren, who will appreciate it one day. As Moses told the Israelites, don't forget what God commands of us and what He's done for us, but share it with the next generation: "Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children ..." (Deuteronomy 4:9).
- Write your favorite Scripture on a stone. Place it
 in a visible spot at work or home and when others
 ask you about it, share your faith story. In the Bible,
 stones were used to build memorials of God's
 faithfulness in Joshua 4 and 1 Samuel 7:12.

Your legacy isn't limited to what your family remembers about you, but also good friends, acquaintances and strangers. Reach out to others who may be hopeless and point them to a friend — Jesus!

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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 missiotecca.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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May 21 Life Group: 543 10:00 Worship: 672 Hispanic Church: 134 Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

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Given May 21: \$55,277.42 Y-T-D Budget Surplus (Deficit): \$11,554.24 Annie Armstrong Y-T-D: \$37,110

5-DAY BIBLE READING PROGRAM Week 22, May 28-June 3

O 1 Chron 22-25; Psalm 78; Romans 5 O 1 Kings 1; 1 Chr 26-28; Romans 6

O 1 Kings 2; 1 Chr 29; Romans 7 O 1 Kings 3; 2 Chr 1 Ps 42; Romans 8

O 1 Kings 4; Prov 1-2; Ps 43; Romans 9

Sunday, May 28: Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765 Saturday, June 3:

Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

Sunday, June 4:

STAFF ON CALL

Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

SERMON SCHEDULE

Wednesday, May 31

Worship and Holiness

Exodus 37

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, June 4 | 10am

Titus: The Normal Chris Life Is...

A Hopeful Life Titus 1:1-4

Message by Paul Thompson

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/.

> If you would like to view a pdf of today's sermon notes, go to calvarydothan.com/messages.

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"One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts."

- Psalm 145:4 (ESV)

