

The Normal Christian Life is a Hopeful Life

Titus 1:1-4

1 Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness, 2 in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began 3 and at the proper time manifested in his word through the preaching with which I have been entrusted by the command of God our Savior;

4 To Titus, my true child in a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

An introduction – Paul, the servant-apostle

What is my primary identity?

What is my primary purpose?

Who am I here for?

Three necessary effects of Gospel preaching:

- 1) Enables _____
- 2) Endows _____
- 3) Ensures _____*

And I have _____ of all the above inasmuch as I have _____.

The rock-solid, immovable, unshakeable foundation of our hope*:

God's _____ ...

God's _____ and _____ ...

God's _____ work of redemption through our _____, Jesus Christ ...

The practical worth of eternal hope for today:

I can be _____ and not _____ about the future.

I can speak _____ and _____, knowing the truth will be vindicated.

I can live _____ and _____, knowing Christ will appear (perhaps soon?).

I can endure _____ and _____, knowing what is promised me in Christ will be worth it all.

I can live _____, independent from the circumstantial and the immediate because I am focused on _____.

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. (Eph. 1:18-19a)

*Dr. Paul Thompson
Calvary Baptist Church
June 4, 2023*

Sunday Night Family Worship

June 4 | 5pm | Sanctuary

Join us tonight for a time of worship and encouragement. Patrick Lima will be preaching.

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 calvarydothan.com/vbs.

Senior Adult VBS

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

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



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, June 21 | 2-6pm | Parlor

Be the lifeline patients need by giving blood. To make an appointment to donate, use the QR code or visit redcrossblood.org.

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

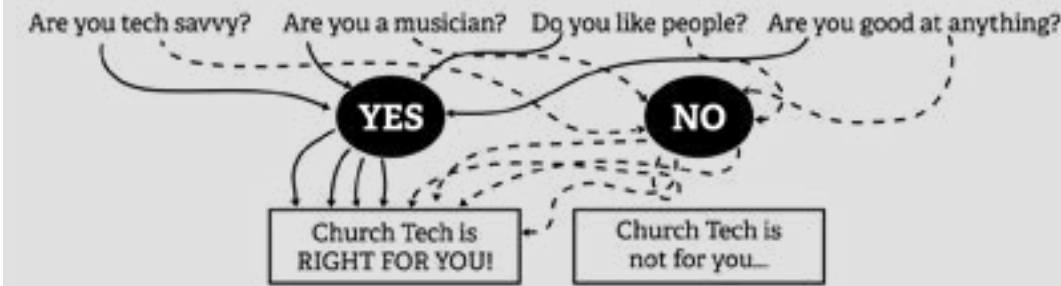
Taught by Tyler Campbell & David Glover | 5 weeks beginning June 4

Fear of Man: Fear God rather than people

Taught by Tyler Campbell & David Glover | 7 weeks beginning July 16

Apologetics: Reasons for belief

Taught by Eric Donop & John Adams Uptain



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WHY DO VBS?

In both of his letters to Timothy, Paul encourages him in his ministry. In 2 Timothy 3, we read that Scripture is valuable for teaching, reproof, correction, training in righteousness, and equipping for every good work; but the context of the verses tells us something important about Timothy's knowledge of the Scriptures:

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. (2 Timothy 3:14-15)

Paul is reminding Timothy to continue in his study of the Word of God and to remember the people who invested in teaching him since childhood.

WHY SO MUCH FOCUS ON TEACHING CHILDREN?

There are many passages of Scripture urging believers to pass on the faith to children. In Ephesians 6, we are told to bring children up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. Passages like Deuteronomy 6 focus on speaking these truths to our own children continually, while Paul refers to Timothy as his true child in the faith in 1 Timothy 1. In Joshua 4, we read of a command to pass on the faith to the entire next generation. It is so important that children receive solid biblical answers from a young age, brought up in the Lord.

Yes, the kids have fun, play, and do activities, but I thank God that throughout the year as a whole, and especially during VBS, the focus is teaching children the Bible and applying it to make them "wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 3:15).

WHY DOES THIS MATTER, ULTIMATELY?

The VBS curriculum we use focuses on three main things that work hand-in-hand:

1. **Biblical authority—All Scripture is breathed out by God.** We teach kids that although God gave us the Bible through humans like Paul, Moses, kings, shepherds, and tax collectors, God is the author of the Bible, and this is his Word.
2. **Apologetics—While we don't often use the word apologetics with children, we are giving them a defense,** an answer to stand firm on when questions arise, so that they may be complete and equipped.
3. **Gospel—We teach that the history in the Bible is true.** We have given them the tools to know and believe that it is true and that God's world confirms his Word. Because the history is true, the gospel based in that history is true.

The accounts and themes taught in the Answers in Genesis VBS give the foundation of God's perfect creation.

We teach what sin is, that all of us have fallen short of God's perfect standard, that Jesus came to pay the price that only he could pay, and that he rose again so that we can live forever with him in heaven by believing and accepting what he did for us.

In order for them to understand the good news of Jesus, they must first understand the bad news of sin that made Jesus' death necessary in the first place. This good news is why we go through the financial expense, all of the man-hours before, during, and after, and why we will do it again next year.

Article taken from **Answers in Genesis**

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

June 4, 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.

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June Missions Spotlight

Joe and Andi Carroll (Global Missions Partner)

The Carrolls seek to serve the members of Erbil Baptist Church by encouraging them to be bold in their witness and have wisdom to seek the salvation of their family, friends, and neighbors. They are also working towards the planting of a Kurdish-speaking church in this region as well as starting a school to open this Fall. If you would like to learn more about the ministry work of Joe and Andi you can visit erbilbaptist.church. If you would like to know how to pray for the Carrolls, please pick up a prayer card at the mission's kiosk in the FC foyer.

Dare to Hope (Local Missions Partner)

Dare to Hope is a ministry bringing the hope of Jesus Christ to women who are hurting and hopeless due to exploitation. They serve those who are at risk of exploitation and exist to provide spiritual and emotional support as well as practical solutions that foster healing and wholeness for women leading them from vulnerability to stability. If you would like to learn more about the ministry work of Dare to Hope you can visit daretohope.net. Prayer needs can be found on prayer cards at the mission's kiosk in the FC foyer.

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THE PEOPLE CAME...

May 28

Life Group: 318
10:00 Worship: 448
Hispanic Church: 132
Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given May 28: \$30,240.44
Y-T-D Budget
Surplus (Deficit): \$11,554.24
Annie Armstrong Y-T-D: \$37,210

5-DAY BIBLE READING PROGRAM

Week 23, June 4-10

- Proverbs 3-5; Romans 10
- Proverbs 6-7; Psalm 7; Romans 11
- Proverbs 8-10; Psalm 144; Romans 12
- Proverbs 11-13; Psalm 8; Romans 13
- Proverbs 14-15; Romans 14

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, June 4:

Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

Saturday, June 10:

Charles Uptain | 334-797-7191

Sunday, June 11:

Reagan Farris | 504-319-6986

SERMON SCHEDULE

Wednesday, June 7

No Midweek Activities

Sunday, June 11 | 10am

The Normal Christian Life Is

An Accountable Life

Titus 1:5-16

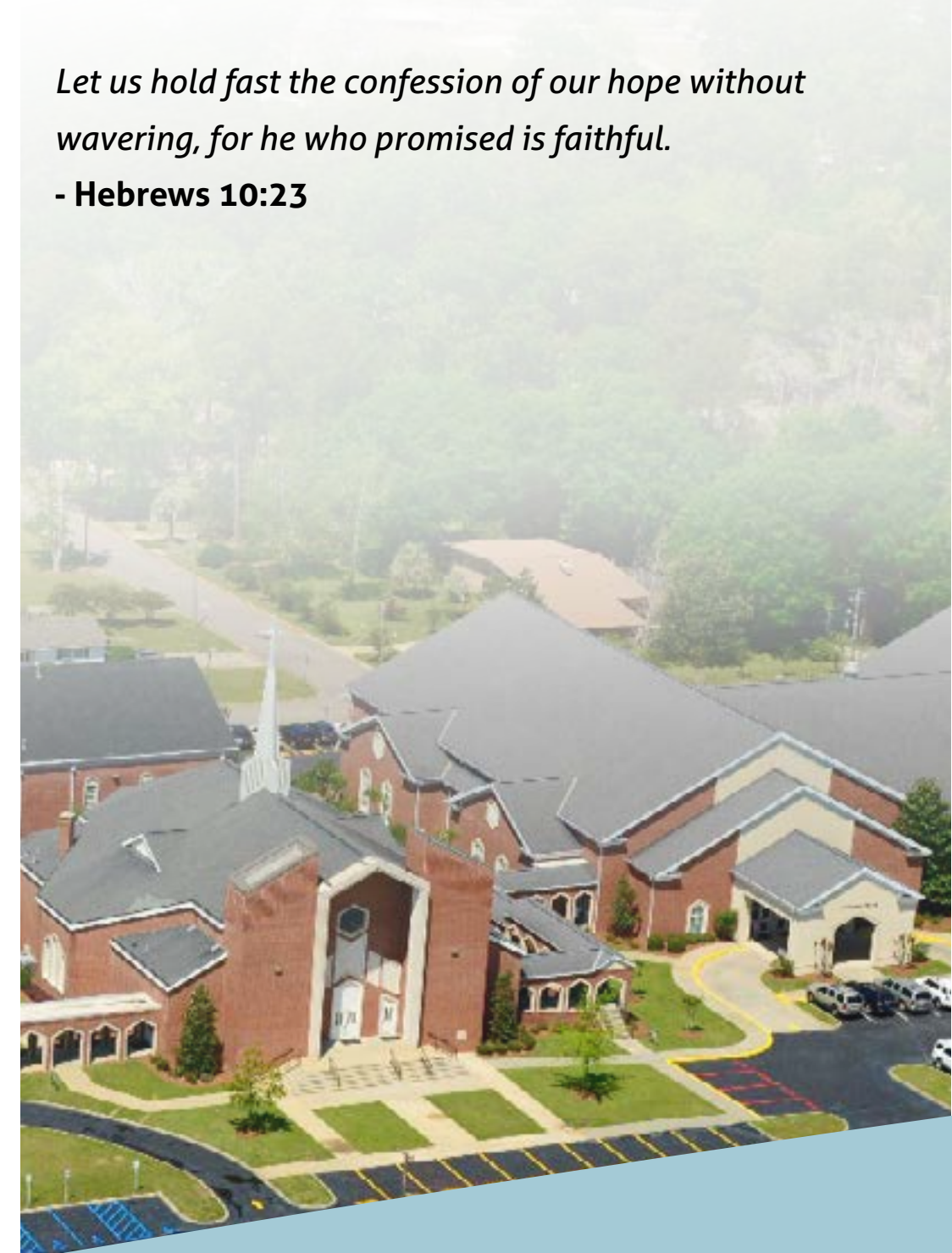
Message by Paul Thompson

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.

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

- Hebrews 10:23



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BAPTIST CHURCH