

10am Worship

Ring The BellsChoir

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Adoration..... Don Mills
Matthew 2:10-11

¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

O Come All Ye Faithful

What Child Is This

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Thankfulness.....Zach Daniels
Isaiah 9:6-7

⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Offering

Away In A Manger

MessagePaul Thompson
Jesus: God With Us
Matthew 1:18-25

Jesus Messiah

Benediction..... Charles Uptain
2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

Ten Minutes Each Day Will Change Your Life

The Bible is a big book. But reading the Bible for just ten minutes a day will radically change your life. Where should you begin reading? There are plenty of Bible reading plans that make it easy. Below are a few that we think are helpful.

5x5x5 Bible Reading Plan (Beginner)

This plan allows you to read the entire New Testament in a year by reading for five minutes a day five times a week. With each reading there are five suggestions for how you can dig deeper into the passage and apply it to your life. [web.archive.org/web/20131207190241/http://www.navpress.com/uploadedFiles/5x5x5_BRP.pdf](http://www.navpress.com/uploadedFiles/5x5x5_BRP.pdf)

Discipleship Journal Bible Reading Plan (Intermediate)

This plan takes you through the entire Bible in a year by reading four small sections each day. Each month has only 25 days of reading so that you don't get behind if you miss a day. This is the plan that we will include each week in our Sunday bulletin. [navigators.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/navigators-bible-reading-plan.pdf](http://www.navigators.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/navigators-bible-reading-plan.pdf)

Robert Murray McCheyne's Bible Reading Plan (Challenging)

McCheyne was a godly Scottish pastor in the 19th century who created a challenging Bible reading plan for his own use. This plan takes the reader through the New Testament and Psalms twice and the rest of the Old Testament once each year. mcheyne.info/calendar.pdf

So ... choose a plan, determine a time, pray for God's help, and read! Don't get discouraged if you don't understand something right away. Keep a pen and paper nearby to write down questions you have as you read. Ask a small group leader or a pastor to help answer your questions, or better yet, find someone to regularly discuss your Bible reading with as a way to have some accountability.

Want to hear God speak to you this year? Read the Scriptures!

5pm Worship

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Thanksgiving..... Charles Uptain
Isaiah 9:6-7

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Galatians 4:4-7

⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Sing We Now Of ChristmasChoir

Joy To The World (Joyful Joyful)

Angels We Have Heard on High with Open Up the Heavens

Responsive ReadingReagan Farris
Luke 2:7-14

⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. ⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

All Is Well.....Choir

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

MessagePaul Thompson
He Gave Back Love
John 3:1-18

Candle Lighting Ceremony

Silent Night

Scripture ReadingPaul Thompson
John 1:1-5; 1:9-14

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Benediction..... Patrick Lima
Psalm 96:1-3

⁹⁶ Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth! ² Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. ³ Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

Sing We The Song Of EmmanuelChoir

Meaningful Membership

Sundays, January 7-28 | 8:30am | Parlor

If you are considering membership at Calvary, please join us for the 4-week Meaningful Membership classes. For more information, contact Angie in the church office or email angie@calvarydothan.com.

Women's Ministry

Prayer: We look forward to praying through the Psalms together on a daily basis for the month of February. Prayer guides will be given out at the end of January.

Bible Study: March 2024 | Join us on Wednesday evenings at 6pm for our study of 1-2 Peter: *Living Hope in a Hard World* by Lydia Brownback

Coffee & Connect: Sunday, March 10 | 3pm at the ROC
Discussion: Women & Words

Missions at Calvary

Mission efforts are a major part of the DNA of Calvary Baptist Church. Highlights from this past year include hosting our first missions conference, traveling approximately 56,000 miles across the globe on mission trips, and 75 individuals participating with 34 first time participants. We also had a steady service of committed volunteers to our local partners. As we move forward into a new year, consider how and where the Lord would use you as you commit to engage with both our local and global mission partners and contact Tommy Perry at tommy@calvarydothan.com or go to calvarydothan.com to see the available opportunities.



High School Winter Retreat

9th-12th Grade | February 16-19 | \$185
Shocco Springs in Talladega, AL

Register online by February 4!

Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions

Calvary's Goal: \$150,000

Every penny of this offering is used to support Southern Baptist missionaries as they share the hope and grace we have in Jesus Christ.

Give a gift to support Gospel work for special needs students

One of our global missions partners located in South Asia is CV Vadavana. CV oversees a special needs ministry for students known as Justin's Home. We have the opportunity this Christmas to bless this ministry by sponsoring and praying for a student(s) or donating toward a resource needed for this special school. Grab an ornament from the Christmas tree displayed in the Fellowship Center lobby and scan the QR code to participate.

Christmas Photo Op

Stop by the Parlor today to take your family picture at the Christmas backdrop.

2023 Contributions

Contributions for 2023 must be turned in to the Sunday offering by Sunday, December 31, postmarked by December 31, or brought to the church office by Friday, December 22. The church office will be closed December 25-January 1.

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

December 24, 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.

December 24, 2023

December 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 their ministry work, you can visit nebcvt.org. Also, if you would like to know how to pray for NEBC, pick up a prayer card at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer.

The Ark (Local Missions Partner)

The Ark is a place of hope, healing, and help. Their mission is to nurture the total needs of humanity—mind, body, and soul. They are committed to guide individuals so that they can discover their God-given purpose and live out that very purpose. If you would like to learn more about the ministry work at The Ark, you can visit thearkdothan.org or visit facebook.com/thearkdothan/. Prayer needs for The Ark can be found on prayer cards at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer.

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December Holiday Schedule & Events

Sunday, December 24

Life Groups & Open Classes | 8:30am
AM Worship | 10am | Sanctuary
Christmas Eve Service | 5pm | Fellowship Center

Wednesday, December 27

No Midweek Activities

Open Classes

The purpose of Open Classes is to teach biblical doctrine across the spectrum of Christian life, create environments where members can interact with as many members as possible, develop and train teachers of biblical doctrine, and train members to pass along what they learn.

For a complete list of the current Open Classes offered, go to calvarydothan.com/open-classes/.

THE PEOPLE CAME...

December 17

Life Group: 425
10:00 Worship: 562
5:00 Worship: 126
Hispanic Church: 117
Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given December 17: \$76,570.74
Y-T-D Budget
Surplus (Deficit): (\$182,882.85)
Lottie Moon Offering Y-T-D: \$64,608

5-DAY BIBLE READING PROGRAM

Week 52, December 24-30

- Job 28-30; Revelation 18
- Job 31-33; Psalm 102; Revelation 19
- Job 34-36; Revelation 20
- Job 37-39; Psalm 103; Revelation 21
- Job 40-42; Psalm 150; Revelation 22

Sunday Schedule

8:30am Life Groups & Open Classes
 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.
 5:00pm Family Worship, Sanctuary
 Childcare for Babies-K3

Sunday, December 31

Life Groups & Open Classes | 8:30am
AM Worship | 10am | Sanctuary
NO PM Service

STAFF ON CALL

Sunday, December 24:

Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765

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Reagan Farris | 504-319-6986

Sunday, December 31:

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SERMON SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 31

10am

Jesus: Savior of Humanity

Matthew 1:1-17

Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday Schedule

6:00pm Open Classes, D-Groups, Life
 Groups
 Birth-K5, Preschool Bldg
 Grades 1-5, Chapel
 Grades 6-12, Student Room
 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal, Choir 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 AM sermon notes, go to calvarydothan.com/messages.



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Calvary
BAPTIST CHURCH