

Let Us Adore Him

Matthew 2:1-12

Some important details in the account:

"... *born in Bethlehem*"

"... *in the days of Herod the king ...*"

"... *wise men* from the east ...*"

"... *we saw his star** ...*"

What we *all* should see ...

God the Father: The Seeker of the Lost

The Magi* sought after the One who _____ them!

God _____ himself in a way that captured their _____ and demanded their _____.

The star** – whatever it was – was a _____ in God’s hands for God’s purposes. And while the Bible forbids _____ (Jer. 10:2; Isa. 47:13-15), God used their fascination to reveal the Savior.

And when the *clarity* of the _____ was added to the *attraction* of the star, they were _____ and sought to worship the child born as king!

The Magi worshipped better than they _____. Their _____ exceeded their _____. The Sadducees ("chief priests") and Pharisees ("scribes") were the _____.

One group traveled hundreds of miles to discover Jesus. The other wasn’t interested in traveling 5. God was drawing _____ to Himself even as ‘religious’ people disregarded Him.

“Christianity is not a religion for “good people,” it is for sinners who listen when God calls.” (Daniel Doriani)

And the good news is this: _____ still seeks _____!

God the Father: The True and Only Sovereign

In this amazing account, there are many human actors, but _____.

Caesar Augustus called for a census, drawing Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem, but it was God who _____ and _____ Jesus’ birth there. (Micah 5:2)

Herod, aging, ill, and paranoid sought to eliminate any perceived rival to his insignificant throne, but God was carrying the plan of _____ forward – just as He promised.

And soon – the ominous threat of Herod will cause Joseph to take his family to Egypt for safety. But even this was God’s plan. (Hosea 11:1)

To intentionally _____ God (as Herod did) is _____.

To carelessly _____ God (as the religious leaders did) is _____.

To joyfully _____ God (as the magi did) is _____!

God the Son: The New and Better Moses

Just as Pharaoh slaughtered male Hebrew infants at the time of Moses’ birth, so Herod slaughtered male Hebrew infants at the time of Jesus’ birth.

And just as Moses delivered God’s people from captivity and death and saved them for God’s own purposes in the exodus, so will Jesus deliver us from our slavery and debt to _____ and our penalty of judgment (_____) and _____ for Himself (Deut. 7:6; 1 Pet. 2:9)

But our deliverance is _____!

And Jesus is a far better _____! (Heb. 8)

God the Son: Worthy of Our Worship

They brought gifts worthy of a _____ ... gold, frankincense, and myrrh. (Some commentators have speculated on the symbolic value of the gifts, but that may be a stretch. One good possibility – at the least – is that through them God provided the _____ needed for what was about to come.)

And they worshipped in _____ to the _____ God gave them.

True worship should _____ us and _____ Jesus!

True worship should _____ from us.

True worship should bring us _____!

My Worshipful Response ...

*Dr. Paul Thompson
Calvary Baptist Church
January 7, 2024*

Sunday, January 7

10am Worship

Rejoice

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Adoration..... Paul Thompson
Micah 5:1-5a

5 Now muster your troops, O daughter of troops; siege is laid against us; with a rod they strike the judge of Israel on the cheek. ² But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. ³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴ And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. ⁵ And he shall be their peace.

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Psalm 150 (Praise The Lord)

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Supplication..... Tommy Perry
1 John 3:16-18

¹⁶ By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷ But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸ Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

Offering

Sing We The Song Of Emmanuel

Message Paul Thompson
Let Us Adore Him
Matthew 2:1-12

Lord's Supper

Rejoice The Lord Is King

Benediction Donna Arney
Luke 2:29-32

²⁹ “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; ³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation ³¹ that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”

5pm Worship

Our God Saves

Scripture Reading & Corporate Prayer Charles Uptain
Psalm 18:1-2

***18** I love you, O Lord, my strength. ² The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.*

Oh For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

Glorify Thy Name

The Lord Is My Salvation

Message Steven Wilson
John 10:1-16
Do You Hear the Shepherd's Voice?

Jesus Paid It All

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.

Senior Adult Mid-Month and Lunch

Thursday, January 18 | 11am | Parlor

John Adams Uptain will be speaking. The service and lunch will both be in the Parlor.

Join the Calvary Orchestra

If you play a wind or string instrument and would like to know more about participating in the Calvary orchestra, contact Rebekah at rebekah@calvarydothan.com to schedule a meeting with Patrick.

Join the Worship Team

If you are a singer and/or a musician and are interested in using your gifts to serve the church, this invitation is for you! We promise to train and equip you. All we ask is that you are humble and teachable. If you have questions, contact Rebekah McLure at rebekah@calvarydothan.com.

High School Winter Retreat

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

Register online by February 4!

Opportunity for Local Missions Volunteers

Girard Intermediate is a place where we, as followers of Christ and members of this local expression of His Church, can make a difference in the lives of young boys and girls. We would love for you to do this by signing up to be a mentor and tutor for the next generation of children that reside in our community. All you need is compassion, patience, and the willingness to be a one-on-one tutor 30 minutes to 1 hour a week. For more details or to volunteer, contact Tommy Perry at tommy@calvarydothan.com.

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.

2024 Mission Trips

If you are interested in one or more of the mission trips in 2024, contact tommy@calvarydothan.com.

Guatemala: March 1-4 & October 11-14

India: June 19-28

Kenya: June 25-July 3

New York: November 8-11

Oregon: July 6-13

Vermont: April 7-13 & October 20-26

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

January 7, 2024

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)

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Cell Phone

Spouse

Spouse's Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

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Name / Date of Birth

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Name / Date of Birth

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

January 7, 2024

January Missions Spotlight

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 the prayer cards at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer.

Good Churches (Global Missions Partner)

Good Churches partners with churches and individuals in the USA for the purpose of supporting and providing church-based programs that train national, indigenous pastors in strategic cities with massive gospel need. The aim of Good Churches is to plant good churches efficiently and effectively among the unreached. If you would like to learn more about the work of Good Churches, you can visit goodchurches.org. For prayer needs, pick up a prayer card at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer.

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Randy Hunt.....	Senior Adults

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 24

Life Group: 237
10:00 Worship: 564
5:00 Worship: 654
Hispanic Church: 95
Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

December 31

Life Group: 278
10:00 Worship: 441
Hispanic Church: 95
Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given December 24: \$59,784.68
Y-T-D Budget
Surplus (Deficit): (\$182,882.85)
Lottie Moon: \$126,629.00

NAVIGATORS BIBLE READING PLAN

Week 2, January 7-13

- Matt 3:13-17, Acts 4:1-22, Ps 6, Gen 15-17
- Matt 4:1-11, Acts 4:23-27, Ps 7, Gen 18-20
- Matt 4:12-17, Acts 5:1-16, Ps 8, Gen 21-23
- Matt 4:18-25, Acts 5:17-42, Ps 9, Gen 24
- Matt 5:1-12, Acts 6, Psalms 10, Gen 25-26

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

STAFF ON CALL

Sunday, January 7:

Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

Saturday, January 13:

Charles Uptain | 334-797-7191

Sunday, January 14:

Reagan Farris | 504-319-6986

SERMON SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 14

10am

The Journey to Nazareth

Matthew 2:13-23

Message by Paul Thompson

5pm

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.

60 Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. ² For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. ³ And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

– Isaiah 60:1-3



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BAPTIST CHURCH