Let Us Adore Him

Matthew 2:1-12

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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
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 <i>clarity</i> of the was added to the <i>attraction</i> 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!
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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)
, ind sesas is a fair better (Neb. 6)
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 as and from us.
True worship should bring us!
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Dr. Paul Thompson Calvary Baptist Church

January 7, 2024

My Worshipful Response ...

Sunday, January 7
10am Worship
ejoice
cripture Reading & Prayer of AdorationPaul Thompsol Micah 5:1-5a
Now muster your troops, O daughter of troops; siege is laid against us; with a rod they strike the adge of Israel on the cheek. ² But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the ans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming fort from of old, from ancient days. ³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in the part of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴ And he shall and and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his and they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. ⁵ And he shall be deir peace.
rown Him With Many Crowns
salm 150 (Praise The Lord)
cripture Reading & Prayer of Supplication13 Tommy Perr
By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the rothers. ¹⁷ But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart gainst him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸ Little children, let us not love in word or talk but eed and in truth.
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Let Us Adore Him Matthew 2:1-12
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5pm Worship
ur God Saves
cripture Reading & Corporate PrayerCharles Uptai
Psalm 18:1-2 8 I love you, O Lord, my strength. ² The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, bock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.
h For A Thousand Tongues To Sing
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John 10:1-16 Do You Hear the Shepherd's Voice?
esus Paid It All
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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 Oregan: July 6-13

Vermont: April 7-13 & October 20-26

My Decision Today:				

I WOULD LIKE MORE

INFORMATION ABOUT:

☐ 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

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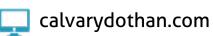
January Missions Spotlight

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 we'll 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 <u>daretohope.net</u>. 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, vou 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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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.

STAFF ON CALL

Sunday, January 7:

Saturday, January 13:

Sunday, January 14:

SERMON SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 14

Matthew 2:13-23

The Journey to Nazareth

Message by Paul Thompson

Message by Paul Thompson

10am

Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

Charles Uptain | 334-797-7191

Reagan Farris | 504-319-6986

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

THE PEOPLE CAME...

December 24 Life Group: 237 10:00 Worship: 564 5:00 Worship: 654 Hispanic Church: 95

December 31

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

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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

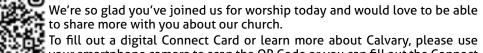
- O Matt 3:13-17, Acts 4:1-22, Ps 6, Gen 15-17
- O Matt 4:1-11, Acts 4:23-27, Ps 7, Gen 18-20
- O Matt 4:12-17, Acts 5:1-16, Ps 8, Gen 21-23 O Matt 4:18-25, Acts 5:17-42, Ps 9, Gen 24
- O Matt 5:1-12, Acts 6, Psalms 10, Gen 25-26

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

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



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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/howto-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



