

You Don't Have to Wait for Hope!

1 Peter 1:3-9

To be human is to _____.

But hope is only as good as its _____.

Only God offers a truly _____ hope.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ... (1 Peter 1:3)

Our hope has the _____ and _____ of roots.

It is grounded in the _____ goodness and grace of our _____! It is as _____ as God Himself!

We have been _____ by the Father, _____ by the Spirit, and _____ by the blood of the Son, Jesus Christ! (1 Peter 1:1-2)

God will _____ what he _____!

Our hope is a _____.

The reason our hope is living is because our _____ is living!

Without the _____ of Jesus, there is no hope for anyone ever! (1 Cor 15:14-19)

But because of Christ’s _____ and resurrection, we can be _____ to a living hope!

All the _____ of the resurrection of Jesus are directly _____ to us who believe! (John 11:25-26, Romans 4:25; 8:11; 8:33-34, 1 Corinthians 15:20-23)

Our hope carries an immeasurable _____.

We can know _____, _____ and thru _____ that reward will come!

It is our _____ in Christ – a _____ of _____, not a _____ for _____.

It is held _____ by the One who holds us. It is as _____ as we are! (John 10:28)

God keeps _____ for us, and He keeps _____ for it!

Our hope will be fully _____ in the future, but it can be truly _____ in the present.

In the *future*, we will praise, honor, and glorify God for our salvation finally and fully fulfilled.

In the *present* ...

We can have _____ because we know our lives are _____ by God!

We can have _____ as we are learning to _____ in Him and His faithfulness even as we _____ difficulty.

We can have _____ that is not a response to our _____ but is something we cannot _____.

We can have _____ because we know our pains are never _____ but _____ us for forever.

We can enjoy the _____ of God and _____ Him in return because we have been made to _____ Him.

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*Dr. Paul Thompson
Calvary Baptist Church
March 31, 2024*

Sunday, March 31

10am Worship

Calvary Will Never Run Out of Songs.....Choir

Scripture Reading & Prayer of PraiseReagan Farris
Isaiah 25:1-9

25 O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. 2 For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the foreigners' palace is a city no more; it will never be rebuilt. 3 Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. 4 For you have been a stronghold to the poor, a stronghold to the needy in his distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat; for the breath of the ruthless is like a storm against a wall, 5 like heat in a dry place. You subdue the noise of the foreigners; as heat by the shade of a cloud, so the song of the ruthless is put down. 6 On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. 7 And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. 8 He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. 9 It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery

John 15:12

¹² *"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.*

Precious Love

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Thanksgiving..... Dan Tankersley
1 Corinthians 15:12-22

¹² *Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.*

Offering

I Will Sing Of My Redeemer

Because He Lives

Greater Love Video

Message Paul Thompson
You Don't Have to Wait for Hope
1 Peter 1:3-9

In Christ Alone (With The Solid Rock)

Benediction Charles Uptain
Revelation 1:4-6

⁴ *John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood 6 and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

No PM Service

Breakfast with the Pastor

New to Calvary?

If so, we invite you to a special breakfast with Pastor Paul. During this breakfast, you'll have the chance to meet our staff, hear about our church's mission and vision, ask any questions you may have, and learn more about ways to get involved in our community.

Date: Sunday, April 7

Time: 8:30 am

Location: Parlor

Please RSVP by Thursday, April 4. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing a wonderful morning together.

First Friday Men's Breakfast

Friday, April 5 | 6am | ROC Lobby

All men are invited to join together for breakfast and a time of fellowship.

Member Meeting

Sunday, April 7 | PM Service

All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting at the end of the 5pm worship service.

Cake and Dessert Auction

Sunday, April 14 | ROC Lobby

Join us after worship for an auction to raise funds for student camp this summer.

If you would like to donate a homemade cake or dessert, please call the church office or email brooke@calvarydothan.com.

Joy Prom

Sunday, April 28 | 5-7:30pm | Fellowship Center

Joy Prom is a full-scaled prom designed for people ages 13 and older with developmental or physical impairments. Participants can register online at calvarydothan.com/joyprom.

Volunteers are also needed. Childcare is available for volunteers.

The Great Jungle Journey VBS

VBS will take place June 3-7 from 8:30am-12noon.

Every day our kids are bombarded with questions: Did God really create everything? Why do bad things happen? Was Noah's ark real? Why do I need to be saved? Can I trust the Bible? At this VBS, your kids will explore the biblical answers to these questions as they set off on an epic adventure from Genesis to Revelation. Amid sloths, butterflies, river dolphins, and dart frogs, your children will sail along on a fun jungle cruise. Prepare to swing into fun as we head out on *The Great Jungle Journey!*

Child and volunteer registration are open! Visit calvarydothan.com/VBS for more information.

Calvary Kids

This is the ministry to our 1st through 5th grade boys and girls. Calvary Kids' weekly activities are alive, fun, Bible-focused and Christ-centered gatherings in a welcoming and safe environment.

There are two Sunday Morning gatherings beginning with Life Groups for kids at 8:30am and Kids' Worship at 10am located in the Children's Building.

On Wednesday evenings, we meet for Adventure Club to explore the Bible from 6-7pm in the Children's Building.

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

March 31, 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)

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Spouse

Spouse's Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

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Name / Date of Birth

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March Missions Spotlight

Jose and Areli Perez (Missiotecca/Global Missions Partner)

Missiotecca is a collection of missional initiatives dedicated to eradicating theological famine in the Global South. The mission work of Jose and Areli through Missiotecca involves walking alongside local churches in Guatemala to help them become healthy churches. If you would like to know more about the mission work of Missiotecca or the Perez's, you can visit missiotecca.org or email Jose at jose@missiotecca.org. If you would like to know how to pray for the Perez's, pick up a prayer card at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer.

Alabama Baptist Children's Homes & Family Ministries (Local Missions Partner)

The purpose of Alabama Baptist Children's Homes & Family Ministries is to protect, nurture, and restore children and families through Christ-centered services. The result we desire to see is hope and wholeness for children and families through knowing God. If you would like to know how you can pray for the ministry work of the ABCH, pick up a prayer card at the missions kiosk located in the Fellowship Center foyer. To learn more about the ministry endeavors of ABCH you can contact Kim McGainey at kmcgainey@alabamachild.org or visit facebook.com/alabamachild/ or alabamachild.org.

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Joyce Alexander	Preschool
Zach Daniels	Children
Reagan Farris	Students
Randy Hunt	Senior Adults

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions

Calvary's Goal: \$40,000

Your gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering:

- Support nearly 3,000 missionaries and their families.
- Enable hundreds of churches to be planted and thousands of disciples to be made.
- Continue the SBC's 179-year commitment to North American missions.

THE PEOPLE CAME...

March 24

Life Group: 462
10:00 Worship: 604
5:00 Worship: 198
Hispanic Church: 133
Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given March 24: \$62,149.49
Given Y-T-D Surplus (Deficit): \$5,689.52
as of 02/29/24
Annie Armstrong Offering
Y-T-D: \$28,385.00

NAVIGATORS BIBLE READING PLAN


March 31-April 6

- Mark 1:1-8, 1 Cor 1:1-17, Ps 72, Josh 1-2
- Mark 1:9-20, 1 Cor 1:18-31, Ps 73, Josh 3-5
- Mark 1:21-34, 1 Cor 2, Ps 74, Josh 6-7
- Mark 1:35-45, 1 Cor 3, Ps 75, Josh 8-9
- Mark 2:1-12, 1 Cor 4, Ps 76, Josh 10-12
- Mark 2:13-17, 1 Cor 5, Ps 77, Josh 13-14

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

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

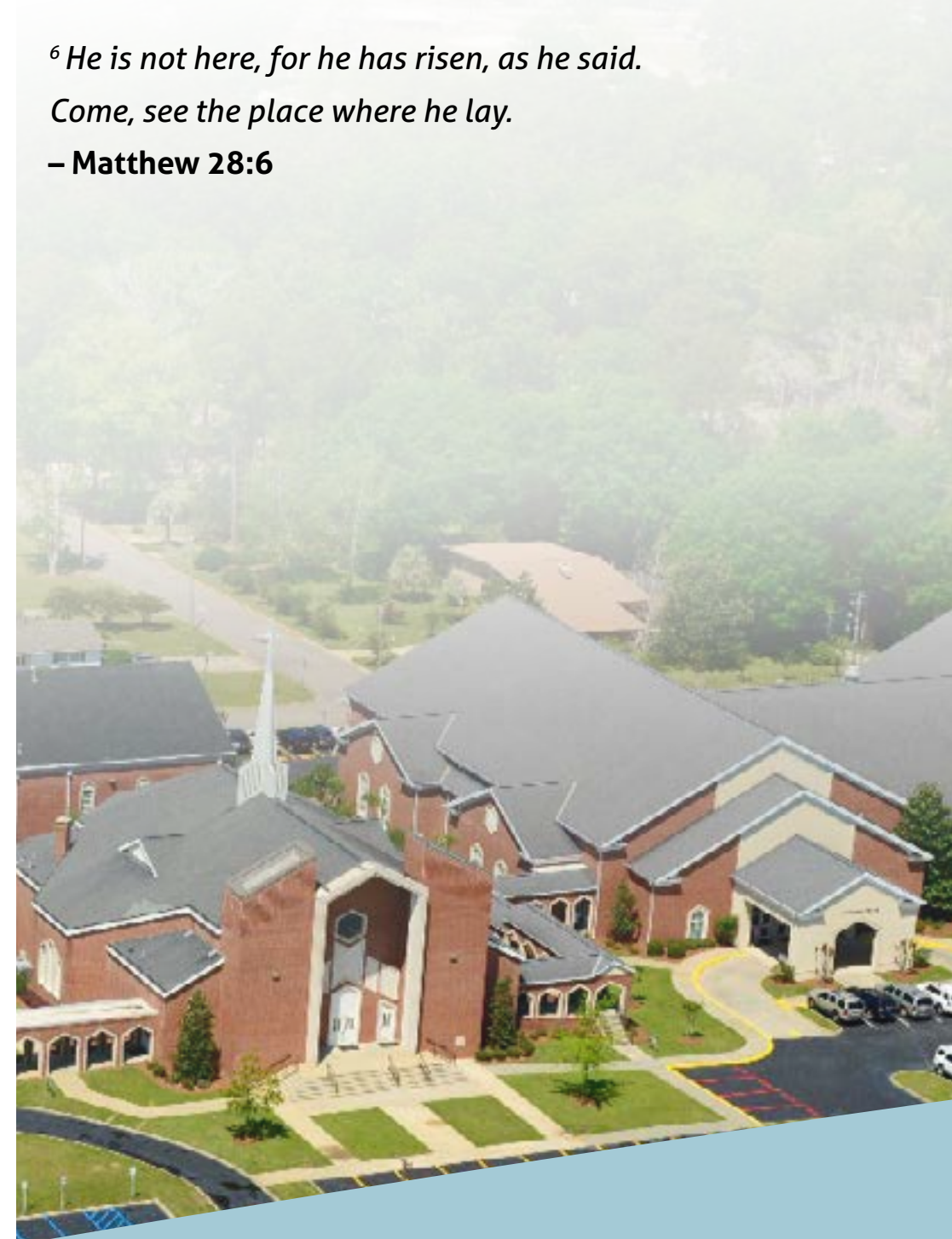
Want more information about how to become a Christian? Go to calvarydothan.com/how-to-become-a-christian/.

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

⁶ He is not here, for he has risen, as he said.

Come, see the place where he lay.

— Matthew 28:6



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Calvary
BAPTIST CHURCH