

Talking to Our Generous Father

Matthew 7:7-11

Many times (15x's to be exact) in this portion of text (Chapters 5-7) we see Jesus referring to God as "your Father" (5:16, 5:45, 6:1, 6:4, 6:6, 6:8, 6:15, 6:18, 7:11), "our Heavenly Father" (5:48, 6:14, 6:26, 6:32), and "my Father or our Father" (6:9, 7:21).

One quick but crucial reminder: Our understanding of the Father's _____ (His heart) must be embedded in the special _____ of His _____.

Two aspects that Jesus ties together – the *generous nature* of our Father and the call to *persistence* in prayer by His children (you and I).

Rightly _____ the heart of our Father is key to _____ with Him.

Our Father's Invitation: _____ (v. 7)

A few general statements regarding prayer:

Prayer _____ God (John 14:13-14; Ps 50:15).

Prayer deepens our _____ and _____ closeness with the Father (Ps 145:18; Jer 29:12-13; Jas 4:8).

Prayer is to be _____ not _____.

Prayer aligns us to God's _____ (Col 1:9; 1 John 5:14).

To be _____ is aligning ourselves with the will of the Father.

Prayer reminds us of our _____ on the Father (Matt 6:11; John 15:5).

Coming to the Father in prayer is an act of _____ that highlights God's sufficiency and provision and reminds us of our _____ of Him.

Prayer is an _____ of our _____ in the Father (Ps 62:8; Phil 4:6; 1 Pet 5:7).

When we pray, we are _____ stating that we believe, and have confidence in the Creator of the universe to do what is _____ and _____ on our behalf.

Our endeavor: Keep _____ in prayer.

Our posture: Humility coupled with _____ (Isa 64:8)

Our Father's Response: _____ (v. 8)

God's posture: _____ and _____

God's Action: _____ His promises to His children

God fulfills His promises because of His _____ nature – His immutability (Num 23:19; Mal 3:6; Is 46:9-11; Heb 6:17-18; 2 Tim 2:13).

God fulfills His promises because by doing so He upholds His _____ (Ezek 36:22-23; Isa 48:9-11; John 14:13; Rom 15:8-9).

Our Father's Character: _____, _____, and _____ (vv. 9-11)

Our Father is a _____ (Jas 1:17).

Wonderful truth: As children of God, we can be _____ of the generosity of our Father who desires to give _____ things to those who ask Him.

So, how is good defined?

God _____ what is good and beneficial for us, His children. As a good Father, He only _____ good things as He _____ good (Ps 84:11; Jas 1:17).

God gives us those *things* that _____ us more to the image of His _____.

These good gifts given by our good and generous Father should _____ us to be more _____.

The perfection of our all-knowing heavenly Father assures us that He will guide and answer us _____.

A Few Exhortations:

Be _____ in prayer to your heavenly Father

Be _____ in pursuing your heavenly Father in prayer

Be _____ that through your prayers your heavenly Father will provide what is good and perfect.

Questions for Reflection:

What is your heart posture when God *seems* to delay or not respond to your prayers?

What was your *response* when God answered a prayer regarding a matter you petitioned Him about?

How do you *perceive* the Father?

Do you trust (indicator of the posture of the heart) the generous heart of the Father to go to Him *consistently* in prayer?

Do you trust the generous heart of the Father to answer you *on His terms* not your own?

Are you a *reflection* of your Father's goodness and generosity toward others?

*Tommy Perry
Calvary Baptist Church
July 28, 2024*

Sunday, July 28

10am Worship

Great Things

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Praise.....Sam Tarwater

1 Chronicles 29:11-13

¹¹ *Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all.* ¹² *Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.* ¹³ *And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.*

Sing

Good Good Father

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Thanksgiving.....Randy Hunt

2 Corinthians 9:10-12

¹⁰ *He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.* ¹¹ *You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.* ¹² *For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God.*

Offering

Leaning On The Everlasting Arms

Message Tommy Perry

Talking to Our Generous Father
Matthew 7:7-11

I Need The Every Hour

Benediction.....Zach Daniels

Romans 8:28

²⁸ *And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.*

No PM Worship

Sunday Night Worship Returns August 4.

Churchwide Family Night at Water World

Sunday, July 28 | 5:30pm | Cost: \$5 per person

Join us at our Churchwide Family Night at Water World! Concession stand in the park will be open.

Sunday Worship Schedule

Sunday morning worship will return to meeting in the Fellowship Center on August 4.

Sunday night worship will return on August 4 in the Sanctuary.

enAble Volunteers Needed

Calvary's special needs ministry is in need of volunteers the first Thursday of every month, 5:30-7:30pm. For more details, contact Emily Shiver, 334-596-4594.

Calvary Kids

SERVE WITH US THIS UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR!

Join us in Calvary Kids as we build the faith and lives of 1st-5th grade boys and girls for Jesus Christ. Opportunities are available on Sunday mornings (starting August 4) and Wednesday nights (starting August 7). Let's talk. Visit us in person, email us at kids@calvarydothan.com, call or text us at 334-733-6326.

Life Group Promotion Sunday

All preschool, children and student Life Groups will promote to their new class on Sunday, August 4.

Join the Choir!

The worship ministry invites you to join them for the next season of choir! Choir will start back on Wednesday, August 14, at 7pm, in the Choir Room. There will be light refreshments as everyone goes through the fall music plan.

This is the perfect time for anyone new to join in. If you are already in choir and know of someone that would love to join, please bring them! If you used to sing in the choir and it has been a while, come back! We look forward to seeing each of you there!

Women's Retreat

Redeeming Friendship: How to Spot Cultural Lies and Embrace Biblical Understanding

September 13-14 | Callaway Gardens

Registration Cost: \$175

Sign up online at calvarydothan.com to reserve your spot.

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

July 28, 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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July Missions Spotlight

The Harbor (Local Missions Partner)

The Harbor's mission is to transform the heart of Dothan through the transforming love and power of Jesus. The Scriptures are their guide as they seek to serve all those in need, physically and spiritually. If you would like to learn more about the ministry work at The Harbor, visit theharbordothon.org or visit facebook.com/theharbordothon. Prayer needs for The Harbor can be found on prayer cards at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center or Sanctuary foyer.

Moses O. Odhiambo (Echoes of Mercy – Global Missions Partner)

Echoes of Mercy exists to evangelize and disciple others through church planting and leadership, as well as through a number of mercy ministries including widow care, education, and healthcare. If you would like to learn more about the ministry work of Echoes of Mercy, visit facebook.com/eomkenya or echoesofmercy.org. If you would like to know how to pray for Echoes of Mercy mission, pick up a prayer card at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center or Sanctuary foyer.

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THE PEOPLE CAME...

July 21

Life Group: 480
10:00 Worship: 660
Hispanic Church: 117
Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given July 21: \$39,789.98
Given Y-T-D Surplus (Deficit):
(\$80,159.06) as of 06/30/24

NAVIGATORS BIBLE READING PLAN

July 28-August 3

- Lk 12:1-12, 2 Thes 2:1-12, Ps 146, 2 Chr 22-24
- Lk 12:13-21, 2 Thes 2:13-17, Ps 147, 2 Chr 25-27
- Lk 12:22-34, 2 Thes 3:1-5, Ps 148, 2 Chr 28-29
- Lk 12:35-48, 2 Thes 3:6-13, Ps 149, 2 Chr 30-33
- Lk 12:49-59; 2 Thes 3:14-18, Ps 150, 2 Chr 34-36

Sunday Schedule

- 8:30am Life Groups & Open Classes
- 10:00am Worship, Sanctuary
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.

No Sunday Night Family Worship in July

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.

Also, be sure to stop by our Next Steps table in the foyer 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.

Ministry Staff

Paul Thompson..... Senior Pastor
Charles Uptain..... Executive Pastor
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STAFF ON CALL

Sunday, July 28:

Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765

Saturday, August 3:

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Sunday, August 4:

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SERMON SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 4

10am

The Most Famous Verse

Matthew 7:12

Message by Paul Thompson

5pm

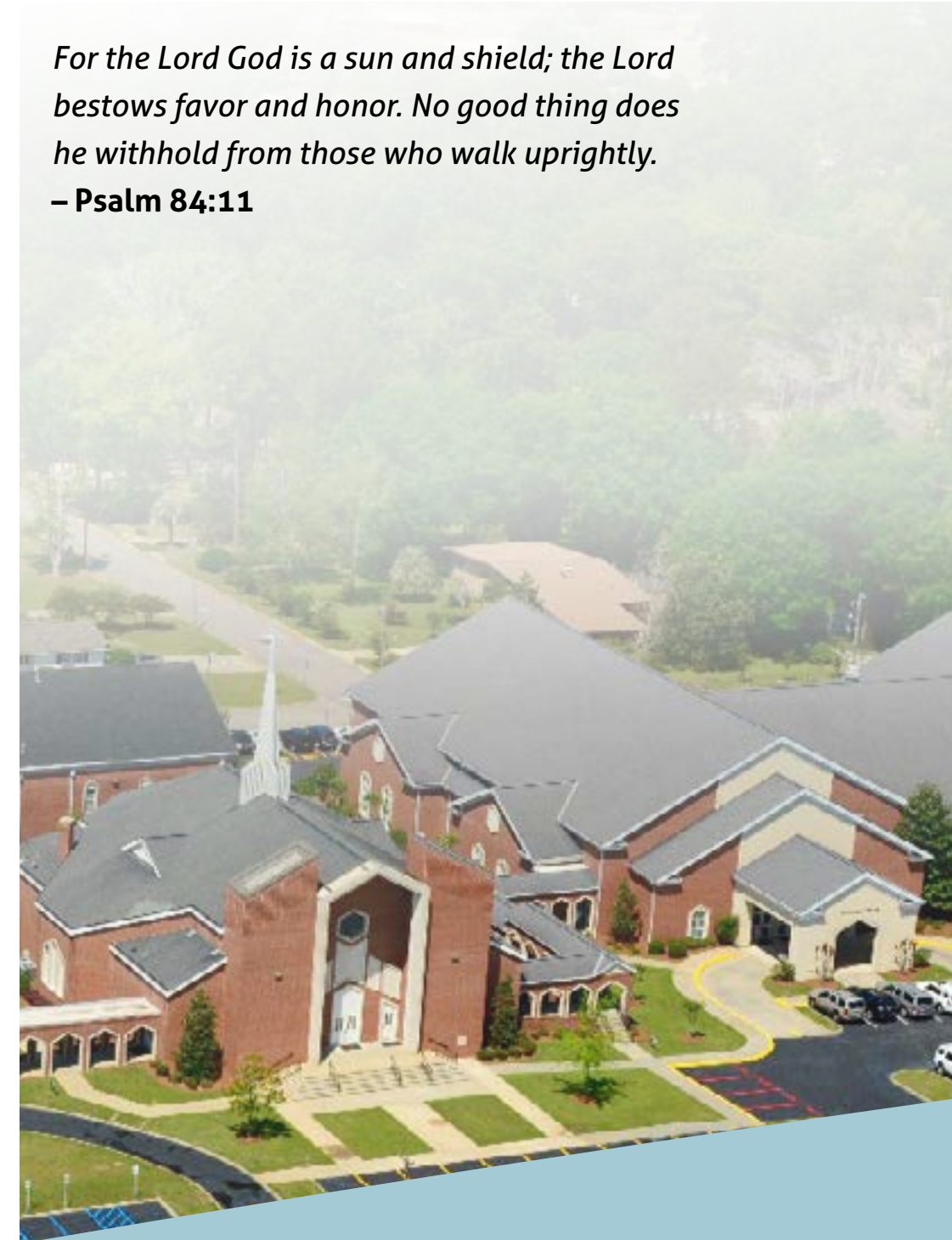
Message by Dan Tankersley

Wednesday Schedule

- 6:00pm Open Classes, D-Groups, Life Groups
Birth-K5, Preschool Bldg
Grades 1-5, Chapel
Grades 6-12, Student Room

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

– Psalm 84:11



WELCOME TO
Calvary
BAPTIST CHURCH