

Beware the Wolves

Matthew 7:15-20

¹⁵ *“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves.*

¹⁶ *You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?* ¹⁷ *So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit.* ¹⁸ *A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit.* ¹⁹ *Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.*

²⁰ *Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.”*

Why this warning? Why now in the Sermon on the Mount?

Two ways, two gates, two crowds, two destinations ... two prophets

A couple of **contemporary problems:**

- 1. We often don’t see the _____.

“Beware”

“ravenous wolves”

We suffer from:

Simple _____.

Spiritual _____.

Selfish _____.

Syncretic _____.

- 2. We are too easily _____.

They _____ *like us.*

They _____ *like us.*

They _____ *what we expect them to* _____.

But ... We are not _____. We *can* _____ them.

It may not be _____, and it may not be _____, but there is a way ...

“... you will recognize them by their fruits.”

A tree and its fruit ... Tests that expose false prophets and teachers:

Two presuppositions ...

- 1) A ‘wolf’ may _____ himself indefinitely. A ‘tree’ _____.

- 2) Every ‘tree’ will _____ what it is. This is inevitable.

Three tests:

- 1) What are his _____? (1 Tim. 6:3-5)

- 2) What is his _____? (2 Peter 2:14-19a)

- 3) What is his _____? (1 John 4:1-5)

Conclusion: What’s at stake?

Sunday, August 18

10am Worship

The Solid Rock

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Praise David Glover
2 Samuel 22:32-36

³² *“For who is God, but the Lord? And who is a rock, except our God? ³³ This God is my strong refuge and has made my way blameless. ³⁴ He made my feet like the feet of a deer and set me secure on the heights. ³⁵ He trains my hands for war, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze. ³⁶ You have given me the shield of your salvation, and your gentleness made me great.*

All My Boast Is In Jesus

Praise To the Lord, The Almighty

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Supplication..... Dan Tankersley
2 Corinthians 8:1-5

8 We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, ² for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³ For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, ⁴ begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— ⁵ and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.

Offering

Oh Lord You're Beautiful

MessagePaul Thompson
Beware the Wolves
Matthew 7:15-20

In Christ Alone

Benediction Tatum Worrell
1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

²³ *Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.*

5pm Worship

Scripture Reading & PrayerPaul Thompson

The New Hampshire Confession of Faith, Part 3.....Paul Thompson

Come Now Is The Time To Worship

How Firm A Foundation

Portland, Oregon Mission Trip Report Bill Alexander, Randy Hunt, Amy Whitfield

Corporate Prayer Tommy Perry

The Solid Rock

MessagePaul Thompson
Spotting Wolves: A Field Guide
2 Peter 2:1, 17

Christ The Sure And Steady Anchor

Members Meeting

Women's Coffee & Connect

Sunday, August 18 | 3pm | ROC Lobby

Theme: True Beauty

Join us as we discuss what God's Word says about beauty compared to what culture tells us.

All ladies are welcome. Invite your friends!

Members Meeting

Sunday, August 18 | 5pm Worship

All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting during the 5pm worship service.

Night of Worship | August 25 | 5pm

Women's Worship - Sanctuary

Men's Worship - Begins in Sanctuary for worship then moves to Kid's Worship Room

Children will attend worship with their parents.

DivorceCare for Women

Begins Wednesday, September 4 | 6pm | Rm G-315

Led by Staci Spears

This class is designed to guide women on the path of recovery after separation or divorce. To register, contact Angie at angie@calvarydothan.com or call 792-5159.

Fall Open Class Schedule

Sundays | September 8-November 24 | 8:30am

Meaningful Membership (September 8,15,22) | Parlor

Teachers: Don Mills, Dan Tankersley, and Charles Uptain
This required membership class introduces prospective members to 1) what we believe and teach, 2) how we function together as a church, and 3) our church covenant.

Systematic Theology 1 | G-315

Teachers: Don Mills and Paul Thompson

This class puts Christian doctrine in logical order, helping you build a framework for knowing God and His creation.

How to Study the Bible / Fear of Man | G-314

Teachers: Charles Uptain and Dan Tankersley

In the first six weeks of this class, we will learn how to study and interpret the Bible as the Bible instructs. In the second six weeks, we will learn about fearing God rather than people.

Wednesdays | September 4-November 20 | 6pm

Old Testament 1 | R-308

Teacher: Tommy Perry

A 30,000 ft. view of the books of the Old Testament

Women's Bible Study: Esther | R300-302

Teachers: Jamie Perry, Becky Kite, & Krisan Smith
Esther is a book about God fulfilling His promises through His providence in ordinary ways through godly and ungodly people. If you have ever struggled with the invisibility of God and are eager to see God's hidden hand in the circumstances of your life, join us for this study. Sign up at calvarydothan.com so we can reserve a workbook for you and prepare for small groups.

Our Blessed Hope: A Study of Biblical Eschatology | R-306

Teachers: Paul Thompson & a few special guests

Few subjects have confounded, confused, and even divided the Church like that of the End Times. In this 12-week open class, we'll learn the value of understanding eschatology, as it sheds light on every other area of our theology. We'll consider the different approaches and interpretations in evangelicalism (and even a few outside the bounds). And we'll ultimately see how a right view of eschatology is meant to give us hope for eternity, fuel our worship of and service to God, and prepare us for what is to come.

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

August 18, 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

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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.

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August Missions Spotlight

Greg and Michelle Woodward (Faith Baptist Church New Orleans)

The Woodward and Faith Baptist family desire to see all people from every tribe and tongue worship as one and live according to the foundation of the life-giving Gospel of God's grace. Pray for them as they are committed to reaching the community of New Orleans with the gospel of Jesus Christ. If you would like to learn more about the ministry work of the Woodwards in New Orleans, go to faithneworleans.com.

If you want to know how to pray for the Woodwards and Faith Baptist, pick up a prayer card at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer.

Girard Elementary and Dothan 6th Grade Center (Neighborhood Schools)

We are desirous that God would give us much wisdom and favor as we seek ways (on their school campus) to best serve and influence, for the sake of the Gospel, the students, and families at both schools. As school resumes, pray for the teachers, staff, and administrators that they would be able to teach/lead well, teach/lead clearly, and teach/lead with excellence despite the numerous challenges they face on a daily basis. Members of Calvary will also be tutoring once again through the Bright Key Program at Dothan 6th Grade Center. If you want to know more about tutoring opportunities at D6, contact tommy@calvarydothan.com. Prayer cards are located at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer.

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THE PEOPLE CAME...

August 11

Life Group: 577
10:00 Worship: 722
5:00 Worship: 195
Hispanic Church: 158
Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given August 11: \$35,169.35
Given Y-T-D Surplus (Deficit):
(\$93,027.87) as of 07/31/24

NAVIGATORS BIBLE READING PLAN

August 18-24

- Lk 17:20-37, 2 Tim 2:14-26, Prov 12:1-14, Neh 8
- Lk 18:1-8, 2 Tim 3:1-9, Prov 12:15-28, Neh 9
- Lk 18:9-17, 2 Tim 3:10-17, Prov 13:1-12, Neh 10
- Lk 18:18-30, 2 Tim 4, Prov 13:13-25, Neh 11
- Lk 18:31-43, Titus 1:1-9, Prov 14:1-18, Neh 12
- Lk 19:1-10, Titus 1:10-16, Prov 14:19-35, Neh 13

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.

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
Dan Tankersley..... Discipleship Pastor
Patrick Lima..... Worship
Tommy Perry..... Missions

STAFF ON CALL

Sunday, August 18:

Joyce Alexander | 334-798-4791

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Sunday, August 25:

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SERMON SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 25

10am

The Most Terrifying Passage

Matthew 7:21-23

Message by Paul Thompson

5pm

Men, begin in Sanctuary then move to

Kids Worship Room

Speaker: Zach Daniels

Women, Sanctuary

Speaker: Abby Merritt

Wednesday Schedule

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

²⁴ For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect.

– Matthew 24:24



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BAPTIST CHURCH