

**Two Advents**  
Matthew 11:20-24

**Have we made Christmas irrelevant?**

**“The day of judgment” ...**

... tells us that this \_\_\_\_\_ isn’t the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus!

There is a day – fixed by God – on which the King who came will come \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Acts 17:31)

On this *Second* Advent, He will come for \_\_\_\_\_ based on our \_\_\_\_\_ to His \_\_\_\_\_.

- 3 tragic examples:
  - Chorazin – Jesus taught in the synagogue and performed many miracles here
  - Bethsaida – the birthplace of Peter, Andrew, Philip
  - Capernaum – the “home base” of Jesus where he likely lived with Peter and his family  
(See also: John 20:30; 21:35)

- 3 important principles:
  - God “\_\_\_\_\_” additional revelation to no one. (Rom. 1:18-20)
  - God possesses “\_\_\_\_\_” of everyone (and judges accordingly).
  - There are \_\_\_\_\_ of reward and punishment in eternity. God is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Joy to the World – Is this song about the *First* Advent or the *Second* Advent?**  
*Psalm 98*

**His First Advent** was a humble, mercy-fueled revelation of His \_\_\_\_\_ as the Son of God who comes to take away the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ and invite us into His everlasting \_\_\_\_\_.

Its message:

**His Second Advent** will be a global, awe-inspiring revelation of the \_\_\_\_\_ who comes in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ His enemies and \_\_\_\_\_ his faithful as he \_\_\_\_\_ His Kingdom forever!

Its message:

*Consider some of the key differences:*

**A summary:**  
The purpose of the First Advent isn’t merely to remind us of His \_\_\_\_\_, but to prepare us for His \_\_\_\_\_!  
So let us joyfully \_\_\_\_\_ the *First* Advent  
... while we ...  
Live faithfully in \_\_\_\_\_ of the *Second* Advent.

*Dr. Paul Thompson  
Calvary Baptist Church  
December 15, 2024*

**Sunday, December 15**

**10am Worship**

*Joy To The World (Unspeakable Joy)*

Advent Scripture Reading & Prayer of Adoration.....Reagan Farris  
Zephaniah 3:14-17

*<sup>14</sup> Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! <sup>15</sup> The Lord has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. <sup>16</sup> On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: “Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. <sup>17</sup> The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.*

*All My Boast Is In Jesus*

*O Come All Ye Faithful*

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Supplication..... Tommy Perry  
1 Chronicles 16:23-25a

*<sup>23</sup> Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day. <sup>24</sup> Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! <sup>25</sup> For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,...*

Offering

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Message .....Paul Thompson  
Two Advents  
Matthew 11:20-24

*Take My Heart With Altar Fire*

Benediction ..... Patrick Lima  
Colossians 1:10-11

*<sup>10</sup> so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; <sup>11</sup> being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy;*

**5pm Worship**

**Calvary Christmas  
Sanctuary**

Appetizer & Dessert Fellowship  
immediately following service  
Fellowship Center

**Lottie Moon Christmas 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.

**Save the Date: Missions Conference 2025**  
We are thrilled to announce our upcoming Missions Conference to be held February 22-23, 2025. This special event is dedicated to hearing from our mission partners around the globe, celebrating what God has done through mission endeavors here at Calvary, and deepening our understanding of God’s purpose in missions. Stay tuned for more details about the schedule, but mark your calendars now and plan to join us for this encouraging and celebratory weekend.

**Calvary Holiday Schedule**  
Sunday, December 22  
No Life Groups/Open Classes  
8:00am Worship, Sanctuary  
10:00am Worship, Sanctuary (No Kids Worship)  
No PM Worship  
Tuesday, December 24  
5:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Fellowship Center  
Cookies, coffee, hot chocolate, and photo opportunity in the ROC Lobby beginning at 4pm

Sunday, December 29  
8:30am Life Groups/Open Classes  
Joint LG for Grades 1-5, Kids Worship Room  
10:00am Worship, Sanctuary (No Kids Worship)  
5:00pm Worship, Sanctuary

**No Midweek Activities December 25 or January 1**

**2024 Contributions**  
Contributions for 2024 must be turned in to the Sunday offering by December 29, brought to the church office by December 30, or postmarked by December 31. The church office will be closed December 31.

**Senior Adult Mid-month  
Thursday, December 19 | 11am | ROC Lobby**  
Reagan Farris will be speaking. Lunch will be served immediately following the service.

**Boundaries: When to Say Yes, How to Say No to Take Control of Your Life  
Begins Wednesday, January 8 | 6 pm | Room G-315**  
This class is for women of all ages. In the New York Times bestselling book, Boundaries, Drs. Cloud and Townsend unpack the ten laws of boundaries, showing you how to bring health and happiness into your relationships.

**New Men's Group**  
Beginning January 15 we will offer a new small group for men that is focused on dealing with issues that sometimes get overlooked in the church. Many men who struggle with pornography and sexual brokenness try to go it alone. Through the guided lessons and a trusted community, you will develop the tools necessary to break free, heal your relationship, and take back your life. Call or text 334-790-7739 for more information.

**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

December 15, 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)

### Children:

Name / Date of Birth

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

## December 15, 2024

### December Missions Spotlight

**Northeastern Baptist College (Bennington, Vermont)**

Northeastern seeks to impact the Northeast, the United States, and the world by training students to have the mind of a scholar, the heart of a shepherd, and the perseverance of a soldier through the provision of a college education with a biblical foundation and a distinctive blend of academic excellence and practical mentoring. NEBC provides an academically strong, biblically sound, and practically relevant college education from their campus strategically located in the Northeast. If you would like to learn more about the ministry work of NEBC visit [nebcvt.org](http://nebcvt.org). Also, if you would like to know how to pray for NEBC, pick up a prayer card at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer.

### The Ark (Local Mission Partner)

The Ark is a place of hope, healing, and help. Their mission is to nurture the total needs of humanity—mind, body, and soul. They are committed to guide individuals so that they can discover their God-given purpose and live out that very purpose. If you would like to learn more about the ministry work at The Ark, visit [thearkdothan.org](http://thearkdothan.org) or [facebook.com/thearkdothan](https://facebook.com/thearkdothan). Prayer needs for The Ark can be found on prayer cards at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer.

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### THE PEOPLE CAME...

#### December 8

Life Group: 480  
10:00 Worship: 702  
5:00 Worship: 85  
Hispanic Church: 113  
Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

### THE PEOPLE GAVE...

#### General Fund

Given December 8: \$39,371.41  
Given Y-T-D Surplus (Deficit):  
(\$244,841.70) as of 11/30/24  
Lottie Moon Y-T-D: \$37,372.23

### NAVIGATORS BIBLE READING PLAN

#### December 15-21

- John 18:1-18, Rev 10, Job 34:1-20, Jon 1-4
- John 18:19-27, Rev 11, Job 34:21-37, Mic1-3
- John 18:28-40, Rev 12, Job 35, Mic 4-5
- John 19:1-16, Rev 13, Job 36:1-15, Mic 6-7
- John 19:17-27, Rev 14, Job 36:16-33, Nah1-3
- John 19:28-37, Rev 15, Job 37, Hab 1-3

### 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/](http://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](http://calvarydothan.com/messages).

### Ministry Staff

Paul Thompson.....	Senior Pastor	Joyce Alexander.....	Preschool
Charles Uptain.....	Executive Pastor	Zach Daniels.....	Children
Dan Tankersley.....	Discipleship Pastor	Reagan Farris.....	Students
Patrick Lima.....	Worship	Randy Hunt.....	Senior Adults
Tommy Perry.....	Missions		

### STAFF ON CALL

#### Sunday, December 15:

Joyce Alexander | 334-798-4791

#### Saturday, December 21:

Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765

#### Sunday, December 22:

Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765

### SERMON SCHEDULE

#### Sunday, December 22

##### 8am & 10am

*The Sweetest Invitation*

Matthew 11:25-30

Message by Paul Thompson

#### No PM Service

#### Tuesday, December 2

##### 5pm

*Candlelight Christmas Eve Service*

*The Promised One*

Luke 2:25-35

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

<sup>27</sup> And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, <sup>28</sup> so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

– Hebrews 9:27-28



WELCOME TO  
**Calvary**  
BAPTIST CHURCH