

The Gift

James 1:16-25

¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸ Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

¹⁹ Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰ for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

²¹ Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

²² But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. ²⁴ For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. ²⁵ But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

The duplicity of deception ...

The gracious generosity of our Father ...

The promise of the possibility of real change ...

Thru ... A Divine Word that saves and shapes us ...

_____ it.

_____ it.

_____ by it.

___ it.

(Or else remain on the crazy train of deception!)

4 Personal Challenges for the New Year:

- 1) _____ yourself to read the Word until you _____ to read the Word.
(And yes, you do have the time!)
- 2) Don't be an _____ unto yourself.
(We all need confidantes, coaches, and confessors. Who do you have?)
- 3) ___ something.
(There's a limit to knowledge and enthusiasm without action. Find your God-given "lane" and run in it.)
- 4) Take _____ of yourself and _____ to make the changes that are needed.
(You can be better. You *should* be better. Change is not only possible. It is _____.)
- 5) Make a _____ and begin it _____.
(A year from now, you'll wish you had started today! A goal without a plan is just a _____.)

*Dr. Paul Thompson
Calvary Baptist Church
December 29, 2024*

Sunday, December 29

8am & 10am Worship

Come Christians Join To Sing

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Adoration.....John Adams Uptain
Psalm 100

100 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! ² Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! ³ Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. ⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! ⁵ For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Supplication.....Reagan Farris
Matthew 18:10-14

¹⁰ "See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹² What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³ And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴ So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

Lottie Moon Video

Offering

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

MessagePaul Thompson
The Gift
James 1:16-25

All Glory Be To Christ

Benediction.....Maggie Wash
2 Thessalonians 3:5

⁵ May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

No PM Worship

Sunday's prayer list is available in the Sanctuary foyer.

No Midweek Activities January 1

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.

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.

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 Wednesday, January 15, we are offering a new small group for men that is focused on dealing with issues that sometimes get overlooked in the church, often because we are either too ashamed of how out of control our lives have become, or we just are not sure who the safe people are that can help us find healing in Christ while keeping our struggle confidential.

Many men who struggle with pornography and sexual brokenness try to go it alone. We believe the lie that sexual brokenness is about sex; when really, it's about medicating the pain in our lives. Despite our losses—marriage, ministry, relationships, and more—we continue to return to unwanted sexual behaviors. But the truth is, we cannot fix a problem if we don't know what's causing it.

Through our men's groups, you'll start to understand your whole story and identify what contributes to your sexual brokenness. You will begin your recovery from unwanted sexual behavior with a trusted group of men on the same journey. 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 29, 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.

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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. 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 or 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 22

Life Group: n/a
8:00 Worship: 258
10:00 Worship: 451
Hispanic Church: 135
Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given December 22: \$47,011.28
Given Y-T-D Surplus (Deficit):
(\$244,841.70) as of 11/30/24
Lottie Moon Y-T-D: \$65,082.53

NAVIGATORS BIBLE READING PLAN

December 29-January 4

- Gen 1-2, Matt 1
- Gen 3-5, Matt 2
- Gen 6-7, Matt 3-4
- Gen 8-11, Matt 5
- Gen 12-14, Matt 6
- Gen 15-19, Matt 7

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	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 29:

Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765

Saturday, January 4:

Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

Sunday, January 5:

Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

SERMON SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 5

10am

The Lord of the Sabbath

Matthew 12:1-14

Message by Charles Uptain

5pm

Our Relationship with the Holy Spirit

Message by Tommy Perry

Wednesday Schedule

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

¹⁵⁹ Consider how I love your precepts!

Give me life according to your steadfast love.

¹⁶⁰ The sum of your word is truth,

and every one of your righteous rules endures forever.

– Psalm 119:159-160

