

## The Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Leaven

Matthew 13:31-33

<sup>31</sup> He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. <sup>32</sup> It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

### Some reminders:

Every parable stands on its \_\_\_\_\_ but is not \_\_\_\_\_.

Don't \_\_\_\_\_ the analogy. (This isn't a botany lesson.)

Consider the \_\_\_\_\_ audience and how they would have heard these words.

(cf. Daniel 4:10-12, 20-22; Ezekiel 17:23; 31:26)

**The message:** "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed ..."

This is a straightforward, \_\_\_\_\_ statement:

God's Kingdom will \_\_\_\_\_.

Its beginnings were seemingly \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

By the end, it's growth will be \_\_\_\_\_.

### The meaning:

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<sup>33</sup> He told them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened."

The message: "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven ..."

The meaning is similar to the previous parable. Just as we know what seeds do, we understand what leaven does. The message is not a difficult one.

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### Conclusion:

In both parables, a central message emerges: God's Kingdom is \_\_\_\_\_.

It is His purpose to \_\_\_\_\_ with truth and grace.

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## Sunday, March 2

### 10am Worship

All Creatures Of Our God And King

Scripture Reading & Prayer .....Reagan Farris

Psalm 145:1-10

**145** I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. <sup>2</sup> Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. <sup>3</sup> Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. <sup>4</sup> One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. <sup>5</sup> On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. <sup>6</sup> They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness. <sup>7</sup> They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness. <sup>8</sup> The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. <sup>9</sup> The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made. <sup>10</sup> All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you!

His Mercy Is More

There Is One Gospel

Scripture Reading & Prayer .....Reagan Farris

1 Peter 2:4-6

<sup>4</sup> As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup> you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

Offering

His Glory And My Good

Message .....Paul Thompson

The Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Leaven  
Matthew 13:31-33

The Lord's Supper

You Are My All In All

Benediction .....Paul Thompson

Ephesians 3:20-21

<sup>20</sup> Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

### 5pm Worship

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Petition..... Dan Tankersley

Psalm 67:1-3

**67** May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, <sup>2</sup> that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. <sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Immortal Invisible

Almost Home

Jesus Paid It All

Corporate Prayer ..... Tommy Perry

Message .....Paul Thompson

Paul and the Missionary Imperative: The Confidence of Missions  
Acts 13

Doxology

### New Sunday Evening Series

Paul and the Missionary Imperative

4 Weeks — 4 Missionary Journeys — 4 Lessons

This Sunday night we will begin a new message series exploring the four missionary journeys of the apostle Paul and how God uses the faithful to accomplish His plans.

### 1st Friday Men's Breakfast

March 7 | 6am | ROC Lobby

Speaker: Reagan Farris

All men are invited to join together for breakfast and a time of fellowship. Donations will be accepted for breakfast.

### Mission Trip Opportunity for Summer 2025

Mission Trip: Oregon

Date: June 14-21

Purpose: VBS & working with Solid Rock Baptist Church

Team Leader: Randy Hunt (334) 791-7986

### Spring Open Classes Begin

All classes will begin in the ROC Lobby before dismissing to classrooms.

**Sundays | 8:30 am | March 2-May 18**

**Meaningful Membership** (March 2, 9, 16)

Teachers: Paul Thompson, Dan Tankersley, & Charles Uptain

**Parenting for Life**

Teachers: Zach Daniels & Joseph Parden

**Wednesdays | 6pm | March 12-May 28**

**No Classes March 26**

**New Testament 1**

Teachers: Charles Uptain & Dan Tankersley

**Missions**

Teacher: Tommy Perry

**Women's Study: Colossians & Philemon**

Teachers: Jamie Perry, Krisan Smith, & Becky Kite

**We are Baptists**

Teacher: Paul Thompson

### 2026 "Footsteps of Paul" Greece Tour

March 24-April 2, 2026 | Registration Now Open

The trip, which includes a 3-night cruise, will explore the highlights of Paul's missionary journeys among some of the most beautiful places on earth!

Register online here: [registernow.ittworld.com/?TourCode=ThompsonG26](https://registernow.ittworld.com/?TourCode=ThompsonG26)

Alternatively, you can visit [registernow.ittworld.com/](https://registernow.ittworld.com/) and enter the tour code: ThompsonG26.

### VBS 2025 | The Wonder Junction | June 9-13

Howdy, partners! Save the date and saddle up for an unforgettable adventure at the Wonder Junction, where kids will marvel at Jesus and learn to live for His glory!

### 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 2, 2025

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
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### I am a:

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## March 2, 2025

### March Missions Spotlight

#### Jose and Areli Perez (Missioteca/Global Mission Partner)

Missioteca is a collection of missional initiatives dedicated to eradicating theological famine in the Global South. The mission work of Jose and Areli through Missioteca 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 Missioteca or the Perezes, visit [missioteca.org](http://missioteca.org) or email Jose at [jose@missioteca.org](mailto:jose@missioteca.org). Also, if you would like to know how to pray for the Perezes, 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, contact Kim McGainey at [kmcgainey@alabamachild.org](mailto:kmcgainey@alabamachild.org) or visit [facebook.com/alabamachild/](http://facebook.com/alabamachild/) or [alabamachild.org](http://alabamachild.org).

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### THE PEOPLE CAME...

#### February 23

Life Group: 411  
10:00 Worship: 624  
5:00 Worship: 194  
Hispanic Church: 124  
Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

### THE PEOPLE GAVE...

#### General Fund

Given February 23: \$36,774.20  
Given Y-T-D Surplus (Deficit):  
(\$42,603.11) as of 01/31/25

### BIBLE READING PLAN

#### March 2-8

- Num 34-35, Mark 10:35-52
- Num 36-Deut 1, Mark 11:1-14
- Deut 2-4, Mark 11:15-33
- Deut 5-7, Mark 12:1-27
- Deut 8-10, Mark 12:28-44
- Deut 11-16, Mark 13:1-14:9

### Sunday Schedule

- 8:30am Life Groups & Open Classes
- 10:00am Worship, Fellowship Center  
Kid's Worship, Grades 1-5,  
Chapel (except 1st Sunday)
- 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, March 2:

Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

#### Saturday, March 8:

Charles Uptain | 334-797-7191

#### Sunday, March 9:

Reagan Farris | 504-319-6986

### SERMON SCHEDULE

#### Sunday, March 9

##### 10am

*The Parables of the Treasure and the Pearl*

Matthew 13:44-46

Message by Paul Thompson

##### 5pm

*Paul and the Missionary Imperative:*

*The Essential Task of Missions*

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

*"To you who believe, Jesus Christ is precious"*

**– (from 1 Peter 2:7)**

