

The Mercy We Don't See Coming

Matthew 20:29-34; 21:1-11

The Calm Before the Storm – 20:29, 21:1

Jesus is walking the road to Jerusalem for the final time. He is on a collision course with the _____.

"... the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (20:28)

And yet—on the road to ultimate obedience and self-sacrifice—He stops.

His purpose is twofold: He will _____ two blind men and _____ the blindness of the crowd.

What Only the Blind Can See – 20:30-31

The crowds see physically but are _____ blind.

"The god of this world has blinded the minds of unbelievers..." (2. Cor 4:4)

The blind see spiritually before they see _____.

"Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!" (2x)

A Most Penetrating Question – 20:32-34

"What do you want me to do for you?"

What’s my answer to that question?

How I answer that question reveals ...

Their answer:

"Lord, let our eyes be opened."

And with _____ to their condition, He touched them and healed them.

True sight is not just the ability to see — it is the ability to _____.

When their eyes are opened, they see Jesus. And what do they do?

"They followed Him."

"The truest faith always begins with a sense of desperate need.

These men understood what they lacked—and they knew who could provide it." (Kent Hughes)

But the crowds – while seeing – remained _____ to the true identity of Jesus.

They had the witness of the _____ (21:4-5; Zech. 9:9)

They had the testimony of the _____ (20:34)

They had the evidence of years of _____ and _____. And yet they _____.

"... the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" 11 And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

Spiritual blindness is not a lack of data but a moral inability to receive the truth. People don't see because they don't want to. (R.C. Sproul)

Our Only Hope

The cure for spiritual blindness is _____! (2nd Cor. 4:6)

So, if I have spiritual sight – _____ for His gift!

But if I don't – _____ honestly for it!

_____ diligently and _____ intently to the Word.

See His _____.

Behold His _____.

Receive His _____.

And _____.

Conclusion: What Do You Want Jesus to Do for You?

My answer today is: _____

Dr. Paul Thompson
Calvary Baptist Church
August 3, 2025

Sunday, August 3

10am Worship

Scripture Reading & PrayerReagan Farris

Ephesians 4:15-16

¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

Good And Gracious King

Jesus Thank You

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Offering

Christ Our Treasure

MessagePaul Thompson

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Lord's Supper

Hosanna

Benediction Charles Uptain

5pm Worship

Scripture Reading & PrayerSteven Wilson

Psalms 66:1-4

66 Shout for joy to God, all the earth; ² sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! ³ Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you. ⁴ All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name."

Great Things

Nothing But The Blood

On Jordan's Story Banks I Stand

Corporate PrayerReagan Farris

Message Reagan Farris

Stay On the Wall
Nehemiah 6:1-9

My Soul Will Wait (Psalm 62)

Life Group Promotion Sunday

All preschool, children and student Life Groups will promote to their new class on Sunday, August 3.

Pray4Dothan Initiative: Join Us in United Prayer

Calvary is excited to participate in the **Pray4Dothan** initiative — a citywide effort to seek the Lord's guidance, peace, and blessing over our community.

We are looking for **20 individuals** (two groups of 10) to commit to praying **at the corner of 231 N. and Westgate Parkway, Monday-Wednesday, August 18-20, from 7:30-8:00am.**

Let’s join together in visible, faithful prayer for our city.

If you are committed to participating or want more details, contact Tommy Perry at tommy@calvarydothan.com.

Help Reach the Nations – Right Here at Home!

Join our English as a Second Language ministry team! No teaching experience is required—only a servant's heart and a love for people. "Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." Romans 15:7

An **Informational/Training Meeting** will be on Wednesday, August 6, at 6pm below the Sanctuary.

Kindergarten Openings at Calvary Preschool & Kindergarten

Calvary Preschool & Kindergarten still has a few openings available in our Kindergarten class! If you're looking for a Christ-centered, nurturing environment where your child can grow academically, spiritually, and socially, we would love to welcome you. For more information or to register, contact Jaci at jaci@calvarydothan.com.

A Night of Prayer for Students and Families
Sunday, August 3 | 5pm | Sanctuary

As Sunday night worship resumes and a new school year approaches, we invite you to join us for a special *Night of Prayer*. This will be a meaningful time of encouragement and spiritual preparation as we gather to lift up students, parents, and educators in prayer.

Summer Missions Recap & Fellowship
August 10 | 5pm | Sanctuary

Our Sunday evening service will feature reports from Guatemala, Oregon, and Kenya.

Following the service join us for a pizza and dessert fellowship in the Fellowship Center.

Walk Worthy Men's Conference
Saturday, August 16 | 8am-4pm

Calvary men are encouraged to attend this conference at 5 Bridges Church in Panama City, Florida. *Walk Worthy*, a one-day event designed to sharpen, strengthen, and develop men as godly leaders in their homes, workplaces, and communities. Featuring nationally recognized theologian and author Dr. Owen Strachan, you'll be challenged to walk worthy of the calling God has placed on your life (Colossians 1:10).

Register now through August 7 and step into the life God has called you to: <https://www.5bridges.church/mensconf>.

Women's Coffee & Connect
Sunday, August 17 | 3pm | ROC Lobby

Panel Discussion: *Waiting on God - Living by the truth of God's character when my own story feels unclear*

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 3, 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
- ☐ Please contact me about membership

I am a:
☐ First Time Guest ☐ Attender
☐ Member

Name

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City

State/Zip

☐ Male ☐ Female

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Cell Phone

Spouse

Spouse's Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

Children:

Name / Date of Birth

Name / Date of Birth

Name / Date of Birth

Name / Date of Birth

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

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August Missions Spotlight

Greg & 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 dedicated to sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with the community of New Orleans. If you would like to learn more about the ministry work of the Woodwards in New Orleans, visit faithneworleans.com. If you are interested in knowing 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 may be able to teach well and lead with excellence, despite the numerous challenges they face daily. Members of Calvary will also be tutoring once again through the Bright Key Program at Dothan 6th Grade Center. If you are interested in knowing more about tutoring opportunities at D6, contact Tommy at tommy@calvarydothan.com. Prayer cards are located at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer.

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THE PEOPLE CAME...

July 27

Life Group: 442
10:00 Worship: 589
Hispanic Church: 110
Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given July 27: \$49,115.57
Given Y-T-D Surplus (Deficit):
(\$143,596.34) as of 06/30/25

BIBLE READING PLAN

August 3-9

- Ps 75-76, Rom 6
- Ps 77-79, Rom 7
- Ps 80-84, Rom 8
- Ps 85-87, Rom 9:1-10:4
- Ps 88-89, Rom 10:5-21
- Ps 90-95, Rom 11

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-3

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
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Dan Tankersley..... Discipleship Pastor
Steven Wilson..... Interim Worship
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SERMON SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 10

10am

A Condemned Temple and a Cursed Tree
Matthew 21:12-27
Message by Paul Thompson

5pm

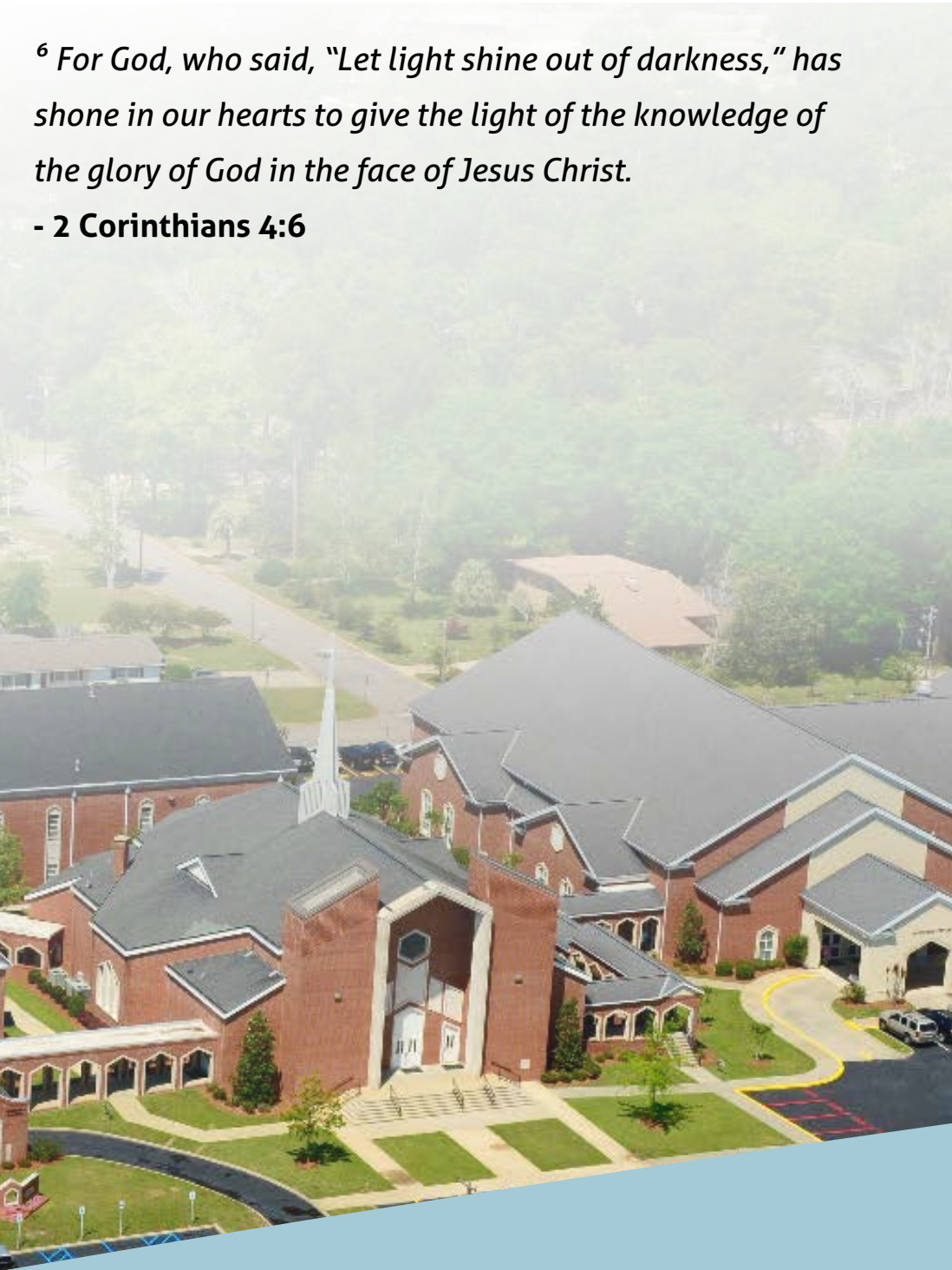
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Wednesday Schedule

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

⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

- 2 Corinthians 4:6



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Calvary
BAPTIST CHURCH