

The Authority of the King

Matthew 28:16-20

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

The Mountain and the Claim of \_\_\_\_\_ Authority

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.”

Daniel 7:13–14 (ESV)

Ephesians 1:20–22 (ESV)

Why This Authority Matters: A World Under \_\_\_\_\_

Genesis 1:26 (ESV)

Deuteronomy 32:8–9 (ESV)

Psalms 82:1–8 (ESV)

Matthew 4:8–9 (ESV)

“You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve” (Matt. 4:10).

The Cross and Resurrection: Authority Won Through \_\_\_\_\_

Colossians 2:15 (ESV)

Therefore: The Great Commission as Declaration of \_\_\_\_\_

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Baptism ...

Teaching them ...

What Christ’s Authority Means for the Church Today

Sunday, December 28

10am Worship

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Adoration..... Steven Whitfield  
Psalms 96:10-13

<sup>10</sup> Say among the nations, “The Lord reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.” <sup>11</sup> Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; <sup>12</sup> let the field exult, and everything in it! Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy <sup>13</sup> before the Lord, for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in his faithfulness.

Baptism ..... Dan Tankersley

Christ Our Hope In Life And Death

His Mercy Is More

Scripture Reading & Prayer Supplication..... Josh Robertson  
Psalms 67

**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! <sup>4</sup> Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. <sup>5</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! <sup>6</sup> The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us. <sup>7</sup> God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

Offering

Christ Is Magnified

Message ..... Paul Thompson  
The Authority of the King  
Matthew 28:16-20

Christus Victor

Benediction ..... Charles Uptain  
Romans 16:20

<sup>20</sup> The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

No 5pm Worship

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions

Calvary's Goal: \$150,000

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering supports and enables IMB missionaries to live among the lost and share the gospel. 100% of your gifts to this offering enable gospel transformation among the unreached all around the world.

2025 Holiday Schedule

No AM Kids Worship December 28

No PM Service December 28

No Midweek Service December 31

2025 Contributions

Contributions for 2025 must be turned in to the Sunday offering by December 28, brought to the church office by December 30, or postmarked by December 31. The church office will be closed December 31.

Learning to Love God in Every Season: Lessons from David’s Life and Psalms

Beginning January 4, we will walk through the life of David to see how God forms a heart that loves Him through every season of life. From hidden faithfulness and public courage to deep failure, grief, repentance, and lasting praise, David’s story shows us how to seek God when life is unfair, painful, joyful, or uncertain. Each week, we will pair the narrative of David’s life with the Psalms that give voice to his prayers and worship, helping us learn how to love God honestly and faithfully in every circumstance.

Meaningful Membership

January 4, 11, & 18 | 8:30am | Office Conference Room

Teachers: Dan Tankersley, Paul Thompson, & 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.

In the Word with Jen Wilkin

March 13-14, 2026 | Gardendale, AL | 60 spots available

Jen will be teaching on the Lord's Prayer and worship will be led by Sandra McCracken. Enjoy time away with your sisters in Christ and walk away with a deeper theology of prayer and practical tools to transform not just how you pray - but why you pray. Grab a friend, sister, or daughter and make plans to come with us!

Details and registration at calvarydothan.com.

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 28, 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

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Spouse

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December Missions Spotlight

Northeastern Baptist College (Bennington, VT)

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 its campus strategically located in the Northeast. 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 guiding individuals so that they can discover their God-given purpose and live it out. If you would like to learn more about the ministry work at The Ark, you can 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 21

Life Group: 435
10:00 Worship: 655
5:00 Worship: 353
Hispanic Church: 106
Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given December 21: \$122,887.01
Given Y-T-D Surplus (Deficit): (\$244,699.00) as of 11/30/25
Lottie Moon Y-T-D: \$77,792.00

BIBLE READING PLAN

December 28-January 3

- Mal 1-2, Rev 21
- Mal 3-4, Rev 22
- Eccl 3:1-8, Gen 1, 1 Chr 1, Luke 1:1-25
- Ps 1, Gen 2, 1 Chr 2, Luke 1:26-56
- Ps 2, Gen 3, 1 Chr 3, Luke 1:57-80

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/.

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
Steven Wilson..... Interim Worship
Tommy Perry..... Missions

Lay Elders

Jed Downs Don Mills
Dave Lindey Sam Tarwater

STAFF ON CALL

Sunday, December 28:

Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765
Saturday, January 3:
Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986
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SERMON SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 4

10am

Loving God When No One Else Sees
1 Samuel 13:14; 1 Samuel 16:1-13;
Acts 13:22
Message by Paul Thompson

5pm

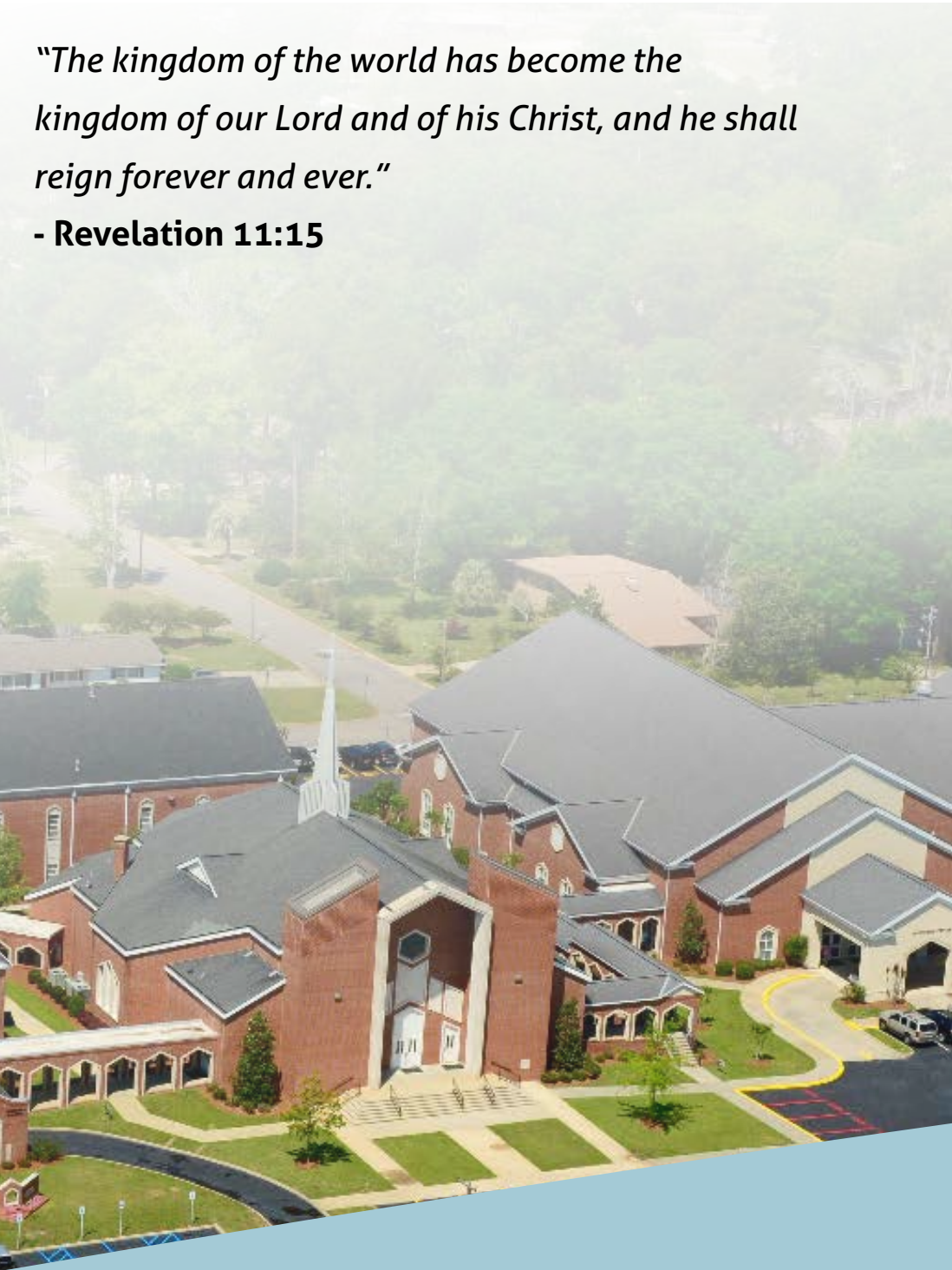
This Book Will Change Your Life
Psalm 19:7-11
Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday Schedule

- 6:00pm Open Classes, D-Groups, & ESL Classes
Birth-K5, Preschool Bldg
Grades 1-5, Chapel
Grades 6-12, Student Room
- 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

"The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever."

- Revelation 11:15



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BAPTIST CHURCH