

Loving God When Life Finally Works

2 Samuel 2:1-4; 5:1-5
Psalm 20:6-9; Psalm 21

From the Wilderness to the Throne

After many years of **trial** intermingled with **tragedy**, David finally experiences the **triumph** that was promised him at his anointing.

Anointed as a teenager, he endured Saul's pursuit, wilderness hiding, and near-constant warfare. Finally, in Hebron, he is anointed king – first over Judah, and then over all Israel. At thirty years old, the promise is fulfilled.

But David would discover that it’s not just **hardship** and **difficulty** that shapes and challenges a person. It’s also **success** and **prosperity**.

Some Dangers that Accompany Success

Heightened _____ – the ‘guard’ comes down

Bad _____ – blessing becomes entitlement

Self-_____ – desperation fades and dependence erodes

Spiritual _____ – the urgency of seeking God diminishes

How to Keep your Spiritual Edge – and Fuel Your Love for the Lord – in a Season of Plenty
(A Few Lessons from Psalm 21)

Take time to _____ with _____.

_____ God by enjoying His _____.

As you _____ God for the past, actively _____ Him for the future.

In the _____ you’ve been given, make _____ of God.

Conclusion – What Now?

Dr. Paul Thompson
Calvary Baptist Church
February 1, 2026

Sunday, February 1

10am Worship

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Adoration..... Josh Robertson
Psalm 18:1-3
18 I love you, O Lord, my strength. 2 The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. 3 I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

Our God Saves

In Christ Alone

Lord I Need You

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Petition..... Charles Uptain
Hebrews 10:19-23

19 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

Offering

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Message Paul Thompson
Loving God When Life Finally Works
2 Samuel 2:1-4; 5:1-5
Psalm 20:6-9; Psalm 21

Lord's Supper

Promises

Benediction Dan Tankersley
Jeremiah 9:23-24

23 Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, 24 but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord."

5pm Worship

Scripture Reading & Prayer Steven Wilson
Colossians 1:21-23
21 And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22 he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, 23 if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

His Mercy Is More

Baptism

There Is A Fountain

Jesus Paid It All

Corporate Prayer Tommy Perry

Message Paul Thompson
Can A Man Bless God?
Psalm 103

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

2026 Bible Conference | February 21-22

The Invisible War: Battling the Spiritual Forces of Evil
Speaker: Chuck Lawless

Saturday, February 21
6pm Bible Conference Session with Chuck Lawless, Sanctuary

Sunday, February 22
8:30am Adult & Student Joint Life Group with Chuck Lawless, Sanctuary
10am Worship Service, Fellowship Center
Message by Chuck Lawless
5pm Panel Discussion, Sanctuary

1st Friday Men's Breakfast

Friday, February 6 | 6am | ROC Lobby

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

Women's Coffee & Connect

Sunday, February 8 | 3pm | ROC Lobby

All women are invited to an afternoon of fellowship, meaningful conversation, encouragement and connection.

Sunday, February 8 Schedule

8:30am Life Group
10am Worship, Fellowship Center
5pm Student Super Bowl Fellowship, ROC
There will be no PM worship. If you don't have other plans and would like to join the students for the fun, all are welcome. Bring a snack to share.


Mission Trip Opportunity

Bennington, Vermont | April 25-May 2

Purpose: Assist NEBC with construction of housing duplexes and various non-construction related projects
Deadline to sign up: Sunday, February 15
Number of participants: Limited to 12
Team Leader: Roger Simpler (334) 701-6668

High School Winter Retreat

February 13-16 | Grades 9-12 | Cost: \$230

 This year’s theme, *Standing in the Gap*, invites students to grow deeper in their faith as they are challenged and encouraged to follow Jesus faithfully and impact the world as His witnesses.

Use the QR code to register. Deadline is February 6.

Empty Nesters Retreat

May 1-3 | Shocco Springs in Talladega

As a church we've been looking at the life of David and learning how to love God in every season of life. Now we have a special opportunity for some of our adults in a specific season of life where there aren't many books or resources available for marriage or parenting after the kids are grown.

This weekend is all about encouragement, connection, and growing in wisdom for life after the kids have grown. Cost is \$370 per couple. Cost includes 2 nights stay and 5 meals. Register online at calvarydothan.com/event/empty-nesters-retreat.

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

February 1, 2026

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

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Spouse

Spouse's Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

Children:

Name / Date of Birth

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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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February Missions Spotlight

The Harbor (Local Missions Partner)

The Harbor's mission is to transform the heart of Dothan through the love and power of Jesus Christ. Guided by Scripture, they seek to serve those in need both physically and spiritually. To learn more about the ministry of The Harbor, visit theharbordothan.org or facebook.com/theharbordothan. Prayer needs for The Harbor are available on prayer cards at the mission kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer.

B and M (Global Missions Partner)

B and his team work alongside the South Asian church to encourage local stewardship of the Great Commission and the Great Commandment, particularly among Muslim populations that remain unreached and unengaged with the gospel. To learn more about their ministry, contact Tommy Perry at tommy@calvarydothan.com who can provide additional information. Prayer cards with specific requests are available at the mission kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer.

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THE PEOPLE CAME...

January 25

Life Group: 564
10:00 Worship: 699
5:00 Worship: 131
Hispanic Church: 100
Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given January 25: \$65,595.05
2025 Surplus: \$16,597.53 as of 12/31/25
Lottie Moon given through 01/30/26: \$152,533

BIBLE READING PLAN

February 1-7

- Ps 31, Gen 28:10-22, 2 Chr 5, Luke 22:1-46
- Ps 32, Gen 29:1-30, 2 Chr 6, Luke 22:47-23:25
- Ps 33, Gen 29:31-30:43, 2 Chr 7, Luke 23:26-56
- Ps 34, Gen 31, 2 Chr 8, Luke 24
- Ps 35, Gen 32, 2 Chr 9, Acts 1
- Ps 36, Gen 33, 2 Chr 10, Acts 2
- Ps 37, Gen 34, 2 Chr 11, Acts 3:1-4:31

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

Don Mills (elder chairman) Jed Downs Dave Lindey Ian Worrell
David Glover Sam Tarwater

STAFF ON CALL

Sunday, February 1:

Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986
Saturday, February 7:
Charles Uptain | 334-797-7191
Sunday, February 8:
Reagan Farris | 504-319-6986

SERMON SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 8

10am
Loving God with All Your Might
2 Samuel 6:1-23
Message by Paul Thompson

No 5pm Worship

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

¹¹ "Take care lest you forget the Lord your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, ¹² lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, ¹³ and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery,
- Deuteronomy 8:11-14



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BAPTIST CHURCH