

The Gospel That Changes Everything

Colossians 1:1-8

Setting the stage for Colossians:

Nowhere is the supremacy of Christ set forth more clearly and forcefully than in this letter.

This is Paul’s answer to every pressure, every confusion, every subtle distortion: Christ is above all, enough for all, and must rule all.

The Gospel arrives with (vv. 1-6a)

“the word of the truth, the gospel... which has come to you...”

The gospel is not merely about getting you to . It is the proclamation that Jesus Christ – crucified and risen – is .

This King established His rule through His death for sin and His resurrection from the dead.

That reality is now reshaping the world.

The Gospel reorders your life from (vv. 4-5)

“faith... love... because of the hope laid up for you in heaven”

Hope is the ; faith and love are the .

Hope is not wishful thinking. It is a secured that reshapes life.

The Gospel bears (v. 6)

“... as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing”

What has happened in them is happening everywhere.

The same power that raised Christ from the dead is now producing in people all over the world.

The Gospel is , and (vv. 7-8)

“Epaphras... faithful minister... made known to us your love ...”

The gospel does not spread in the . It is from person to person.

They learned it from Epaphras, a faithful minister of Christ, and through him the gospel took root among them.

This is how it happens: The gospel advances through people who faithfully receive it and faithfully pass it on.

What this Gospel demands of us:

1) For the one not yet in Christ:

You are not being asked to consider an . You are being confronted with a .

Jesus is the risen King. He reigns now. And your life is not neutral in relation to Him.

Turn from ruling your own life and come under the rule of Christ. Entrust yourself to Him, and follow Him as King.

2) For the believer:

If the gospel is in you, it is producing something in you, so . Continue in the One you have received. Remain grounded in what you have been taught. Let your life be steadily shaped by Him.

3) For the complacent:

You can claim to the gospel and remain unchanged; you cannot be and remain unchanged.

If nothing is changing, something is missing.

4) For the church:

The gospel does not remain in a church. It becomes in its life together.

to Christ will be evident. for one another will be visible. The of the gospel will be held firmly. And that same gospel will continue to take root and spread.

Dr. Paul Thompson
Calvary Baptist Church
April 12, 2026

Sunday, April 12

10am Worship

Glorious Day

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Adoration..... Tommy Perry
1 Peter 1:3-4

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,

Great Are You Lord

Always

Corporate Reading..... Paul Thompson
Apostles Creed

Offering

The God We Love (Nicene Creed)

Message Paul Thompson
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Lord's Supper

There Is One Gospel

Benediction Dan Tankersley
Romans 15:13
13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

5pm Worship

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Thankfulness..... Josh Robertson
Galatians 4:4-7

4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

The Love Of God

Good And Gracious King

Come Thou Fount

Corporate Prayer..... Charles Uptain

Message Paul Thompson
Hosea: Love That Won't Let Go
Hosea 1:2-11; 3:1-5

Redeemed How I Love To Proclaim It

Members Meeting

Spring Missions Offering | Goal: \$100,000

One-third of the offering will support the North American Mission Board through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. The remaining two-thirds of the offering will support Calvary’s own church planting partnerships. One-third will go to East Avenue Baptist Church in Ozark, and one-third will go to Neighborhood Church in New York.

Sunday, April 19 AM Worship

10am worship will meet in the Sanctuary on April 19 due to the Deacon/Widow lunch in the Fellowship Center.

Hope Explored
Sundays, April 12, 19 & 26 | 8:30am | Parlor

After Easter, continue exploring the hope of the gospel through Hope Explored, a 3-week course designed to help you discover the lasting hope found in Jesus. This class is ideal for those who are curious about Christianity. Invite a friend and come celebrate the hope we have in Christ.

Members Meeting
Sunday, April 12 | 5pm Worship

All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting during the 5pm worship service.

Joy Prom Volunteers Needed
Sunday, May 3 | 5-7:30pm | Fellowship Center

Joy Prom is a full-scaled prom designed for people ages 13 and older with developmental or physical impairments. Volunteers need to arrive at 4:45pm. Email emily@calvarydothan.com if you would like to volunteer to cheer for everyone in the welcome line, dance and/or serve food.

Parent-Child Commitment Service
Sunday, May 10 | 10am Worship

If you are a member who would like to have your child dedicated, email joyce@calvarydothan.com before Wednesday, April 29 to get signed up. There is a Parent-Child Commitment meeting on Wednesday, May 6 at 6pm in the office conference room.

High School Senior Recognition Sunday
Sunday, May 17 | 10am Worship & Lunch

If you are a graduating high school senior, please email your pictures and letter to samantha@calvarydothan.com. Use the QR code to RSVP for lunch by April 26.

Deacon Nominations Being Accepted

Elders are requesting nominations for deacons. Church members are asked to nominate men they have observed fulfilling the duties and exhibiting the spiritual fruit set forth by the bylaws, 1 Timothy 3:8-13, and Acts 6:1-7. Nominations will be accepted through May 15. Nomination cards are available at the Next Steps table and can be dropped in the nomination boxes in the Fellowship Center or Sanctuary or email names to caren@calvarydothan.com.

Church League Softball
Church softball is approaching! Anyone interested in signing up or learning more can contact Chris Ferreira at 915-730-9712.

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

April 12, 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

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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April Missions Spotlight

Joe and Andi Carroll (Global Missions Partner)

The Carrolls live in Erbil, Iraq, among the Kurdish people. Joe serves as the pastor of Emmanuel Evangelical Church, which was planted in 2024. It is one of the few Kurdish-speaking churches in the city, which has a population of approximately 1 million. The Carrolls are working to help the church grow in health and strength so that it can be a light for the gospel in the region for years to come. To learn more about Joe and Andi's ministry, visit [erbilbaptist.church](#). If you would like to know how to pray for the Carrolls, pick up a prayer card at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer.

City Hope (Local Missions Partner)

City Hope is a ministry dedicated to bringing the gospel into foster homes by serving families and demonstrating the love of Christ. The City Hope team seeks to make much of Christ through this work and takes seriously the biblical mandate to care for orphans. To learn more about the ministry of City Hope, visit [cityhopewiregrass.com](#) or find them on Facebook at [facebook.com/cityhopewiregrass](#). Prayer needs for City Hope are available on prayer cards at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer.

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THE PEOPLE CAME...

April 5

Life Group: 516
10:00 Worship: 863
5:00 Worship: n/a
East Avenue Church: 118
Hispanic Church: 121
Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given April 5: \$62,701.03
Y-T-D Surplus (Deficit): (\$26,883.67)
as of 02/28/26
Spring Missions Offering Y-T-D:
\$42,398.36

BIBLE READING PLAN

April 12-18

- Ps 102, Lev 9, Isa 7-8, 2 Cor 4:1-5:10
- Ps 103, Lev 10, Isa 9:1-7, 2 Cor 5:11-6:10
- Ps 104, Lev 11, Isa 9:8-10:34, 2 Cor 6:11-7:16
- Ps 105, Lev 12, Isa 11-12, 2 Cor 8-9
- Ps 106, Lev 13, Isa 13-14, 2 Cor 10:1-12
- Ps 107, Lev 14:1-32, Isa 15-16, 2 Cor 10:13-12:13
- Ps 108, Lev 14:33-57, Isa 17-18, 2 Cor 12:14-13:14

Sunday Schedule

- 8:30am Life Groups
- 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
David Glover

STAFF ON CALL

Sunday, April 12:

Reagan Farris | 504-319-6986

Saturday, April 18:

Joyce Alexander | 334-798-4791

Sunday, April 19:

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SERMON SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 19

10am

The Gospel Change That Is Happening

Colossians 1:9-14

Message by Paul Thompson

5pm Worship

Joel: From Ruin to Renewal

Joel 2:12-32

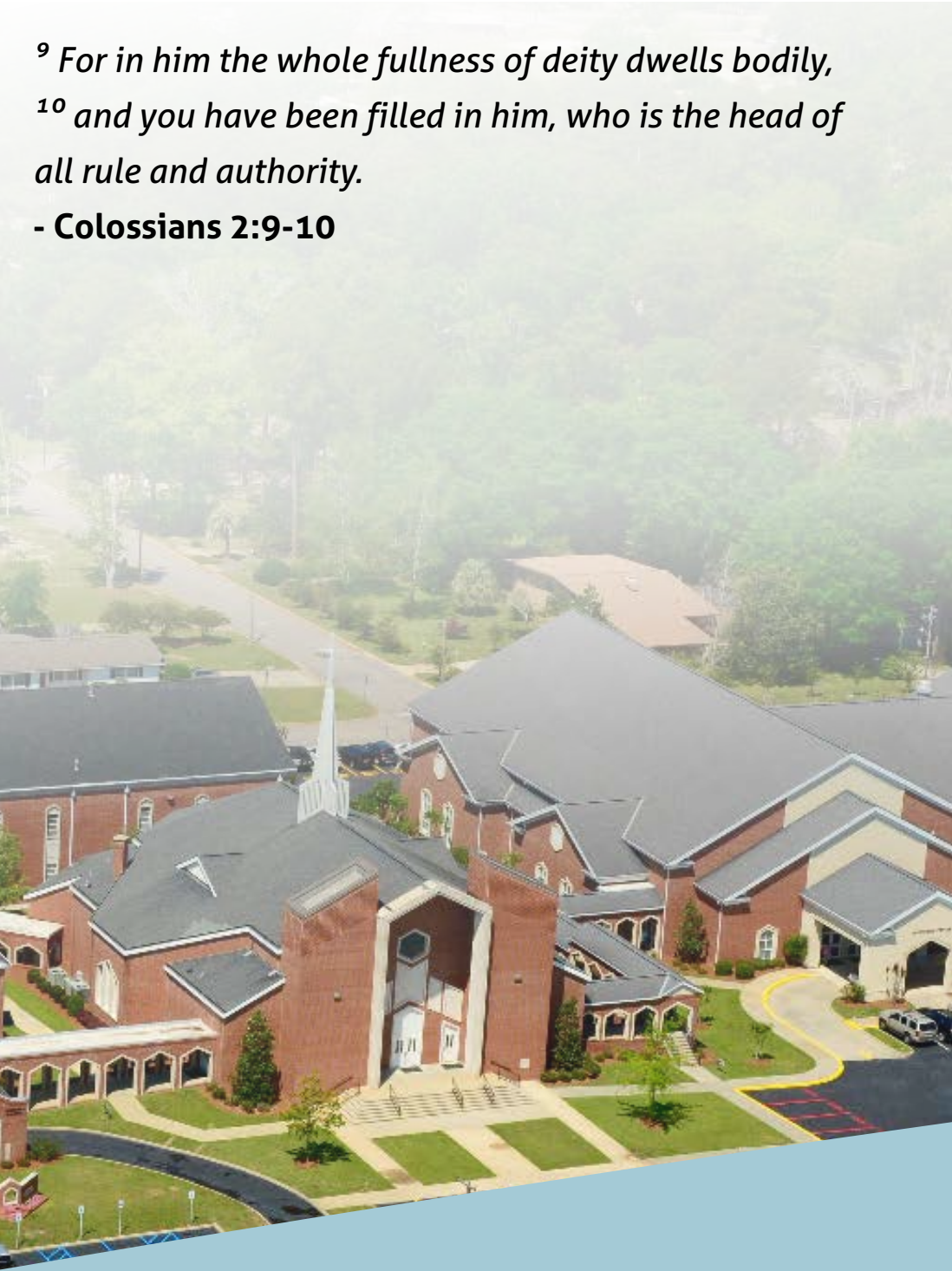
Message by Paul Thompson

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

⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,
¹⁰ and you have been filled in him, who is the head of
all rule and authority.

- Colossians 2:9-10



WELCOME TO
Calvary
BAPTIST CHURCH