

The Fight for Steadfast Faith

Colossians 2:1-5

2 For I want you to know **how great a struggle** I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, 2 that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, **to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God’s mystery, which is Christ,** 3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. 4 I say this in order **that no one may delude you** with plausible arguments. 5 For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.

A Struggle Worth _____ Over (v. 1)

“I want you to know **how great a struggle** I have for you ...”

Spiritual _____ does not happen accidentally. It is formed through intentional _____.

Do we *agonize* over spiritual things?

A steady Christian life must be pursued passionately and _____.

A Treasure Only the _____ Possess (v. 2-3)

“... **to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God’s mystery, which is Christ,** 3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge ...”

Paul wants Christians to become so deeply rooted in Christ that abandoning Him becomes spiritually _____.

The deepest stability in life belongs to the believer who _____ Christ above everything else.

A Pursuit that is Undeniably _____, but Never _____ (v. 2)

“... *that their hearts may be encouraged, **being knit together in love** ...”*

Isolated Christians are _____ Christians.

Steadfast Christians are formed in _____, _____ Christian community.

A Certainty That Cannot Be _____ (v. 4)

“... *order **that no one may delude you** with plausible arguments.*”

Christians who are deeply rooted in truth are not easily _____ by the world around them.

The strongest defense against deception is a _____ of Christ.

A Confident _____ (v. 5)

“I am ... *rejoicing to see your **good order** and the **firmness of your faith** in Christ.*”

Christians stand firm when _____, _____, and _____ work together.

The believer who deeply knows, treasures, and pursues Christ becomes increasingly steady, increasingly discerning, and increasingly difficult to pull away from Him.

Sunday, May 17

10am Worship

Scripture Reading, Senior Recognition & PrayerReagan Farris

How Great Is The Greatness of God

Better Is One Day

Here I Am To Worship

Scripture Reading & Prayer for the NationPaul Thompson
Isaiah 40:28-31

28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. 29 He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. 30 Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; 31 but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Offering

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

MessagePaul Thompson
The Fight for Steadfast Faith
Colossians 2:1-5

O Lord My Rock And My Redeemer

BenedictionCharles Uptain
2 Corinthians 13:14
14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

5pm Worship

Members Meeting.....Charles Uptain

Scripture Reading & PrayerCharles Uptain
Psalm 34:2-3

2 My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. 3 Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!

All My Boast Is In Jesus

All Things

We Will Feast In The House Of Zion

MessagePaul Thompson
Obadiah: The Fall of Pride

Summer Worship Schedule

- **10am Worship** will be held in the Sanctuary from May 24 through September 6
- **5pm Worship** will not meet on May 24, June 21, and the month of July
- No **Kids Worship** May 24, June 7, and the month of July
- **Life Groups** and **Open Classes** will continue to meet at their regular times throughout summer

Change for Life – Benefiting Wiregrass Hope
Calvary's Goal: \$1,000

Wiregrass Hope is one of our local mission partners, offering free pregnancy resources, parenting and fatherhood programs, biblical counseling, and relationship education—all centered on sharing the hope of Jesus Christ and valuing human life. Take a bottle, fill it with loose change, cash, or a check, and return it by Sunday, May 31 to support this important ministry. Baby bottles are located in the Fellowship Center Foyer and Preschool desk.

Senior Adult Midmonth
Thursday, May 21 | 11am | Fellowship Center
Don Mills will be speaking. Lunch will be served immediately following the service.

Members Meeting
Sunday, May 31 | Following 10am Worship
All members are encouraged to attend this meeting as we vote on proposed bylaw changes.

Meaningful Membership
June 7, 14, & 21 | 8:30am | Office Conference Rm
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.

Vacation Bible School Registration is Open
June 15-19 | Grades 1-5 | 8:30am-12noon
 In a world filled with worry and confusion, kids need to know there is a God who cares for them. At Emerald Crossing VBS, they’ll journey through Ireland’s lush landscapes, exploring the powerful words of Psalm 23.

They’ll discover the life of the shepherd-king David and learn how to cross from worry to peace, from fear to faith, and from uncertainty to a firm foundation in God’s Word through a relationship with the Good Shepherd.

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
May 17, 2026

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- 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:

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May Missions Spotlight
Northeastern Baptist College (Domestic Mission Partner – Bennington, VT)

NEBC seeks to impact the Northeast, the United States, and the world by training students to cultivate the mind of a scholar, the heart of a shepherd, and the perseverance of a soldier. This mission is accomplished through a college education grounded in a biblical foundation and marked by 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 about the ministry of NEBC, visit nebcvt.org. To learn how to pray for NEBC, pick up a prayer card at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer.

Wiregrass Hope (Local Mission Partner)
Wiregrass Hope's mission is to share the hope of Christ, promote the value of human life, and care for people through pregnancy resources, biblical counseling, and relationship education. Their vision is to build a healthy community where individuals and families value life and thrive because of the love and grace of Christ. To learn about the ministry of Wiregrass Hope, visit facebook.com/wiregrasshopegroup. To learn how to pray for Wiregrass Hope, pick up a prayer card at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer.

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THE PEOPLE CAME...

May 10
Life Group: 518
10:00 Worship: 832
5:00 Worship: N/A
East Avenue Church: 105
Hispanic Church: 104
Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund
Given May 10: \$41,538.94
Y-T-D Surplus (Deficit): \$(59,317.15)
as of 04/30/26

BIBLE READING PLAN

May 17-23
Ps 136, Num 18-19, Isa 56-57, 1 Thes 4:1-12
Ps 137, Num 20-21, Isa 58, 1 Thes 4:13-5:11
Ps 138, Num 22, Isa 59, 1 Thes 5:12-22
Ps 139, Num 23-24, Isa 60, 1 Thes 5:23-28
Ps 140, Num 25, Isa 61-62, 2 Thes 1
Ps 141, Num 26, Isa 63-64, 2 Thes 2:1-12
Ps 142, Num 27, Isa 65, 2 Thes 2:13-3:5

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
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Sam Tarwater
Ian Worrell

STAFF ON CALL

Sunday, May 17:
Joyce Alexander | 334-798-4791
Saturday, May 23:
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SERMON SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 24
10am
Nothing Left to Add
Colossians 2:6-15
Message by Paul Thompson

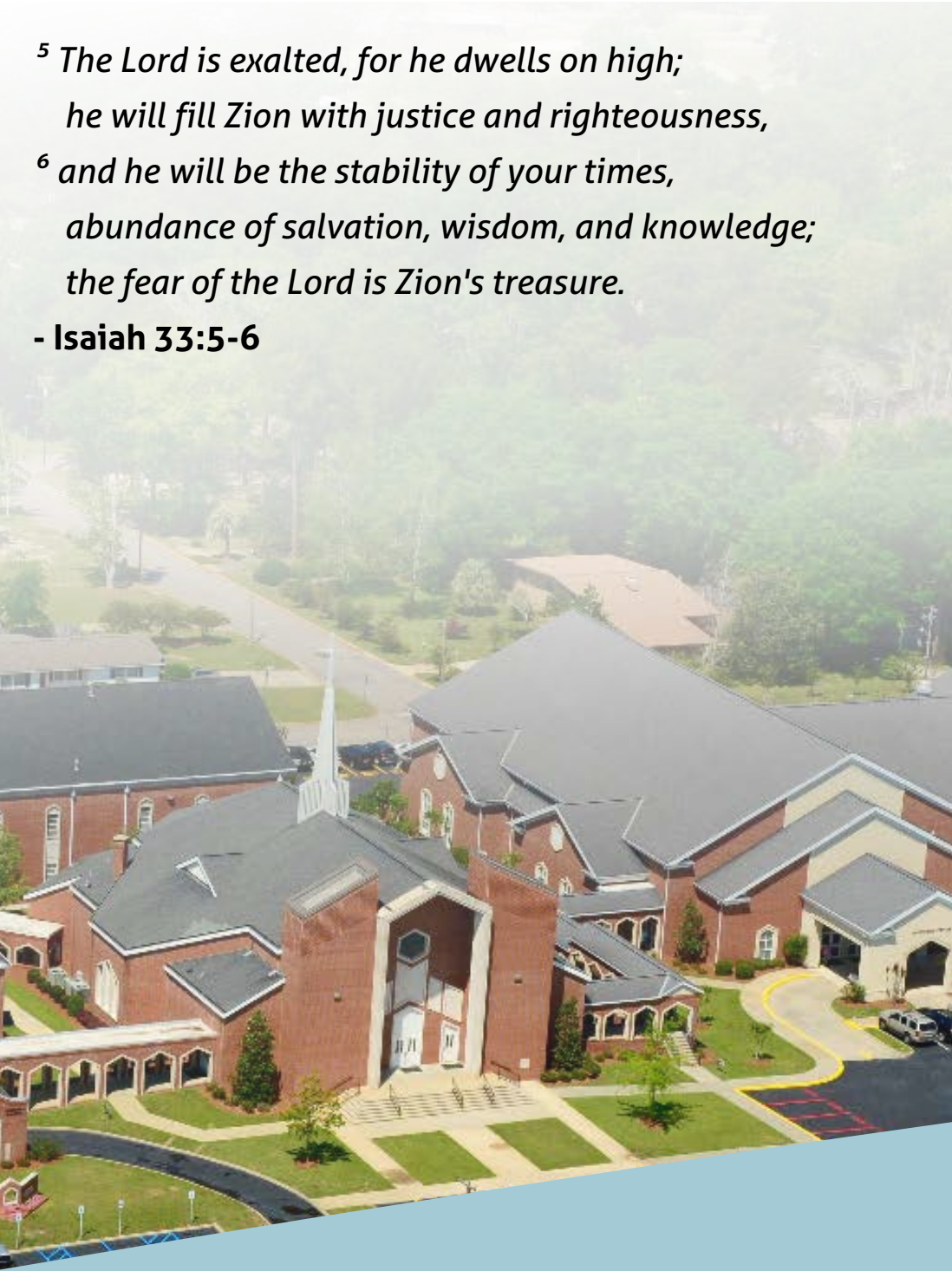
No 5pm Worship

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

The Lord is exalted, for he dwells on high;
he will fill Zion with justice and righteousness,
and he will be the stability of your times,
abundance of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge;
the fear of the Lord is Zion's treasure.

- Isaiah 33:5-6



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BAPTIST CHURCH