

Counterfeit Christianity

Colossians 2:16-23

“Therefore ...” – Because Christ is Enough (vv. 6-15)

⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have been filled in him ... (Col. 2:9-10a)

Counterfeit Christianity _____ (vv. 16-17)

The problem with the false teachers was not that they took the Old Testament too seriously, but that they failed to understand its _____.
To cling to _____ after the _____ has arrived is to misunderstand the entire movement of redemptive history.

Two dangers:

Counterfeit Christianity looks spiritual but is _____ (vv. 18-19)

True Christianity is not ultimately measured by intensity of experience, severity of discipline, or outward religious appearance. It is measured by _____ with Christ.

The truly godly person is not someone frantically trying to maintain a religious _____.

It is someone who is increasingly _____ who God is actually making him to be. That kind of transformation cannot be manufactured artificially. It is “*a growth that is from God.*”

Counterfeit Christianity cannot _____ (vv. 20-23)

Counterfeit Christianity is obsessed with externals because externals are _____.
External religion treats _____ while leaving the _____ untouched. It creates the illusion of wisdom, depth, and spirituality, but _____ are not the same thing as _____.
“...but are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.”
These systems cannot accomplish the thing they promise most. They cannot conquer _____.
Only Christ can truly change a person from the inside out.

A question for us all:

Am I practicing authentic Christianity, or merely a convincing _____?
The ultimate aim of the gospel is not simply to make us *look* Christian. It is to _____ us to the image of the Son of God and _____ us for the presence of God.

And that kind of transformation cannot be manufactured through rules, rituals, emotional experiences, or appearances.
It comes only through _____ to Christ the Head.

Sunday, May 31

10am Worship

Great Things
Scripture Reading & Prayer Peyton Hall
Psalms 96:2-6
² Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. ³ Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! ⁴ For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods. ⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens. ⁶ Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Only A Holy God
Goodness Love And Mercy
Scripture Reading & Prayer Tommy Perry
2 Corinthians 9:7
⁷ Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Offering
Holy Forever
Message Paul Thompson
Counterfeit Christianity
Colossians 2:16-23

Endless Praise
Benediction Charles Uptain
Hebrews 13:20-21
²⁰ Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, ²¹ equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Members Meeting

5pm Worship

Scripture Reading & Prayer Steven Wilson
Come Praise And Glorify
Only A Holy God
His Mercy Is More
Corporate Prayer
Message Dan Tankersley
Micah: What Does God Want?
Micah 6:8

Jesus, There Is No One Like You

Summer 2026 Open Class Schedule
June 3-Aug 26 | No classes on June 17 or July 1
Wednesdays at 6pm | Classes begin in ROC Lobby
Disciplines of a Godly Man
Teachers: Charles Uptain, Lance Morgan, Justin Walters
Using *Disciplines of a Godly Man* by Kent Hughes, this study challenges men to pursue spiritual maturity through biblical disciplines and intentional living. Men will be encouraged to grow as faithful leaders in their homes, churches, and daily lives. Books are available at the ROC Resource Center for \$12.

Disciplines of a Godly Woman
Teachers: Sandra Hunt, Gail McCoy, and others
Using *Disciplines of a Godly Woman* by Barbara Hughes, this study encourages women to pursue spiritual maturity through Christ-centered disciplines rooted in Scripture. Women will be challenged to grow in their relationship with Christ and in daily godliness. Books are available at the ROC Resource Center for \$12.

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

Vacation Bible School Registration is Open
June 15-19 | Grades 1-5 | 8:30am-12noon
 At Emerald Crossing VBS, kids will discover how God leads them from worry to peace, fear to faith, and uncertainty to confidence in His Word through the life of David and a relationship with the Good Shepherd. Use the QR code to register your children for VBS.

Change for Life – Benefiting Wiregrass Hope
Calvary's Goal: \$1,000
Wiregrass Hope is one of our local mission partners that shares the hope of Christ through pregnancy resources, parenting programs, and counseling. Pick up a bottle, fill it with change, cash, or a check, and return it by Sunday, May 31.

1st Friday Men's Breakfast
June 5 | 6am | ROC Lobby
Speaker: Randy Hunt
All men are invited to join together for breakfast and a time of fellowship. Donations will be accepted for breakfast.

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.

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

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 31, 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

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Name / Date of Birth

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

May 31, 2026

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 24
Life Group: 303
10:00 Worship: 492
5:00 Worship: n/a
East Avenue Church: 112
Hispanic Church: 108
Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund
Given May 24: \$44,349.06
Y-T-D Surplus (Deficit): \$(59,317.15)
as of 04/30/26

BIBLE READING PLAN

May 31-June 6
Ps 150, Deut 1, Jon 1, 2 Tim 1:1-7
Prov 1:1-7, Deut 2, Jon 2, 2 Tim 1:8-18
Prov 1:8-19, Deut 3, Jon 3, 2 Tim 2
Prov 1:20-33, Deut 4, Jon 4, 2 Tim 3:1-9
Prov 2, Deut 5, Hos 1:1-2:1, 2 Tim 3:10-4:8
Prov 3:1-12, Deut 6, Hos 2:2-23, 2 Tim 4:9-22
Prov 3:13-20, Deut 7, Hos 3, Tit 1:1-4

Sunday Schedule

8:30am Life Groups
10:00am Worship, Sanctuary
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 Lindsey

STAFF ON CALL

Sunday, May 31:
Charles Uptain | 334-797-7191
Saturday, June 6:
Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986
Sunday, June 7:
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SERMON SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 7
10am
Stop Living Like You Belong Here
Colossians 3:1-4
Message by Charles Uptain

5pm Worship

Jonah: Mercy for the Nations
Jonah 1:1-17; 3:1-10
Message by Tommy Perry

Wednesday Schedule

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

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.
The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

- 2 Corinthians 5:17



WELCOME TO
Calvary
BAPTIST CHURCH