

God's Design for the Family

Colossians 3:18-21

Introduction – The Gospel Comes Home

God’s Design for the Christian Wife (v.18)

The Command:

"Wives, submit to your husbands..."

The Reason:

"...as is fitting in the Lord."

The Christian wife's submission is first an act of devotion to _____ before it is ever an act of devotion to her husband.

The Meaning:

Biblical submission is the joyful _____ and willing _____ of God's order for the family.

The Great Lie of Our Age to Women:

"You will _____ by rejecting God's design for womanhood."

A woman becomes the wife God intends her to be by joyfully embracing the _____ He designed for her.

God’s Design for the Christian Husband (v.19)

The Command:

"Husbands, love your wives..."

Biblical love is the settled commitment to seek the _____ of another person.

The Warning:

"...and do not be harsh with them."

Leadership without love becomes _____.

The Great Lie of Our Age to Men:

"You can neglect your God-given responsibility without _____."

A man becomes the husband God intends him to be by eagerly embracing the _____ God has entrusted to him.

God's Design for Christian Children (v. 20)

The Command:

"Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord."

Children live under the protection, provision, instruction, and authority of the home. God has entrusted parents with the responsibility of directing, disciplining, and preparing their children for life.

The Reason:

"... for this pleases the Lord."

Children, your obedience is ultimately an act of _____.

The Great Lie of Our Age to Children:

"You are the ultimate _____ over your own life."

A child becomes the adult God intends him to be through _____ to the parents God has given him.

God's Design for Christian Fathers (v. 21)

The Command:

"Fathers, do not provoke your children ..."

The word *provoke* means to stir up, exasperate, or embitter.

The Reason:

".... lest they become discouraged."

God's goal for our parenting is not simply outward conformity. God calls fathers to _____ the hearts of their children.

The Great Lie of Our Age to Fathers:

"If you _____ for your children, you have fulfilled your responsibility to them."

A Christian father fulfills God's design by faithfully shepherding the hearts of his children with loving, consistent _____.

Conclusion – Will I _____ God’s design?

Dr. Paul Thompson
Calvary Baptist Church
August 2 , 2026

Sunday, August 2

10am Worship

Scripture Reading & PrayerPaul Thompson
Psalm 127:1-5

127 Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. ² It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep. ³ Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. ⁴ Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. ⁵ Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

As For Me And My House

Jesus Only Jesus

Scripture Reading & PrayerReagan Farris
Deuteronomy 6:5-9

⁵ You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Offering

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

Holy Holy Holy

MessagePaul Thompson
God's Design for the Family
Colossians 3:18-21

Lord's Supper

Behold Our God

BenedictionCharles 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.

5pm Worship

Scripture Reading & PrayerZac Whitehead
Lamentations 3:22-26

²² The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; ²³ they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴ "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." ²⁵ The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. ²⁶ It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

Come Thou Fount

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Corporate PrayerCharles Uptain

MessageReagan Farris
Habakkuk: Faith In the Silence
Habakkuk 2:1-20; 3:17-29

The Lord Is My Salvation

Life Group Promotion Sunday

All preschool, children and student Life Groups will promote to their new classes on Sunday, August 2.

Sunday Evening Fellowship

Sunday, August 2 | 6pm | Fellowship Center

Join us for a fellowship meal (Nacho Bar and Salad Bar) after the evening service. We will use this time to welcome Zac and Sarah Whitehead to the Calvary family.

1st Friday Men's Breakfast

August 7 | 6am | ROC Lobby

Speaker: [Lance Morgan](#)

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

Meaningful Membership Intensive Class

Sunday, August 23 | 1-4pm | Office Conference Rm

If you are interested in knowing more about Calvary or would like to join and are not able to attend all three Sunday morning classes, join us for this intensive 3-hour class in the Office Building Conference Room. All the material will be covered in this one class.

If you plan to attend and/or need childcare, call the church office or email angie@calvarydothan.com by Wednesday, August 19.

Fall Women's Bible Study



Registration for Women's Bible Study is now open! Join us beginning September 2 at 6pm as we study the book of James together. Throughout this study, we'll explore what genuine faith looks like in the everyday life of a believer living in a broken world. Invite a friend and register online at calvarydothan.com.

Vermont Mission Trip Volunteers Needed

October 17-24, 2026

We will continue construction at Northeastern Baptist College. Jobs will include painting, framing, sheetrock, etc.

If you are interested in being a part of the Vermont mission team, contact Roger Simpler 334-701-6668 or Angie Tice 334-792-5159 by Friday, August 7.

Serving Opportunities in Preschool & Children's Ministries

Invest in the next generation by serving in our Preschool and Children's Ministries! Serving is a meaningful way to share God's love and help children build a strong foundation of faith.

To learn more about where and how you can serve, visit calvarydothan.com/serving-opportunities/. We would love to help you find a place to make an eternal difference in the lives of children and families.

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

August 2, 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

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August Missions Spotlight

Joe and Andie 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 only Kurdish-speaking churches in their Islamic city, with approximately 1 million people. They are seeking to help the church grow in health and strength so it can be a light for the gospel in the region for years to come. To learn more about the ministry work of Joe and Andie, visit [erbilbaptist.church](#). To pray for the Carrolls, pick up a prayer card at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center and Sanctuary foyers.

We are desirous that God would give us much wisdom and favor as we seek ways (on their school campus) to best serve and influence, for the sake of the Gospel, the students and families at both schools. As school resumes, pray for the teachers, staff, and administrators that they may be able to teach well and lead with excellence, despite the numerous challenges they face daily. Prayer cards are located at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center and Sanctuary foyers.

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July 26
Life Group: 449
10:00 Worship: 625
5:00 Worship: n/a
East Avenue Church: 68
Hispanic Church: 89
Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

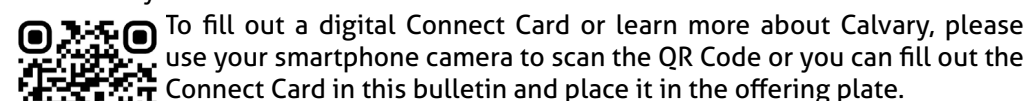
General Fund
Given July 26: \$84,495.09
Y-T-D Surplus (Deficit): \$(11,400.34)
as of 06/30/26

Aug 2-8

- Song 8:8-14, Judg 12, Jer 27-28, Heb 11:1-12:2
- Ps 1, Judg 13, Jer 29, Heb 12:3-29
- Ps 2, Judg 14, Jer 30, Heb 13:1-19
- Ps 3, Judg 15, Jer 31, Heb 13:20-25
- Ps 4, Judg 16, Jer 32, Mark 1
- Ps 5, Judg 17, Jer 33, Mark 2-3
- Ps 6, Judg 18, Jer 34, Mark 4:1-34

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

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.



 Also, be sure to stop by our Next Steps table in the foyer after the service for a gift from us!

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.**

Paul Thompson Senior Pastor
Charles Uptain Executive Pastor
Dan Tankersley Discipleship Pastor
Zac Whitehead Worship
Tommy Perry Missions

Don Mills
(elder chairman)

Jed Downs
Dave Lindey

Sunday, August 2:
Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

Saturday, August 8:
Charles Uptain | 334-797-7191

Sunday, August 9:
Reagan Farris | 504-319-6986

Sunday, August 9
10am
Your Work Isn't About You
 Colossians 3:22-4:1
 Message by Paul Thompson

Zephaniah: Judgment to Joy
Zephaniah 3:9-20
Message by Paul Thompson

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

¹⁵ And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

- Joshua 24:15



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BAPTIST CHURCH