

Open Doors and Prison Cells

Colossians 4:2-4

² Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. ³ At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— ⁴ that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

Gospel witness requires _____ on God.

“Continue steadfastly in prayer ...”

Prayer is an acknowledgment that the decisive work of salvation belongs to ____.

Prayer is not an _____ to sovereignty.

Prayer is one of the _____ through which the sovereign God accomplishes His purposes.

Pray _____.

Don't give up because nothing seems to be happening.

Pray _____.

Remember what God has already done in Christ, and pray with confidence in the God who saves.

God provides what we _____ to make Christ _____.

“At the same time, pray also for us...”

Paul is sitting behind a locked door asking God to _____ a door.

Our prayers are often directed toward God making our circumstances _____.

Paul is praying for God to make his circumstances _____.

Two things we desperately need:

- 1) God-given _____.
“that God may open to us a door for the word...”

Whose name have you stopped praying for because you have quietly decided the door is closed?

- 2) God-enabled _____.
“...to declare the mystery of Christ... that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.”

Make Christ clear:

Who Christ ____.

Why sinners _____ Him.

What He accomplished through His _____ and _____.

How we must respond to Him in _____ and _____.

An _____ door demands an _____ Christian.

“... being watchful in it ...”

Don't pray for open doors with your _____.

_____ says:

I cannot open the door.

_____ says:

God, please open the door.

_____ says:

I am looking for the door You open.

_____ says:

When You open it, I will walk through it.

Dr. Paul Thompson
Calvary Baptist Church
August 16 , 2026

Sunday, August 16

10am Worship

My Soul Will Wait (Psalm 62)

Scripture Reading & PrayerReagan Farris

Psalm 67:1-7

67 May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, ² that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. ³ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! ⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. ⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! ⁶ The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us. ⁷ God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

Christus Victor (Amen)

All Glory Be To Christ

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Thanksgiving..... Dan Tankersley

John 10:14-16, 27-29

¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

²⁷ My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

Offering

I Set My Hope

MessagePaul Thompson

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Colossians 4:2-4

All To Us

BenedictionPaul Thompson

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

Welcome & Call to Worship.....Zac Whitehead

King Of Kings

His Glory And My Good

Corporate Prayer Tommy Perry

MessagePaul Thompson

Haggai: First Things First
Hagai 1:1-15; 2:1-9

O Great God

Choir is Back

Our choir is back! Join us Wednesdays at 7pm in the Choir Room. No audition or pressure—just a willingness to worship and serve. Whether you’ve sung before or are new, we’d love to have you!
Questions? Contact zac@calvarydothan.com.

Get Connected to a Life Group

Calvary Life Groups offer opportunities for discipleship, fellowship, and spiritual growth. To connect with a Sunday morning Life Group, contact dan@calvarydothan.com.

New In-Home Life Group: Tuesdays at 6pm, beginning September 8. Designed especially for those who serve or cannot attend Sundays, but open to everyone. A meal will be provided.

Pray4Dothan Initiative: Join Us in United Prayer

Join Calvary as we participate in the citywide Pray4Dothan initiative. We are seeking members to pray at the corner of Hwy. 231 N. and Westgate Parkway, Monday-Wednesday, August 17–19, from 7:30-7:55am.

If you would like to participate or need more information, contact Tommy Perry or Samantha Raney, or visit [Pray4Dothan.com](#).

Senior Adult Midmonth

Thursday, August 20 | 11am | Fellowship Center

Tommy Perry will be speaking. Lunch will be served immediately following the service.

Meaningful Membership Intensive Class

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

Interested in learning more about Calvary or joining the church but unable to attend the three Sunday morning classes? This one-time, 3-hour intensive covers all the membership material.

To register or request childcare, contact the church office or email angie@calvarydothan.com by Wednesday, August 19.

Calvary Workday | Saturday, August 29

Join us for a morning of projects to help spruce up our campus. We will begin at 8am and complete our work by 12noon. Expect details and projects in next week's announcements.

Men's Football Fellowship

Saturday, August 29 | 5:30pm

All men are invited to gather at the ROC for football, fun, food, and fellowship. Invite a friend!

Fall Open Classes Begin September 2 @ 6pm

Gather in the ROC Lobby around 5:45pm

Biblical Theology Spiritual Gifts

Christianity Explored Women's Bible Study: James

Meaningful Membership

See the bulletin insert for more information.

Foster Care Training Event

Is God Calling You to Foster?

Begins September 3 | 6–9pm

Ridgecrest Baptist Church | 1231 Fortner St

Learn about foster care and how God may be leading you to serve vulnerable children. Hosted by Alabama Baptist Children’s Homes & Family Ministries. For information and registration, visit [alabamachild.org/foster](#).

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

