Watchful Living in a Watching World
Colossians 4:5-6

5 Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. 6 Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

Introduction – Transition from Paul to Them (and Us)

"... that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak." (v. 4)
"... Let your speech ... that you may know how you ought to answer each person." (v. 6)

Making Jesus known isn't just the responsibility of missionaries and pastors. That belongs to _____.

Several Presuppositions:

There are _____ and _____.

Opportunities to reach outsiders are not _____.

_____ matter.

Every person is _____.

Context – The Public Perception of Christians

They were trying to make Christ known in a world that already had _____ _____ about them.

And so are we.

We don't step out into a _____.

That's why we need _____.

What Wisdom Demands

Wisdom requires _____ both in how we _____ *and* how we _____.

Our lives matter because they either **reinforce or undermine** the message we proclaim. But a life, by itself, cannot explain the gospel. At some point, **we have to speak**.

Wise speech is:

_____ — the _____ of my speech
What shapes the way I speak?

_____ — The _____ of my speech
Do I communicate truth in a way that invites attention and response?

_____ — The _____ of my speech
Do I actually know what I am talking about?

_____ — the _____ of my speech
Do I know how to speak that truth to *this particular person*?

Conclusion – Make the Most of It

Dr. Paul Thompson
Calvary Baptist Church
August 23 , 2026

Sunday, August 23

10am Worship

Run and Run (Christ Is All My Righteousness)

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Adoration ..... Ian Worrell
Psalm 104:1, 31-34
1 Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty,
31 May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works, 32 who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke! 33 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. 34 May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

How Great Is The Greatness Of God

I Will Sing Of My Redeemer

Scripture Reading & Prayer ..... Tommy Perry
John 15:4-8
4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in me, he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

Offering

Abide

Message ..... Paul Thompson
Watchful Living in a Watching World
Colossians 4:5-6

There Is One Gospel

Benediction ..... Dan Tankersley
Ephesians 6:23-24
23 Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
24 Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.

5pm Worship

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

The Solid Rock

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Corporate Prayer ..... Dan Tankersley

Message ..... Paul Thompson
Zechariah: Behold Your King
Zechariah 9:9-17; 12:10-13:1

Christ Our Hope In Life And Death

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.

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.

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!

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.

Fall Open Classes Begin September 2 @ 6pm
Gather in the ROC Lobby around 5:45pm
Go to calvarydothan.com/open-classes/ to see class descriptions and/or to register for the Women's Bible study.

Biblical Theology
Teachers: Dave Lindey & Paul Thompson

Spiritual Gifts
Teachers: Key Mahone, Tommy Perry, & Sam Tarwater

Christianity Explored
Teachers: Dan Tankersley & Justin Walters

Women's Bible Study: James
Teachers: Becky Kite, Jamie Perry, & Krisan Smith

Meaningful Membership
Date/Time: Sundays, October 11, 18, & 25 at 8:30am
Location: Office Building Conference Room
Teachers: Dan Tankersley, Paul Thompson, & Charles Uptain
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.

I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT:

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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

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Connect Card

August 23, 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.

August 23, 2026

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.

Girard Elementary and Dothan 6th Grade Center (Neighborhood Schools)

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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THE PEOPLE CAME...
August 16
Life Group: 504
10:00 Worship: 657
5:00 Worship: 137
East Avenue Church: 98
Hispanic Church: 113
Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

THE PEOPLE GAVE...
General Fund
Given August 16: $50,527.72
Y-T-D Surplus (Deficit): $(101,718.83)
as of 07/31/26

BIBLE READING PLAN
Aug 23-29
- ○ Ps 21, 1 Sam 9:1-10:16, Lam 1, 1 Pet 2:11-3:12
- ○ Ps 22, 1 Sam 10:17-11:15, Lam 2, 1 Pet 3:13-4:19
- ○ Ps 23, 1 Sam 12, Lam 3, 1 Pet 5
- ○ Ps 24, 1 Sam 13, Lam 4, 2 Pet 1:1-11
- ○ Ps 25, 1 Sam 14, Lam 5, 2 Pet 1:12-21
- ○ Ps 26, 1 Sam 15, Hab 1:1-11, 2 Pet 2
- ○ Ps 27, 1 Sam 16, Hab 1:12-2:20, 2 Pet 3

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

STAFF ON CALL
Sunday, August 23:
Dan Tankersley | 334-655-8765
Saturday, August 29:
Joyce Alexander | 334-798-4791
Sunday, August 30:
Joyce Alexander | 334-798-4791

SERMON SCHEDULE
Sunday, August 30

10am
The Kind of People God Uses
Colossians 4:7-17
Message by Paul Thompson

5pm
Malachi: Worship Befitting the King
Malachi 1:6-14; 3:1-4
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

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
Zac Whitehead	Worship
Tommy Perry	Missions
Joyce Alexander	Preschool
Josh Robertson	Children
Stephanie Tankersley	Children's Worship
Reagan Farris	Students
Randy Hunt	Pastoral Care
Zach Daniels	East Avenue Baptist Church

Lay Elders
Don Mills (elder chairman)
Jed Downs
Dave Lindey
Sam Tarwater
Ian Worrell

15 but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

- 1 Peter 3:15

WELCOME TO

Calvary

BAPTIST CHURCH