Refreshing Fellowship
Philemon 1-7

When the Gospel Gets Real

Philemon shows us what happens when the gospel has to be lived out in the complicated realities of life.

The Gospel Creates a _____. (v.4-5)

Christ does not merely reconcile isolated sinners to God. He creates a new people.

The church is not something you _____.

The church is a people to whom you _____.

If all my relationships in the church are relationships I would naturally have chosen anyway, I may be experiencing _____ without experiencing the fullness of Christian _____.

The Gospel Calls Us to _____. (v. 6)

Christianity is not a _____ religion. There are realities of our faith that we fully know only by living them out together.

Our shared faith becomes _____ *"for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ."*

I know you, you know me, and because we belong to Christ, your life has become my concern.

That is _____.

One of the great weaknesses of contemporary church life is that we can easily mistake _____ for _____.

The Gospel Makes Us a _____ to Others. (v.7)

"Refreshed" carries the idea of rest, relief, renewal.

It is the same word Jesus uses in Matthew 11:28:

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

People were stronger because Philemon was part of their lives.

What are other believers receiving because I am part of this church?

Are the hearts of the saints being strengthened because I am part of their lives?

CONCLUSION

"Refreshing fellowship" looks like this:

We _____ to one another.

In Christ, God has made us one people and members of His household.

We _____ with one another.

Our common faith in Christ creates a shared life with His people.

We _____ of one another.

God intends our life together to strengthen and build up His people.

May there be people who are stronger, steadier, encouraged, helped, and renewed in Christ because God placed you/us in their lives.

Dr. Paul Thompson
Calvary Baptist Church
September 13 , 2026

Sunday, September 13

10am Worship

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Adoration ..... Paul Thompson
Psalm 133:1-3, 134:1-2

Great Are You Lord

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Supplication ..... Dan Tankersley
Philippians 2:1-8

Offering

O Praise The Name

Message ..... Paul Thompson
Refreshing Fellowship
Philemon 1-7

Living Hope

Benediction ..... Tommy Perry
Romans 15:5-7

5pm Worship

Responsive Reading & Prayer of Adoration ..... Charles Uptain
Psalm 96:1-10a

Great Things

Psalm 150 (Praise The Lord)

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Confession ..... Reagan Farris
1 John 1:5-10

Not In Me

Jesus Paid It All

The Lord's Supper ..... Paul Thompson

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Thanksgiving ..... Paul Thompson
Romans 5:6-11

Completely Known, Completely Loved

Thank You Jesus For The Blood

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Supplication ..... Dan Tankersley
Hebrews 10:19-23

Psalm 90 (Satisfy Us With Your Love)

Behold Our God

Benediction ..... Paul Thompson
1 Timothy 1:17

AM Worship Returns to the Fellowship Center

Beginning Sunday, September 13, our 10am worship service will move back to the Fellowship Center. We look forward to worshiping together as a church family!

Night of Worship

Sunday, September 13 | 5pm | Sanctuary

Join us as we gather as a church family for an evening of worship through music, prayer, and the reading of God's Word. Together, we will seek to glorify Christ, encourage one another, and lift our hearts in worship to our Savior.

Discipleship Groups

Discipleship Groups (D-Groups) provide an essential environment for believers to build meaningful friendships, grow in accountability, and become deeply rooted in God's Word. These gender-specific groups of 3-5 believers meet weekly for the purpose of accelerated spiritual growth as they follow Jesus and make disciples.

To be a part of or lead a D-Group, call the church office or contact dan@calvarydothan.com.

Senior Adult Mid-month

Thursday, September 17 | 11am
Fellowship Center

Sam Tarwater will be speaking. Lunch will be served immediately following the service.

Members Meeting

Sunday, September 20 | 5pm Worship

All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting following the 5pm worship service.

Women's Coffee & Connect

Sunday, September 27 | 3pm | ROC Lobby

All women are invited to an afternoon of fellowship, meaningful, conversation, encouragement and connection.

Meaningful Membership

Sundays, Oct 18, 25, & Nov 1 | 8:30am
Office Building Conference Room

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.

Led by Dan Tankersley, Paul Thompson, & Charles Uptain

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

September 13, 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

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Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

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Home Phone

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Cell Phone

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Spouse

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Spouse's Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

Children:

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Name / Date of Birth

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

September 13, 2026

September Missions Spotlight

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 through Christ's love and grace. To learn more about the ministry of Wiregrass Hope, visit facebook.com/wiregrasshopegroup. Prayer needs for Wiregrass Hope are available on prayer cards located at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer.

Good Churches (Global Mission Partner)
Good Churches partners with churches and individuals in the United States to support and provide church-based programs that train national, indigenous pastors in strategic cities with significant gospel needs. Good Churches' primary aim is to plant healthy churches efficiently and effectively among unreached peoples. To learn more about Good Churches' work, visit goodchurches.org. Pick up a prayer card at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer for current prayer needs.

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THE PEOPLE CAME...
September 6
Life Group: 348
10:00 Worship: 477
5:00 Worship: N/A
East Avenue Church: 117
Hispanic Church: 74
Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

THE PEOPLE GAVE...
General Fund
Given September 6: $76,139.93
Y-T-D Surplus (Deficit): $(31,974.72)
as of 08/31/26

BIBLE READING PLAN
Sept 13-19
○ Ps 42-43, 2 Sam 3, Ezek 2-3, Luke 9:1-50
○ Ps 44, 2 Sam 4, Ezek 4:1-5:4, Luke 9:51-10:24
○ Ps 45, 2 Sam 5, Ezek 5:5-17, Luke 10:25-42
○ Ps 46, 2 Sam 6, Ezek 6, Luke 11:1-36
○ Ps 47, 2 Sam 7, Ezek 7, Luke 11:37-12:12
○ Ps 48, 2 Sam 8, Ezek 8, Luke 12:13-48
○ Ps 49, 2 Sam 9, Ezek 9, Luke 12:49-13:9

STAFF ON CALL
Sunday, September 13:
Reagan Farris | 504-319-6986
Saturday, September 19:
Joyce Alexander | 334-798-4791
Sunday, September 20:
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SERMON SCHEDULE
Sunday, September 20

10am
Redeeming Grace
Philemon v. 8-11
Message by Paul Thompson

5pm
Why Do We Need God's Law?
Romans 3:19-24
Message by Paul Thompson

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

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/.

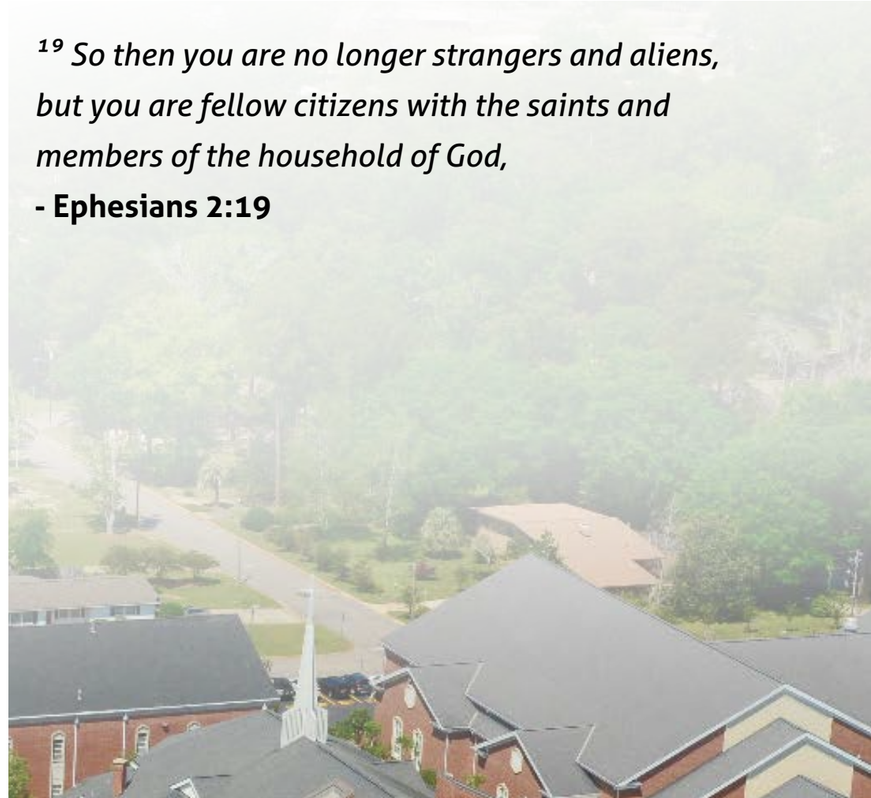
If you would like to view a pdf of today's AM sermon notes, go to calvarydothan.com/messages.

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

[19] So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,
- Ephesians 2:19



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