

The Joy of Remaining
John 15:9-11

Obedience and Joy: Do They Belong Together?

We are called* to _____ in Christ’s love. (v. 9)

Love belongs to God's _____ nature and character. (1 John 4:8; John 17:24)

Through Christ, we are welcomed into the _____ of that divine love. (1 John 1:3)

Every blessing of our _____ flows from God's love for us. (John 3:16; 1 John 4:9-10)

All that we are and all that we have in Christ is downstream from the love of God.

We remain/abide in Christ's love through _____ to His commands. (v. 10)

Christ's commands flow from His _____ and are always for our _____. (Deut. 10:12-13; Ps. 19:7-11; 1 John 5:3)

Our obedience is the _____ to His love, never the means of _____ it. (John 14:15; Eph. 2:10; 1 John 4:19)

Obedience is essential to our continuing _____ with Christ. (John 14:21-23; 1 John 2:3-6)

Every command of Christ is an expression of His love, and every act of obedience is an expression of our trust in Him.

Christ calls us to remain in His love so that we may share His _____. (v. 11)

Obedience brings us into deeper _____ of the love in which we already stand. (Ps. 16:11)

The joy of obedience remains real even when obedience is _____. (Heb. 12:2; 1 Pet. 1:6-8)

The joy we begin to experience now will be _____ in eternity. (Rev. 21:3-4; 22:3-4)

The deepest joy we can ever know is found in the closest fellowship we can have with Christ.

What, then, does it mean to remain in His love?

- _____ His love.
- _____ His love.
- _____ His commands.
- _____ His fellowship.

One day, we will abide in His love without ever wandering, obey His commands without ever failing, and enjoy His presence with nothing to threaten our joy. Until that day, rest in His love, trust His goodness, keep His commands, and find your joy in Him.

Sunday, October 25
10am Worship

As For Me And My House

Scripture Reading Paul Thompson
Deuteronomy 6:1-12

6 “Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the rules—that the Lord your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it, 2 that you may fear the Lord your God, you and your son and your son's son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long. 3 Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the Lord, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey. 4 “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 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. 10 “And when the Lord your God brings you into the land that he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you—with great and good cities that you did not build, 11 and houses full of all good things that you did not fill, and cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive trees that you did not plant—and when you eat and are full, 12 then take care lest you forget the Lord, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

Parent/Child Commitment & Prayer..... Joyce Alexander
Rejoice

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Supplication & Thanksgiving..... Tommy Perry
1 John 4:9-16

9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. 13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. 15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. 16 So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

Offering

Turn Your Eyes

Message Paul Thompson
The Joy of Remaining
John 15:9-11

What A Friend We Have In Jesus

Benediction Reagan Farris
Number 6:24-26

24 The Lord bless you and keep you; 25 the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; 26 the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

5pm Worship

WelcomeZac Whitehead

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

His Mercy Is More

Corporate Prayer..... Paul Thompson

Message Reagan Farris
Do You See Them?
Luke 7:36-50

Not In Me

SABA Fall Food Drive

Kick off Fall with a food drive for YOUR Ministry Center. The food drive will run throughout October, and drop boxes will be placed in the Children and Preschool areas, ROC, and Fellowship Center Foyer. Thank you for your generosity in serving our community.

Churchwide Fall Fellowship

Sunday, November 1 | 3pm | Colbert Family Farm

Join us for an afternoon of food, fun, and fellowship at 397 Judge Logue Road, Newton! Grilled hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Bring chips, dips, dessert, or snacks to share.

Bring the family, invite a friend, and join the fun! There will be fishing (bring your gear) and games for the whole family.

If you have any outdoor games that the church can use for this event, call the church office and let us know.

1st Friday Men's Breakfast

Friday, November 6 | 6am | ROC

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

Father & Son Retreat

Friday & Saturday, November 6-7 | Camp Victory
\$50 for 2 (father & son) | \$15 each additional person

This retreat is for school age boys and up. Meals are included. Register at campvictoryal.org/events. Check in is Friday 5-6:30pm | Supper at 6:30pm Retreat ends Saturday around 3pm Activities include fishing, hiking, boating, mini-golf, and more.

Music for the Soul Concert

A benefit concert to support Calvary's Church Plant - Neighborhood Church, Manhattan, NY
Sunday, November 15 | 2pm | Sanctuary

Music provided by Sheila Twiggs & other Calvary soloist and musicians.
Admission is free. Love offering will be accepted.

D-Now Weekend: Space Feuds

November 20-22 | For Grades 6-12
\$125.00 per person

 Register online at calvarydothan.com now through November 8.
Host homes are needed! If you would like to volunteer your home, contact samantha@calvarydothan.com.

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

October 25, 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

Name / Date of Birth

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

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October Missions Spotlight

City Hope (Local Mission Partner)

City Hope is a ministry committed to bringing the light of the gospel into foster homes by serving and demonstrating the love of Christ. The City Hope team seeks to exalt Christ through this work and faithfully obeys the Scriptural mandate to care for orphans. If you would like to learn more about the ministry work of City Hope, go to cityhopewiregrass.com or on Facebook at facebook.com/cityhopewiregrass. City Hope prayer needs can be found on prayer cards at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer.

Steve & Toni Chambers (Neighborhood Church UWS)

Steve and Toni moved to NYC in the Fall of 2017 with the intent of planting a church in the city. By God's grace, that became a reality, and Neighborhood Church was born. Steve's mission for the church is simple: Love God and Love Your Neighbor. To see how you can pray for the Chambers' ministry work, pick up a prayer card at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer. Additionally, if you would like to learn more about the ministry work of the Chambers in NYC, visit facebook.com/neighborhoodchurchuws or neighborhoodchurchuws.com.

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THE PEOPLE CAME...

October 18

Life Group: 477
10:00 Worship: 662
5:00 Worship: 140
East Avenue Church: 75
Hispanic Church: 99
Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given October 18: \$37,661.26
Y-T-D Surplus (Deficit): (\$49,531.42)
as of 09/30/26

BIBLE READING PLAN

Oct 25-31

- ☐ Ps 85, 1 Kgs 18:1-19, Ezek 47:13-48:35, Rom 16
- ☐ Ps 86, 1 Kgs 18:20-46, Hag 1, Jas 1
- ☐ Ps 87, 1 Kgs 19, Hag 2, Jas 2:1-13
- ☐ Ps 88, 1 Kgs 20, Zech 1:1-17, Jas 2:14-26
- ☐ Ps 89, 1 Kgs 21, Zech 1:18-2:13, Jas 3:1-12
- ☐ Ps 90, 1 Kgs 22:1-40, Zech 3, Jas 3:13-18
- ☐ Ps 91, 1 Kgs 22:41-53, Zech 4, Jas 4:1-10

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

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
Tommy Perry..... Missions Pastor
Josh Robertson..... Children's Pastor

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Jed Downs Jeff Spears

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Sunday, October 25:

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Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

Sunday, November 1:

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SERMON SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 1

10am

Remaining Means Loving

John 15:12-17

Message by Paul Thompson

3pm

Fall Family Fellowship @ Colbert Farm

No 5pm worship service

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

¹³ But now I am coming to you, and these things

I speak in the world, that they may have my joy

fulfilled in themselves.

- John 17:13



WELCOME TO
Calvary
BAPTIST CHURCH