



Promotion Sunday is Sunday August 16!

This is when all Preschool, Children, and Student Ministry classes will advance to the next grade. Be on the lookout for more information on what class your children will be advanced to and who their teacher will be.

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Calvary Pictorial Directory

Our final week of pictures is August 18-22. This is your last chance to have your family pictured in our new Calvary directory. The directory is a great way for us to get to know each other better as a church family and put faces with names. Please schedule your appointment today! You can sign up in the church foyer, online at www.calvarydothan.com, or call the church office. You will receive a free 8x10 portrait with your appointment.

Ministry Staff

Paul Thompson Senior Pastor
Charles Uptain Executive Pastor
Steve Chambers Worship
Jeremy Allen Students
Michael Brooks Children and Families
Woody Farrington Pastoral Care
Joyce Alexander Preschool
Patty Farrington Senior Adults

Ministry Assistants

Caren Coleson Pastoral/Music
Carol Morris Executive Assistant
Rebekah McLure Music
Anne Register Community/Recreation
Amanda Trammell Students/Publications
Angie Tice Adults/Outreach
Emily Shiver Senior Adults

Support Staff

Nolan Dykes Music Assistant
Leslie Payne Childcare Coordinator
Greg Pendergrass Director of ROC
Mark Shiver Facilities Manager

Weekday Ministry

Michelle Beasley Associate Director
Nickie Smith Receptionist

**For the Record
For The Month of July**

Average

Attendance:

10:00 Worship	607
Life Groups	509
Mission Churches	285
Nursing Homes	77
Outreach Bible Study	13

Total Giving:

General Fund	\$158,007.92
Given Y-T-D	\$ 1,345,873.98
Y-T-D Required	\$1,493,654.10

Sermon Schedule

Sunday, August 2

10:00 am

**The Greater Work:
Praying Like a Child**

John 1:12-13; Gal 4:4-6
Message By Paul Thompson

Wednesday, August 5

6:00 pm

Midweek Bible Study

Sanctuary
Led by Steve Chambers

Sunday, August 9

10:00 am

**The Greater Work:
Upward Prayer**

Psalms 150
Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday, August 12

6:00 pm

**No Midweek Bible Study Due to
Life Group Leader's Training**

Sunday, August 16

10:00 am

**The Greater Work:
Inward Prayer**

Micah 7:18-19; 1 John 1:9-2:2
Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday, August 19

6:00 pm

Midweek Bible Study

Sanctuary
Led by Paul Thompson

Sunday, August 23

10:00 am

**The Greater Work
Outward Prayer**

Luke 11:11-13
Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday, August 26

6:00 pm

Midweek Bible Study

Sanctuary
Led by Paul Thompson

Sunday, August 30

10:00 am

LIFE: 3 Circles

**How to Have a Conversation
that Can Change a Life**

Message by Paul Thompson

From Our Senior Pastor

Calvary family,

We've had a good summer, don't you think? Through our combined worship service, we've seen a bump in attendance, better overall participation, a healthier sense of morale, and renewed unity and togetherness. We have experienced "church" together.

The one caveat is this: we cannot sustain that togetherness (and the sense of unity it contributes to) and remain in one service in the Sanctuary. There simply isn't enough seating space. Even after adding additional pews, we cannot accommodate many more people.

In order to allow for the return of folks from vacation, make way for future growth in attendance, and to maintain our togetherness – particularly as we prepare to begin our churchwide message series and corresponding life groups' study of Ephesians – we have decided that we will relocate our Sunday AM service to the Fellowship Center for a season.

While I recognize we each have certain preferences, enjoy certain traditions, and understand that there are certain trade-offs, we (When I say "we", I mean the church staff along with the last 4 deacon chairmen) have decided that the prevailing value for us right now as a church family is unity. Our desire to continue getting healthier, stronger, and more unified as a body is more important right now than which building we worship in.

Also, as we look to the future, we believe that a service with high participation promotes high morale, and that in turn is more appealing to newcomers. It is also much more likely that we all will be more inclined to invite unchurched people to attend a service that we ourselves are excited to attend.

By moving to the Fellowship Center temporarily, we can continue to build momentum for the future, grow together through our study of Ephesians, and – Lord willing – renew our focus on our God-given mission of disciple making.

As our people return to normal schedules in the fall and our numbers grow naturally AND as we grow in our commitments to reach the lost around us and our numbers grow supernaturally, we will be evaluating the right time to return to two services. At such a time as the numbers allow for two healthy, vibrant services, we will consider the best options available for locations and times and move accordingly.

As always, our priorities are these:

For God – We gather to honor and worship Him. God and His glory is our focus. We cannot (and will not) allow our personal preferences to take precedence over the worship of God.

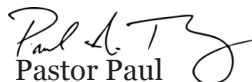
For Dothan – We have a mandate to reach the lost all around us. When we stop thinking, caring, or acting with the lost in mind, we lose the right to call ourselves a church. We will make decisions with the mission always at the forefront.

For the World – The church is the Gospel made visible to a lost world. We cannot be (and will not be) sidetracked by discord and dissension over inconsequential issues when there are billions who have never heard of Jesus.

If you have questions, thoughts, or concerns about this, please contact me, one of the church pastoral staff or one of these deacons: Dave Lindey, Don Mills, Sam Tarwater, Philip Baker, Jed Downs, or Sam Robinson. Those men represent the current chairmen of deacons, the current vice-chair, and the last 4 chairmen. Also, please handle your concerns in a God-glorifying, people-edifying way. Remember Ephesians 4:3, which instructs us to "Make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

God is moving at Calvary now. He is blessing us. Satan is and will continue to attempt to counter it. Don't let that happen. Pray for your church. Pray for healthy unity. Pray for the success of the Gospel mission. Pray for God's will to be done and Him to be glorified.

With You – For Him,


Pastor Paul

SUNDAY MORNING COMBINED SERVICE LOCATION

Beginning August 16 our Sunday Morning Worship Service will temporarily move into the Fellowship Center. The schedule for Sunday mornings will remain the same with Life Groups at 8:45 and Worship at 10:00.

Find us online at www.calvarydothan.com & www.facebook.com

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FALL KICK OFF

Our Wednesday Night Fall Semester begins Wednesday, August 19! Here is the schedule for that night:

5:00 pm: Midweek Fellowship Meal | Fellowship Center

6:00 pm: Preschool | 1st Look | Preschool Building

6:00 pm: Children | Orange Curriculum | Recreational Outreach Center

6:00 pm: Students | Ultimate Food Fight | Outside Recreational Outreach Center

6:00 pm: Adults | Midweek Bible Study | Sanctuary

CLASSES NEEDED TO SIGN UP TO HELP WITH WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

We are in need for four Life Group classes to sign up to help serve Wednesday night suppers. Your class would serve once a month and be placed on a rotation. If you are interested in signing your class up, please contact Angie in the church office.

ISRAEL TRIP

Pastor Paul along with Pastor Charles Lewis of Dothan Community Church will be leading a trip to Israel January 11-20, 2016. If you are interested in going, please call the church office for more information and to sign up.

LIFE GROUP LEADER TRAINING

All Student and Adult Life Group Leaders please join us for an important training session on Wednesday, August 12 from 6:00-7:00 pm in R300 which is located in the Recreational Outreach Center. The training will cover the new Ephesians Life Group curriculum we will be starting in September.

NEW LIFE GROUP CLASS COMING THIS FALL!

Calvary will begin a new Life Group Sunday, August 16 (which is Promotion Sunday) at 8:45 am in room G-310. This is a Newly/Nearly Married class created for couples that have just recently married up to one year and for those that are engaged. The class will be led by Brad & Kristen Kite. The Kite's will be having a lunch at their home Sunday, August 9 as a kick off fellowship. For more detail please call Kristen at 850-572-0031 or email her at kkite320@gmail.com

DEACON ORDINATION

Our Deacon Ordination Service will be during our Second Sunday Night service on Sunday, August 9 at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Please join us as we ordain Thomas Campbell, Bill Davis, and Doug Lee.

PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

- **Preschool Movie Night:** Threes-completed Kindergarten join us for Movie Night in the ClubHouse at 5:45 p.m. We will enjoy movie snacks with a great Preschool friendly movie.
- **Preschool Back To School Bash:** Three's through Completed Kindergarten join us in the ClubHouse at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12th for a Back to School Bash!
- **First Look Kick-Off:** Fall Kick-Off for Wednesday nights is August 19, 2015! We will begin a new session of First Look in the ClubHouse for three year olds through Kindergarten. Join us at 5:45 p.m. in the ClubHouse. Childcare is available for infants through twos.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- **Wednesday Nights are Orange:** We get back into the swing of things on August 19 as our Fall schedule for Children. We will be meeting in the ROC beginning at 6:00 pm and will be finished at 7:00 pm. This year is going to be amazing for our 1st through 5th graders. There are several activities planned and plenty of quality teaching and fun planned. I hope you and your family join us!
- **Wednesday Night Teacher Training for Children:** For all returning teachers, and any new teachers/leaders/servants that want to jump on board, training for our children's Wednesday night activities is taking place Wednesday, August 5 & 12 from 6:00-7:00 pm. Each training is exactly the same so there is no need to come to both, just please try to make one. Are there spots available?...Yes! We are always in need of leaders and helpers for Wednesday night activities and there are few ministries easier to jump on board than the children's ministry. I hope to see you there as we discuss Wednesday nights for children for the Fall and Spring.

STUDENT MINISTRY

- **Nerf War:** Wednesday, August 12 the Students will have a nerf war outside the Recreation Outreach Center at 6:00 pm. Students, bring your nerf guns and be ready for a fun night!
- **Ultimate Food Fight:** Students will kick off the fall semester with an Ultimate Food Fight! Join us for a messy night of fun and games! Please wear dark colored clothes you can get messy and bring a towel with you. The Ultimate Food Fight starts at 6:00 pm outside the Recreation Outreach Center and ends at 7:00 pm.

SENIOR ADULTS

- Our **Care Group Ministry** starts back Thursday August 6 at 9:00 am in the Office Building.
- We will have a traditional-style **Wednesday Mid Week Service** on August 12 at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary.
- **Sonshine Singers** starts back on Wednesday, August 19 at 10:30 am in the Choir Room.
- **Senior Adult Monthly Outing** to Circle Grill in Graceville, Florida is on . Leave church at 11:00 am with a surprise stop on return. Call Emily to sign up.
- **GAP Prayer Group** starts back on Thursday, September 3 at 10:00 am in the Office Building.
- **Senior Adult Ladies Bible Study** on "Hosea" starts on Monday, September 14 at 10:15 am in Rm 304 in ROC.

Return Service Requested


AUGUST
NEWSLETTER
2015

STAFF ON CALL SCHEDULE

August 1-2:
Saturday- Joyce Alexander,
334-798-4791

Sunday- Patty Farrington,
334-618-5845

August 8-9:
Saturday- Charles Uptain,
334-797-7191

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334-797-7191

August 15-16:
Saturday- Steve Chambers,
772-215-3606

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772-215-3606

August 22-23:
Saturday- Jeremy Allen,
334-648-6695

Sunday- Michael Brooks,
731-803-9111

August 29-30:
Saturday- Steve Chambers,
772-215-3606

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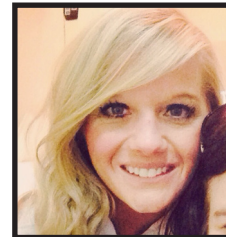
**CALVARY EXTENDS THEIR
DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO...**

Jose Maquiera- Death of Father
Joe Varner- Death of Nephew

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

August 2 Kelly Colbert, Reagan
Poplewell, John Searcy, Don Askew
August 9 Donavon Wewers, Mark
Shiver, Bill Sherer, Philip Baker
August 16 Stacey Harrison, Tom
Woods, Thomas Campbell, Joe Copeland
August 23 Phillip McCoy, Bill Smith,
Rodney Myers, Bill Davis
August 30 Sam Robinson, Hudson
Lazenby, John Downs, Lewis Hunt

**THE CALVARY FAMILY
WELCOMES...**



Tiffany Woodley: By Baptism

Not Pictured-
Martha Crine: By Statement