



GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

WORSHIP & COMMUNION

March 30 at Noon
in the Sanctuary

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Calvary's Goal: \$30,000 with additional \$10,000 challenge goal to be designated through NAMB to the NYC mission

Right here and now, we have an opportunity to help push back lostness by supporting missionaries across North America. As we approach the 2018 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering giving season we ask that you pray about how you and your family can help reach our goal. Learn more about the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering at anniearmstrong.com.

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Weekday Ministry

Michelle Beasley Associate Director
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**For the Record
For February, 2018**

Average Attendance:

8:00 Worship.....	267
10:30 Worship	388
Life Groups	559
Mission Church.....	140
Nursing Homes.....	50
Outreach Bible Study.....	7

Total Giving:

General Fund	\$442,245.96
Y-T-D Required	\$404,000.00
Lottie Moon	\$145,234.06
Lottie Moon Goal.....	\$140,000.00

Sermon Schedule

Sunday, March 4

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Called to Be Saints Together
“Rich in Christ”

Message by Dan Tankersley

Wednesday, March 7

6:00 pm Fellowship Center

Led by Paul Thompson

Sunday, March 11

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Called to Be Saints Together
“The Crux of Christian Unity”

6:00 pm

Night of Prayer

Wednesday, March 14

6:00 pm Fellowship Center

Led by Paul Thompson

Sunday, March 18

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Called to Be Saints Together
“What Makes the Cross Make Sense”

Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday, March 21

6:00 pm Fellowship Center

Led by Paul Thompson

Sunday, March 25

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Called to Be Saints Together
“Nothing But Jesus”

Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday, March 28

6:00 pm Fellowship Center

Led by Paul Thompson

From Our Senior Pastor

Without looking it up, what would you say are the most common themes or topics in Paul’s letters? Based on several conversations I’ve had with folks about this, the usual reply is something to do with soteriology (the doctrine of salvation) – things like justification, sanctification, glorification, etc. And certainly, Paul does address these subjects deeply and profoundly.

But appearing even more frequently than these topics are the subjects of *unity* and *holiness*. In letter after letter and passage after passage we see these appeals. This unity is not like worldly unity. It’s not based on a person we like, an idea we support, or even a cause we believe in. It’s much bigger. It’s centered on the resurrection of Jesus and what supernatural rebirth because of that resurrection does to/in us. And holiness then is not superficial legalism and rule-keeping. It’s the natural effect of a transformed mind/heart that is bent on glorifying God. Who we are together in Christ and how we are to live because of the Spirit of Christ in us are the most prevalent themes you will find in Paul’s writings. 1st Corinthians is no exception.

Noted theologian N.T. Wright writes,

I spent some years working for unity and holiness in the church, and I know how extraordinarily difficult they are. They are difficult in themselves; in combination they often appear completely inaccessible. That is, it is comparatively easy to work for unity if you don’t care about holiness; you just adopt a laissez-faire anything-goes strategy. And it is comparatively easy to work for holiness if you don’t care about unity; you just go on splitting the church over each moral disagreement. The trick is to work for both at the same time. How can that be done? My Pauline answer is that you do it by teaching people to think Christianly ...

In 1st Corinthians, Paul deals with a variety of issues that directly impact the church’s unity, holiness, and thus their effectiveness at glorifying God and making Him known. And while our surface issues aren’t necessarily all the same, the underlying causes behind our issues probably are. Like the Corinthians, some of us struggle with biblical and church authority. Some have little trust in church leaders and easily divide up into fractious factions. Some try to solve conflicts like the world does. Some struggle with the same sexual sins. And the list goes on and on ...

And while Paul doesn’t address every possible issue or problem, he does give the solution that could fix every single one. N.T. Wright is right: We have to learn to think *Christianly*. As long as our thinking is worldly, our behaviors will be worldly, but when we begin to think like Jesus (1 Cor. 2:16), we will find that the formerly elusive goals of unity and holiness are much closer to our reach.

I pray that over the next several months as we study 1st Corinthians together in adult and student Life Groups and as we hear messages from the same in worship, that God will bring our thinking into closer alignment with His, heal what’s broken and fractured in our church body, increase our holiness, and stir us to more God-glorifying, church-reviving, community-impacting authentic Christian worship and living.

Will you pray for and expect the same?

With love,
Pastor Paul



Ministry News

Calvary Missions

Calvary received this note from a church planter in NYC that we supported in 2017.

"I wanted to...express my appreciation to Calvary for their support over the past year. We would not have been able to operate at the level we did without your support. Your commitment to the city through us and through the Chambers has been a huge encouragement. Seeing churches like yours step up and send funds and people into this city where the need for the gospel is so great, has meant so much to me and our community." Drew Griffin, Cross Church NYC

Music/Worship Ministry

No More New Hymns?

"Please! No more new hymns. What's wrong with the inspiring hymns with which we grew up? When I go to church, it's to worship God, not be distracted with learning a new hymn. Last Sunday's was particularly unnerving. While the text was good, the tune was quite unsingable and the harmonies were quite discordant."

This quote is from a letter written in 1890. The hymn that aroused the complaint: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

It is so interesting to see the progression of music down through history. Musical style has always been on the move, changing from one generation to the next, and it doesn't look like it will stop anytime soon. Music was created by God to be used in the worship of His name, and it is clear that this purpose is timeless (Eph. 5:18-20, Col. 3:16, Rev. 5:9). We are admonished five different times in the Scripture to "sing to the Lord a new song" (Ps. 33:3, 96:1, 98:1, 149:1, Is. 42:10). He desires us to write new hymns and songs as testimony to the ongoing work of the Spirit in our day. The point does not seem to be that the old ones were not good enough (just look at the Psalms themselves) but that God is doing a fresh work today in the lives of His people of which we should remember and celebrate through song.

If our new songs are full of God's revealed truth as well as our testimonies of interaction with that truth then you and I should look forward to our next new song. Understanding the biblical purpose of music in our worship services will free us from the trap of a performance mindset that will rarely be satisfied. If we are looking for "my song" or "my style" then we are looking for a performance. But if we are looking to see the body of Christ worship and be built up in the faith through song we will begin to look for and forward to "our song" as we sing congregationally.

I desire and pray that the testimony of Calvary Baptist Church will always be that we are a people of the Word; and no matter what musical styles may come and go, we will be united in Jesus Christ never to be divided by anything less. So, as we sing the oldest of songs to the newest of songs may we praise the Lord that He has accomplished much in the past and is still at work in the present.

Discipleship Ministry

Jesus came to earth to "seek and save the lost," (Luke 19:10) and He told His followers, "As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." (John 20:21) The mission we have as disciples of Jesus is clear. However, as many have experienced, finding lost people and leading them to Jesus can be a burdensome, even paralyzing task.

As we continue in our disciple making emphasis of "My Mission Field," let's remember to look to Jesus, who said, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and **learn from me**, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Mt. 11:28-30) What can we learn from Jesus about being an effective everyday missionary? In his book 4 Chair Discipling, Dann Spader points out these foundational priorities of Jesus as He was on mission:

- First, He was dependent on the Holy Spirit.
- Second, He placed a high priority on prayer.
- Third, He prioritized obedience to a kingdom agenda.
- Fourth, the Scriptures were central to all of life and ministry for Jesus.
- Fifth, Jesus was reverently submissive to the Father.
- Finally, Jesus intentionally developed loving, caring relationships.

The key to being effective everyday missionaries is to walk as Jesus walked. John says, "By this we may know that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked." (1 John 2:5-6) As we "walk as He walked" and engage our personal mission fields, let's find peace and rest knowing Jesus has promised to be with us always! (Mt. 28:20) Press on!

Calvary Kids

It's our privilege and our duty to serve alongside you as your greatest partner in discipling your children. As we enter into the spring and summer ever so quickly, we hope to keep you up to date with all that we have to offer so that we might be connected. Here's how to stay up to date with all that is Calvary Kids.....

1. Join our Monthly Email list. (Visit the Children's Building to join)
2. Join our texting service. (Visit the Children's Building to join)
3. Look for us on Facebook: @calvarykidsdothan or Instagram: @calvarykidsdothan
4. Pick up a copy of our monthly Fridge Frame (Visit the Children's Building to obtain a copy)

Student Ministry

DNow Update

Thank you for praying for DNow weekend. We had 88 students who participated in DNow along with 35 leaders.

Senior Adult News

Mid Week Service is Wednesday, March 14, at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary followed by a meal in the Fellowship Center.



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March 10-11

Saturday-Charles Uptain,
334-797-7191

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334-797-7191

March 17-18

Saturday-Joyce Alexander,
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Sunday-Joyce Alexander,
334-798-4791

March 24-25

Saturday-Dan Tankersley,
334-655-8765

Sunday-Dan Tankersley,
334-655-8765

CALVARY EXTENDS OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO...

The family of Jessie Hogue
The family of Martha Pitzing
Pam Robinson - death of mother
Mike Sall - death of father

Nickie Smith - death of father
The family of Ruby Trimm
The family of Bill Williams

CALVARY WELCOMES TO OUR FAMILY...



By Statement
Ryan Burgess



By Letter
James Daniels
Also Pictured:
Jennifer Daniels



By Letter
Lee & Chrystal Forehand
Also Pictured:
Taylor & Tenley



By Letter
Tommy & Marlene
Henig



By Letter
Jessica Lindsey



By Baptism
Jackson Tate