

VBS TAILGATE PARTY AND OUTREACH

Sunday, May 20
Fellowship Center
Immediately Following 10:30 Worship

Join us following the 10:30 worship service in the Fellowship Center for a Tailgate Party as we get ready for Game On VBS! Concluding the lunch fellowship we will go out into the Calvary community and neighborhoods to invite children and their families to VBS. Be sure to dress comfortably, and wear your favorite sports apparel!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Senior Adults

May 29-June 1
9 am-Noon
Fellowship Center

Children Age 3-Grade 5

(Must be 3 by 09-01-17)
June 4-8
8:30 am-12:00 noon

Register your child online at calvarydothan.com.

Ministry Staff

Paul Thompson	Senior Pastor
Charles Uptain	Executive Pastor
Dan Tankersley	Discipleship
Matthew Dorsey	Worship
Joyce Alexander	Preschool
Zach Daniels	Children
Reagan Farris	Student Interim
Greg Pendergrass	Community/ROC

Ministry Assistants

Caren Coleson	Pastoral
Rebekah McLure	Music
Carol Morris	Executive Assistant
Anne Register	Community/Recreation
Emily Shiver	Senior Adults
Brooke Stickles	Family Ministries
Angie Tice	Adults/Outreach

Support Staff

Nolan Dykes	Music Assistant
Mark Shiver	Facilities Manager

Weekday Ministry

Michelle Beasley	Associate Director
Nickie Smith	Receptionist

For the Record For April, 2018

Average Attendance:

8:00 Worship.....	332
10:30 Worship	442
Life Groups	593
Mission Church.....	158
Nursing Homes.....	71
Outreach Bible Study.....	10

Total Giving:

General Fund	\$835,427.36
Y-T-D Required	\$808,000.00
Annie Armstrong	\$45,026.77
Annie Armstrong Goal.	\$40,000.00

Sermon Schedule

Sunday, May 6

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Called to Be Saints Together

“Life on Display”

Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday, May 9

6:00 pm Fellowship Center

Led by Paul Thompson

Sunday, May 13

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Called to Be Saints Together

“Spiritual Parenting”

Wednesday, May 16

6:00 pm Fellowship Center

Led by Paul Thompson

Sunday, May 20

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Called to Be Saints Together

“When a Church Needs
to Clean House”

Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday, May 23

6:00 pm Fellowship Center

Led by Paul Thompson

Sunday, May 27

10:30 am Sanctuary

Senior Adult Sunday

Message by Randy Kuhn

Wednesday, May 30

6:00 pm Fellowship Center

From Our Senior Pastor

Someone at Calvary asked me recently, “Do you think we’ve turned the corner?”

Seeking some clarification, I asked, “What exactly do you mean?”

“You know, in terms of becoming a disciple-making church like you talk about – a church of everyday missionaries.”

I said, “I’m not sure if we’ve turned the corner, but we are on the right road.”

Later that week as I was revisiting a favorite book of mine (*The Disciple-Making Pastor* by Bill Hull), I read the following:

“It takes five years to establish a discipleship flow and have it bear fruit within the church. Many pastors and parishioners simply don’t possess the spiritual stomach for such a journey.”

Those words (and many others in that chapter) encourage me (and hopefully you) to stay the course. It’s a big shift that we are undergoing to become an effective, disciple-making church, but it’s worth it.

In his book, *Stay the Course: Seven Essential Practices for Disciple Making Churches*, Pastor Brandon Guindon offers what he calls “7 guardrails” that keep a church’s efforts at disciple making going. I’ve added my own thoughts to his 7 categories along with some discipleship questions we need to ask ourselves.

1. **Abiding in Christ.** Every step toward making true disciples must be rooted in our personal walk with the Lord.

How is your personal walk with God? Are you being faithful to Him? Spending daily time in the Word and even more frequent time in prayer? Are you seeking holiness?

2. **Reaching the lost.** With discipleship as our focus, helping people around us meet Jesus is the beginning of the journey not the end.

Who have you introduced to Jesus lately? At the least, who have you invited to church lately? If we aren’t having Gospel conversations, then we’re not yet serious about making disciples.

3. **Connecting the unconnected.** Believers must be first connected to God in a deeper way and then be connected to other believers in authentic relationships.

Are you in genuine community (e.g. A Life Group) with other believers who are helping you grow spiritually and encouraging you to be a disciple-maker? You can’t grow unconnected. And you can’t grow in the context of unhealthy connections.

4. **Chase the strays.** It is our responsibility to go after those who have pulled away from the Body of Christ and to help them reconnect.

Who do you know that needs someone to lovingly pull them back in? Those who choose to join other “flocks” or “folds”, we lovingly let go. But those who are struggling outside of a church family need people to pull them back in.

5. **Shepherd towards spiritual maturity.** We must guide believers into a place of maturity in Christ, not leaving them to remain stagnant or struggling.

Are you currently discipling anyone? Meeting with a few others for discipleship? Are you seeing growth in your Life Group?

6. **Release leaders.** Helping believers discover and develop their potential in Christ and releasing them to use their gifting for the kingdom of God is vital for healthy disciple making.

How are you using the gift(s) God has given you? What will it take to get you “out of the stands and into the game” as far as disciple making is concerned?

7. **Function as a team.** The greatest tool we have as a church is unity. We must function as a team in order to be effective at making disciples. We must fight for healthy, God-glorifying relationships and work together towards our common goal.

How are you contributing to the unity of this church family? Will you fight for it, guarding yourself against easy offendability, gossip and slander, and pettiness?

May God be glorified as we stay the course!

Pastor Paul

Ministry News

Calvary Missions

New York City Mission Trip

This summer, Phillip and Gail McCoy will be leading a trip to New York City to work with our church planters, Steve and Toni Chambers. If you are interested in this trip, contact Phillip and Gail or call Charles in the church office. Details of the trip will be coming this month.

Community Ministry

Extreme Camp | June 25-29 | 9:45 am-1:30pm | Children’s Building

Extreme Camp is a free day camp for kids who have completed 1st-5th grade. Early registration for church members only will be May 20-June 10. Registration will open to the public on June 11. Registration forms are available at the Recreation Outreach Center.

Ministry News

Music/Worship Ministry

In the description of the armor of God in Ephesians 6 the Word of God is visualized by a sword. In Luke 4, Jesus quoted scripture to the devil to rebuke his every temptation. But have you ever considered fighting the temptation you face with *singing* the Word?

In 2 Chronicles 20, that is exactly what the children of Israel did. The Moabites, Ammonites, and Meunites came to battle Israel. Jehoshaphat, king of Israel at this time, sought the Lord and proclaimed a fast throughout Judah. Then they assembled to “seek help from the Lord” (verse 4). After Jehoshaphat cried out to the Lord, the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jahaziel, a Levite. He began to prophesy and said,

Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed at this great horde, for the battle is not yours but God’s. Tomorrow go down against them. Behold, they will come up by the ascent of Ziz. You will find them at the end of the valley, east of the wilderness of Jeruel. You will not need to fight in this battle. Stand firm, hold your position, and see the salvation of the LORD on your behalf, O Judah and Jerusalem.’ Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed. Tomorrow go out against them, and the LORD will be with you. (verse 15b-17)

After this revelation, all of Israel fell down and worshiped before the Lord. Then the Kohathites and the Korahites, those appointed to be singers, stood and praised the Lord with a “very loud voice.” They were filled to overflowing and had to sing praise to the Lord.

When they rose the next morning, Jehoshaphat told the people to believe the Lord, and with the counsel of the people, appointed the singers to lead the army. They went out singing and praising the Lord to a song of David, “Give thanks to the Lord, for His steadfast love endures forever.”

Notice what happened when they began to sing.

It says in verse 22, “when they began to sing and praise, the Lord set an ambush against the men of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir who had come against Judah, so they were routed.” God caused all three to rise up and destroy one another.

So we see the Lord began to act when they began to sing. The victory was theirs. God had promised that they would defeat the enemy. Yet God waited until they were singing before He began to fight for them and bring the victory.

Maybe you are intimately aware of the battle that is raging around you as a believer in Jesus Christ today. In faith “stand firm, hold your position, and see the salvation of the Lord (v17).” While you are fighting to stand, keep singing. It seems that God likes to work deliverance for His people when they are singing His praises and full of faith.

Preschool Ministry

Parent-Child Dedication

If you are interested in participating in Parent-Child Dedication on Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 13, contact Joyce Alexander in the church office.

Calvary Kids

VBS Leadership Opportunities

We are looking specifically for 6-8 more adults and students to fill key leadership roles for VBS. If you are interested in these opportunities, let’s get the conversation started! Call the church office or email Brooke@calvarydothan.com.

GForce Schedule

Dads and Moms, mark your calendars on the following dates in which G-Force will not be occurring.

May 13

June 17

July 1 - August 5

Student Ministry

High School and College Graduate Recognition | Sunday, May 20 | 10:30 am Worship

If you have a high school or college graduate who would like to participate, call the church office or email Brooke@calvarydothan.com.

New Orleans Mission Trip | 9th-12th Grade Students | July 20-24

Reagan Farris and Key Mahone are leading a high school mission trip to New Orleans this summer where the team will work alongside a local church plant throughout the week. Cost of the trip is \$130. There are 13 student and 3 adult chaperone spots available. Registration deadline is Sunday, May 20 or when the spots get filled. Contact Brooke in the church office to get signed up.

Senior Adult News

Mid Week Service is Wednesday, May 16, at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary. There will not be a meal this month. Pastor Paul will be sharing the message in the service.

Summer Sunday Schedule Begins May 27

9:15 am Life Group
10:30 am Worship Service, Fellowship Center
(Worship will be in the Sanctuary on May 27,
June 3 and July 1)

We will return to regular schedule on August 12.

Summer Wednesday Schedule

Midweek Dates - 6:00 pm

May 30 - Fellowship Center
June 13 - GForce Room (Children’s Building)
June 20 - GForce Room (Children’s Building)
July 18 - Mission Dothan Outreach, Fellowship Center

No Midweek on the Following Dates

June 6 (VBS)	July 4 (Holiday)	July 25
June 27 (WIRED)	July 11	

The last Family Night supper is May 23 and will resume August 8.



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May 19-20
Joyce Alexander
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May 26-27
Dan Tankersley
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CALVARY EXTENDS OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO...

Mike Adams and Curtis Adams - death of mother
Melissa Arrington - death of mother
David Kerby - death of father
Casey Lipton - death of grandfather

CALVARY WELCOMES TO OUR FAMILY...



The Bancroft Family

By Letter:
Bill & Mallory
Bancroft

Also pictured:
Abby, Ellen & Will
Bancroft



The Powell Family

By Letter:
Stephen Powell

By Statement:
Sharoi Powell

Also pictured:
Kamauri & Royal
Powell



The Reivitt Family

By Baptism:
Dakotah Brown

By Letter:
Rick & Jamie Reivitt,
Aubrey, Audrey, Isaac
& Jamie Reivitt



The Robertson Family

By Letter:
Kyle & Christal
Robertson & Elijah

Also pictured:
Gunner Robertson