

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

Summer Sunday Schedule

9:15 am Life Group
10:30 am Worship Service, Fellowship Center

(Worship will be in the Sanctuary on June 3 and July 1)

We will return to regular schedule on August 12.

Summer Wednesday Schedule

Midweek Dates - 6:00 pm

June 13 GForce Room

June 20 GForce Room

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

Family Night supper will resume August 8.

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 May, 2018

Average Attendance:

8:00 Worship.....	301
10:30 Worship	428
Life Groups	555
Mission Church.....	141
Nursing Homes.....	72
Outreach Bible Study.....	5

Total Giving:

General Fund	\$1,045,321.44
Y-T-D Required	\$1,060,500.00

Sermon Schedule

Sunday, June 3

10:30 am - Sanctuary

Called to Be Saints Together
“Whatever Happened
to Church Authority?”
Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday, June 6

No Midweek Activities due to VBS Week

Sunday, June 10

10:30 am - Fellowship Center

Called to Be Saints Together
“Not Who I Used to Be”
Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday, June 13

6:00 pm - GForce Room in the Children’s Building

Led by Charles Uptain

Sunday, June 17

10:30 am - Fellowship Center

Called to Be Saints Together
“Owned”
Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday, June 20

6:00 pm - GForce Room in Children’s Building

Led by Paul Thompson

Sunday, June 24

10:30 am - Fellowship Center

Called to Be Saints Together
“Marriage, Sex, and the Gift of God”
Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday, June 27

No Midweek Activities due to WIRED

From Our Senior Pastor

Permit me this month to offer the following random, disconnected thoughts and observations:

To all the grandkids and great-grandkids that might read this, this is for you:

Matthew and I were visiting one of our sweet senior adult ladies the other day in a local nursing care facility. We commented on all the cards she had received and the flowers in her room. While she was quick to say how grateful she was for all her friends and for the people in her life group at church, she was most excited to tell us about her grandson who a few days earlier had brought her lunch and had a picnic of sorts with her. He brought the chicken and all the fixings ... even the tea! And she lit up telling us about what he did. She was so happy that he thought enough of her to show he cared. I left there thinking this: If those of you who still have your grandparents around (and even more so, your great-grandparents), then take the time to see them, spend time with them, and show them that you think about them and love them. I’m telling you – it will mean the world to them. And take it from me; there will come a time when you will wish you could still drop in and see them, have a meal with them, or just sit on the front porch with them. So go do it.

Several of us just finished another season of mentoring young people 1-1 as part of Camp ROC (Calvary’s afterschool program led by Greg Pendergrass and Anne Register). Here are a few of my thoughts after this, my third year:

1) I have a lifelong friend through this. Tyreik and I have developed a good relationship that I expect will carry on through middle school and high school and beyond. He’ll always know he’s got someone to talk to, to get counsel from, or just hang out with. He was baptized by me just a few weeks ago and we will continue to get together and talk about* what it means to be a follower of Jesus (*discipleship). I’ve seen him grow a lot over these past couple of years and it’s been really cool to be a part of it.

2) I saw several other folks from Calvary develop lasting relationships with these kids and really influence them for God and good this year through Camp ROC. They spent time with them, played games with them, helped them do their homework, and most of all, showed and taught them the love of Jesus. Three other young men were baptized by their mentors because of this investment. The fruit was obvious. And others in the program are growing in their understanding of God and His love and will also one day, Lord willing, become followers of Christ, too.

3) There are so many more kids who need a mentor. There are so many yet-to-be-written success stories out there. The only thing that is lacking is a person willing to give their time and their love. Our program can be as large and impactful as you want it to be. We just need you.

According to a recent Barna study (March 2018): “When asked if they had previously “heard of the Great Commission,” half of U.S. churchgoers (51%) say they do not know this term. It would be reassuring to assume that the other half who know the term are also actually familiar with the passage known by this name, but that proportion is low (17%). Meanwhile, “the Great Commission” does ring a bell for one in four (25%), though they can’t remember what it is. Six percent of churchgoers are simply not sure whether they have heard this term “the Great Commission” before.”

What’s worse? To be in a church and not know what the Great Commission is or to be in a church and know exactly what it is and yet never engage in it?

As the American church increasingly loosens itself from its biblical moorings, the percentage of Gospel-driven, Christ-exalting, Holy Spirit-enabled churches will continue to decrease. So let’s commit to teach and do what the Word says – both collectively and individually. And let’s be obedient to the Great Commission as everyday missionaries!

Thank you for letting me be your pastor!

Pastor Paul

Ministry News

Second Sunday Night

Join us on Sunday, June 10 at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary for our second Sunday night prayer service.

Calvary Missions

New York Mission Trip | July 27-30

Would you like to go help Steve and Toni Chambers in NYC over a long weekend in July? Join us for an interest meeting right after the morning worship service on Sunday, June 3. We will meet down front in the Sanctuary and will give you all the details of this mission opportunity.

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.

Calvary Kids

GForce Schedule

G-Force will not be held on June 17 or July 1-August 5.

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

Ministry News

Preschool Ministry

Preschool Summer Schedule

June 6 - No on-campus evening activities

June 13 - Board Game Night (Bring your favorite game to play with your friends.)

June 20 - Splish Splash T-Ball (dress accordingly / bring a towel)

June 27 @ 10:00 am - Meet @ the Movies to see Ferdinand. Cost: \$4.00. Each child must be accompanied by an adult / babysitter)

June 27 - No on-campus evening activities

July - No on-campus evening activities for the month.

Discipleship Ministry

Is discipleship about what you know, who you are, or what you do? The answer to this question is a resounding “YES!” Following Christ requires knowing, being, and doing. Consider what the Apostle Paul wrote to the Colossians:

*And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may **be filled with the knowledge of his will** in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to **walk in a manner worthy of the Lord**, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;* (Col. 1:9-10 ESV)

1. Knowing

Being filled with the knowledge of God’s will is a vital part of being a disciple of Jesus. We can tell people to be more like Jesus all day long, but if they don’t know Jesus, they won’t be like him. Reading the Bible is obviously essential here. The psalmist says to God, “Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path” (Psalm 119:105). The path to spiritual maturity is lit by the Word. If we ignore the light of Scripture we won’t be able to stay on the path to spiritual development.

2. Being

We don’t learn about God to become theological encyclopedias. Rather, we learn and know so we can be. That’s learning to walk worthy by being, increasingly, who we are in Christ. There is a mysterious transfer of spiritual DNA that occurs as a believer walks the path of discipleship. It is a becoming. Walking with him shapes us to be like him—to walk worthy. Scripture tells us that Adam, Enoch, Noah, and Abraham walked with God. They knew God well, and that affected how they lived. We need to make it clear that this spiritual path can be walked. Disciples can, by and in the power of Christ, walk with God into a deeper spiritual life.

3. Doing

Just as our mindsets are formed by our training and belief, our actions flow from who we are. Knowing who you are in Christ, then being who you are in Christ (by walking worthy), leads you to doing the work of God. (Getting them in the wrong order is a problem...) Bearing fruit in every good work is an indicator of development. Just as no one becomes a believer by knowing more about God, no one is redeemed by doing good things for God. But being a disciple will inevitably result in doing the work of a disciple—not just doing good things but also bearing fruit. We do good works not just so good things are done, but as Jesus taught, “So that [people] may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven” (Matthew 5:16). That is bearing fruit. Fruit is a sign that a tree is maturing. Fruit in a believer’s life is a sign that a disciple is growing. (adapted from edstetzer.com)

The life of discipleship is a life of knowing God and His will through His Word, being transformed into the image of Christ, and *doing* the good works God prepared for us in advance. There are no accidental disciples—God gives new life in Christ. Then, disciples learn to know, be, and do what the Christian life is.

Music/Worship Ministry

Have you ever wondered why Robin Hood’s men were referred to as the “Merry Men?”

Not long ago I came to understand that in the old English “merry” actually meant “mighty.” So “Robin Hood’s Merry Men” were not just jolly old fellows, they were mighty warriors.

Where I grew up in the mountains, being tough, courageous, and strong were the marks of “real men.” When you’re a young boy you have heroes, and most of mine where what I consider to be “mighty men” or “merry” if you are into the old English. But as I grew up I noticed something about the men that I had thought of as heroes, the ones that meant the most to me were men who were mighty in the Lord. I mean they really loved the Lord, followed Him, trusted Him, and walked in His ways. This is the kind of man the scripture calls “Mighty.”

Zechariah 10:5 describes leaders the Lord has sent to lead his people, Israel; *They shall be like mighty men in battle, trampling the foe in the mud of the streets; they shall fight because the LORD is with them, and they shall put to shame the riders on horses.*

This charge I entrust to you, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies previously made about you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, holding faith and a good conscience. By rejecting this, some have made shipwreck of their faith, among whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme. 1Timothy 1:18 -20

Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. 1Timothy 6:12

As in Zechariah the fight for righteousness sometimes takes a very physical form, on the battle field of life. When Paul instructed Timothy to be a good soldier holding onto faith and a good conscience, he referred to the internal fight. The spiritual fight for faith often is made manifest in the struggles of life, they are not separate battles but one.

So, being a “Mighty Man” according to the scripture doesn’t mean you have to have eighteen inch biceps and know how to wield a six-foot sword, but it does mean you are called to make a physical stand against evil and wickedness. I pray for you men of Calvary Baptist Church that you will love the Lord, love your wives, and love your children and grandchildren. Be men who are happy but so much more, men who fight the fight of faith every day and hold fast to God’s Word teaching it to their families. Men living lives that point to the Lord in work ethic, and integrity.

Mighty men, rise up and bless the Lord!

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints. (Ephesians 6:10-18)

10:45 Sunday Morning Worship
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WIZB FM 94.3



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June 23-24
Dan Tankersley
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June 30-July 1
Matthew Dorsey
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CALVARY EXTENDS OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO...

Mike Azar - death of mother
The family of Martha Fenn

Syble Hayes - death of son-in-law

CALVARY WELCOMES TO OUR FAMILY...



BY STATEMENT
Michael & Jennifer
Barfield



BY BAPTISM
Henry Paul &
Perry Blaxton



BY BAPTISM
Harrison Chenoweth



BY BAPTISM
Seth Haddox

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CAMP ROC KIDS WHO MADE A PROFESSION OF FAITH...



A.J. Alexander



Tyreik Dunlap



Chad Johnson



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