

# GOD AND COUNTRY CELEBRATION

Sunday, July 1  
5-7 pm  
Fellowship Center

Fellowship Meal and Patriotic Service



Mission Dothan is a flag football and cheerleading camp and small group Bible study for children ages 7-12 of Dothan's Westside Neighborhood. Mission Dothan needs people who are 16 years or older to volunteer. If you are interested in volunteering please call Greg at Calvary's Recreation Outreach Center 836-2949.

### Ministry Staff

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

### Ministry Assistants

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

### Support Staff

<b>Nolan Dykes</b>	Music Assistant
<b>Mark Shiver</b>	Facilities Manager

### Weekday Ministry

<b>Michelle Beasley</b>	Associate Director
<b>Nickie Smith</b>	Receptionist

## For the Record For June, 2018

### Average Attendance:

10:30 Worship .....	609
Life Groups .....	544
Mission Church.....	140
Nursing Homes.....	79
Outreach Bible Study.....	12

### Total Giving:

General Fund .....	\$1,221,551.95
Y-T-D Required .....	\$1,262,500.00

## Sermon Schedule

### Sunday, July 1

#### 10:30 am - Sanctuary

Called to Be Saints Together  
“What Makes Matrimony Holy?”  
Message by Paul Thompson

### Wednesday, July 4

#### No Midweek Activities

### Sunday, July 8

#### 10:30 am - Fellowship Center

Called to Be Saints Together  
“Living My God Assignment”  
Message by Paul Thompson

### Wednesday, July 11

#### No Midweek Activities

### Sunday, July 15

#### 10:30 am - Fellowship Center

Called to Be Saints Together  
“Freedom, Conscience, and Love”  
Message by Paul Thompson

### Wednesday, July 18

#### 6:00 pm

#### Mission Dothan Outreach

Fellowship Center

### Sunday, July 22

#### 10:30 am - Fellowship Center

Called to Be Saints Together  
“Support Your Local Pastor”  
Message by Paul Thompson

### Wednesday, July 25

#### No Midweek Activities

### Sunday, July 29

#### 10:30 am - Fellowship Center

Called to Be Saints Together  
“Something Better than ‘Freedom’”  
Message by Paul Thompson

## From Our Senior Pastor

In my earliest years as a pastor, I preached mostly topical sermons. Looking back, it was really an almost never-ending quest to be contemporary, original, and clever. Back then, I thought I was giving the congregation what they needed, but I was wrong. I was unintentionally developing a preaching/listening culture that was largely superficial and simplistic. I was also unintentionally facilitating a discipleship deficit by not preaching the whole counsel of God. Needless to say, God really began working on me in that regard and I made a wholesale, ministry-defining switch to verse-by-verse expository preaching as the foundation of my teaching.

In 1996, Don Carson (whom I greatly respect) wrote an article in *Leadership Journal* entitled, *6 Reasons Not to Abandon Expository Preaching*. Here are his reasons:

1. *It is the method least likely to stray from Scripture.* If you are preaching on what the Bible says about self-esteem, for example, undoubtedly you can find some useful insights. But even when you say entirely true things, you will likely abstract them from the Bible’s central story line. Expository preaching keeps you to the main thing.

2. *It teaches people how to read their Bibles.* Especially if you’re preaching a long passage, expository preaching teaches people how to think through a passage, how to understand and apply God’s Word to their lives.

3. *It gives confidence to the preacher and authorizes the sermon.* If you are faithful to the text, you are certain your message is God’s message. Regardless of what is going on in the church—whether it is growing or whether people like you—you know you are proclaiming God’s truth. That is wonderfully freeing.

4. *It meets the need for relevance without letting the clamor for relevance dictate the message.* All true preaching is properly applied. That is of extraordinary importance in our generation. But expository preaching keeps the eternal central to the discussion.

5. *It forces the preacher to handle the tough questions.* You start working through text after text, and soon you hit passages on divorce, on homosexuality, on women in ministry, and you have to deal with the text.

6. *It enables the preacher to expound systematically the whole counsel of God.* ... if we are to preach the whole counsel of God, we must teach the whole Bible. Other sermonic structures have their merits, but none offers our congregations more, week after week, than careful, faithful exposition of the Word of God.

By approaching scripture and teaching this way, we have been forced as it were to address passages mostly skipped over, themes infrequently addressed, and verses that are often hard to understand and apply. But we have also – hopefully – grown in our ability to rightly divide the Word of truth, read and understand scripture in context, and see through every book the over-arching Gospel storyline of Scripture. I hope our journeys together through books like John, Galatians, Ephesians, Romans, etc. has deepened your love for God and His Word and strengthened both your desire and ability to talk rightly about God and the Gospel to others.

Eugene Petersen wrote, “Through the Word we are put together and shaped up for the tasks God has for us.” May it ever be so!

With you for Christ,

Pastor Paul

### Summer Sunday Schedule

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

(Worship will be in the Sanctuary on July 1)

We will return to regular schedule on August 12.

### Summer Wednesday Schedule

Midweek Dates - 6:00 pm  
July 18 Mission Dothan Outreach,  
Fellowship Center

No Midweek on the July 4, 11 or 25

Family Night supper will resume August 8.

## Ministry News

### Discipleship Ministry

As a reminder, our church-wide theme for 2018 is **“My Mission Field.”** According to Pastor Tom Mercer, “God has given each of us, on average, anywhere from eight to fifteen people whom He has supernaturally and strategically placed in our relational worlds. The Greeks used one word to describe this personal world — *oikos*, or ‘extended household.’ This is the world God wants to use each of us to change, our individual world!” As everyday missionaries, we aim to focus on our personal, God-given mission fields with the goal of leading people to know and follow Jesus.

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) Our mission is clear. As our Disciple-Making Strategy states, “Whatever else we do in life, our primary purpose is to be agents of God’s mission to the world.”

**Do you have a personal testimony or uplifting story about living as an everyday missionary and pursuing your mission field? Please contact Dan at [dan@calvarydothan.com](mailto:dan@calvarydothan.com) or 334-792-5159. We want to celebrate with you!**

### Community Ministry

#### **School Supply Drive**

The Southeast Alabama Baptist Association is having a school supply drive. All donations can be dropped off in the donation boxes at the ROC, Fellowship Center Foyer and Children’s Building by Sunday, July 15. Donations needed are: book bags (no rolling), Fiskars scissors, ruler, Crayola colored pencils, folders with brad/pockets, canvas pencil bag, spiral notebooks, Crayola crayons (16 or 24 ct.), Elmers glue/glue sticks, #2 pencils, mechanical pencils, notebook paper (wide-ruled), pens (blue, black and red ink), Crayola water-based markers.

### Preschool Ministry

July 18 - Meet @ the Movies, 10am, *Dispicable Me 3*, Cost: \$4

July 19 - Swim @ the Blaxtons, 10am, 51 Foxchase

August 3 - Kindergarten Ice Cream Party with Mr. Zach, 6:30 pm, GForce Room

### Calvary Kids

July 18 - Shipwreck Island Day Trip, 8am-7pm

July 27 - 5th Grade Hangout Day, 9am-7pm

August 1 - Game Night in the Gym

### Student Ministry

July 1 - Fireworks at the fairgrounds after the evening God and Country Celebration.

July 14 - Family Canoe Trip, Meet at church at 8am, Cost: \$15 per person, bring sunscreen, lunch, hat, swimsuit/outdoor attire, water shoes

July 27 - Middle School @ Shipwreck, 8am-8pm, Cost: \$28.00

July 29 - Wings and Worship

August 3 - Lake Day



**FAMILY NIGHT  
AT WATER WORLD**

**Sunday, July 15  
6:00-8:00 pm  
Cost: \$2.00 per person**





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## NEWSLETTER



### **STAFF ON CALL SCHEDULE**

**June 30-July 1**

Matthew Dorsey  
919-495-9483

**July 7-8**

Charles Uptain  
334-797-7191

**July 14-15**

Joyce Alexander  
334-798-4791

**July 21-22**

Dan Tankersley  
334-655-8765

**July 28-29**

Charles Uptain  
334-797-7191

### **CALVARY EXTENDS OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO...**

Joey Deavers - death of mother  
The family of Donna Sconyers  
Nell Smith - death of husband