



# 2018 Southeast Alabama Baptist Association Annual Celebration

Sunday, October 14

Ridgecrest Baptist Church  
1231 Fortner Street, Dothan

**3:00-3:30 PM - Business Meeting, Fellowship Hall**

**3:30-5:30 PM - Missions Fair, Recreation Fitness Center**

Displays will highlight local ministries, educational opportunities, ministries of the churches of our Association, and partners with our Association. Also, outdoor activities of live music, car show, and hot dog supper will add to the festivities of the day!

**5:45-7:00 PM - Worship Celebration, Worship Center**

An engaging service is planned with various musical styles, worshipping together as a unified body. Scott Dawson will be the guest speaker.

It's **YOUR** celebration,  
because we are



**BETTER  
TOGETHER**

### 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
<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 Stickles</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>	Director
<b>Nickie Smith</b>	Receptionist

## For the Record For September, 2018

### Average Attendance:

10:30 Worship .....	648
Life Groups .....	568
Mission Church.....	130
Nursing Homes.....	73
Outreach Bible Study.....	9

### Total Giving:

General Fund .....	\$1,793,329.78
Y-T-D Required .....	\$1,919,000.00

## Sermon Schedule

### Wednesday, October 3

#### 6:00 pm - Sanctuary

Trusting God When He Seems Silent

Habakkuk 1:1-11

Message by Charles Uptain

### Sunday, October 7

#### 10:30 am - Fellowship Center

Called to Be Saints Together

“Love Matters Most”

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Message by Paul Thompson

### Wednesday, October 10

#### 6:00 pm - Sanctuary

Trusting God When

Evil Seems to be Winning

Habakkuk 1:12-2:3

Message by Paul Thompson

### Sunday, October 14

#### 10:30 am - Fellowship Center

Called to Be Saints Together

“Decently and In Order”

1 Corinthians 14:1-40

Message by Paul Thompson

### Wednesday, October 17

#### 6:00 pm - Sanctuary

Trusting God When Life Is Hard

Habakkuk 2:2-20

Message by Paul Thompson

### Sunday, October 21

#### 10:30 am - Fellowship Center

Called to Be Saints Together

“A Gospel Reminder”

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Message by Dan Tankersley

### Wednesday, October 24

#### 6:00 pm - Sanctuary

Trust God in Prayer

Habakkuk 3:1-19

Message by Paul Thompson

### Sunday, October 28

#### 10:30 am - Fellowship Center

Called to Be Saints Together

“Our Everlasting Hope”

1 Corinthians 15:12-34

Message by Paul Thompson

### Wednesday, October 31

#### 6:00 pm - Sanctuary

Message by Paul Thompson

## From Our Senior Pastor

The pastoral staff recently returned from a 2-day evangelism conference sponsored by the North American Mission Board. We came back challenged, convicted, and compelled to do better in evangelism personally and as a church family.

One way we can all do better is by consistently inviting people to join us for worship and to join us in our Life Groups. Inviting people to church is not hard to do, and we can all probably think of people we know who don't attend church anywhere.

And while inviting someone to church is a great thing to do, it still falls short of our personal responsibility to initiate a gospel conversation with someone, explain the gospel clearly to them, and then ask them for a response.

According to a new article in *Facts and Trends*,

LifeWay Research recently found nearly two-thirds of Protestant churchgoers say they've invited at least one person to visit their church in the past six months. To many evangelical believers, this is an encouraging discovery in a highly secularized culture where attending church is not as common or popular as in past years.

Church leaders may see inviting people to church is a powerful way to welcome unbelievers to learn more about the Christian faith and fellowship. However, Jimmy Scroggins, pastor of Family Church in West Palm Beach, Florida, says it's imperative Christians view the act of inviting someone to church as *just one* method of outreach, not the equivalent of personally sharing the gospel.

Scroggins, author of *Turning Everyday Conversations into Gospel Conversations*, recognizes all Christians grow in learning how to share the gospel, just as they grow in other areas of faith.

“Everybody is on a continuous journey with the Lord and in discipleship,” he says. “For a believer who has never talked to anyone about the Lord in their life, inviting someone to church might be a huge step.”

With regard to evangelism, inviting others to church is just that—a *step*. It's an action that can bring about significant progress in an individual's journey to understand and receive the gospel.

But while services and small groups can offer visitors many valuable things, they can't offer a personal, one-on-one testimony with someone they know and trust. Scroggins says that's why it's so important to allow church to be a stepping stone to a personal conversation about Christ.

“We want to invite people to church, but we also want to equip our members to extend the conversation,” Scroggins says. “At some point, you have to have a direct gospel conversation, where you talk about repentance and faith, and you invite someone to repent of their sins and believe the story of Jesus. We don't think the gospel has actually been shared until someone has that opportunity.”

The reality is this: The lost people that we know probably won't hear the true Gospel unless they hear it from us. They're not seeking for God, they're not typically looking for a church, and they aren't watching/listening to Christian content online or on TV (and so much of what they'll find there is questionable or worse, anyway).

For His glory alone,  
Pastor Paul

## Ministry News

### Pray for Short-term Missionaries

We will have teams from Calvary in Vermont and Argentina in October. Please be praying for their work and safety. Pray for God to use Calvary in the spreading of the Gospel.

### Mission: Dignity Ministry

They call it Dignity. We call it a Mission. Since 1918, GuideStone Financial Resources has been on a "Mission" to provide "Dignity" to retired Southern Baptist ministers, workers and their widows. These are men and women who have faithfully served God's people and now find themselves struggling to meet even basic needs. Many served small, rural churches that paid only modest salaries and couldn't afford to contribute to their pastors' retirement. Mission: Dignity currently helps 1,800 people with extra money needed for housing, food and vital medications. It has also ensured a well-deserved dignity, independence and, often, the ability to continue serving. Calvary will take an offering for the Mission: Dignity Ministry on Sunday, October 14. Offering envelopes will be available in the bulletin that day.

### Men's Ministry

**New Conquer Series Men's Small Group Starting** | Saturdays beginning October 6 | 7:30-9:00 am

This 5-week curriculum lays out biblical strategies, scientific facts and, in military style, teaches men how to use God's weapons to conquer sin. Contact Ian Worrell, 334.790.7739, for group leader and location information.

**Sporting Clay Shoot** | Sunday, October 28 | 1:00-5:00 pm | Ravenwood Sporting Clays in Headland

This is for Calvary men and sons, grades 7-12. Lunch and clays will be provided. Bring your own shells. RSVP to the church office.

### Preschool Ministry

**Faith at Home: My Church** | Sunday, October 21 | 9:15 am - During Life Group | Room 222 in the Preschool Building

Join Joyce Alexander as she shares about teaching your preschoolers about their church.

### **Preschool Leaders Needed**

The Preschool ministry is in need of one Life Group teacher and one Wednesday night TeamKID teacher. Call Joyce in the church office to volunteer.

### **Preschool Mom's Beach Retreat | October 26-27**

Register by Friday, October 12. Cost is \$100 and a \$25 deposit is due at registration. Space is limited. Call the church office for more details or to get signed up or email [joyce@calvarydothan.com](mailto:joyce@calvarydothan.com).

### Student Ministry

**FCA Fields of Faith** | Wednesday, October 17 | 5:45-7:50 pm

Meet at the church at 5:30 pm or at Northcutt Field at Westgate Complex by 5:45 pm.

**DiscipleNow Weekend: How the West Was Won** | November 16-18

DiscipleNow is for Grades 6-12. Cost is \$65 per person. Deadline to register is Sunday, November 4.

### Senior Adult Ministry

**Senior Adult Midweek Worship** | Thursday, October 18 | 10:30 am | Sanctuary

A meal will follow in the Fellowship Center.

**Luncheon Honoring Veterans and Families** | Sunday, November 11 | Fellowship Center

Lunch will be immediately following worship. RSVP by calling the church office.



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919-495-9483

**October 13-14**  
Charles Uptain  
334-797-7191

**October 20-21**  
Joyce Alexander  
334-798-4791

**October 27-28**  
Dan Tankersley  
334-655-8765

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

Kelley Fleming - death of father  
Crystal Forehand - death of father  
The family of Bea Lindsey  
Donavon Wewers - death of grandfather

**CALVARY WELCOMES TO OUR FAMILY...**



**By Statement**  
Bob Barber  
**By Baptism**  
LaDonna Barber



**By Letter**  
Callie Bennett



**By Letter**  
Christopher Brooks



**By Statement**  
David & Dell Oltmans