



Calvary Christmas

Sunday, December 2
6:00 pm
Fellowship Center

Join us as we worship our Savior and celebrate what God has done through our church family around the world. Appetizer/dessert fellowship immediately following.

LOTTIE MOON

OFFERING

Calvary's Goal: \$140,000

Every Church. Every Nation.

This is a collective effort. *Every church* working together for the spread of the gospel to *every nation*. Over 2.8 billion people have little to no access to the gospel. Together, we're changing that. 100% of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering supports IMB missionaries who are making disciples and multiplying churches among unreached peoples and places around the world. Your giving is a vital part of that.

New Life Group and Worship Schedule Begins December 2

8:30 am - Life Group

10:00 am - Worship
in Fellowship Center

Holiday Schedule

Sundays, December 23 & 30
8:30 am - Life Group
10:00 am - Worship
in Fellowship Center

No Kids Worship on Sundays
December 23 or 30

Monday, December 24
Candlelight
Christmas Eve Service
5:00 pm - Fellowship Center

**Wednesdays, December 26
& January 2**
NO Midweek Activities

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
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 Director
Nickie Smith Receptionist

For the Record
November, 2018

Average Attendance:

10:30 Worship	598
Life Groups	593
Hispanic Church	120
Nursing Homes	74
Outreach Bible Study	11

Total Giving:

General Fund	\$2,208,343.88
Y-T-D Required	\$2,373,500.00
Lottie Moon	\$2,901.00

Sermon Schedule

Sunday, December 2

10:00 am - Fellowship Center

Called to Be Saints Together
"6 Commands to a Healthy Church"

1 Corinthians 16:1-24

Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday, December 5

6:00 pm - Sanctuary

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, December 9

10:00 am - Sanctuary

My Mission Field: Do You See Them?

Luke 7:36-50

Message by Reagan Farris

Wednesday, December 12

6:00 pm - Sanctuary

Message by Dan Tankersley

Sunday, December 16

10:00 am - Fellowship Center

My Mission Field: Why Missions?

Psalm 96

Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday, December 19

6:00 pm - Sanctuary

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, December 23

10:00 am - Fellowship Center

My Mission Field:

Good News of Great Joy!

Luke 2:1-20

Message by Paul Thompson

Monday, December 24

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

5:00 pm - Fellowship Center

"The King of the Ages"

1 Timothy 1:15-17

Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday, December 26

No Midweek Activities

Sunday, December 30

10:00 am - Fellowship Center

My Mission Field:

Will You Say Yes to God?

Isaiah 6

Message by Paul Thompson

From Our Senior Pastor

Don't let *opposition* keep you from *opportunity*.

When writing the conclusion to his 1st letter to the Corinthians, Paul mentions this reality: "There is a wide-open door for a great work here, although many oppose me". (1 Cor. 16:9 - NLT). Consider some of the opposition Paul faced in spreading the Good News: Paul confronting the evil powers in Ephesus led to some very dramatic experiences, culminating in a public bonfire when their books of magic were consigned to the flames. This stirred up much opposition, as you can imagine. Then there was the riot of the silversmiths because Paul's preaching led to a dramatic decline in the market for idols in Ephesus. And then the Jews opposed him for he obviously preached a different message and threatened their hierarchy.

Now some might interpret any opposition or difficulty in life as a sign that they are "outside of God's will" or that they should stop what they're doing. But not Paul.

He knew this reality: Opportunity and opposition often go hand-in-hand.

Look around you – at home, work, school, the neighborhood, etc. and ask God to show you opportunities to do good, serve others, imitate Christ, and share the gospel. If you'll just make an attempt to start a conversation, respond to a need, or do something good for someone else, you'll find so many "open doors for a great work" all around you.

You know what you'll also find? That's right. Opposition. Some will resist. Some will question your motives. It might cost you more time or effort than you expected. It might get messy or more involved. Or life itself will suddenly get busier, harder, or more complex. Truth is, there will always be opposition. But don't take that as a sign that you're off course or out of God's will. In fact, it can be a sign of the exact opposite.

But do good anyway. Engage others anyway. Talk about Jesus anyway.

And consider this: Often that opposition is the opportunity!

That difficult person at work? Maybe that's an opportunity to help someone going thru a really rough time in their personal life. That problem or situation that really frustrates you? Maybe that's an opportunity to be an agent of good and make a difference. That diagnosis? Maybe that's an opportunity to meet others in the same condition who don't have the hope you have in Christ. That obnoxious neighbor? Maybe what they need is a friend and a Savior.

So, let's purpose to be people of opportunity who don't waver in the face of opposition!

Let's obey Ephesians 5:16 and "make the most of every opportunity in these evil days"!

Your pastor and friend,

Paul

Coming Soon!

6-week Marriage Series

January 6-February 10, 2019



*Therefore what God has joined together,
let no one separate.*

Ministry News

25 Days of Christmas Family Devotion Books Still Available!

The 25 Days of Christmas by James Merritt is a unique advent devotional written to help your family experience richer joy as you discover what the holiday is really about. Books are available in the the foyer this Sunday or in church office for \$15 each.

2018 Contributions

Contributions for 2018 must be postmarked by December 31 or received in the office by Sunday, December 30. Online donations cannot be guaranteed to be received for 2018 if given after December 20.

2019 Proposed Budget Presentation and Vote

The 2019 proposed budget will be presented for discussion on Wednesday, December 5, immediately following the 6:00 pm midweek service. There will be a vote, without discussion, on Sunday, December 16, immediately following the 10:00 am worship service.

Membership Matters

Wednesday, December 5 | 5:45 pm | Parlor

This class offers all the information you need to know if you want to become a member of Calvary.

Hurricane Michael Recovery Work Days

December 21-22, 2018 and January 11-12, 2019

We are partnering with St. Andrews Baptist Church to help with recovery efforts in Panama City Beach, FL. We will stay overnight in the St. Andrews Baptist Church student center. Call the church office to sign up for one or both days each weekend.

Women's Ministry

Word-filled Women Coffee & Connect | Sunday, December 9

All women are invited to join us in the Parlor at 6:30 pm for conversation, coffee (hot chocolate, too!) and connection.

Experience the Holy Land

10-Day Biblical Tour of Israel | January 13-22, 2020

Pastor Paul is hosting a trip to Israel in 2020. Total cost is \$3997 per person. If you are interested in the trip, call the church office for more information.

Community Ministry

Catering Hope

Invite a family or neighbor to your dinner table this Christmas season. Contact Greg Pendergrass at the ROC by Monday, November 19, to get connected with a Camp ROCK family.

Preschool Ministry

Breakfast in Bethlehem | Saturday, December 1 | 9:30-11:30 am | Children's Building

This is a Christmas celebration for children 3-years-old (by 9/1/18) through Kindergarten (Children must be accompanied by an adult). Event is free but tickets are necessary. Contact church office at 792-5159 or pick up at the Preschool Desk beginning Wednesday, November 7. Childcare available by reservation for children 2-years-old and younger, call 792-5159.

Recharge Parents' Night Out | Friday, December 7 | 6:00-9:00 pm | Preschoolers will be in the Preschool Building.

Children's Ministry

Parents' Night Out | Friday, December 7 | 6:00-9:00 pm | Children will be at the ROC.

Pajama Night | December 12 during SPARK | 6:00 pm at the ROC

Kids are encouraged to wear their favorite pajamas. There will be hot chocolate, Christmas treats, Minute to Win it Games, and a Story Time.

EPIC Christmas Cookie Party | December 23 during Life Groups

It's that time of year again where we have our EPIC Cookie Party for our kids and leadership team! Dads, Moms, Grands, and Faith Family, we appeal to you and your kitchens for some delicious HOMEMADE cookies and goodies. If your interested in helping to cater this event, simply email zach@calvarydothan.com with your name and what you will be bringing, and you'll receive a response as to when and where to bring your goodies. Our lead staff, team, and kids thank you in advance!

Student Ministry

FAITH @ Home Training | Sunday, December 2 | Topic: Social Media

Parents of Middle Schoolers are encouraged to attend this Faith @ Home training regarding social media. We will meet during Life Group at 8:30 am in the Student Room.

Senior Adult Ministry

Caroling at Westside Terrace | Wednesday, December 5 | 10:00 am

Those who can, meet at the church at 8:30 am to pack Christmas stockings for the residents. We will leave the church at 9:30 am. We will eat lunch at Blue Plate.

Senior Adult Midweek Worship | Thursday, December 13 | 10:30 am | Sanctuary | Message by Charles Uptain

A fish fry will follow in the Fellowship Center.



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CALVARY WELCOMES TO OUR FAMILY...



By Letter
Jodie Bojonca
Also pictured:
Evelyn Bojonca



By Baptism
Chloe Braswell



By Letter
Brenda Breedlove



By Baptism
Sage Brown



By Baptism
Victoria Brown



By Letter
Linda Hoover



By Letter
Amanda Hunt



By Letter
Elizabeth Hunt



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Erica Mann



By Baptism
Ian Newton



By Letter
Chris Phillips



By Baptism
Joey Wash

STAFF ON CALL SCHEDULE

December 1	Matthew Dorsey 919-495-9483
December 2	Randy Hunt 334-791-7986
December 8	Charles Uptain 334-797-7191
December 9	Reagan Farris 504-319-6986
December 15-16	Joyce Alexander 334-798-4791
December 22-23	Dan Tankersley 334-655-8765
December 29-30	Matthew Dorsey 919-495-9483