



Sacred: God's Design for Marriage

6-week Sermon Series

January 6-February 10, 2019

Celebration of Marriage

Sunday, February 10 at 6:00 pm

in the Fellowship Center

Ministry Staff

Paul Thompson	Senior Pastor
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Support Staff

Nolan Dykes	Tech/Sound
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Weekday Ministry

Michelle Beasley	Director
Nickie Smith	Receptionist

From Our Senior Pastor

For the Record December, 2018

Average Attendance (Dec 2-16):

10:30 Worship	609
Life Groups	570
Hispanic Church	119
Nursing Homes	79
Outreach Bible Study	17

Total Giving (Dec 2-23):

General Fund	\$2,420,234.35
Y-T-D Required	\$2,575,500.00
Lottie Moon	\$63,432.95
Lottie Moon Goal	\$140,000.00

Sermon Schedule

Wednesday, January 2
No Midweek Activities

Sunday, January 6
10:00 am - Fellowship Center
Sacred: God's Design for Marriage
Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday, January 9
6:00 pm - Sanctuary
Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, January 13
10:00 am - Sanctuary
Sacred: God's Design for Marriage
Message by Paul Thompson
6:00 pm - Sanctuary
A Night of Prayer

Wednesday, January 16
6:00 pm - Sanctuary
Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, January 20
10:00 am - Fellowship Center
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Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday, January 23
6:00 pm - Sanctuary
Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, January 27
10:00 am - Fellowship Center
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Wednesday, January 30
6:00 pm - Sanctuary
Message by Paul Thompson

In the opening of the first chapter of his fantastic book, *The Meaning of Marriage*, Tim Keller writes,

"I'm tired of listening to sentimental talks on marriage. At weddings, in church, and in Sunday school, much of what I've heard on the subject has as much depth as a Hallmark card. While marriage is many things, it is anything but sentimental. Marriage is glorious but hard. It's a burning joy and strength, and yet it is also blood, sweat, and tears, humbling defeats and exhausting victories. No marriage I know more than a few weeks old could be described as a fairy tale come true. Therefore, it is not surprising that the only phrase in Paul's famous discourse on marriage in Ephesians 5 that many couples can relate to is verse 32. Sometimes you fall into bed, after a long, hard day of trying to understand each other, and you can only sigh: "This is all a profound mystery!"

On Sunday, January 6th we will begin a 6-week series designed to explore and unravel a bit of that mystery that is Christian marriage. Our series is entitled **Sacred: God's Design for Marriage**. Our series won't be like a running Hallmark movie, but instead will be a rich, in-depth look at the what, why, and how of biblical marriage, all centered around 6 fundamental commitments.

Obviously, this season in the life of our church family has great potential value for our married couples (of all ages and stages), but it will also be of great value to our students who hope/plan to one day be married, our adult singles and single-agains who are seeking God's best for their lives, as well as our eldest members who can be powerfully influential marriage mentors for their own children and grandchildren as well as to younger members of our church. Besides revitalizing, restoring, and strengthening marriages in our church family and beyond, we also hope to establish a God-honoring 'culture' of marriage at Calvary based on His Word. In a world of shallow commitments, easy immorality, and frequent divorces, God calls us to something different. Something better. Something *sacred*.

Our series will culminate in a very special "Celebration of Marriage" on Sunday night, February 10th at 6. On that night, all married couples will have an opportunity to celebrate the covenant of marriage that God has blessed them with and personally renew their commitment to their spouse. More information will be coming later about this special event.

Will you do this – commit to attending each of the 6 worship services so you don't miss a single challenge or commitment. Also, commit to faithful attendance and participation in your Life Group as you discuss the scriptures about marriage and some of the principles in Keller's book on marriage that we will use as a guide. Also, keep up with your daily readings and prayer times with your spouse, or if not married, on your own. And plan now to be in attendance at the Celebration of Marriage on February 10th.

And pray. Begin to pray now that God will be honored, His Word will be taught, understood, and obeyed, and that marriages in our church will be transformed for His glory, our good, and our witness in this world.

I can't wait to begin!

Pastor Paul

Ministry News

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.

Membership Matters

Wednesday, January 9 | 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

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.

Calvary Missions

Calvary is offering three spring mission opportunities. To register, fill out a mission trip application located in the foyer of the Fellowship Center. You can also call the church office for more details about these trips.

- **Guatemala Mission Trip** | March 25-29 | Cost: \$1400
- **India Mission Trip** | Last week of March 2019 | Cost: \$2100
- **New York Mission Trip** | April 27-30 | Cost: TBD

Word-filled Women's Ministry

Women's Bible Study | God of Covenant: A Study of Genesis 12-50 by Jen Wilkin

Tuesdays at 9:30 am, beginning, February 5, or Wednesdays at 6:00 pm, beginning, February 6

There are no minor characters in the story of God. Beginning with Genesis 12, walk alongside the fathers of our faith - Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph - to discern Jesus in the stories of His people. Over 10 sessions, discover how God orchestrates everything for His glory and the good of His people, and see how the God of creation and covenant is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Sign up in the church office for the Bible study and for childcare.

Men's Ministry

Game Plan Men's Conference with Johnny Hunt | January 25 & 26 | Atlanta, Ga

Have you ever found yourself in trouble because you weren't prepared for the situation being thrown at you? Ever wondered how things would be different if you had a plan for overcoming life's obstacles? Come find out how you can have victory by creating a Game Plan that puts Christ at the center of everything you do. Contact Randy or Emily in the church office by Thursday, January 17 to register. Cost is \$65 for conference and Friday night meal plus hotel cost.

Community Ministry

Instructional Basketball Camp | Mondays, January 14-February 18 | 5:30-7:00 pm

Kids ages 6-11 will learn basketball fundamentals, on-court skills and teamwork principles. There will also be a time of Bible study to learn more about the love and grace of Jesus Christ. Cost is \$25 per player and is due at time of registration. Register with Greg or Anne at the ROC.

Senior Adult Ministry

Senior Adult Midweek Worship | Thursday, January 10 | 10:30 am | Sanctuary | Message by Randy Hunt

A chili lunch will follow in the Fellowship Center.

Second Sunday Night Service

A Night of Prayer

Sunday, January 13

6:00 pm in the Sanctuary

**Sunday Morning Worship
Broadcast on Radio
WIZB FM 94.3 at 11:00 am**



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January 12	Charles Uptain 334-797-7191
January 13	Reagan Farris 504-319-6986
January 19-20	Joyce Alexander 334-798-4791
January 26-27	Dan Tankersley 334-655-8765

CALVARY EXTENDS OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO...

Halena Anderson - death of mother
The family of Myra Faye Brackin
The family of Mildred Corbitt