

Celebration of Marriage

Sunday, February 10 6:00 pm Fellowship Center

We would like to have pictures for a slideshow at the celebration. Please send a wedding and a current picture to caren@calvarydothan.com by Monday, February 4.

Women's Bible Study

Begins Tuesday, February 5 | 9:30-11:00 am or Wednesday, February 6 | 6:00-7:15 pm Meeting Place: Children's Building Worship Room

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. 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 church office by February 1 for Bible study and childcare. Books are \$14 and will be available on th first day of study.

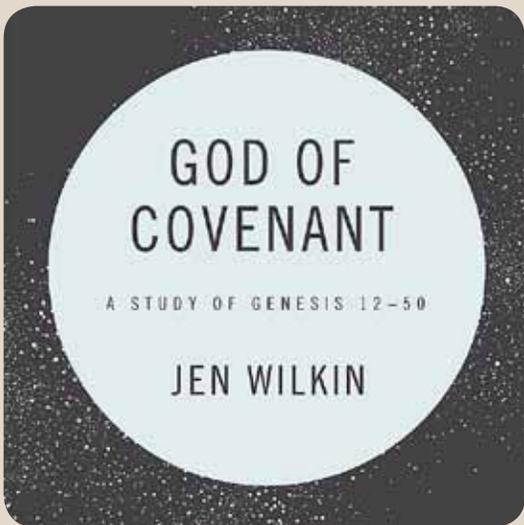


Table with 3 columns: Ministry Staff, Ministry Assistants, Support Staff. Lists names and titles of church personnel.

**For the Record
February, 2019**

Average Attendance:

10:30 Worship	677
Life Groups	653
Hispanic Church	132
Nursing Homes.....	78
Outreach Bible Study.....	12

Total Giving:

General Fund	\$179,409.58
Y-T-D Required	\$203,538.48
Lottie Moon	\$126,155.80
Lottie Moon Goal.....	\$140,000.00

Sermon Schedule

Sunday, February 3

10:00 am - Fellowship Center

Sacred: God's Design for Marriage

"A Persistent Intimacy"

Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday, February 6

6:00 pm - Sanctuary

Elijah: Prophet of Fire

"The Mysterious Appearance
of a Man of God"

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, February 10

10:00 am - Sanctuary

Sacred: God's Design for Marriage

"A Persevering Devotion"

Message by Paul Thompson

6:00 pm - Fellowship Center

Celebration of Marriage

Wednesday, February 13

6:00 pm - Sanctuary

Elijah: Prophet of Fire

"Brooks, Birds, and the
(Often Unseen) Purposes of God"

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, February 17

10:00 am - Fellowship Center

Sacred: God's Design for Marriage

"Healing, Hope, and the Future"

Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday, February 20

6:00 pm - Sanctuary

Elijah: Prophet of Fire

"Clash at Mt. Carmel"

Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, February 24

10:00 am - Fellowship Center

Strength in Weakness

"The Comforts of God"

Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday, February 27

6:00 pm - Sanctuary

Elijah: Prophet of Fire

"When the Lord Passes By"

Message by Paul Thompson

From Our Senior Pastor

As we approach the end of our series, Sacred: God's Design for Marriage, I want to share a few observations and thoughts of where we've been so far and where we're headed.

I'm getting lots of good feedback about how people are taking to heart the challenges they are hearing in worship and in their Life Groups, and about the specific steps people are taking to see real change happen in their marriages. While there are no quick fixes, much of what we have studied are necessary catalysts to beginning the necessary changes that heal a marriage. And remember, knowing principles won't change a marriage. Obeying God's Word and following God's design will! So keep it up! Don't go on feelings, but go on trust – knowing that God's way is always best.

Many of you have been married a lot longer than my 26 years, and yet here you are, week after week, listening, learning, and applying. What an encouragement you are! Some of you have the opportunity to mentor, coach, and otherwise influence a whole new generation in marriage. You have much to share and your words and lives will have great impact. And even if there is no one in your life to mentor in this area right now, your presence cheering and encouraging our married couples to grow in godliness, commitment, and joy is vital. In a culture that – at best – misunderstands biblical marriage, and - at worse – despises it, you are helping make much of God and his great gift of marriage. Keep setting the pace!

For many people listening, these messages have been hard. Experiencing hurt and/or strife in their marriages now, or dealing with the despair and devastation of divorce from the past, these messages on God's ideal for marriage can be difficult to take. I realize this and I hope you will stick it out till the end for the final message, "Not Quite What I Planned" on February 17th. I'll talk about God's word for those who are in a place they never thought they'd be. We'll talk about what God's grace means for your future.

I've spoken with a few widows about the series as well. Missing someone you loved for so long and well is a pain I can't quite imagine. Hearing about marriage has been bittersweet. You have been reminded of a spouse you love, and that brings back a flood of wonderful memories. You've also been reminded of a spouse that's no longer here, and that stirs up a lot of sadness. Thank you for being here nonetheless and for championing godly marriages.

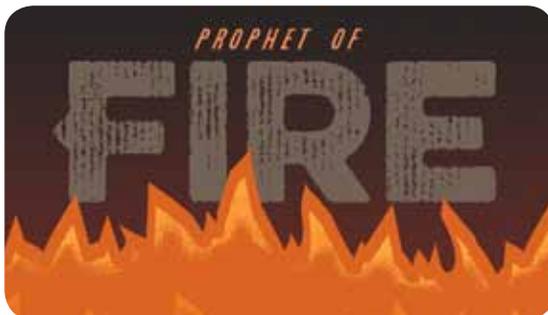
So, for those of you for whom this series has been tough, thanks for sticking it out. Married, widowed, divorced, or single, you are a beloved part of the body of Christ and we are glad you are here.

Finally, the more I study and teach on the subject, the more I realize that these messages on marriage are really messages on Jesus. Jesus and his relationship with us, his bride, is not a metaphor for marriage. It's the other way around. When we talk about God's design for marriages, we are talking more about God's design for salvation – how he loves us, chooses us, saves us, and sanctifies us, so that one day we can enjoy Him forever in heaven. Isn't that something we all need to hear?

Will you plan to be part of our Celebration of Marriage on Sunday, February 10th as we celebrate the beautiful design and glorious gift of marriage? We are going to enjoy a great meal together, laugh, maybe cry a little, be challenged, encouraged and blessed as we celebrate what God has done and is doing and will one day complete. Godly marriages bless individuals, families, churches, communities, and nations. We all need to celebrate that!

I love my church family!

Pastor Paul



New Midweek Series

Elijah: Prophet of Fire

February 6-March 6

6:00 pm

Sanctuary

Ministry News

Modern Questions about Christianity

Sundays, March 17-April 7 | 5:00-6:00 pm | In the College Room | Led by John Stickle

Have you ever questioned or have been questioned about the validity of the Bible? Questions like, "The Bible contradicts itself so it must be false, right?" Or have you ever wondered about how science and Christianity are related or the value of Christian religious belief in the academy? Or perhaps you've wondered why God let's evil persist in the world or ever let evil enter into the world in the first place. If you have ever asked these questions or know someone who is asking these questions, please join us for a study through Modern Questions about Christianity. This is a discussion-based study on how we can lovingly and wisely answer these questions for ourselves and our friends.

Ministry Opportunity

American Red Cross Disaster Institute | February 18 – March 2

Calvary is hosting the Disaster Institute for the American Red Cross again this year. We will have the opportunity to serve 300 Red Cross volunteers and staff from the Southeast Region of the U.S. We will need Calvary members to help host this event. You can sign up in Life Groups beginning February 3 to help with the Institute.

Membership Matters

Wednesday, February 6 | 5:45 pm | Parlor

Whether you are new at Calvary or have been at Calvary for a long time, this class offers all the information you need to know about Calvary.

Word-filled Women's Ministry

Coffee & Connect | Sunday, March 3

All women are invited to gather in the Parlor at 3:00 pm for conversation, coffee and connection.

Calvary Kid's Ministry

VBS is Coming!

Yes, it's already that time of year to start thinking about VBS, and why wouldn't we? It's the biggest event that we do in the realm of children's ministry all year. The dates for our 2019 VBS are June 3-8. Our theme is "In the Wild" Amazing Encounters with Jesus. If you are interested in being apart of the VBS team, reach out to us to get the conversation started. Email Brooke: brooke@calvarydothan.com, or call the church office.

"Change" for Missions Night / Wednesday, February 13

During this edition of our Wednesday Night ministry known as SPARK! kids are encouraged to bring coins to give as an offering that will be given to our missionary partners.

Game Show Kids Worship / Sunday, March 3

This will be a worship service kids won't want to miss! We will integrate review questions from all we have learned throughout the past semester into a variety of different game shows.

Student Ministry

D-Groups

We are starting a new environment and next step process called D-groups on Sunday evenings in homes, 6:00-7:30 pm. In our D-groups, we will be leading students in a process of maturing spiritually and giving them the tools to turn around and give it away to others. We want to encourage all our high school students to participate. We have a great team of adult leaders who have been learning this process and are ready to take on a few students each to train them and be their coach in their continued journey of learning to follow Jesus and leading others to do the same. I hope your student joins us!

Wired

If your student would like to attend WIRED, the **deadline to register is Sunday, March 10**. A \$50 deposit and paperwork is due at time of registration. Registration packets are available in the church office and the Student Room.

Senior Adult Ministry

Ministry Opportunity

All our senior adults are invited to take part in a ministry opportunity to Westside Terrace on Wednesday, February 13. We will leave the church at 9:20 am and share a special Valentine card with the residents, the Sunshine choir will sing, and then we will all share lunch at Blue Plate.

Senior Adult Midweek Worship | Thursday February 14 | 10:30 am | Sanctuary

Message by Regan Farris with our Student Ministry. Lunch will follow in the Fellowship Center.

Senior Adult Dinner at Pond House Restaurant | Thursday, February 28

We will leave Calvary at 3:30 pm. Sign up with Emily in the Church office.



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Faye Brooks - death of sister
James Chandler - death of father
The family of Dan Cotant
Matthew Dorsey - death of grandmother
Stan Jones - death of father
The family of Betsy Keyton
Angie Parmer - death of mother

CALVARY WELCOMES TO OUR FAMILY...



By Baptism
Mary Alan Colbert



By Statement
Michael & Roberta Davis



By Statement
Brannon & Brynne Heape
Also pictured: Ann Kathryn

STAFF ON CALL SCHEDULE

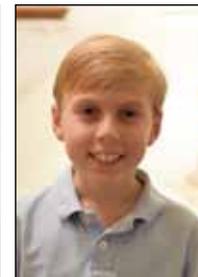
February 2	Matthew Dorsey 919-495-9483
February 3	Randy Hunt 334-791-7986
February 9	Charles Uptain 334-797-7191
February 10	Reagan Farris 504-319-6986
February 16 & 17	Joyce Alexander 334-798-4791
February 23 & 24	Dan Tankersley 334-655-8765



By Letter
Michael & Shelby Kreger
Alexander & Aidan Kreger
Also pictured: Deacon & Hadley



By Letter
Kim McGainey



By Baptism
Charlie Uptain



By Letter
David Woodham
Also pictured:
Elizabeth Woodham