

Annie Armstrong Offering for North American Missions

Calvary's Goal: \$40,000

The North American Mission Board and its missionaries serve a diverse and complex region.

- United States, Canada and U. S. Territories of Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa
- 363 million people
- 350 languages
- 14+ religions
- 273 million estimated lost

The North American Mission Board sees a mission field that needs the hope of the gospel. Your prayers and gifts provide support for more than 5,000 missionaries who are planting new churches in unreached communities and reaching out to meet needs. Every day lives are being impacted and transformed.



Orphan Sunday Sunday, April 7

On Orphan Sunday we will reflect on God's deep love for the fatherless and what ordinary people can do in response.

We want to create a video of families who have been impacted by adoption. If you were adopted or have adopted a child, please email a picture to carencalvarydothan.com by Friday, March 29.

There will be a lunch in the gym following worship for those who would like to learn more about foster care and adoption.

Ministry Staff

Paul Thompson	Senior Pastor
Charles Uptain	Executive Pastor
Dan Tankersley	Discipleship Pastor
Matthew Dorsey	Worship Pastor
Joyce Alexander	Preschool
Zach Daniels	Children
Reagan Farris	Student
Randy Hunt	Senior Adult
Greg Pendergrass	Community

Ministry Assistants

Caren Coleson	Pastoral
Rebekah McLure	Music
Carol Morris	Admin/Finance
Anne Register	Community
Emily Shiver	Senior Adults/enAble
Brooke Stickles	Families
Angie Tice	Membership

Support Staff

Nolan Dykes	Tech/Sound
Mark Shiver	Facilities

Weekday Ministry

Michelle Beasley	Director
Nickie Smith	Receptionist

For the Record
February, 2019

Average Attendance:

10:30 Worship	623
Life Groups	584
Hispanic Church	124
Nursing Homes.....	80
Outreach Bible Study.....	13

Total Giving:

General Fund	\$348,716.07
Y-T-D Required	\$407,076.96

Sermon Schedule

Sunday, March 3

10:00 am - Fellowship Center

Strength in Weakness
"Following God...When You Can't
See the Whole Picture"
Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday, March 6

6:00 pm - Sanctuary

Elijah: Prophet of Fire
"On a Chariot of Fire"
Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, March 10

10:00 am - Fellowship Center

Strength in Weakness
"Sometimes, Pain Heals"
Message by Paul Thompson

6:00 pm - Sanctuary

A Night of Prayer for the Generations

Wednesday, March 13

6:00 pm - Sanctuary

Elijah: Prophet of Fire
Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, March 17

10:00 am - Fellowship Center

Strength in Weakness
"A Satanic Strategy"
Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday, March 20

6:00 pm - Sanctuary

Elijah: Prophet of Fire
Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, March 24

10:00 am - Fellowship Center

Strength in Weakness
"Giving Off Christ"
Message by Paul Thompson

Wednesday, March 27

6:00 pm - Sanctuary

Elijah: Prophet of Fire
Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, March 31

10:00 am - Fellowship Center

Strength in Weakness
"Living Letters"
Message by Paul Thompson

From Our Senior Pastor

Draw a circle.

That circle represents the authority of God in your life (not His sovereignty – you and I have no control over that – He rules all without our consent or approval). I'm talking about a circle whose contents include all that you have yielded to His Word and will. These are the areas of our lives where we have consciously and actively submitted to God's authority – we know what He desires for us and what He denies from us, and we obey.

What's outside of that circle? Your money? Your free time? Your relationships? Your sexuality? Your business decisions? Your politics? Anything? Be honest. If you have any part of your life – beliefs, values, priorities, activities, relationships, etc. – outside of that circle and out from under God's authority, then that's a very serious issue if you call yourself a Christian. And this scenario begs a critical question. What does it really (biblically) mean to be a "Christian"?

My point in this little exercise is to challenge a modern myth about 'Christianity'. It seems I encounter more and more people these days who want to claim the label, but want to exclude certain areas of their lives from God's authority and dominion. "I'm a LGBTQ Christian". "I'm a Christian, but I don't believe in organized religion." "I'm a pro-choice Christian". "I'm a Christian, but I don't believe (fill in the blank from the Bible)". Are they going to heaven? Maybe. But that's not the question I'm posing. I'm asking if they are – in any meaningful, biblical sense – a Christian if they reserve the right to say "no" to God in any area of their lives.

Charles Spurgeon wrote:

Every true Christian pronounces this phrase, "Jesus our Lord," with the emphasis of unreservedness. We desire that Christ Jesus should be our Lord in everything and Lord over every part of our being. . . . He who truly loves Jesus, and who knows that he is one of those who are redeemed by him, says with all his heart that Jesus is Lord, his absolute Sovereign ... having unlimited monarchy and supreme sway over the soul. Yea, O "Jesus our Lord," thou shalt be the autocratic, imperial Master of our heart, and of the whole dominion of our manhood!

My point is really and simply this: A biblical Christian has surrendered his/her life to the lordship of Christ. He rules. His Word is our infallible guide, and we don't have the right anymore to say no to Him!

As John MacArthur writes,

To be a Christian, in the true sense of the term, is to be a wholehearted follower of Jesus Christ. As the Lord Himself said in John 10:27, "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me". The name suggests much more than a superficial association with Christ. Rather, it demands a deep affection for Him, allegiance to Him, and submission to His Word.

So, go ahead. Draw that circle. And as you do, ask the Father to show you anything in your life you are excluding from His authority. Then submit to Him in that area. And as you do, know that He is a Good Father who loves His children and longs that we all would have abundant life!

Pastor Paul

Vacation Bible School

June 3-7, 2019

Sign up on March 10 in the Fellowship Center
to help in this year's Vacation Bible School.

VBS Clinic | March 21 | 6:00 pm

Ridgecrest Baptist Church

Come learn all you need to know about this year's VBS theme.

Ministry News

[Generous Giving](#)

Once again, our church family stepped up and surpassed a very challenging Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal. We received over \$142,000 that will go straight to our missionaries around the globe. Now we ask that you keep that spirit of cheerful giving as you help us meet our General Budget requirements here at Calvary.

[RightNow Media Discipleship Resources](#)

Calvary provides its members free digital discipleship resources through RightNow Media. With over 14,000 Bible study videos for adults and tons of Christian children's videos, there is something for everyone. Let the church office know you would like to join and an invitation email will be sent to you for you to register.

[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.

[Membership Matters](#)

Wednesday, March 13 | 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 and how you can become a member.

[Guatemala Mission Trip](#)

March 23-28

Please pray for our team as they will be training school teachers, training pastors/leaders, and discipling our church partners at Elim Baptist Church in Guatemala City.

[Calvary Kid's Ministry](#)

Dad and Kids Camp Out | March 8-9

This is an overnight campout at the Weatherly/Woodham Farm for all families with children in the Calvary Kids Ministry. To register, email zach@calvarydothan.com by Monday, March 4 at noon, or call Zach Daniels at 334-792-5159.

[Student Ministry](#)

Deadline for Wired

A \$50 deposit and ALL paperwork is due by **Sunday, March 10** if your student plans to attend WIRED with Calvary, June 23-28. This is WIRED's deadline and students cannot be added after this date. Registration packets are located in the Student Room.

High School D-Groups

High school discipleship groups meet on Sunday nights at 6:00 pm. Contact Brooke Stickle in the church office or Reagan Farris at reagancfarris1@gmail.com for more details and locations.

[Senior Adult Ministry](#)

Sonshine Choir Singing for the Second Sunday evening service on March 10. The service will begin at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

Senior Adult Mid-Month Worship | Thursday, March 21 | 10:30 am | Sanctuary

Lunch will follow in the Fellowship Center

Senior Adult Evangelism Conference | **May 5-6**

The conference will be held in Birmingham, AL. We will leave Sunday, May 4. The conference is free but there will be a cost for the hotel for one night plus your meals. Sign up begins at the Mid-Month luncheon on March 21.

[Upcoming April Events](#)

Movie Night | American Gospel: Christ Alone

Sunday, April 14 | 5:00-7:30 pm | Fellowship Center

The movie American Gospel explores the core question of Christianity, 'What is the gospel?' through the distorting lens of American culture. There will be activities for preschool and children.

Secret Church Simulcast with David Platt

Friday, April 26 | 6:00 pm-12:00 am | Fellowship Center

2019 Theme: Prayer, Fasting and the Pursuit of God



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- March 10** Reagan Farris
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- March 16 & 17** Joyce Alexander
 334-798-4791
- March 23 & 24** Dan Tankersley
 334-655-8765

CALVARY EXTENDS OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO...

The family of Mildred Bennett
The family of Whitney Devane
Larry Latta - death of niece

CALVARY WELCOMES TO OUR FAMILY...



By Letter
Chris Dickinson