



**Christ & Christian Community**  
2025 CBC Monthly Theme & Theme Verses

**I. Introduction**

- A. One focus of the elders recently has been to have a unifying theme to the 2025 calendar year. We want Calvary Baptist Church to be unified together behind our purpose and mission.
1. Mission: Calvary Baptist Church exists to come together around Christ's great commission by making and maturing disciples who enter into public membership and the work of the ministry for the *purpose* of honoring God.
  2. Purpose: Calvary Baptist Church seeks to honor God.
  3. The emphasis in these statements include *community* (i.e., *fellowship*), *evangelism*, *Christian maturity*, and *exaltation of Christ*.
- B. While we understand that there are many nuances and emphases that we could bring as themes connected to our mission and purpose, we have together agreed on two which we believe will help our church increase in our love for God (and for the message we have been entrusted), and for *one another*.

**II. 2025 Two-fold focus**

- A. Christ & the Gospel—the Only Way into Christian Community
1. Christ will build His church  
**Matthew 16:18** And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.
  2. God sets His love upon Christians  
**1 John 3:1** Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.
  3. The only way to God is through Christ  
**John 10:9** I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.
  4. Jesus calls all people to follow Him  
**Mark 8:34** When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

5. We have been entrusted a message proclaim to the world  
**1 Corinthians 1:24** But we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness.
6. Our message is “Be reconciled to God!”  
**2 Corinthians 5:20** Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God.

B. Christians & Fellowship—Characteristics of Christian Community

1. Prayerful  
**James 5:20** Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.
2. Loving  
**Colossians 3:14** But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.
3. Bearing Burdens  
**Galatians 6:2** Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.
4. Unity  
**Philippians 1:27** Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel.
5. Thankful  
**1 Thessalonians 5:18** In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
6. Abounding in Hope & Joy  
**Romans 15:13** Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

III. **Conclusion**

Our focus in 2025, then, is *Christ & Christian Community*. Christ—the gospel of Jesus Christ and how it is the means by which we come into the community of believers. Christian Community—the group of called out followers of Jesus who live together on our sojourn towards eternity.

*We [Calvary Baptist Church] must proclaim and believe the gospel of Jesus for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes—living together in harmony and love as we look for the day of His appearing.*