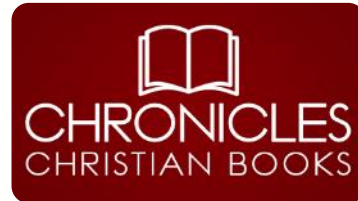


SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2025



**SHEPHERD** *of the* **HILLS**  
CALVARY CHAPEL

**DOING LIFE TOGETHER**  
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER AND ORDER OF WORSHIP



### **VERSE OF ENCOURAGEMENT**

"The Lord is good; His  
love endures forever.  
Let the redeemed of the  
Lord say this."

*Psalms 107:1-2*

## Message Series:

**I believe in God, but**



*Winter-Spring 2025 Teaching Series*

**I BELIEVE IN GOD, BUT...  
I HAVE DOUBTS**

**SPEAKER:**  
Pastor Collin Monger

### **8:00 AM Service Worship**

Let The Redeemed (208)  
Come Thou Fount (11)  
Be Thou My Vision (562)  
How Great Thou Art (147)

#### **Closing:**

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus  
(581)

### **9:30 & 11 AM Service Worship**

Endless Light  
Counting On God  
This I Believe  
Give Me Faith

*Song Lyrics on pages 3-4*

### **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Songs of Worship  
Moment of Prayer  
Good News Mystery  
Box  
Children's Message  
Announcements  
Message  
Closing Worship

**SUBMIT  
PRAYER REQUESTS**

**GIVING**

**VISITORS**

**BIBLE**

**SERVICE TIMES**

**8:00 AM**  
Acoustic Service

**9:30 AM**  
Sunday School

**9:30 & 11 AM**  
Contemporary  
Service

# Upcoming Events

Offering Agape drop-boxes are available at each entrance to the sanctuary. You can also give electronically here: [www.soth.church/giving](http://www.soth.church/giving)

**TODAY! Volunteer Information Lunch, Sunday February 9th, 16th, and 23rd at 12:15 PM.** *If you volunteer in any area of the church, we are inviting you to an informational lunch offered on the 9th, 16th and 23rd of February. This is an open forum to provide some general training as well as to hear from you as to how we can assist each ministry better. Please sign up at the Event Sign-Up Kiosk for one of these dates to allow us to prepare enough food.*

**TODAY! H2O Youth Candy Fundraiser.** *Purchase a box of peanut butter, peppermint, orange crème, or coffee chocolates in the lobby. \$8 for a ½ pound box. Supports our H2O Jr. & Sr. High youth ministry.*

**Wednesdays: H2O Kids & H2O Jr. / Sr. High (K-12th Grade) 6:30 PM & Verse-By-Verse Service 7:00 PM**

**Shepherd 102: Sunday February 16th at 12:15 PM** *The Calvary Chapel Distinctives are what separates us from other Evangelical churches. Join us for a Shepherd 102 class in the Library. The class is open to all, whether you've just started attending or have attended for a lifetime. Please consider purchasing the Calvary Chapel Distinctives from our bookstore. Lunch will be provided.*

**North Carolina Mission Trip – with Calvary Philly (March)** *We are partnering with Calvary Chapel Philadelphia for a weeklong Mission Trip to North Carolina to help those affected by hurricanes this past year. Please note that this date is not finalized, so you will be contacted directly with more information. There is a maximum of 5 people for this trip. All expenses will be paid by Shepherd of the Hills. Sign up at the Event Sign-Up Kiosk or [online or church app](#) to be on our waitlist for more information.*

**Service & Ministry Fair Sunday, March 16th** *Looking for a way to get connected here at Shepherd of the Hills? Join us on Sunday, March 16th for a Service & Ministry fair in the main lobby.*

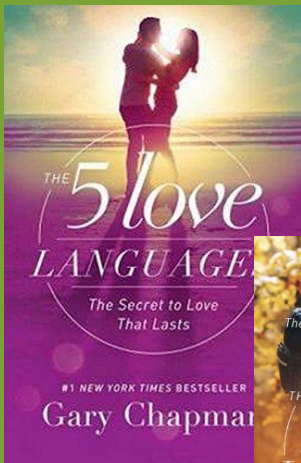
**VBS Volunteer Sign-Up is available today at the Event Sign-Up Kiosk.** *If you are interested in volunteering for VBS (June 23-27, 9:00 AM – Noon), [sign up online here](#) or at the Event Sign-Up Kiosk.*

**We ask everyone to please refrain from bringing food or snacks into the sanctuary. Thank you.**

## BOOK of the month

Get last week's message and message notes [online here](#), or through our [SOTH Church Mobile app](#).

## THE 5 LOVE LANGUAGES By Gary Chapman

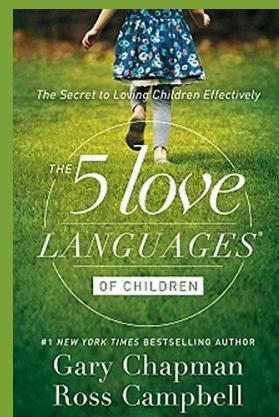
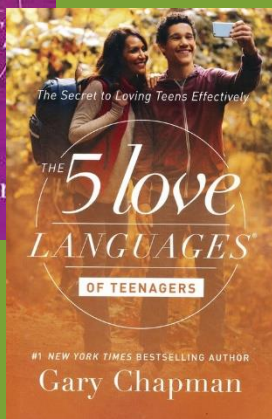


By Gary Chapman. Falling in love is easy. Staying in love—that's the challenge. How can you keep your relationship fresh and growing amid the demands, conflicts, and just plain boredom of everyday life?

The 5 Love Languages is as practical as it is insightful. Updated to reflect the complexities of relationships today, this new edition reveals intrinsic truths and applies relevant, actionable wisdom in ways that work.

We're featuring all versions of this timeless classic, including the 5 Love Languages of Children and 5 Love Languages of Teens.

Pickup your copy at Chronicles Christian Books today!



# Songs of Worship

*Contemporary Service – 11:00 AM Live Stream*

## Endless Light

CCLI #6177300 | Karl Cashwell and Dean Ussher

### Verse 1

From the highest throne to the earth below  
You laid down Your life for the likes of us  
Great is the love of the Savior  
From a wounded heart to a life made whole  
Every human heart will declare as one  
Great is the love of the Savior

### Chorus 1

Lord of endless light  
Let Your glory shine forever  
All the earth  
All the earth sing Your praise

### Verse 2

From the mountain heights to the valleys low  
All created things given life to show  
Jesus we live for Your glory  
From the rising sun to the still of night  
Every waking moment for Your delight  
Jesus we live for Your glory

### Chorus 2

Lord of endless light  
Let Your glory shine forever  
All the earth  
All the earth sing Your praise  
Hope of every heart  
Let Your Name be lifted higher  
All our hearts  
All our hearts sing Your praise

### Bridge

God be exalted  
God be exalted in everything  
We live for Your glory  
Live for Your glory

### Chorus 2

### Bridge

## Counting On God

CCLI #5064366 | Jared Anderson

### Verse

Well I'm in a fight not physical  
And I'm in a war  
But not with this world  
And You are the light that's beautiful  
And I want more  
I want all that's Yours

### Pre-Chorus

Joy unspeakable that won't go away  
And just enough strength  
To live for today  
So I never have to worry  
What tomorrow will bring  
'Cause my faith is on solid rock  
I am counting on God

### Chorus

I'm counting on  
I'm counting on God  
I'm counting on  
I'm counting on God  
I'm counting on  
I'm counting on God  
I'm counting on  
I'm counting on God  
I'm counting on  
I'm counting on God

### Verse

### Pre-Chorus

### Chorus

### Bridge

And the miracle of Christ in me  
Is the mystery that sets me free  
I'm nothing like I used to be  
Just open up your eyes you'll see

### Pre-Chorus

### Chorus

# Songs of Worship

*Contemporary Service – 11:00 AM Live Stream*

## **This I Believe**

**CCLI #7018338 | Ben Fielding and Matt Crocker**

### *Verse 1*

Our Father everlasting  
The all creating One God Almighty  
Through Your Holy Spirit conceiving Christ the Son  
Jesus our Savior

### *Chorus 1*

I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in One  
I believe in the resurrection  
That we will rise again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

### *Verse 2*

Our judge and our defender  
Suffered and crucified forgiveness is in You  
Descended into darkness You rose in glorious life  
Forever seated high

### *Chorus 1*

### *Bridge*

I believe in You  
I believe You rose again  
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

### *Chorus 2*

I believe in life eternal  
I believe in the virgin birth  
I believe in the saints' communion  
And in Your holy Church  
I believe in the resurrection  
When Jesus comes again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

### *Chorus 1*

### *Ending*

For I believe in the Name of Jesus

## **Give Me Faith**

**CCLI #5680939 | Mack Brock, Chris Brown, London Gatch,  
and Wade Joye**

### *Verse 1*

I need You  
To soften my heart  
And break me apart  
I need You  
To open my eyes  
To see that You're  
Shaping my life

### *Pre-Chorus*

All I am  
I surrender

### *Chorus*

Give me faith  
To trust what You say  
That You're good  
And Your love is great  
I'm broken inside  
I give You my life

### *Verse 2*

I need You  
To soften my heart  
And break me apart  
I need You  
To pierce through the dark  
And cleanse every part of me

### *Pre-Chorus*

### *Chorus*

### *Bridge*

'Cause I may be weak  
But Your Spirit's strong in me  
My flesh may fail  
My God You never will

### *Chorus*



# VOLUNTEER CORNER

The ministry of Shepherd of the Hills Calvary Chapel is not possible without the help of many volunteers who give their time and talents to serve in various areas of the church.

## Serving Today 02/09

Welcome Desk: Mary S.

Greeters: Bill & Sybilla G. / Bill & Patti W. / Margret S.

Calvary Cafe: Karla O. / Frank & Eilean D.

Chronicles Books: Patti W.

## Calvary Kids Ministry

Crib Room (9:30): Katie L.

Toddler Care (9:30): Sarah M. / Diane B.

Children's Church (11:00): Crystal O. / Isabella B.

## A/V Team

Sound: Dolly K. / Brad S.

Video: Stan K. / Gail A.

## Logistics Team

Deacon: Paul L.

Offering Counters: Rob & Ginny S.

## Serving Next Week 02/16

Welcome Desk: Diane K.

Greeters: Kevin & Stephanie H./ Roger & Sharon E./ Stacy S.

Calvary Cafe: Sandy & Brian L./ Chevelle P. & Sierra M.

Chronicles Books: Donna C.

## Calvary Kids Ministry

Crib Room (9:30): Diana K.

Toddler Care (9:30): Mike & Joelle W.

Children's Church (11:00): Maddie O. & Owen M..

## A/V Team

Sound: Neil S./ Ken N.

Video: Paul Y./ Sharon M.

## Logistics Team

Deacon: Ken Nase

Offering Counters: Jeannette K./Marie M./ Donna C.

## SOTH CC mobile app



*Stay connected with Shepherd of the Hills by downloading our Mobile App Today!*

*Our mobile app allows you to get instant updates and events about the church, as well as download and listen to messages, study God's Word, give Online, and more!*

## VOLUNTEER CORNER Service Opportunities

*Are you interested in serving here at Shepherd of the Hills? Here are just a few areas that have an active need.*

**Toddler Care Room Assistant:** We are looking for volunteers to assist in our Toddler Care Room during the 11:00 AM Service. This is a rotating schedule (once every 4-6 weeks). Please contact Renee Miller at [rmiller@soth.church](mailto:rmiller@soth.church) if interested in helping. Per PA law, background clearances will be needed.

**Building Upkeep Volunteers:** We are seeking individuals who are interested in helping to clean the building and perform general upkeep as needed. If interested, please contact the church office at [info@soth.church](mailto:info@soth.church)

**Multimedia Team:** We're looking for people to join our multimedia team on Sunday mornings. You would be helping with video and audio production, sound mixing, and other tech-related areas of the Sunday service. If you're interested in helping, let us know! Experience not needed and we will provide all the training you need. Email pastor Jon at [media@soth.church](mailto:media@soth.church)

**Connect Group Leader:** We are currently looking for people to host in-home small groups. The person must be (or willing to become) a member of SOTH, be a believer, be able to host a group of between 7 and 10 other people twice per month and be able to coordinate the group's meetings. This person ideally will have a spiritual giftedness of a pastor, teacher, administrator, host, or other relevant gift. If you are interested in serving in this way, please contact Pastor Jason at [jwells@soth.church](mailto:jwells@soth.church).



## HOW TO SUPPORT MISSIONS

You can give financial support to our Missions projects through our regular giving envelopes by check or cash. You can also give *Electronically* using our [Online Giving Portal](#), through our [Mobile App](#), or at Chronicles Christian Books.

You can also support our missionaries by sending a SOTH Missions **Postcard** at Chronicles Books. You can write an encouraging message to our commitment missionary of the month, and we will mail the card for you.

# February Missions

When David and Lee began in ministry it was with Haven of Hope in Philadelphia. Their objective was to be a place where the Gospel is presented boldly, and women imprisoned by drug addictions can have a new life through faith, hope, and strength in Jesus Christ.

Moving on from there David worked at World Evangelization for Christ (WEC) headquarters in Fort Washington, PA. WEC helps local churches strategically focus their mission and ministry. They develop partnerships with missionaries in the field, recruits missionaries, and sends out short-term teams. It was while working here that David and Lee gained a desire to see the people of Morocco reached with the message of Jesus.

Feeling a calling from the Lord to use his gifts and talents to help evangelize and disciple, David is

**David & Lee H.** are our **Missions Commitment** focus for the month of February. They serve in the country of **Morocco**.

currently serving as a pastor of a congregation consisting of mostly sub-Saharan African Christians in the country of Morocco. Lee, his wife, is also working with the church in discipleship and women's ministries.

David: "We ask that you pray for us to be able to visit the new attendees of our church; It's hard to fit in all that we have to do. Pray also for the deepening of the spiritual lives of our leaders and that they will resist the huge temptations that are constantly in their face. Pray for the continued progress on the sanctuary enlargement and that we can learn who to go to get the authorization. Please continue to pray for a hunger and thirst for the Word of God by our

church members. At times, it seems like they are mainly interested in miracles, supernatural manifestations and "prosperity" more than the Giver Himself. Lastly, pray that God will draw those who are in the peripheral of the church family into a vibrant relationship with Him."

## FEBRUARY MISSIONS Vision Project



“Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”

### Mission Trip Birdsboro & Beyond is our Missions Vision Project for the month of February.

Several businesses, non-profits, and churches of the greater Birdsboro area have been partnering to make a lasting difference in the local community

**Purpose:** To serve homeowners in need that live within a 15 minute radius

**How?** Volunteers help with general home maintenance, landscaping, painting, cleaning, and more as a ministry of service

**When?** Every July, for four days of service

**Who?** There will be opportunities to help with the service component but there is also monetary needs currently to support the projects.

# Monthly Updates

## An Update from the Pastor...

Hi church! I was having a conversation with someone recently where they shared how their church had integrated new technology into the service. They were describing the TV screens, Artificial Intelligence, and other high-tech elements they have started using. And while I would never speak down about a church “being all things to all people” (as Paul said), it did make me think; is there such a thing as “too much?”

The answer to that question is, I believe, yes. Where the line is will change depending on the circumstance but, yes, there is such a thing as “too much.” We need to be careful when introducing anything into the church that may prevent or interfere with relationships. After all, the word “church” means a gathering of people – not a production of activities. We do

not gather to simply observe a show put on by a few, but rather to create and develop relationships with God and others. So, any time a mechanical instrument takes over a task a person once performed, we need to be cautious.

So, with all of this in mind, we will be doing some things that provide better connection and more opportunities to serve.

One thing will be asking for volunteers to hand out bulletins to those entering the sanctuary. It is one thing to pick one up from a podium, but it is another to personally receive something from someone welcoming you. If you would like to help with this, please speak with one of our pastors. We will be looking to make this change within the next several weeks.

In a world racing towards individualism and disconnection, the church remains the place where people still come together and serve one another, and that is something no amount of technology can replace.

Pastor Collin Monger  
Senior Pastor



## Property Updates

The church property is large – between 15 and 20 acres. That means it takes constant upkeep and work to ensure it remains capable of meeting the needs of the ministry. Here are some recent updates regarding the property:

- We are well into the winter months and continue to praise the Lord for the beauty that winter weather brings. With that, we do ask that you bear with us as our heating system works non-stop to keep the building comfortable. We realize that certain rooms may be slightly cooler than others and may require a sweater or jacket. Being proactive in these measures can help us keep heating costs down during the extreme cold.
- We need more space for the youth and other activities that currently take place in the school, on the lower level, and in the fellowship hall. Please pray for God to open a door of provision for this need.
- The driveway entrances near the main road need to be repaired. This

has been discussed and we are looking to have those done as soon as possible, weather dependent.

- Our library needs updating to meet the needs of the people using the room. Since the room is not used as a library anymore and is instead used for meetings, classes, and Bible studies, the idea is to update it to fit those needs. The plan is to keep books needed by the church and have a book fair at some point to allow people from the church a chance to purchase books from the library collection, with the rest being donated. The room will then be worked on to provide more seating and table space, technology resources and tools, and other things needed for that kind of space.

## CHURCH OFFICE UPDATES Ministry Assistant

We would like to introduce you to our new Ministry Assistant!

Amanda Ulmer will be joining our team:



Amanda will be taking over the role, formerly known as the church secretary, with expanded responsibilities to assist the pastors and church staff in building the ministry here at Shepherd of the Hills. Amanda has a servant's heart and is excited to see how the Lord will use her gifts and talents here at Shepherd. Please join us in welcoming Amanda to our team!



# Servant spotlight

## Crystal Orfield

Currently serving: Children's Ministries



My yearning to cultivate a deeper relationship with ABBA by sharing His scripture with the next generation is the very essence of my heartfelt service. This conviction, gently placed in my soul by the Holy Spirit before my journey to Shepherd of the Hills Calvary Chapel, began with my own children. By imparting these sacred texts to them, I aspire to nurture their personal connection with our Heavenly Father. It lays a sturdy foundation upon which they will stand throughout life's journey, illuminating who God is, what He has done for them, and defining who He says they are. My intention is to share God's word deliberately, reflecting the profound love and grace that Yeshua has shown me. Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

### MUSIC MOMENTS "Trading My Sorrows"

**Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning." – Psalm 30:4-5**

One of my favorite songs to lead in worship is "Trading My Sorrows" by Darrell Evans. It's a classic modern worship song from the late 90's that is just as relevant to the believer today as it was when it was published. Taking inspiration from Psalm 30 where David is praising the Lord at the dedication of the house of David (his palace), the song reflects on the goodness and grace of God amid adversity.

As we head into the new year, no doubt many of us are praying for relief from adversity. The previous year brought many challenges and trials, and 2025 will come with its own challenges and trials. But we know that no matter what we face, God is able to use every circumstance for good to accomplish His purpose (Romans 8:28). Even though we may be pressed, but not crushed, persecuted, but never abandoned (2 Corinthians 4:8-10), let us continually say "Yes, Lord, yes Lord, Yes, yes Lord!" – Yes, to God's will for our lives as we continue on in 2025.



## Spiritual Care: Being Still in the Pressing

**In this month's spiritual care message, we explore the importance of being still during times of pressing. The recent Sunday messages largely reminded us of God's sovereignty in the suffering. Rather than addressing why an all-knowing God allows suffering, I want to share a powerful position we can take: being still and knowing that He is God (Psalm 46:10)**

This scripture, written by an unknown Jew to their fellow Israelites, reminds them of God's sovereignty during their enslavement and persecution by the Babylonians. The verse encourages them to be still, trusting that God will use their suffering to complete His plan. While their enslavement was a period of hardship, it ultimately led to their prosperity, strengthened faith and dependence on God, contributing to their spiritual growth and renewal.

Suffering often leads to self-

preservation behaviors like anger and doubt. These reactions can cause more pain. The Israelites likely felt these emotions during their captivity but were reminded to be still. Practicing stillness helps us trust the Lord and place our burdens in His capable hands. If you are feeling anxious, spend time in prayer, asking the Lord to help you be still to his voice. Read Psalm 46 and ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate its meaning in your heart. Trusting in God during hardships will lead to a deeper understanding and reliance on Him, strengthening your faith and guiding you through life's pressing challenges.

For more counsel and prayer around life's difficult challenges, reach out to Pastor Jason 610-754-6446 ex 23 or email at [jwells@soth.church](mailto:jwells@soth.church).







Calvary Kids is the children's ministries of Shepherd of the Hills Calvary Chapel, it includes everything kid: Sunday school, children's church, our care room and the infant's crib room are all included. In addition, our summer Vacation Bible School, our Wednesday night H2O Kids, and other children's events are all part of Calvary Kids.

#### **Sunday Morning Kids Ministries:**

8:00 AM Service: Kids are dismissed following the Good News Mystery Box to the Children's Room for a Bible lesson followed by fellowship and play.

9:30 AM Service: Kids are encouraged to attend our Sunday School for all ages for the whole 9:30-10:30 AM hour. We also have childcare for infants and toddlers.

11:00 AM Service: Kids are dismissed following the Good News Mystery Box to Children's Church and Care Room

**January was an eventful month for the Calvary Kids at SOTH Calvary Chapel. We started 3 new series in Sunday School and H2O Youth Club. Teaching the children about God's Word, His Character and His Promises through skits, Bible Study, crafts, and games. As we continue in these different series, the following descriptions will give a better idea of what the children are learning.**

**Preschool - Kindergarten Sunday School:** Series Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:16 (Meets upstairs in PreK Room)

The Children series "Books of the Bible" is continuing to move along. The children will be learning the following:

- Minor Leaguers: Minor Prophets Zechariah 1:1-6
- Books about Jesus: Sum up Jesus Life John 3:16-17
- History Again! Saul's Conversion Acts 9:1-19
- Dear Pastor: Church division over leaders 1 Corinthians 1:10-17

**1st - 4th Grade Sunday School:** Continuing in Series "Unleash Your Superpowers" (Downstairs Classrooms)

When we fill our hearts and minds with God's Word, we are given, by the Holy Spirit, a whole slew of our own unbeatable superpowers. The kids will end the month with a new series titled, "Opposite Day".

The "Opposite Day" series is Radical Wisdom from the Sermon on the Mount. This series focuses on the Beatitudes found in Matthew Chapter 5. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus gives us a picture of how we are to live, love and treat other people, that was radically different from the wisdom of his day... and today. Sometimes God's way is opposite from our way.

- Flight: Trust, Isaiah 40:28-31
- Invisibility: Love, Matthew 25:31-46
- Replication: Tell, Acts 1:4-11
- Beatitudes: Me Attitudes, Matthew 5:1-12

**Sunday School 5th and 6th Grade:** Continuing in the Series on the Festivals of Old Testament and how they point to Jesus in the New Testament

- Lent, Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter
- The Feast Weeks (Shavuot and Pentecost)
- Festival of Trumpets (Rosh Hashanah) Good Friday and Easter recap
- Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur)

Please keep our church family, pastors, teachers and children lifted up in prayer. As always, we look forward to spending time with your children, learning more about our Great God and the plans and promises He has for all of us.

**Wednesday Evening Ministry - 6:30-8:30: H2O Kids - Drop off at the Fellowship Hall**

Sign in your children, Kindergarten through 5th Grade. at the Fellowship Hall. All children start the evening with games, a skit and worship to our Great God. After that, we split into K-2 and 3-5th grades for a Bible Study Lesson, a small group discussion and a craft.

"BUGS" Continuing in the series, "Little Things Make a Big Difference." Scripture Inspiration Psalm 19:1 "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands"

- Firefly: Matthew 5:13-16, Salt and Light. In the summertime, there is nothing that lights up the night sky like fireflies. God want us to be his light in this world, so others can see Jesus
- Grasshoppers: Genesis 19:12-29, Lot flees from Sodom and Gomorrah: No bug is harder to catch than the grasshopper. When they see trouble, they jump to safety. God wants us to flee from temptation.
- Roly Poly: 2 Chronicles 20:1-30, Jehoshaphat leads Judah to Victory: When the Roly Poly gets spooked, he rolls into a little ball and often gets batted around! God doesn't want us to hide in fear, but to trust Him and be brave.
- Praying Mantis: Luke 18:19-14, Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector: The praying Mantis only looks like he is praying to God; he's actually looking for something to eat! God wants us to be people who genuinely pray and seek Him, everyday!

Come and join the kids, as we delve in to God's amazing Word, learning through scripture, games, crafts and skits.

Renee Miller

Women & Children's Ministry Director



# Shepherd of the Hills CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Shepherd of the Hills Christian School continues to be a place of learning, discovery, and excitement! Beginning in January the school launched a schoolwide chapel, a time of worship, biblical study, and fellowship for students of all ages. During this time the students have wrestled with tough concepts like the trinity, creation, and sin. It is a joy to watch as students worship the Lord and share a little about their relationship with God.

**Registration is also open for the 2025-2026 school year.** If you have a child who is Preschool- Kindergarten age,

Our Christian School operates here at Shepherd of the Hills, Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. There are a total of 5 classes ranging from ages 3 to kindergarten with approximately 40+ students enrolled for the 2024-2025 school year.

[click or tap here](#), if you have questions or would like meet with someone about the school, contact pastor Charles at [crowdon@soth.church](mailto:crowdon@soth.church) to arrange a tour.



## H2O HIS TO OWN YOUTH UPDATES

We're excited to share with you the latest experiences in our Youth Ministry as we enter the final month of the year. The past few months have been filled with growth, community, and opportunities to serve, and we are eager to keep the momentum going as we prepare for the new year. Here's a quick look at what's been happening with our Middle School and High School H2O groups.



**Our Middle School & High School groups meet every Wednesday night from 6:30-8:30 PM for Bible study, games, and small group discussions.**

January was a month of excitement and spiritual growth for the H2O youth group! It began by taking a group of 26 to Spruce Lake retreat center in the Poconos Mountains for a weekend retreat. This weekend entailed some deep conversations, prayer, wonderful fellowship, and was jam-packed with activities that were enjoyed by all!

The junior high students continue to grow in their spiritual lives by studying the book of Genesis as they see how God worked in the lives of the patriarchs while the senior high studies Canoncity and why we can trust the Bible we have today. Please, be in prayer for both groups, especially for new students to the group as well as new believers to the faith.



We are so thankful for the continued support of our church family. Your prayers and encouragement mean the world to us, and we are excited to see what God has in store for our Youth Ministry in the coming months.

God Bless,  
Pastor Charles





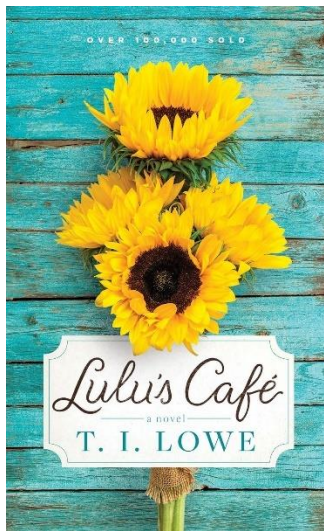


# Chosen by GRACE

Women's Ministry

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.... forgive as the Lord forgives. And over all these virtues, put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity." -Colossians 3:12 – 14

January is at a close and we are looking forward to February. We met on the 18th to make prayer boards, experiencing fellowship, food and fun ! Learning to make and implement the prayer board, causes us to pause, ponder, pray and praise our Great God. The Mother's Group had a retreat weekend and enjoyed The Word and fellowship. The Book Club met on the 24th to discuss the Book by Susie Larson, "Closer Than Your Next Breath"



Ladies Book Club book for March

## Upcoming Women's Ministry Events:

The Women's Event this month is scheduled to be held on Friday February 7th.

- It is Movie Night, and the movie we will be watching is "The Shack". Popcorn and refreshments will be served.

We will meet in the Sanctuary and Parlor @ 6:30 PM \*\*Sign up at Kiosk\*\*

## Ladies Bible Studies

We currently have 4 Women's Bible Studies meeting:

\*Please note it is never too late to join a study, whether the topic has just started or is halfway through, just come!

**Tuesday evening:** Gail Berger, 6:30 PM, meets in the Library, on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month

They will be starting the Book of Jonah in February, as we continue to study Minor Prophets, in chronological order.

**Wednesday Morning:** Renee Miller, 9:30-12:00, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, in the Parlor.

We just discussed the introduction of the study mentioned last month, "A Fresh Start", a study of the Book of Ezra. Let us put the past behind and start afresh as we learn more about our Great God, who restores, rebuilds and revives His people.

**Wednesday Afternoon:** Margaret Schaffer, 12:00-2:00, meets every week in the Library

Continuing the Study of the Book of 1st Peter, a study on the encouragement given by the disciple Peter. How to live a life settled in the Lord, during everyday life of ups and downs, triumphs and trials.

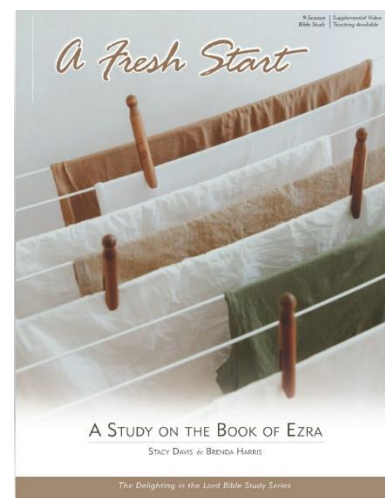
**Mother's Group:** for mothers with children through 12th grade: Heather Wells, Galintines Event on the 16th and Bible Study on the 11th & 25th at 6:00, in the Parlor.

-Continued Study "The Emotionally Healthy Woman" by Geri Scazzero

Geri uses biblical principles to help women find their way out of surface-spirituality and move to a deep, meaningful, lifechanging relationship with God and the freedom only found in Christ.

I would like to extend an invitation to all the ladies, 18 or older, to join us in one or more of the events and get involved with a Bible Study. May the Lord bless you and the Holy Spirit guide you, always reminding you of who you are in Christ, His daughter, a princess of the King. Please also hold up your church family in prayer and encourage one another, as we walk along this journey together, knowing God's presence is always with us.

Renee Miller  
Women & Children's Ministry Director





## GET INVOLVED AT SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS

Nothing about the Christian faith is by accident, it all requires being intentional about your relationship with God. We encourage everyone who attends Shepherd of the Hills to this intentional approach to our church through service and fellowship.

Every third Sunday we offer a Shepherd 100 class for those who are interested in learning more about our church community. These classes begin with Shepherd 101 where you'll get an introduction to our church and the various ministries that you can serve in. Our Shepherd 102 class walks through the Calvary Chapel Distinctives. Finally, our Shepherd 103 class walks through the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and how to use your gifts for service in the church.

If you would like to attend a Shepherd 100 class, please sign up at the Event Sign-Up kiosk in the foyer or [email Pastor Jason at jwells@soth.church](mailto:jwells@soth.church) to be added to the list.

## MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

### H2O HIS TO OWN

Shepherd of the Hills values educating young men and women, fostering them into personal relationships with Jesus Christ. Led by Charles Rowdon, our youth pastor, and supported by an amazing congregation and group of volunteers, the H2O ministry seeks to engage youth in meaningful, faith based,



"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."

1 Timothy 4:12

conversations. With an energetic and welcoming atmosphere, the H2O ministry truly is a vibrant part of the church's ministry. Here at H2O, we want you to feel welcomed and comfortable expressing questions about faith. If you are a middle school or high school student and you want to make new relationships with people, are looking for a fun environment, and want to grow in your relationship with Christ, then come join us on a Sunday morning, Wednesday night, or for any of our awesome events! We would



love to meet you and get to know you better. If you have any questions contact our Youth Pastor, Pastor Charles!

### MINISTRY CORNER



Our ministries here at Shepherd of the Hills Church allow us to carry out our mission by addressing a specific area of need in our community. To learn more about a ministry, tap on a logo below.

