

SUNDAY AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2025



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

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



### **VERSE OF ENCOURAGEMENT**

"The ransomed of the  
Lord will return. They  
will enter Zion with  
singing."

*Isaiah 51:11*

## Message Series:

**NOAH'S ARK – PART 3**

**GENESIS → JESUS**

**PASSAGE**  
Genesis 7

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

Therefore, the Redeemed (761)  
No Other Name (15)  
Holy, Holy, Holy (3)

**Closing:**  
Higher Ground (549)

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

Our God Is Love  
He Reigns  
Here I Am to Worship  
Waiting Here for You

*Song Lyrics on pages 3-4*

### **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

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

**SUBMIT  
PRAYER REQUESTS**

**VISITORS**

**GIVING**

**BIBLE**

**SERVICE TIMES**

**8:00 AM**  
Acoustic Service

**9:30 AM**  
Sunday School

**9:30 & 11:00 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! Baptism Sunday August 3rd 12:15 PM. Sign up at the Event Sign-Up Kiosk.**

**We're Hiring! A Part-time (Salaried, 32 hours) Ministry Assistant. [See more details on page 5.](#)**

***Please note there is no Wednesday Family meal this week. Our next meal is August 13th to coincide with H2O Kids Summer Camp.***

**Wednesdays: H2O Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group 6:30 PM & Verse-By-Verse Service 7:00 PM**

**Men's Ministry Event, "The Rally" Friday, August 8th, 5-9 PM – Car show and guest speaker Jase Robertson from Duck Dynasty.** *Hosted by Calvary Chapel Philadelphia, guys join us for a car show, tailgate, BBQ, games and fellowship at "The Rally." Featuring special guest speaker, Jase Robertson, from Duck Dynasty. Cost is \$20 per person. We will leave from SOTH at 3:30 PM (with option to meet group CCPhilly). Sign up and pay at the Event Sign-Up kiosk or online. You can also pay at the Welcome Desk with a green envelope.*

**Calvary Chapel Academy Giving Tree Begins Today** *Support our school by donating items on the giving tree located in the foyer. Simply pick an apple from the tree and drop off items at the church office or Welcome Desk.*

**Women's Ministry Speaker and Potluck Breakfast, Sat. Aug. 16th, 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM** *Sign up at Event Sign-Up Kiosk in the Lobby.*

**Shepherd 101: August 17th @ 12:15 PM.** *If you are new to Shepherd, join us for our Shepherd 101 class. Sign up at the Event Sign-up Kiosk.*

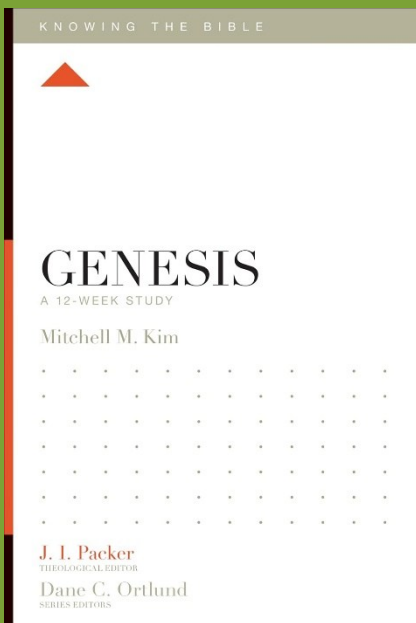
**"Blessing of the Backpacks" – Sunday, August 17th School Year Opening Prayer** *Kids are invited to bring in their school backpacks for a start of the school year prayer during morning services.*

**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](#).

### Knowing the Bible Series 12-WEEK BIBLE STUDY BY CROSSWAY



The Knowing the Bible series is a line of Bible studies designed to help Bible readers better understand and apply God's Word. Each 12-week study covers one book of the Bible over 12 weeks, making practical applications and connections between the passage and the rest of Scripture.

The series is edited by theologian J. I. Packer, and includes contributions from an array of influential pastors and church leaders. Perfect for both small groups and individuals, these gospel-centered studies will help you see and cherish the message of God's grace on each and every page of the Bible.

Each study includes: Reflection Questions designed to help you engage the text at a deeper level, Gospel Glimpses highlighting the gospel of grace throughout the book, Whole-Bible Connections showing how a passage connects to the Bible's overarching story of redemption culminating in Christ, Theological Soundings identifying how historic orthodox doctrines are taught or reinforced throughout Scripture

Pickup your copy at Chronicles Christian Books today!

# Songs of Worship

*Contemporary Service – 11:00 AM Live Stream*

## **Our God Is Love**

**CCLI #5636866 | Joel Houston and Scott Ligertwood**

### *Verse 1*

Ev'ry soul ev'ry beating heart  
Ev'ry nation and ev'ry tongue  
Come find hope in the love of the Father  
All creation will bow as one  
Lift their eyes see the risen Son  
Jesus Savior forever and after

### *Chorus*

This is love  
Jesus came and died and gave His life for us  
Let our voices rise and sing for all He's done  
Our fear is overcome  
Our God is love  
Our God is love

### *Verse 2*

Ev'ry distant and broken heart  
Ev'ry prayer ev'ry outstretched arm  
Finding hope in the love of the Father  
Age to age let His praises rise  
All the glory for all of time  
Jesus Savior forever and after

### *Chorus*

### *Bridge*

Age to age we will be singing  
In the light of all He's done  
All the earth  
Ev'ryone singing in the wonder of His love  
Age to age we will be singing  
In the light of all He's done  
All the earth  
Ev'ryone singing

### *Chorus*

### *Ending*

Our God is love  
Our God is love

## **He Reigns**

**CCLI #4026635 | Peter Furler and Steve Taylor**

### *Verse 1*

It's the song of the redeemed Rising from the African plain  
It's the song of the forgiven Drowning out the Amazon rain  
The song of Asian believers Filled with God's holy fire  
It's every tribe every tongue every nation  
A love song born of a grateful choir

### *Chorus 1*

It's all God's children singing  
Glory glory hallelujah  
He reigns He reigns  
(REPEAT)

### *Verse 2*

Let it rise above the four winds  
Caught up in the heavenly sound  
Let praises echo from the towers of cathedrals  
To the faithful gathered underground  
Of all the songs sung from the dawn of creation  
Some were meant to persist  
Of all the bells rung from a thousand steeples  
None rings truer than this

### *Chorus 1*

### *Bridge*

And all the powers of darkness  
Tremble at what they've just heard  
'Cause all the powers of darkness  
Can't drown out a single word

### *Chorus 1*

### *Chorus 2*

When all God's children sing out Glory glory, Hallelujah  
He reigns He reigns  
All God's people sing out Glory glory Hallelujah  
He reigns He reigns  
All God's people sing out Glory glory Hallelujah  
He reigns He reigns

# Songs of Worship

*Contemporary Service – 11:00 AM Live Stream*

## Here I Am To Worship

CCLI #3266032 | Tim Hughes

### Verse 1

Light of the world  
You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes let me see  
Beauty that made  
This heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You

### Chorus

So here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that  
You're my God  
And You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me

### Verse 2

King of all days  
Oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came  
To the earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor

### Chorus

### Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross  
And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross  
(REPEAT)

### Chorus

## Waiting Here For You

CCLI #5925663 | Jesse Reeves, Martin Smith, and Chris Tomlin

### Verse 1

If faith can move the mountains  
Let the mountains move  
We come with expectation  
Waiting here for You  
Waiting here for You

### Verse 2

You're the Lord of all creation  
And still You know my heart  
The Author of salvation  
You've loved us from the start

### Chorus 1

Waiting here for You with our hands  
Lifted high in praise  
And it's You we adore  
Singing alleluia

### Verse 3

You are ev'rything You've promised  
Your faithfulness is true  
We're desp'rate for Your presence  
All we need is You

### Chorus 1

### Bridge

Singing alleluia alleluia (2X)

### Chorus 2

Waiting here for You with our hands  
Lifted high in praise  
And it's You we adore  
singing alleluia  
Singing alleluia  
(REPEAT)

### Tag

Waiting here for You

# 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 08/03**

Welcome Desk: Mary B./Melisa M.

Greeters: Edo J./ Bill & Patti W.

Calvary Cafe: Sandy & Brian L./ Bill & Carol H./  
Konstance & Sarah E.

Chronicles Books: Melanie B.

## **Calvary Kids Ministry**

Crib Room (9:30): Sarah M.

Toddler Care (9:30): Chevelle P. & Heather W.

Children's Church (11:00): Karen & Jon S.

## **A/V Team**

Sound: Neil S./ Tyler L.

Video: Matt C./ James W.

## **Logistics Team**

Deacon: Mark F.

Offering Counters: Patti W. & Sharon S.

## **Serving Next Week 08/10**

Welcome Desk: Mary S./Melisa M.

Greeters: Bill & Sybilla G./ Terry & Gail L./  
Margret S.

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

Chronicles Books: Patti W.

## **Calvary Kids Ministry**

Crib Room (9:30): Katie L.

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

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

## **A/V Team**

Sound: Dolly K./ Brad S.

Video: Stan K./ Sharon M.

## **Logistics Team**

Deacon: Sharon E.

Offering Counters: Ginny & Rob S.

## ***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.*

### **WE'RE HIRING! A Part-time (Salaried, 32 hours) Ministry Assistant. Mon-Thurs: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm; Friday: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.**

This position consists of primarily office work, conducted at a desk. While some tasks will require walking, standing, crouching, and lifting (<25 lbs.), most work will be done from a seated position. The Ministry Assistant shall be responsible for the overall management and administration of the church office. S/He will also serve in a simultaneous capacity as the Sr. Pastor's administrative assistant. Due to the nature of the ministry, this position requires a high degree of confidentiality and as such the person selected must be trustworthy and honest. A complete job description and application can be found at our website: [www.soth.church/ministries/service-opportunities](http://www.soth.church/ministries/service-opportunities)

**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 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.

# August Missions

After his conversion to Christianity in 1971 Bob became affiliated with Jews for Jesus in 1979. He is the leader of Jews for Jesus Austral/Asia, a territory which now includes Singapore and New Zealand as well. He lives in Sydney with his wife.

Bob travels throughout the world sharing the message of Messiah Y'shua. He has preached or ministered on the streets in Korea, New Zealand, Singapore, Argentina, visited 47 of the 50 states in the US, all over the traps in Australia from Perth to Townsville to Melbourne to Port Macquarie. Not only is Bob's style winsome, but his message of faith in Jesus is powerful.

Bob is also the creator and director of Project Timothy, an international messianic internship and discipleship program for young adults from 18-25.

**Bob Mendelsohn** is our **Missions Commitment** focus for the month of August. Bob currently serves in Sydney, Australia with Jews for Jesus.

"I had always been proud to be Jewish. There was some mystique to all these dos and don'ts that were supposed to improve me as a person and, in particular, as a Jew. I was fervent, not so much about God, but about "doing" Judaism correctly. It was my job, as a Jew, to observe these commands and comply. I figured that even if there were no God, it couldn't hurt to comply. Yet hard as I tried, I always seemed to fall short; there was always something more to do, or not do.

In my early twenties I found myself in a conversation with a pair of street corner preachers. Their education was limited but their faith was genuine. The person of Jesus was very appealing.

The New Testament was a defensible book; the gospel was a defensible story. As I found myself drawn to Jesus I began asking myself, how could I do this? How could I be Jewish and believe in Jesus? It seemed like such a paradox."

[Read more about Bob's testimony online...](#)



## AUGUST 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.”



### Crossin Over Ministries in Baltimore, MD is our Vision Project for August

Crossin Over Ministries is a residential program for men in need of Transformation, Leadership, and Restoration through Christ-centered ministry

- Help men develop a deeper relationship with Christ through biblical teaching, prayer, and spiritual disciplines
- Equip men with the skills, character, and vision to lead effectively in their families, churches, and communities.
- Provide healing and growth through meaningful work, accountability, and supportive community

Visit <https://www.crossinover.com/> to find out more ways you can help support Crossin Over Ministries.



# Monthly Updates

## An Update from the Pastor...



**Hi church! It's hard to believe the summer is almost gone and fall is right around the corner. With fall comes a lot of exciting things here at the church.**

First, as you probably know by now, we have expanded our preschool ministry. Starting this school year, we are renaming the school Calvary Chapel Academy, which will include grades k-3 through 6th grade. Academy students will enjoy age-based learning of subjects like reading, writing, physical education, science, history, music, culinary arts, and more! Of course, Bible is a primary subject and each student receives dedicated time learning God's Word which includes classroom instruction and weekly chapel services. To get ready for the students, several

rooms on the lower level have been updated to accommodate the increase. The updates include desks, paint, decorations, and lockers for each elementary and middle school student.

In addition to the Academy, the bookstore has received a much-needed upgrade as well. With the closure of the Master's Mercantile in Pottstown, we are now the ONLY Christian bookstore in the immediate area. That means we are expecting an increase in customers looking for resources to help them in their faith. I, for one, believe it is an honor and a privilege that the Lord has allowed

us to step into that opportunity to serve others. So, let your friends know that Chronicles is open each weekday and Sunday morning. Also, we offer discounted pricing to churches needing resources.

None of the things listed above is as important as what we do on Sunday morning, however. Currently we are in a series called "Genesis to Jesus," looking at the ways Jesus is seen in the first book of the Bible. It has been a great series so far and I am excited to keep going and bring it to a conclusion in the coming month (or two).

As always, I want to thank everyone for all your prayers and help! None of this could happen without you, and for that I am grateful and humbled. Thank you for the privilege of serving you.

## 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:

Please continue to pray for a building to meet the increasing needs of the youth and school-aged ministries within the church.

This month we have expanded our bookstore with additional shelving and inventory graciously obtained from another local bookstore that has since gone out of business. The new shelving will expand our inventory and allow us to provide even more resources to help you grow in your faith.

We are planning to add benches near the water fountain out front. A small group generously donated money for that project last year and with the weather warming up, it will be nice to be able to sit next to the waterfall. So be on the lookout for that.

The library renovation is nearing completion, with a new hallway sign officially renaming the space as "Conference room." We will still need help finishing the walls with a second coat of paint, installing trim and baseboard, and adding an accent wall on the north side wall adjacent to the cafe. If you would like to help with this project, please let us know by filling out a yellow card in the sanctuary seats.

Our school (Calvary Christian Academy) is expanding this Fall, and the classrooms downstairs have been remodeled to accommodate the increased enrollment. A family in the church has generously donated funds to divide room 22/23 into two full separate classrooms, with room 22



becoming a science lab.

Our mowing team is doing a great job with maintaining the property. If you are interested in helping with mowing or other ground maintenance (like pulling weeds, trimming, leaf collection in the fall, etc.), please let us know by filling out a yellow card.

Thank you all for your continued help and support! Please pray for our volunteers who help with the property and please consider serving in this area if you are able!

If you have any questions regarding our property or building, feel free to reach out to Pastor Jonathan Grove at 610-754-6446 extension 21 or by email at [jgrove@soth.church](mailto:jgrove@soth.church).



# Servant spotlight

## Anita Church

*Currently serving: VBS, Beautifully Bound book club,  
Chosen by Grace Women's Ministry, Calvary Chapel  
Academy substitute and Friends For Life*



Hello, my name is Anita Church. My husband Ken and I have been attending SOTH since late summer of 2020. Participating in worship here is an enormous blessing, as this body of believers feels more like family than any other I have experienced, like auxiliary family sent by God. How cool is that?

From an early age God placed on my heart a desire to do things creatively, as well as work with children. So when He led me to SOTH, it was to show me where both of these joys could be exercised!

## MUSIC MOMENTS "Holy, Holy, Holy"



**"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come." – Revelation 4:8**

The hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy" by Reginald Heber is a profound expression of Christian worship that draws directly from the imagery of Revelation, the final book of the Bible. Written in 1826, the hymn echoes Revelation 4:8, where celestial beings around God's throne cry, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty..." This repetition of "holy" emphasizes the perfect, eternal holiness of God—a central theme in both the hymn and the scripture.

Each stanza of the hymn builds upon the vision of heavenly worship described in Revelation. Angels, saints, and all creation are pictured as joining together in eternal praise of the triune God. The hymn also acknowledges human limitation: though sinful and unworthy, believers are invited to join in heaven's worship through grace.

Musically majestic and lyrically rich, "Holy, Holy, Holy" captures the awe and reverence found in John's apocalyptic vision. It reminds us as Christians that worship is not merely a Sunday act but a reflection of the eternal praise that is already happening in heaven. By singing it, we align our voices with those of the angels, proclaiming the holiness of God across time and eternity.

# Spiritual Care:

## The Healing Found in Serving

**The Bible verse 1 Peter 4:10 declares, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms" (NIV). This powerful call from Peter urges believers to serve one another, reflecting true faith in action. Serving others is not merely obedience; it is a profound expression of God's love working within us, showing our faith is alive and transformative.**

When we use our unique gifts, whether compassion, teaching, or practical help, to uplift others, we embody Christ's example of selfless service. This act of giving fosters altruistic fulfillment, filling our hearts with purpose and joy. Moreover, serving others can be a healing balm during mental health struggles. In tough times, focusing on others' needs shifts our perspective, easing self-focused anxiety and fostering connection.

Helping someone reminds us of our value and God's presence, offering hope amid pain.

By serving, we steward God's grace, becoming conduits of His love. This strengthens our faith and helps us navigate mental health challenges, finding healing through purposeful Christ centered action.

For more counsel and prayer around life's difficult challenges, reach out to Pastor Jason 610-754-6446 extension 27 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

**\*\*\*Children are encouraged to bring in their water bottles and Bibles\*\*\***

#### **Preschool - Kindergarten Sunday School:** Adventures of Moses (Meets upstairs in Pre-K Classroom)

The children are starting a new Sunday School Series, "Angry Words". Our words can hurt people or bring them joy. We can do things God's way-listening to others, not speaking in anger, and telling others about Jesus.

- Kind Words: Listen to others, respect them. You can control what you say and do it with God's help. Little ones will say "I can speak with kind words" James 1:19-27
- Respectful Words: When you are angry or frustrated, take a moment to say "God, I'm angry, help me to say kind words." This will help you say kind, respectful words to others, instead of angry words you may later regret saying: Little ones will say "I can respect others". Exodus 17:1-7
- Listening Ears: Goliath spoke in angry words. But David listened to God's word instead. David did what God told him to do. Little ones will say "I will listen to God". 1 John

#### **1st - 4th Grade Sunday School:** (Downstairs Classroom)

The kids will be finishing the series titled, "Psalms, The Big Book of Big Emotions". They will be starting a new series called Friends.

- Joy: Joy is not an emotion! Psalm 84  
The writer of this psalm is filled with joy thinking about dwelling in the house of the Lord. He teaches us that being in the presence of the Lord and putting our hope in God brings joy. Trusting in God during this journey called life, reminds us that when we put our trust in God, we are truly blessed.
- Davy and Jonny: 1 Samuel 20:1-17  
True friends will never turn on you. They will stay faithful, no matter what the cost. David and Jonathan are great examples of friends. They would not let anything come between their friendship.
- Nate and Phil: John 1:43-51  
Best friends are bold enough to share the good news of Jesus with their friends. Like Phillip, who brought his best friend, Nathaniel, to Jesus.

#### **Sunday School 5th and 6th Grade:** (Downstairs Classroom)

The kids will be continuing their in-depth journey through "The Sermon on the Mount.

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

Meeting **EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY EVENING** during the summer months. 6:30 PM- 8:30 PM:

**JULY 2, 16, 30; AUGUST 13, 27**

\*\*\*Please have your children bring their water bottles and Bibles, extra clothes and towels. Please bring them to the downstairs larger classroom. We will be mostly outside for games, water fun and art fun, the kids will be getting wet and messy!

#### **This year's theme is LAVA LAVA LUA" Keeping cool when things get hot!**

Angry Volcano, Cool Shirt, Frustration Beach, Weeping Rains and Sweet Sweet Pineapple will teach us that emotions are a force of nature, but with God's help we can learn to take control before a storm hits!

Scriptures for these studies:

- Numbers 20:1-13 Moses Loses it! "God can help me keep my cool"
- Genesis 4:1-12, Cain and Abel "Having God is enough for me"
- Matthew 7:24-27 House on a Rock "Jesus is my foundation"
- Mark 1:22-30, 37-41; Matthew 28:1-10 Jesus Death and Resurrection "Jesus can give me joy when I am sad"
- Acts 16:16-40, Paul and Silas in jail "I will respond to negative attitude with kindness"
- August 13th: LUA PARTY
- August 27th: Labor Day Lesson: Colossians 3:23-24 We need to all work as if working for the Lord

Have your children bring a friend or neighbor to Youth club so they too can hear about Jesus and have fun while learning. Please pray for the teachers, helpers and the children, asking that we all be led by the Holy Spirit as we dig into God's amazing Word. God Bless,

Renee Miller

Women & Children's Ministry Director



# CALVARY CHAPEL ACADEMY

We are excited for a brand-new year at Calvary Christian Academy! Each new year brings opportunities to grow, learn, and connect and this year is no exception. With over sixty students enrolled this fall it is going to be a fantastic year of education and growth.

As the overseeing pastor, my desire is to help make this school a place where everyone feels safe, supported, and

challenged to do their very best. Our community is built on respect, kindness, and a shared commitment to excellence both in and out of the classroom. As a Christian school, our desire is to share the gospel message of Jesus with the students while simultaneously offering age-appropriate academic instruction. The educational process teaches the whole child: spiritually, socially, emotionally, intellectually, and physically. Each child is educated as one with unique abilities, qualities, and personality.

This year there will be some changes to the school, including a name change as well as the integration of the CO-OP into the school program. Consequentially, the school will now offer a 1st-6th grade option and is investing over \$10,000 (through a generous gift) in updating rooms and the facilities. Thank you again to those who have supported us in prayer, through donation of time, and through the giving of financial expenses.

As we look forward to a fantastic year let us continue to pray for our children that they may understand the love God has for them.

## H2O HIS TO OWN YOUTH UPDATES

We're excited to share with you the latest experiences in our Youth Ministry as we exit the final month of the winter season. 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 spring season. Here's a quick look at what's been happening with our Middle School and High School H2O groups.

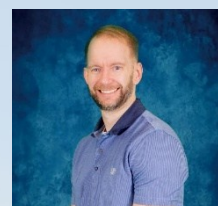
H2O Youth Group shines its light in Easton, PA on our Summer Mission Trip!

From July 20–26, our youth group had the incredible opportunity to travel to Easton, Pennsylvania, for a weeklong mission trip focused on service, compassion, and love. Partnering with a local church and community organization, our team worked at a kids' sports and arts camp, serving children from diverse backgrounds.

Each day, our students helped lead various activities from soccer and basketball drills to painting, dance, and crafts. Through these interactions, relationships were built, trust was earned, and seeds of hope and encouragement were planted. Beyond just playing games or helping with art projects, our group had meaningful conversations and showed Christ's love in tangible ways. It was a true joy to watch our youth serve God in such a meaningful way.

Evenings were spent debriefing, worshiping, and encouraging one another, as students reflected on how God was working in their lives and through them. Many shared how this experience deepened their faith and gave them a broader view of the church's role in the world.

We are incredibly proud of our youth and grateful to everyone who supported this trip through prayer and donations. Please continue to pray for the children we met in Easton and for our students as they return home with a renewed heart for service.





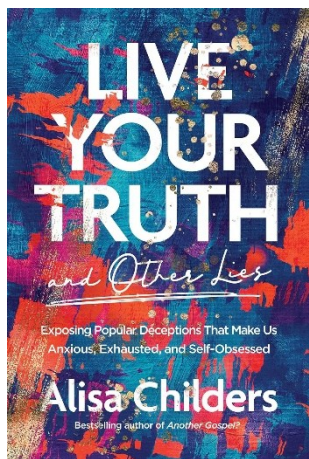
**"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.... forgive as the Lord forgives. And over all these virtues, put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity." -Colossians 3:12 – 14**

This month's Women's Event is the rescheduled Bonfire, which was canceled a couple times in May, due to bad weather. We will be meeting at 6:30, behind the church, at the firepit. Snacks and refreshments will be served, along with hot dogs to cook over the fire and of course smores! Please bring a water bottle, chair and highly recommend bug spray for pesky mosquitos. If the weather is inclement, we will have a Pajama Game Party in the Parlor. We will still have hot dogs and refreshments, and possibly smores, just not made over the fire.

The Wm's Book Club met to discuss "Dawn of Grace", A historical fiction based around Mary Magdalene's encounter with Jesus. One touch from her Savior and she was never the same again, and neither are we, Praise God!

The limit has been reached for this year's Women's Retreat at Spruce Lake this September 12-14th. The date is getting closer ladies, how exciting!

### Upcoming Women's Ministry Events:



### Women's Ministry Event Saturday June 7th 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Come join us for a day in Lancaster County: We will visit local attractions, go shopping, have lunch and visit The Tabernacle, like the one Moses made during the Israelites 40 years in the desert. The cost for the Tabernacle is \$5.00. We will meet in the church parking lot and carpool to Lancaster. Please bring your water bottle.

### Book Club: July 24th, 6:30 PM, in the Parlor (Please take note that this is a Thursday Evening)

The book for this month's meeting is "Live Your Truth (and Other Lies)", by Alisa Childers.

The vain repetition of worldly "wisdom", self-help books, and positive mantras offer hope and fulfillment in life but simply leave people emptier and emptier. Social media tells us what to think; we exhaust 7-12 step plans to achieve ...well, not much. Our culture is brimming with slogans that promise peace, empowerment, freedom and hope. The Problem? THEY ARE ALL LIES!!!

Alisa Childers helps us uncover the common lies repeated within progressive circles. To hold onto the soul restoring truths God's Word offers and be empowered to live the way our Creator designed us.

The book is currently available at Chronicles Book Store, Kindle and Audible.

### Ladies Bible Studies

Please note that it is never the wrong time to join a study, whether it is the beginning or middle of the study, just come!

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

The ladies are currently studying, line by line, the Book of Daniel. A Major Prophet in the Old Testament.

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

We are in a series for the summer: "Ruth: Delighting in the Redeemer." A love story: Let us glean from the life of Ruth and learn how to emulate love, honor and loyalty. Her story is a reflection of God's love and his redemption toward His beloved. The book is a digital book, and I have printed it out and bound the study for the ladies. Copies are in my office.

**Mother's Group:** for mothers with children through 12th grade: Heather Wells Bible Study on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 6:00, in the Parlor. They will continue in the study, "Life Management for Busy Women: Living Out God's Plan with Passion", written by Elizabeth George.

Elizabeth teaches us how to Live each day God's Way, of busyness and find a balanced life, be a better steward of resources, helps readers apply and solidify transforming new habits.

I want to share a part of a devotion I was reading this morning. I want to start off by asking you (and me) a couple questions. Are any of you pushing off the good and godly things, the dreams and callings that God has placed within your hearts? The things that bring you joy. Are you waiting for just the "right time", for things to line up perfectly, for things to slow down, for more confidence, for a stronger faith?

Well, God gave us those desires for a reason, and He has a plan. Do not hesitate, step forward in faith, remember that faith as tiny as a mustard seed can move a mountain. Know the Lord is with you, and He is encouraging you, to not work harder, but to live well. Embrace the passions He's placed in your heart, pray about those things, ask for His wisdom and guidance. Ask Him to give you the courage to pursue His will in your life, to turn that spark into a flame. Stop waiting for someday, start living intentionally and pursue God's call on your life today. This is how God designed you to glorify him. What a Great God we serve!

Renee Miller, Women & Children's Ministry Director



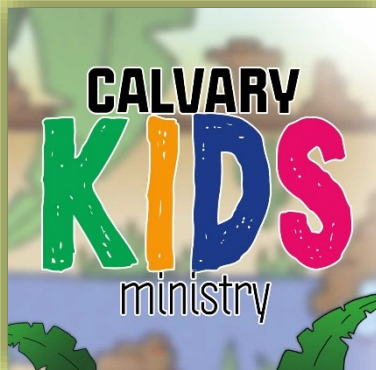
## GET INVOLVED AT SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS

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



Calvary Kids is the children's ministries of Shepherd of the Hills Church; it includes everything kid for a Sunday morning. Sunday school, children's church, our care room, and the infant's crib room are all included. During the first service we offer childcare and provide a friendly engaging atmosphere for the children. During the 9:30 AM service, 9:30-10:30, there is a class dedicated to each child's age

**"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.'"**

**Matthew 19:14**

group and geared towards teaching them solid biblical theology at their level!



During our 11:00 AM service, we offer a children's church program. After the worship time the children are led by one of our Discipleship Oasis teachers to their appropriate room. At each room, we have

some incredible volunteers who are committed to the ministry of children. If you have a passion for children's ministry or want to know more about Calvary Kids contact Renee Miller, our Women & Children's Ministry director.



### 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.**

