

SUNDAY AUGUST 24TH, 2025



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

DOING LIFE TOGETHER
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER AND ORDER OF WORSHIP



VERSE OF ENCOURAGEMENT

"Blessed be the Lord,
the God of Israel, who
alone does wondrous
things. Blessed be his
glorious name forever;
may the whole earth be
filled with his glory!"

Psalm 72:18-19



ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Message Series:

**NOAH'S ARK – FROM BURDEN TO
BLESSING**

PASSAGE
Genesis 8-9

8:00 AM Service Worship

Blessed Be the Name of the
Lord (64)
Majesty (10)
Glorify Thy Name (9)
Great Is Thy Faithfulness (139)

Closing:

I Offer My Life (663)

9:30 & 11 AM Service Worship

Let It Rise
Alive In You
God Is Able
Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me
Song Lyrics on pages 3-4

**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

Wednesday Night Family Meals continue this week, 5:15-6:15 PM. Free to all but bring your own beverage.

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

H2O Kids Summer Camp – Final Meeting this Wednesday 6:30–8:30 PM. Kids entering K-5th are welcome to join us this Wednesday. This is the last night of the summer. H2O Kids Fall session will resume September 10th (every Wednesday during fall).

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

Calvary Chapel Academy Giving Tree Continues 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.

Church-wide Movie Night, Friday September 5th, 6:00 PM. Join us in the Sanctuary as we watch "The Shift" – a modern Sci-Fi retelling of the story of Job. A movie suitable for kids will be playing in the Parlor.

Baptism Sunday September 7th 12:15 PM. Sign up at the sign-up kiosk.

Operation Christmas Child Packing Sunday, September 21 Join us between and after services in the Fellowship Hall as we pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

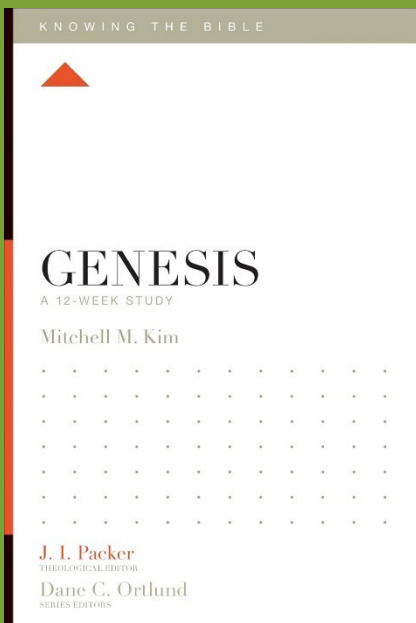
Driver Volunteers Needed! To help assist various church members throughout the week. Speak with Pastor Jason or sign up at the kiosk in the lobby for more info.

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

Let It Rise

CCLI #2240585 | Holland Davis

Verse 1

Let the glory of the Lord
Rise among us
Let the glory of the Lord
Rise among us
Let the praises of the King
Rise among us
Let it rise

Verse 2

Let the songs of the Lord
Rise among us
Let the songs of the Lord
Rise among us
Let the joy of the King
Rise among us let it rise

Chorus

O let it rise
O let it rise

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Rise among us
Let the joy of the King
Rise among us let it rise

Chorus

O let it rise
O let it rise

Alive In You

CCLI #5065956 | Mike Guglielmucci and Scott Ligertwood

Verse 1

Calling all believers new life
Found within the cross of Christ
For He is risen
Seated high and lifted above all
Above all

Pre-Chorus

All around the world we sing Your praise
The anthem of creation our God reigns

Chorus

Let the Name of Jesus
Forever be glorified
We are alive in You
We are alive in You

Verse 2

Redemption story
Our lives freely given light to see
Salvation drawing all hearts
Finding hope in Christ alone
In Christ alone

Chorus

Chorus

Bridge 1

You are risen, You are risen
You are risen, Christ our Savior

Bridge 2

You alone can satisfy
You alone created life
You alone are crowned as Christ our Savior
You alone set captives free
You alone have rescued me
You alone are Jesus Christ our Savior

Chorus

Songs of Worship

Contemporary Service – 11:00 AM Live Stream

God Is Able

CCLI #5894275 | Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan

Verse 1

God is able
He will never fail
He is Almighty God
Greater than all we seek
Greater than all we ask
He has done great things

Chorus

Lifted up He defeated the grave
Raised to life our God is able
In His Name we overcome
For the Lord our God is able

Verse 2

God is with us
God is on our side
He will make a way
Far above all we know
Far above all we hope
He has done great things

Chorus

Bridge

God is with us
He will go before
He will never leave us
He will never leave us
God is for us
He has open arms
He will never fail us
He will never fail us

Chorus

Chorus

Ending

For the Lord our God is able
For the Lord our God is able

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

CCLI #7121852 | Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, and Michael Farren

Verse 1

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 2

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 3

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 4

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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 08/24

Welcome Desk: Mary B./Melisa M.
Greeters: Karla O./ Linda W./ Margret S.
Calvary Cafe: Irene & Allen S./ Joyce H.
Chronicles Books: Diane B.

Calvary Kids Ministry

Crib Room (9:30): Judy W./Debbie E.
Toddler Care (9:30): Sarah G./ Eileen D.
Children's Church (11:00): Maddie O./ Owen M.

A/V Team

Sound: Neil S./ Craig E.
Video: Mark S./ Katie L.

Logistics Team

Deacon: Neil S.
Offering Counters: N/A

Serving Next Week 08/31

Welcome Desk: Diane K./Melisa M.
Greeters: Gordan & Sandy M./ Mark F./ Ed & Barb F.
Calvary Cafe: Karla O./ Chevelle P./ Sierra M.
Chronicles Books: Melanie B.

Calvary Kids Ministry

Crib Room (9:30): Sarah M.
Toddler Care (9:30): Melisa M. & Mikaela E.
Children's Church (11:00): Karen & Jon S.

A/V Team

Sound: Neil S./ Brad S.
Video: Stan K./TBD

Logistics Team

Deacon: Mark F.
Offering Counters: Mary B. & Patti W.

SOTH CC mobile app



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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

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 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

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

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.



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 the leadership team approved the repaving of both front entrances, as well as the front parking lot area. During repairs these entrances will be unavailable. These repairs will be completed by the end of the month.

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.

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 base board, 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 Chapel 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.

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.





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 Noah (Meets upstairs in Pre-K Classroom)

The children just finish "Angry Words" series and are starting a new series on August 11th, titled Noah's Big boat". This is a 4-part series covering the following:

- The Ark: Genesis 6:9-22, "God has a Good Plan"
- The Flood: Genesis 7:1-12, "God is powerful"
- The Birds: Genesis 8:1-14, "God knows our needs"
- The Rainbow: Genesis 9:1-3, 12-17, "God keeps His promises"

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

Parents, please see the "Make it Stick" papers we send home with the children, for a better description and how to reinforce what they are learning throughout the week.

The kids will be finishing the last 2 lessons in "Friends". A new series will be started in the middle of the month titled "Praise Party" A series on worship.

- "Three Amigos": Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, Daniel 3
Kids will learn that friends can strengthen one another in the Lord.
- "Lazarus and the Girls": John 11:11-4
The best friend Lazarus, Mary and Marth had is the best friend any of us could hope for: Jesus!
- "Praise Him in Church": Psalm 122:1-5 and Matthew 18:19-20
It seems like church is the obvious place to worship God, but many people don't make it a priority. God wants us to come together and praise Him!
- "Praise Him at Home"
God Made families as a way to pass faith from one generation to the next. God wants us to praise Him at home by honoring our parents, loving our siblings, and serving Him as a family.

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

The kids are finishing up Matthew and starting on 2nd Peter.

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: **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!

We are coming to a close of our Summer Camp. The last one is August 27th. The children in 5th grade going into 6th grade will be leaving our Calvary Kids and joining H2O Youth. We will miss them very much but are so proud of the growth they have made in the Lord. Prayers that the friendships they have made will last a lifetime. It has truly been a privilege and a joy to have been able to share these few years with them.

August 13th: LUA PARTY: We will be painting shirts with squirt guns and sponges during the party. Have the children wear clothes they can get paint on!

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 Chapel 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.

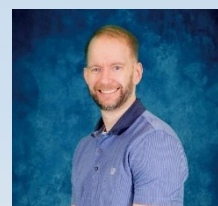
H2O Youth Group shines its light in Easton, PA on our Summer Mission Trip!

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.



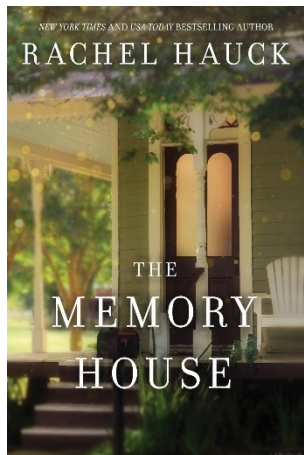


"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.... forgive as the Lord forgives. And over all these virtues, put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity." -Colossians 3:12 – 14

Upcoming Women's Ministry Events:

Women's Ministry Event Saturday, August 16th 9:00 AM

Speaker April Miller from NorthStar Initiative, will be joining us for a Potluck Breakfast and worship. She will be speaking about their mission, motivated by the love of Jesus, to work to end trafficking and empower survivors to reclaim the lives they were created to enjoy, through the healing of the whole person. They envision a community that is trafficking proof because the vulnerable are loved, equipped, connected and healed.



Book Club: Friday, August 22nd in the Parlor (Please take note the date has been changed due to a few parents back to school night)

Last month's book discussion was on the book "Live Your Truth (and Other Lies)", by Alisa Childers. Such a good book, we highly recommend it!

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.

Our book for this month is "The Memory House" by Rachael Hauck.

An inspirational story of 2 women whose lives have been destroyed by disaster but find healing in a special house. A sweet romance where the power of love and the miracle of faith promise hope and healing.

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 starting a new series if the book of Colossians titled "Delighting In Christ Rooted: Built Up, & Established"

Who is Jesus Christ? Who is He to you? Why does your answer to those questions really matter anyway? What you believe about Jesus Christ and how you respond to His life, death, and resurrection affects every area of your life - your attitudes, choices, relationships, and your eternity. This small but mighty book looks at Jesus who is the Creator of all and preeminent overall. He is before all things and in Him all things are held together.

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.

Do you ever feel your life is a mess? Well, my friends, our loving, beautiful, holy Lord loves to show up right in the middle of that mess! He wants to step right into it and be present with you, to hold your hand, whisper to your heart and remind you of who He is, bigger, stronger and more powerful than any mess! He wants you to look to Him, trust in Him, lean on Him, for his arms are open wide. We are all broken in some way, but praise the Lord, He doesn't wait until we put ourselves back together, Jesus meets us where we are. He works through those cracks, shining His light into those broken pieces and heals us. Start your healing by inviting Jesus into your mess, just ask Him, He will show up and do what only He can do, and that is a promise from the Word of God. Phillipians 4:6-7 tells us to be anxious for nothing, but in all things, through prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving make your request know to God. And the peace that passes all understanding will guard your heart and mind in Christ Jesus. That is only **one** promise, how many more promises **can you find** in His Word.

God Bless,

Renee Miller,
Women & Children's Ministry Director

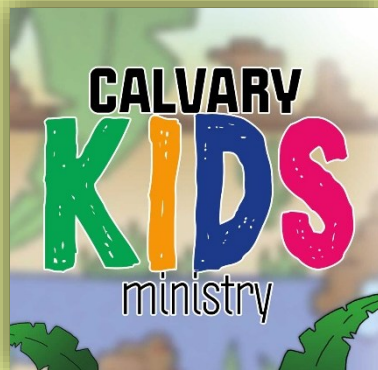
GET INVOLVED AT SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS

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

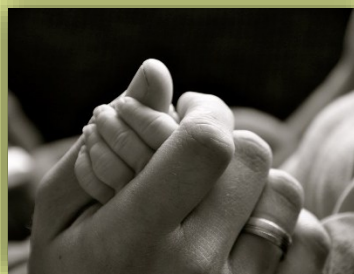


Calvary Kids is the children's ministries of Shepherd of the Hills Church; it includes everything kid for a Sunday morning. Sunday school, children's church, our care room, and the infant's crib room are all included. During the first service we offer childcare and provide a friendly engaging atmosphere 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.

