

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21ST, 2025



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

DOING LIFE TOGETHER
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER AND ORDER OF WORSHIP



**VERSE OF
ENCOURAGEMENT**

"I will praise You among
the nations, O Lord; I will
sing praises to Your
name."

Psalm 18:49

**Message
Series:**

GENESIS → JESUS

**TURNING FEAR IN LIFE TO FAITH
IN THE LORD**

PASSAGE
Genesis 15

8:00 AM Service Worship

I Sing Praises (5)
'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
(581)
The Solid Rock (526)
Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus
(340)

Closing:

Leaning on the Everlasting
Arms (575)

9:30 & 11 AM Service Worship

Everlasting God
Unchanging
Build My Life

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**

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

TODAY! 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.

TODAY! Shepherd 102: Sunday September 21 at 12:15 PM The Calvary Chapel Distinctives are what separates us from other Evangelical churches. Sign up at the Event Sign-up Kiosk.

TODAY! Community Prayer Vigil Honoring Charlie Kirk, 6:30 PM Join us as we gather in humility before the Lord to honor the memory of Charlie Kirk with a community vigil filled with prayer and worship.

Wednesdays: H2O Kids (K-5th Grade) and H2O Jr./Sr. High Youth Group 6:30 PM & Verse-By-Verse Service 7:00 PM

Men's Ministry Archery Day & Lunch, Sat. September 27th 10 AM – 1 PM Guys join us for an Archery Day filled with practice, competition, and fellowship. Lunch will be served at noon. Stay for the whole event or come and go as time permits. Sign up at the Event Sign-Up kiosk.

Wednesday Night Family Meals Fall Session begins October 1, 5:15-6:15 PM. Free to all, but bring your own beverage.

Worldwide Communion Sunday – October 5, all Services. Join us on the first Sunday of October as we dedicate the morning to Communion and Worship through song in all morning services.

Mexico Mission Trip 2026 Sign-up is now open. Visit the Sign-Up Kiosk in the lobby to sign up for our 2026 Summer Missions trip and for additional information.

Friends for Life Ministry - PA March for Life, Monday, Sept. 22, 8:00 AM A bus will be leaving from the Boyertown Shopping Center (opposite Seville's restaurant) at 8:15am. After the Rally and March at the Capitol building, the bus will leave Harrisburg and arrive back in Boyertown around 5pm. Trip is free for all. Please pack a lunch or purchase one in Harrisburg.

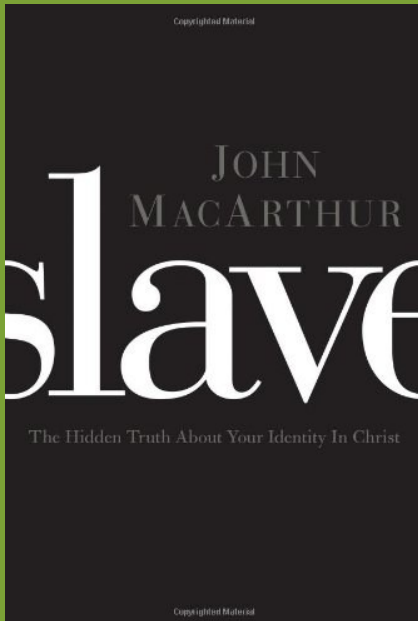
We ask everyone to please refrain from bringing food or snacks into the sanctuary. Thank you.

BOOK of the month

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

Slave

THE HIDDEN TRUTH ABOUT YOUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST BY JOHN MACARTHUR



The most profound reality for every believer is a relationship with Jesus Christ. He is our Savior, our teacher, and our friend. But the Bible teaches that at the most basic level Jesus is our Lord, our Master, which means we are His slaves.

Peruse most Bible translations and it's easy to miss that crucial reality. That's because many find the notion of slavery to be a cruel and embarrassing concept. John MacArthur's book, *Slave*, uncovers the conspiracy, bringing the doctrine of our slavery to Christ to its proper place in our thinking.

Embrace for yourself what the Bible really teaches about slavery—your relationship with Jesus Christ will never be the same.

Pickup your copy at Chronicles Christian Books today!

Songs of Worship

Contemporary Service – 11:00 AM Live Stream

Everlasting God

CCLI #4556538 | Brenton Brown and Ken Riley

Verse

Strength will rise
As we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord

Strength will rise
As we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord

Pre-Chorus

Our God You reign forever
Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

Chorus

You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary

You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

Unchanging

CCLI #4016669 | Chris Tomlin

Verse 1

Great is Your faithfulness
Great is Your faithfulness
You never change
You never fail O God

Verse 2

True are Your promises
True are Your promises
You never change
You never fail O God

Chorus

So we raise up holy hands
To praise the Holy One
Who was and is and is to come
Yeah we raise up holy hands
To praise the Holy One
Who was and is and is to come

Verse 3

Wide is Your love and grace
Wide is Your love and grace
You never change
You never fail O God
(Repeat)

Chorus

Bridge

You were You are
You will always be
You were You are
You will always be

Tag

Who was and is and is to come
Who was and is and is to come

Songs of Worship

Contemporary Service – 11:00 AM Live Stream

Build My Life

CCLI #7070345 | Brett Younker, Karl Martin, Kirby Kable, Pat Barrett, and Matt Redman

Verse 1

Worthy of ev'ry song
We could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise
We could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath
We could ever breathe
We live for You

Verse 2

Jesus the name above
Ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one
Who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath
We could ever breathe
We live for You
We live for You

Chorus

Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder
And show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love
to those around me

Verse 1

Verse 2

Chorus

Bridge

I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken
(REPEAT)

Chorus

Chorus

Bridge

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 09/21

Welcome Desk: Diane K.

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

Calvary Cafe: Irene & Allen S. / Chevelle P. & Sierra M.

Chronicles Books: Donna C.

Calvary Kids Ministry

Crib Room (9:30): Diane K.

Toddler Care (9:30): Karen P. & Shannon E.

Children's Church (11:00): Renee & John M

A/V Team

Sound: Neil S. / Ken N.

Video: Paul Y. / Sharon M.

Logistics Team

Deacon: Ken N.

Offering Counters: Jeannette K. & Donna C.

Serving Next Week 09/28

Welcome Desk: Mary B.

Greeters: Karla O. / Linda W.

Calvary Cafe: Irene & Allen S. / Joyce H.

Chronicles Books: Connie P.

Calvary Kids Ministry

Crib Room (9:30): Judy W. & Debbie E.

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

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

A/V Team

Sound: Brad S. / Craig E.

Video: Mark S. / Katie L.

Logistics Team

Deacon: Uwe B.

Offering Counters: Vaughn M. & Sharon E.

SOTH CC mobile app



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*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

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.

September Missions

Said and Habiba are missionaries who have been ministering as witness for Christ in country that is hostile toward Christians and external missionaries. This is especially difficult because missionaries are not accepted into the country but, because of their citizenship, they have the opportunity to share their testimony with people who might not otherwise hear the gospel message. They have a passion to not only share what Christ has done in their lives with others but also disciple them and help them grow in their faith.

"We thank God for supporting and protecting us during all these years and his faithfulness with us. Brothers and Sisters in Christ and partners in ministry I thank God for you and your support to us during all these years and I pray that God will always be with you."

Said and Habiba are our **Missions Commitment** focus for the month of September. Said helps to lead a coalition of home churches in a country that is hostile toward Christians and missionaries.

Said helps to lead a coalition of home churches in his home country while at the same time utilizing technology to help spread the message of Jesus. In the last year over 400 people have come to a profess Jesus as their Lord and savior because of the work of Said and his family. Prayers are always appreciated as this is an especially difficult and dangerous place to be a believer in Christ.

workers have been asked to leave the country for different reasons.

- Women's ministry & strategies to reach women
- Security for family and church members.

Prayer Requests & Current Needs:

- Funding for a church location
- Pray for new Pastors in the country.
- Many Christian

SEPTEMBER 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.”

The Shepherd of the Hills 2026 Summer Missions trip is our Vision Project this month.

Our church-wide missions trip for 2026 will be held June 28th through July 4th, 2026.

We will be traveling to Morelia, Michoacan in Mexico to serve a Calvary Chapel Church plant.

We will help the local church grow, and outreach to the community, refresh leaders and encourage, work on a local Church project, learn how ministry works in Mexico, and make plenty of connections!

Additional activities will include: community outreaches, youth ministry, light construction, women's ministry, and assisting with church services.

Sign up at the Event Sign-Up kiosk if interested to receive more info!



Monthly Updates

An Update from the Pastor...



Fall is upon us, and with that a whole season of things to pray for and get involved with. For starters, the school started its new (and first) year as the Calvary Chapel Academy, providing Christian education for students from 3 years old through 6th grade. So, please keep them in your prayer as they explore subjects like reading, writing, science, history, music, culinary arts, Spanish, Bible, and more! There are also some other things coming this month with the men's ministry, women's ministry, youth, and others. So be sure to read through the announcements and check the bulletin each week.

We are still looking for a ministry assistant to serve in a 32 hour-per-week role. This person will be responsible for managing the front office, helping the pastors, and preparing for Sunday services and other events throughout the week. If you or anyone you know may be interested, please apply at the church's website. We look forward to speaking with you.

Our series, "Genesis to Jesus" is continuing as we conclude Noah's Ark and move into the story of Abraham and Isaac. It is a powerful testimony of God's willingness to sacrifice His own Son, so that we might enjoy unrestricted fellowship with Him. One of the most powerful verses in the Bible is in 2 Corinthians 5:21, where Paul writes "he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

Of all the Old Testament stories, possibly none demonstrate that as powerfully as the life of Abraham and Isaac. So, join us on Sunday mornings as we explore the depth of God's love for us in Christ.

One other thing: for the past several years I have preached out of the NKJV on Sunday mornings. However, the pew Bibles are ESV, and the largest section of the bookstore is also ESV. So, I will be transitioning from NKJV to ESV on Sunday mornings, just in case you want to follow along in the same translation.

As always, have a great week and we will see you on Sunday!

Pastor Collin

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:

The summer is quickly coming to an end, and fall is just around the corner. As we prepare for the next busy season, here are just a few updates you can expect around the church property.

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

This past month the leadership team approved the repaving of both front entrances, as well as the front parking lot area.

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 Nearness of God in Our Brokenness

Psalm 34:17-18 offers profound comfort "The righteous cry out and the Lord hears them he delivers them from all their troubles. The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."

These verses resonate with those facing mental health struggles assuring us that God is intimately near. As our Creator God knows our pain, every tear and every moment of despair. He formed us, understands our frailties and promises closeness when we feel shattered. The imagery of God hearing our cries and saving those crushed in spirit speaks to His compassion offering hope to those feeling isolated or overwhelmed. This divine nearness transforms our perspective, reminding us we are never alone. God's promise is not merely to observe but to deliver strength and restoration.

An actionable step to embrace this truth is to practice daily prayer or journaling pouring out your heart to God. Write or speak of your full pain trusting He hears. Meditate on His promise of closeness. This practice fosters connection with God anchoring us in His love and renewing hope amidst brokenness.

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 finished the lesson Series "Noah's Big Boat" and will be starting a new series titled "Praise Party":

*The series Memory Verse is "I will sing praise the Lord. He has been so good to me" Psalm 13:9

- Praise God for Family: Genesis 2:18-22 God made Eve to be with Adam.
- Praise God for Stuff: 1 Kings 17:7-16 Elijah learns that God takes care of us!
- Praise God for Being Strong: Luke 8: 22-25 Jesus Calms a storm.
- Praise God for Loving Us: John 3:16 Jesus tells Nicodemus how much God loves us.

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 up the lessons in "Praise Party" A new series will be started the last Sunday of the month, titled "Farmer's Market (Fruit of the Spirit)

- Praise God at Play: We love to see athletes give God the glory for letting them play the game they love. God wants us to do the same, not just with words but with our actions, so people will know our praise is real.
- Praise God while Alone: God wants us to take time to praise Him in private too. The time we spend alone with Him helps us to live for God when we are not alone.
- Praise God All the Time: God is worthy of our praise for who He is and for what He has done for us!
*Scripture for series is Galatians 5:22-23
- Love: Luke 10:25-27 Kids will learn to love others, even those who are different, through the parable of the Good Samaritan.

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

The kids will be finishing 2 Peter. The kids will study Heaven and Earth, Hell and Judgement, according to what the Bible says. Reflecting on a good, loving, gracious Heavenly Father and His mercy.

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

Please bring your children and sign them in on sign-in sheet on table, outside the Fellowship Hall. *If the weather is nice, they can then come to the playground. At 8:30 we will bring the children upstairs to be picked up outside the Fellowship Hall.

Starting on September 10th, we start a new lesson series, "TRANSFORMING FAITH" along with new worship songs, games and crafts.

- Sept. 10: Doubt into Faith: John 20:19-29
- Sept 17: Sadness into Joy: Luke 19:1-10
- Sept 24: Wrong into Right: Acts: 9:1-19

*We encourage the children to bring their own water bottles.

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, through lessons, games, crafts and even snack time.

God Bless,

Renee Miller

Women & Children's Ministry Director



CALVARY CHAPEL ACADEMY

The new school year is officially underway at Calvary Chapel Academy, and we are filled with excitement and gratitude as we welcome back our incredible students and staff! There are also some new faces in the academy this fall including Ashley Mitchom, Joanna MacDonald, Melisa Monger, Tammy Tilman, and Michaela Schaeffer. The energy is contagious with smiling faces, sharpened pencils, and hearts ready to learn and grow in Christ.

This year, we are especially thankful for the overwhelming generosity of our church community. Many of you donated school supplies, classroom materials, and other essentials that are already blessing our students and teachers. Your kindness has helped create a warm and welcoming environment where our students can thrive both academically and spiritually. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus in such a practical way!

As we step into this new season, we ask for your continued support, especially

through prayer. Please pray for our teachers as they pour wisdom, patience, and love into their classrooms each day. Pray for our students, that they would grow not only in knowledge but also in faith, character, and confidence in who God has created them to be.

We believe this year holds great promise, and we trust the Lord to guide every lesson, conversation, and moment shared. Thank you for your prayers, support, and involvement; they make all the difference!

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.

As summer winds down, our youth group is reflecting on an incredible season of growth, fun, and community. From VBS, service projects, summer activities, and another amazing mission trip to Easton, we've made unforgettable memories that will carry us into the school year ahead.

This season, we also celebrated a big milestone, graduating some truly amazing students! These young leaders have shaped our group with their kindness, dedication, and passion. While we'll miss seeing them every week, we're proud to send them off into the next chapter of their lives with our love and support. Please be in prayer for our students who are back at college as well as those in the workforce.

At the same time, we're thrilled to welcome a brand-new group of middle schoolers into the youth group family! Their energy, curiosity, and excitement remind us of what makes this community so special. Their first official event was our annual wet and wild night full of fun water-based games and activities!

As school starts back up, our focus turns to creating a space where students can feel supported, challenged, and connected whether they're navigating middle school or entering their senior year. We're praying for an amazing school year for each of our students and can't wait to see what God has in store for this next season!





"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

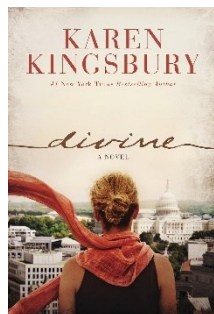
Upcoming Women's Ministry Events:

Last month we invited speaker April Miller from NorthStar Initiative. She joined us for a Potluck Breakfast, worship and fellowship. April shared how they offer hope, restoration and redemption to the women who want to escape this lifestyle. She told us how prevalent trafficking is and how we can be aware of things that seem off. April also encouraged us not to hesitate to call the authorities, it may save someone's life.

Women's Ministry Event: Spruce Lake Women's Retreat: Friday Sept 12 - Sunday Sept 14.

We are leaving approximately 2:00 PM and heading to another much-anticipated weekend at Spruce Lake Retreat Center. Speaker Jennifer Shaw will be teaching and encouraging us, along with worship, led by Emily Donlan. We will be heading home on Sunday, after lunch.

***Ladies, if you still owe the final payment, please make sure you do that ASAP.**



Book Club: No meeting this month, we are meeting on October 2nd.

Our book for this month is "Divine", by Karen Kingsberry.

"At the crossroads of her life, only one power set Mary free and gave her a lifetime of love and hope. A power that could only be Divine". Now as a divine power has set her free, Mary brings life-changing hope and love to battered women living in the shadows of Washington DC. Emma. A single mother hooked on drugs and fleeing an abusive relationship, Emma is introduced, by Mary, to the greatest love of all. With hallmark tenderness and power, Karen weaves a tapestry of life, loss, love, faith and the miracle of resurrection.

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 meets in the parlor on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday evenings at 6:00.

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 would like to ask you a question, whose voice are you listening to? This is the question I was introduced to, this morning, as I opened a devotional. It is a very good question! Do we even question the voices we see or hear all day long? Voices that speak to us through a child, spouse, friend, text, email, social media and even our own thoughts? How do we know if the voice is truth or a lie from our enemy? The distractions of life can be used by our enemy, taking our eyes off God's will and identity, and instead focusing on what the lies may say. Do these voices exhort, or do they tear down, bring doubt and insecurity or fear?

Well, let's ask ourselves some questions; Is this how God would speak to me? Is this consistent with God's character?

1 John 4:1 says, "Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world" When we listen to these voices without holding them up to the Truth of God's Word, we can end up where we don't belong, off the path God has chosen for us, living by our emotions and not by wisdom, His wisdom. Psalm 119:105 says "Your Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." Let the Holy Spirit be the voice we listen to and heed. Study His Word, ask Him for discernment and He will show you what is truth and what is of the world. God wants us to flourish, so be empowered by Holy Spirit, who dwells in you! Remember ladies, listen to His voice, remember who you are, the precious daughter of the King, adored, perfectly loved and held by King Jesus!

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



Hebrews 10:24-25 says; "and let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." Our church is dedicated to regular fellowship, intentionally sharing life together to spur one another on to faith and good works.

Our Connect Group ministry helps us achieve this goal because it allows people from our congregation the

Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

opportunity to meet in small personal groups and share with fellow believers life's trials, joys, and the love of our creator.

Connect groups range in size with no more than 12 people per group. All the groups meet for two sessions, one in the spring and the other in the fall, to study God's Word and other Biblical materials for grow in unity of mind as a congregation. Additionally, groups have the option to meet during the summer and winter months to study topics which interest them.



Groups are formed by different demographics: men's groups, women's groups, couple's groups, young family groups, and mixed groups. If you are interested in joining a connect group contact pastor Jason (jwells@soth.church) at the church or find one online at our church's website!

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.

