

SUNDAY OCTOBER 12TH, 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**

**A PICTURE WORTH A THOUSAND  
WORDS**

**PASSAGE**  
Genesis 22

### 8:00 AM Service Worship

I Will Call upon the Lord (530)  
Our God Reigns (372)  
The Old Rugged Cross (327)

**Closing:**  
Jehovah - Jireh (716)

### 9:30 & 11 AM Service Worship

Open My Eyes  
Open The Eyes of My Heart  
God Is Able  
The Old Rugged Cross

*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](http://www.soth.church/giving)

**Wednesday Night Family Meals Fall Session, 5:15-6:15 PM.** *Looking to fellowship with people from Church? Join us for our family meals beginning this Wednesday! Free to all but bring your own beverage.*

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

**Shepherd 103: October 19th 12:15 PM.** *Discovering Your Gifts of the Holy Spirit and How to Use Them in the Church. Sign up at the Event Sign-up Kiosk.*

**Leaf Raking Assistance:** *Need help raking your leaves this year? Sign up at the Event Sign-up Kiosk to be contacted to receive help from the youth group!*

**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.*

**Sunday School Teachers Needed!** *Please consider serving during our second service for 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade or 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade as a teacher. Lessons and craft supplies provided.*

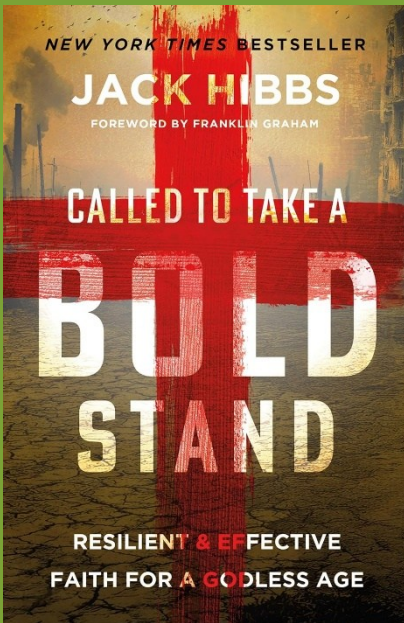
**Ladies Beautifully Bound Book Club, Thursday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM.** *Our book selection is available for purchase in Chronicles Christian Books.*

**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](#).

## Called to Take a Bold Stand *By Jack Hibbs*



As the culture around us continues to stumble blindly into evil and turmoil, it's easy to lose heart and grow weary in your faith. But what if God has been preparing you for this very time all along?

Everything changes when you say yes to God's call to "be diligent" as you await "the coming of the day of God". Called to Take a Bold Stand beckons you to live a biblically based, passionate faith—resilient, immovable, and effective in our chaotic and troubled world. Pastor and bestselling author Jack Hibbs provides biblical teaching and practical insights to help you represent Christ courageously to a world in need, influence our increasingly secular culture in transformative ways, and overcome the fear of intimidation or persecution.

Pickup your copy at Chronicles Christian Books today!

# Songs of Worship

*Contemporary Service – 11:00 AM Live Stream*

## Open My Eyes

CCLI #5636873 | Braden Lang and Reuben Morgan

### Verse 1

In the stars I see Your majesty displayed  
In the heavens all Your wonders are proclaimed  
I see Your fame in all of the earth and I  
Seek to know the ways of Your heart

### Verse 2

Through the seas and open skies I hear Your praise  
As the shout of all creation lifts Your Name  
I hear Your praise in all of the earth and I  
Seek to know the ways of Your heart

### Chorus

So open my eyes oh God  
Open my heart to see  
All the wonders and the  
Power of Your Name  
By Your grace I'll live  
By Your grace I'll see  
For my life and my  
Salvation is in You

### Verse 3

For You take the sinner's heart and bring new life  
Through the cross we are restored within Your light  
I know Your love is all that I need and I  
Seek to know the ways of Your heart

### Chorus

### Bridge

I know Your love is all that I need and I  
Seek to know the ways of Your heart  
(REPEAT)

### Chorus

## Open The Eyes Of My Heart

CCLI #2298355 | Paul Baloche

### Verse

Open the eyes of my heart Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You  
(REPEAT)

### Chorus

To see You high and lifted up  
Shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing holy holy holy

### Verse

### Chorus

### Bridge

Holy holy holy  
Holy holy holy  
Holy holy holy  
I want to see You

### Chorus

### Chorus

### Verse

# 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

## The Old Rugged Cross

CCLI #19722 | George Bennard

### Verse 1

On a hill far away  
Stood an old rugged cross  
The emblem of suff'ring and shame  
And I love that old cross  
Where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain

### Chorus

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross  
Till my trophies at last I lay down  
I will cling to the old rugged cross  
And exchange it some day for a crown

### Verse 2

O the old rugged cross  
So despised by the world  
Has a wondrous attraction for me  
For the dear Lamb of God  
Left His glory above  
To bear it to dark Calvary

### Chorus

### Verse 3

In the old rugged cross  
Stained with blood so divine  
A wondrous beauty I see  
For 'twas on that old cross  
Jesus suffered and died  
To pardon and sanctify me

### Chorus

### Verse 4

To the old rugged cross  
I will ever be true  
Its shame and reproach gladly bear  
Then He'll call me some day  
To my home far away  
Where His glory forever I'll share

### Chorus

# VOLUNTEER CORNER

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

## Serving Today

Welcome Desk: Mary S.

Greeters: Bill and Sybilla G. / Terry and Gail L.

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

Chronicles Books: Patti W.

## Calvary Kids Ministry

Crib Room (9:30): Diane K.

Toddler Care (9:30): Sarah Grace H. & Shannon E.

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

## A/V Team

Sound: Dolly K. / Barb N.

Video: Stan K. / Gail A.

## Logistics Team

Deacon: Paul L.

Offering Counters: Ginny S. and Rob S.

## Serving Next Week

Welcome Desk: Diane K.

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

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

Chronicles Books: Donna C.

## Calvary Kids Ministry

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

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

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

## A/V Team

Sound: Neil S. / Ken N.

Video: Paul Y. / Sharon M.

## Logistics Team

Deacon: Mark F.

Offering Counters: Jeannette K. & Donna C.

## SOTH CC mobile app



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

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

## VOLUNTEER CORNER Service Opportunities

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

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

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

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

**Connect Group Leader:** We are currently looking for people to host in-home small groups. The person must be 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.

# October Missions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## OCTOBER 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 28<sup>th</sup> through July 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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:

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

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](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 Transformative Power of Forgiveness

**Forgiveness is a divine act that reflects the heart of God, as seen in Matthew 6:14-15: "For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins." This scripture reveals the profound power of forgiveness, not only in restoring relationships but also in unlocking spiritual freedom.**

Holding onto grudges breeds bitterness, which can spiral into hatred, anger, and depression. These emotions create walls between us and others, hindering God-honoring relationships and distancing us from the fullness of God's grace. Unforgiveness is a chain that binds the soul, keeping us trapped in pain and resentment.

In contrast, forgiveness is a choice to release these burdens. It acknowledges our own imperfections and the mercy we have received from God. By

forgiving, we mirror Christ's love, choosing freedom over captivity. This act not only heals relationships but also aligns us with God's heart, opening the door to His forgiveness and peace. As we let go of resentment, we embrace the liberty and joy of a life unburdened, fully surrendered to God's transformative grace. Who will you choose to forgive today?

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 songs of worship 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 songs of worship to Children's Church and Care Room

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

**Preschool - Kindergarten Sunday School:** Fruit of the Spirit (Meets upstairs in Pre-K Classroom)

\*Parents, please see the take home papers your children bring home after class. They will better help you know how to reinforce what they have learned, as well as help you help them with the memory verse. Your children will continue in the series, Fruit of the Spirit.

- Joy: Romans 15:13 Happiness is an emotion. Joy is something greater. We can have joy even when we are sad, because we know Jesus.
- Peace: Matthew 5:9, God wants us to be peacemakers. He wants us to get along with others as best as we can.
- Patience: Isaiah 40:31, Patience is not easy for anyone. God can help us be patient and teach us to trust Him.
- Kindness: Ephesians 4:32, Jesus was kind to everyone He met. He wants us to be kind to others so they can see His kindness in 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. We also send home a memory verse for them to learn. We give them incentive to remember scripture, lollipops!

The kids will be continuing to learn more about the Fruits of the Spirit. The series is titled "Farmer's Market

Memory Verse: "But the Fruit of the Spirit produces is love, joy and peace. It is being patient, kind and good. It is being faithful, gentle and having control of oneself. There is no law against things of that kind.

- Joy: Matthew 5:1-12, When life gets hard, it's tough to stay positive. But no matter what our circumstances, we can have joy. Nothing can take away Jesus, and Jesus can give us joy now and forever!
- Peace: Mark 4:35-41, When life gets hard, it can be full of storms. If we call on Jesus, we can have peace, His peace, even in the hardest times.
- Patience: Matthew 4:1-11, It's not easy waiting for what we want, but when we give in to impatience, we often regret it. We need to wait on God's best and God's timing. We need to be patient and wait on the Lord.
- Kindness: Luke 19:1-10, When people are mean to us, it is tempting to be mean back. Jesus wants us to treat everyone with kindness. When we are kind to people, that kindness can spread to others.

**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 Evenings - CALVARY KIDS CLUB - 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 the 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. Children will be learning through Bible stories, object lessons, games and crafts, all reinforcing God's Word. They will also have a time of worship.

"Total Transformation" John 21:1-19 (Last one in the Transforming Faith Series)

New Series titled "Books of the Bible" Proverbs 30:5 \*Memory Verse: "Every Word of God is flawless, He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him, "Proverbs 30:5

- The Law Books: Genesis 1:1-5, 3:1-6, Exodus 20:1-7. Creation, the Fall, The 10 commandments.
- The History Books: "1 Samuel, 17:4-11 and 32-49, 1 Samuel 28:17-18, David and Goliath, Saul's reign comes to an end.
- Poetry and Wisdom Books: Psalm 119:11. "I have hidden your Word in my heart"
- Major Prophets: Daniel 6:3-23 Daniel in the Lion's Den

\*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:

This past month, we had 20 women attend the Spruce Lake Women's Retreat. What a great time of fellowship, God's Word, worship, a bonfire, delicious food and even a Game show, yes a Game show called "CRAZY BRAIN". We just might have to try and duplicate it for an event in the future, it was so much fun!

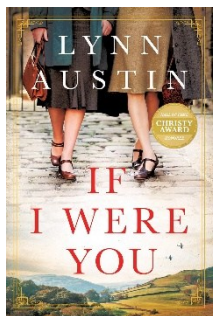
\*The ladies want to go again next year, Sept 18-20th, so mark your calendars. More details to follow next year. You can check it out at [www.sprucelake.org](http://www.sprucelake.org) and check events and the retreat center amenities, which are many!

### Women's Event for October: Saturday October 11, 10:00 AM

Lancaster Day Trip: Join us as we travel to beautiful Lancaster County. We will be visiting the Replica of the Tabernacle; the one Moses and the Israelites used during their 40 years in the wilderness. We will shop, share a meal and enjoy the sights of Lancaster in the Autumn.

We will meet in the church parking lot and carpool together. (I will figure out how many cars we need after I get women to sign up.)

Please sign up on Kiosk or reach out to Renee Miller.



### Book Club: Next Meeting is Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>

Our book for November 13th meeting is, "If I were You" by Lynn Austin (A multiple Christy Awards Winner)

This Christian/Fiction novel is a story of sisterhood, self-discovery, deception and romance set against the backdrop of WWII. This sweeping story transports you to one of the most challenging eras of history. Explore the deep, abiding power of faith and friendship to overcome more than we ever thought possible. 2 friends Audrey and Eve, navigate the complexities of class, loss and the Blitz, ultimately uncovering secrets that will change their lives forever.

\*\*\*Even if you have not read the book, you are welcome to join us for some fellowship, discussion and food.

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 Conference Room, 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.

\*\*\*We are in need of some Sunday School Teachers for elementary age kids. I am asking those of you who have been called to teaching, to pray about this. We can do a monthly rotation if we get volunteers. Our children are so vulnerable to everything around them. Let's start them off with the Word of God, during their most impressionable years.

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

### Deacons



Ministry

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

1 Thessalonians 5:11

deacons, the general needs of the congregation could be neglected.

According to the New Testament, deacons are responsible for operational aspects of the church. We read in Acts 6:1-6 the calling of the first deacons. They were selected based on their stature in the community; men who were filled with the spirit and who demonstrated wisdom in practical matters. Deacons play a pivotal role in the church because, without

The deacons are elected by the congregation and, once elected, serve for a period of three years. Part of their service entails meeting monthly to discuss matters regarding building and grounds management as well as issues regarding budgetary matters. Shepherd of the Hills is blessed to have such a dedicated group of



men and women serving in this role and working towards the betterment of our church body

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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.

