



# SHEPHERD of the HILLS

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









### VERSE OF ENCOURAGEMENT

"Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit."

Psalm 147:5

### Message Series:

**JOSEPH** 



PASSAGE Genesis 39

### 8:00 AM Service Worship

What A Mighty God We Serve (672)

Amazing Grace (343)

I Need Thee Every Hour (638)

Closing:

Victory In Jesus (353)

### 9:30 & 11 AM Service Worship

Counting On God Our God Our God Saves Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Song Lyrics on pages 3-4

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

Songs of Worship Moment of Prayer Announcements Message Closing Worship



VISITORS

**SERVICE TIMES** 

**8:00 AM**Acoustic Service



**BIBLE** 

**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: <a href="https://www.soth.church/giving">www.soth.church/giving</a>

**URGENT! Children's Ministry Volunteers Needed** We are looking for volunteers in all areas of our children's ministry: a Pre-K & K Sunday school assistant, a 3rd & 4th Grade Sunday school teacher(s), and Children's Church teachers. All lessons, games, and crafts are provided in these areas. If interested, please sign up at the Event Sign-Up kiosk, or see Renee Miller, a Welcome Desk volunteer, or pastor.

**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

**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.

**Sunday Morning Volunteers Needed:** To help in our Chronicles Bookstore, Café, and our Projection Video Operator. Sign up at the Event Sign-up Kiosk, or speak with Pastor Jason

Missions Informational Meeting, Sunday Nov. 16th 12:15 PM. Interested in joining us for our 2026 Missions Trip, join us for a brief meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

Mark your Calendar: Operation Christmas Child Collection Week is November 16th through the 23<sup>rd</sup> Pick up a box today from the lobby and fill with gifts. Return boxes anytime to the lobby up to Sunday November 23.

"Deck the Fellowship Halls" Christmas Decorating day. Saturday, November 22nd, 10:00 AM to Noon.

**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.

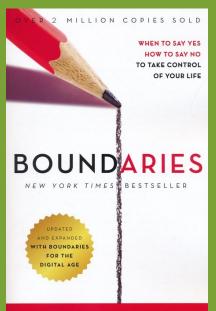
We ask everyone to please refrain from bringing food or snacks into the sanctuary. Thank you.



Get last week's message and message notes <u>online here</u>, or through our <u>SOTH Church Mobile app</u>.

### **BOUNDARIES**

WHEN TO SAY YES, HOW TO SAY NO BY DR. HENRY CLOUD AND DR. JOHN TOWNSEND



Having clear boundaries is essential to a healthy, balanced lifestyle. A boundary is a personal property line that marks those things for which we are responsible. In other words, boundaries define who we are and who we are not. Boundaries impact all areas of our lives: Physical boundaries help us determine who may touch us and under what circumstances -- Mental boundaries give us the freedom to have our own thoughts and opinions -- Emotional boundaries help us to deal with our own emotions and disengage from the harmful, manipulative emotions of others -- Spiritual boundaries help us to distinguish God's will from our own and give us renewed awe for our Creator -- Often, Christians focus so much on being loving and unselfish that they forget their own limits and limitations.

Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend offer biblically-based answers to these and other tough questions, showing us how to set healthy boundaries with our parents, spouses, children, friends, co-workers, and even ourselves.

Pickup your copy at Chronicles Christian Books today!

DR. HENRY CLOUD & DR. JOHN TOWNSEND

# Songs of Worship

### Contemporary Service – 11:00 AM Live Stream

### Counting On God CCLI #5064366 | Jared Anderson

Verse

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

Pre-Chorus

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

Chorus

I'm counting on I'm counting on God I'm counting on I'm counting on God (REPEAT)

Verse

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Bridge

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

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

**Our God** 

CCLI #5677416 | Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman, Jesse Reeves, and Chris Tomlin

Verse 1

Water You turned into wine Opened the eyes of the blind There's no one like You None like You

Verse 2

Into the darkness You shine Out of the ashes we rise There's no one like You None like You

Chorus

Our God is greater
Our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is healer
Awesome in power our God our God

Verse 2

Chorus

Chorus

Bridge

And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against
And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against
(Then) what could stand against

Chorus

Chorus

Bridge

# Songs of Worship

### Contemporary Service – 11:00 AM Live Stream

### Our God Saves CCLI #4972837 | Paul Baloche and Brenton Brown

### Verse

In the name of the Father In the name of the Son In the name of the Spirit Lord we come We're gather'd together To lift up Your name To call on our Savior To fall on Your grace

#### Verse

Pre-Chorus
Hear the joyful sound
Of our offering
As Your saints bow down
As Your people sing
We will rise with You
lifted on Your wings
And the world will see that

#### Chorus

Our God saves our God saves There is hope in Your name Mourning turns to songs of praise Our God saves our God saves

### Verse

Chorus

Pre-Chorus

#### Taa

And the world will see that

### Chorus

### Ending

Our God saves our God saves Our God saves our God saves Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)
CCLI #4768151 | Edwin Othello Excell, Louie Giglio, John
Newton, John P. Rees, and Chris Tomlin

#### Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me I once was lost but now I'm found Was blind but now I see

### Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed

#### Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free My God my Savior has ransomed me And like a flood His mercy rains Unending love amazing grace

#### Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me His word my hope secures He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures

#### Chorus

#### Chorus

#### Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

### **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: Melissa M.

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

Margaret S.

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

Eileen D.

Chronicles Books: Patti W.

**Calvary Kids Ministry** 

Crib Room (9:30): Sarah M.

Toddler Care (9:30): Karen P. / Sarah Grace H. Children's Church (11:00): Maddie O. / Owen

M.

A/V Team

Sound: Dolly K. / Barb N. Video: Stan K. / Gail A.

**Logistics Team** 

Deacon: Sharon E.

Offering Counters: Rob & Ginny S.

**Serving Next Week** 

Welcome Desk: Melissa M. / Diane K.

Greeters: Kevin & Stephanie H. / Roger &

Sharon E.

Calvary Cafe: Brian & Sandy 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): John & Renee 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.

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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.

**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 <a href="mailtra:rmiller@soth.church">rmiller@soth.church</a> 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 <a href="mailto:info@soth.church">info@soth.church</a>

**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 <a href="mailto:jwells@soth.church">jwells@soth.church</a>.



# 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.

# November Missions

Derrick Whitmore is the founder and currently serves as the Executive Director of Shattered Studios, a non-profit organization that shares hope and faith through the creative, performance, and media arts.

Derrick felt the call to ministry after the Lord healed him of the depression and low self-esteem he felt as a youth. While serving as the youth pastor of Shepherd of the Hills, Derrick observed some of the youth were dealing with similar levels of depression and even suicidal thoughts. He felt the urgent need to gather a team together to specifically address this need and soon Shattered Studios was formed. Not long after, Derrick felt God calling to devote more time into working with those struggling with depression and, as a result, he began working for Shattered Studios full time. Due to the

Derrick Whitmore is our Missions Commitment focus for the months of November. Derrick serves as the Executive Director of Shattered Studios in Orlando, Florida.

large number of missionary resources available in Orlando, FL, he decided to expand Shattered Studios to incorporate the Orlando metro-region.

His greatest desire is to help people, especially youth and young adults, come to personally know the Lord and grow in an unending relationship with Him. Derrick is also passionate about inspiring others to use whatever gifts they have been given to serve others and glorify the Lord (1 Peter 4:10-11).



Derrick and Julie Whitmore

# NOVEMBER 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 in full swing, and the holidays are here! In just a few weeks we will be celebrating Thanksgiving, followed by Christmas just a few weeks later, and then the New Year. It seems like 2025 has flown by! With that, though, there is lots happening at the church.

Our Wednesday night family meals will continue throughout the season, until Christmas. Also, be sure and invite your friends, especially those who may be in a tight financial situation. With the government shutdown affecting more people each day, we want to do what we can to be the hands and feet of Christ. So, be sure and let people know to bring their own drink but then come out to our family meals each Wednesday evening from 5:15 to 6:15.

Also, with the change of season we are planning on finishing our series in Genesis, wrapping up in the next couple of weeks with the life of Joseph – a man who looks more like Jesus than anyone else in all the Bible. Then, the plan is to move into a Thanksgiving series, followed by the Advent season with a series called "An Unhurried Christmas," looking at the importance of slowing down and enjoying God's presence.

There is a lot happening, so please be sure to stay updated. If you have any questions, please let one of the staff know and we will be happy to serve you in any way we can.

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

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 fall is here in full swing, with winter soon to follow. We want to thank all the volunteers who have helped keep the property maintained through the summer months, from lawn mowing, tree maintenance, and more. As the cold season moves in, we will need help cleaning up leaves and sticks in high-traffic areas. If you are interested in helping in this area, please let us know by filling out a yellow card, or speaking with one of the pastors.

We will have a Christmas Decorating day ("Deck the Fellowship Halls" event) coming up on Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, starting at 10:00 AM. This is a fun and exciting day to decorate the church inside and out for the Christmas season.

As we end this year and move into the next year, the elder board has made the decision to improve building security throughout the week and during services. Our plan is to implement these security measures as discretely as possible, as to not disrupt the normal flow of worship.

One area of security improvement that has taken effect immediately is the locking of the brown hallway doors that lead to the office hallway and classrooms. These doors will now be locked every day during business hours (as opposed to being only locked during school hours). We ask that visitors use the doorbell by the café in the lobby to gain entry to the hallway, offices, and school classrooms.



We will also be locking these doors on Sunday mornings, during all Children's Ministry activities. If you need access to the hallway when these doors are locked, please see the Welcome Desk volunteer(s) to gain entry. Also, please be aware that door for the lower-level entrance at the rear parking lot will now be locked all Sunday morning.

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

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 <a href="mailto:igrove@soth.church">igrove@soth.church</a>.

# Servant

### **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**"A Mighty Fortress"



"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble... The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress." – Psalm 46:1, 7

Martin Luther's hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," written around 1529, powerfully reflects the central ideas of the Protestant Reformation. The song draws directly from Psalm 46, portraying God as an unshakable refuge and defender against evil. This theme mirrors Luther's conviction that faith in God alone—sola fide—is the source of salvation, not the authority of the Church or human works.

The hymn's bold and confident tone captures the courage of the Reformers, who faced persecution for challenging the established Church. Its lyrics proclaim that even when earthly powers fall, God's Word endures forever, echoing Luther's belief in sola scriptura, the authority of Scripture above all human institutions. The song became known as the "Battle Hymn of the Reformation," inspiring believers to trust God's power amid conflict and change.

Through its triumphant melody and steadfast message, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" embodies the heart of the Reformation—a declaration of faith, freedom, and reliance on divine strength over worldly control.

# Spiritual Care:

## Joseph's Journey: From Trauma to Triumph Through Trust and Forgiveness

Imagine being just 17, loved by your dad, but hated by your brothers. Joseph's colorful coat made them jealous, and their rage turned deadly. They sold him into slavery! (Genesis 37) Lies, prison, and forgotten promises followed. Yet, through every tear, Joseph clung to God.

Like many in church today, Joseph faced trauma that could have broken him. Strong emotions (anger, fear, betrayal) whispered, "You'll never heal. You can't forgive." But Joseph trusted God's bigger plan. Years later, as Egypt's ruler, he wept, hugged his brothers, and said, "You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good" (Genesis 50:20).

Our mental health struggles can feel the same. Pain screams we're stuck. Yet, like Joseph, we are not powerless. The Holy Spirit lives in us, giving strength to overcome and hearts to forgive. Joseph had no Bible or church, but he had God. We have even more: Jesus and His Spirit.

Action Step: This week, name one hurt out loud to God. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you release it and pray a tiny prayer of blessing for the person who caused pain. One step starts the healing.

For more counsel and prayer around life's difficult challenges, reach out to Pastor Jason 610-754-6446 extension 27 or email at <a href="mailto:jwells@soth.church">jwells@soth.church</a>.





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:**

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 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.

- Goodness: Matthew 5:16, God wants u to look for others, to help when we can and to give when we are able.
- Faithfulness: 2 Thessalonians 3:3, Being faithful means being loyal and sticking with someone or something no matter what. God is always faithful to us, even when we are not faithful. God wants us to strive to always be faithful to Him.
- Patience: Gentleness Proverbs 15:1, Gentleness is the opposite of getting angry and throwing a fit. Instead of losing our temper, we can count to 10 and ask God to help us to be gentle.
- Self-Control: Psalm 119:11, It takes self-control to control our emotions and resist the urge to do something we know is wrong. With God's help, we can have self-control and do what is right.

### 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.

- Goodness: Luke 11:37-46, Kids will learn the importance of doing good and having a good name through the story of Jesus and the Pharisees.
- Faithfulness: Luke 15:11-32, Kids will learn the meaning of faithfulness through the parable of the Prodigal Son.
- Gentleness: John 10:11-18, The children will learn about gentleness through the parable of the Good Shepherd.
- Self-Control: Matthew 5:38-42, Kids will learn that self-control is a great way to share the gospel through Jeus's teaching about turning the other cheek.

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

The kids will continue their study of Heaven and Earth, Hell and Judgement, according to what the Bible says. Reflecting on a good, loving, gracious Heavenly Father and His mercy. Later in the month they will start a study of Revelation, God's redemptive plan for His people, creation, and the Revelation of Christ Jesus our conquering King.

### 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. The children will continue to study in the 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

- Major Prophets: Daniel 6:3-23 Daniel in the Lion's Den. The Major Prophets, Isaiah Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel and Daniel, remind us that even when things seem dark around us, God is always in control, we just must be patient and wait on His timing.
- Minor Prophets: Jonah 1 and Jonah 3, The major Prophets books from Hosea to Malachi, point us to our need for repentance. We see that God forgiveness is freely given to those that do not deserve it.
- Gospels: John 10:7-18, The Good Shepherd; in the Gospels Our hero appears to have lost the battle, but He is raised from the grave and comes back triumphant. Jesus birth, life, death and resurrection changes the course of history, for every person now has a chance to escape the punishment that our sins deserve.

#### THANKSGIVING BREAK: NO Youth Club Nov 26th

\*\* We have started to rehearse some of the dances for different characters in our Christmas Eve Program from 6:30-7:00. Please check the schedule (copies are available at the sign in sheet), if your child is scheduled for rehearsal, please have them here by 6:30. The other children will have the usual game time in the Fellowship Hall, followed by regular Youth Club lessons and activities for all of the children.\*\*

God Bless.

Renee Miller, Women & Children's Ministry Director



# CALVARY CHAPEL ACADEMY

Dear Academy Family,

As this season of transition unfolds, I find myself reflecting on the many ways God has been faithful in life. Change often brings mixed emotions, a sense of excitement for what's ahead, and a touch of sadness for what is left behind. Yet, through it all, we can trust that God is guiding every step.

It has been an incredible privilege to serve alongside our students and staff. The energy, curiosity, and faith I've witnessed in our young people have been a constant source of encouragement. The students of the

academy are blessed to have a wonderful group of loving and compassionate teachers. I will truly miss the high fives, laughter, and moments of growth we've shared.

Our October Hallelujah Harvest was an unforgettable evening of fun! The laughter and excitement filled the air as children enjoyed hayrides around the church, navigated the hay maze, and took turns on the adorable pony rides. The carnival games were a huge hit, from ring tosses to bean bag throws with prizes, smiles, and plenty of

family fun. It was a joy to see our students' faces light up with wonder and excitement as families joined in the fun together. A special thank you goes out to all the teachers, parents, and volunteers who helped make the evening so special. Please be in prayer for the new season at Calvary Chapel Academy as the students and teacher continue to learn more about Jesus and His love. Thank you for your love, support, and partnership in this ministry.

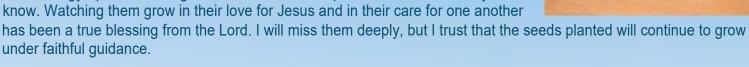
With heartfelt gratitude, Charles Rowdon



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 I reflect on my time here, I'm filled with deep gratitude for all that God has done in and through this ministry. Change is never easy, but it is often the space where God does His most beautiful work. This season marks a new chapter for me, for our youth, and for the life of our church and I am both thankful and hopeful for this new season of life.

Serving within the youth ministry has been one of the greatest joys of my ministry. Their energy, questions, laughter, and faith have inspired me more than they know. Watching them grow in their love for Jesus and in their care for one another



Please be in prayer for James Wilson as he steps into his new role within the youth group. God has been equipping him for this season of ministry and I'm confident God will use his gifts to lead our youth with fresh vision and compassion. Surround him with encouragement, support, and grace as he begins this new journey.

Thank you, church family, for your love, prayers, and partnership in ministry. I'm excited to see how God continues to move in and through this amazing community and I will miss you all very much.



With love and gratitude, Charles Rowdon



"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:**

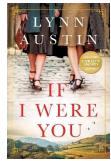
In October our Women's Event was a day trip to Lancaster. We had such a wonderful day, shopping, eating delicious food and spending the day together. The highlight of the day was the visit to the Tabernacle Experience together. What a great visual to help understand what the Tabernacle of Moses looked like and how much work would go into tearing it down and reassembling after transporting it to the next location the Lord would lead them.

Many pieces make up the structure of the frame. The furniture inside the Tabernacle, the sections of the walls, the different layers of cloth and leather for the roof, the Ark of the Covenant, all in scale of the dimensions the Lord gave to Abraham.

### Women's Event for November: Saturday November 8, 9:00 AM to noon

Potluck breakfast, worship and craft. Come join us as we share a meal and as we raise our voices and hands together in praise to the Lord in worship. There will be a craft after worship, so come prepared to get creative and make a beautiful Christmas themed craft.

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



### Book Club: Next Meting is Thursday, November 13th

We will discuss the book "If I Were You" by Lynn Austin. This is a Historical Fiction during the time of WWII in England and as they reunite after the war in the USA 1950. Two friends from different side of the tracks, reunite after the war in America, but not the way one would think. A devastating loss for both has caused a deceitful web of lies, which leads them both to the breaking point. Book is still available in Chronicle Book Store, Kindle and Audible.

\*\*\*In December, the ladies will meet on December 18th, in the Parlor, at 6:30. The book we will discuss will be "Under the Magnolias" by T. I. Lowe. Austin is only a teenager in South Carolina, during 1980, when her momma dies giving birth to twins. She picks up the pieces and cares for 6 siblings, as she tries to keep her daddy from retreating into his personal darkness. When the son of a wealthy family, Vance Cumberland, comes along, her father makes a choice that

cracks open wide the secrets of her family's history. Along with the consequences of public reckoning comes the freedom of truth. This gritty yet tender and uplifting tale reminds us that a great story can break your heart...then heal it the best possible way.

\*\*\*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 1 & 2 Corinthians

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. We also need some volunteers for crib room for Sunday November 23rd.

### 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 what makes us distinct. Our Shepherd 102 class walks through the Calvary Chapel Distinctives. Our Shepherd 103 class will teach you tools on how to study the Bible, and finally our Shepherd 104 class will give you

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 to be added to the list.

### **MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT**

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### **Assistance Fund**

James 1:27 says; "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world."

The congregation of Shepherd of the Hills is committed to the service of the congregation and community through holistic ministry. The world is broken and incomplete, falling far short of the glory God intended at the creation. As a result, we seek to minister to the whole

"Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common."

Acts 4:32

individual, desiring to meet both spiritual and physical needs.

Therefore, the assistance fund Similarly, if you was established with the mission to provide short-term support for both members and regular attenders experiencing need. The assistance fund meets monthly and works diligently to evaluate the needs of the church and provide help the best they can. If you are a part of our church family, have a loved one who is going through a difficult time, or attend regularly and need aid, please contact the

church office so we can work together in service of Christ.

want to support the assistance fund please consider doing so through both prayer and financial support.







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.



