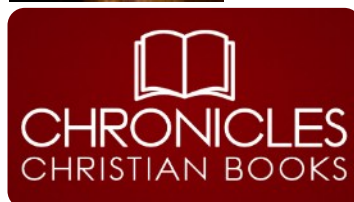


SUNDAY DECEMBER 7TH, 2025



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

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



### **VERSE OF ENCOURAGEMENT**

"Glory to God in the  
highest, and on earth  
peace among those with  
whom he is pleased!"

*Luke 2:14*

## **Message Series:**

**PATIENCE IN TIME**

*an Unhurried  
Christmas*

**PASSAGE**  
Matthew 1

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

Hark The Herald Angels Sing  
(277)  
It Came Upon the Midnight  
Clear (251)  
Emmanuel (243)

#### ***Closing:***

Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee  
(271)

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

Hark The Herald Angels Sing  
/ King Of Heaven  
He Shall Reign Forevermore  
This I Believe

*Song Lyrics on pages 3-4*

### **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Welcome  
Songs of Worship  
Moment of Prayer  
Announcements  
Message  
Communion  
Closing Worship

**SUBMIT  
PRAYER REQUESTS**

**GIVING**

**VISITORS**

**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)

**Women's Ministry Christmas Caroling Event, Sat. December 13th 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM.** Ladies join us for Christmas Caroling, a Cookie Exchange, and Soup Lunch. We will meet at the church and walk around our local neighborhood as we spread some Christmas Carols and joy. Sign up online or at the Event Sign-Up kiosk in the lobby.

**Wednesday Night Family Meals Fall Session, 5:15-6:15 PM.** 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, Dec. 18th 6:30 PM.**

**Shepherd 102: Sunday December 21 at 12:15 PM** The Calvary Chapel Distinctives are what separate us from other Evangelical churches. Sign up at the Event Sign-up Kiosk.

**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.

**2026 Giving Envelopes:** If you have never received a pre-numbered set of Giving Envelopes (check or cash donations), please sign up at the Event Sign-up Kiosk. If you received a box for 2025, no need to sign-up, but please confirm on a Yellow Contact Card or at the kiosk. To be available by Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>.

**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 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.

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

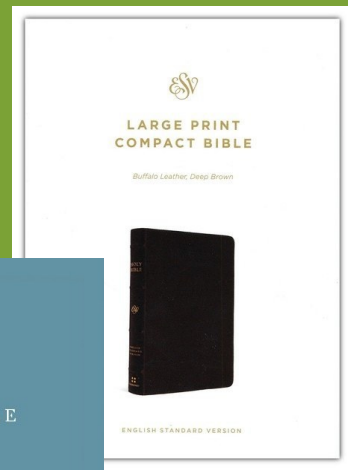
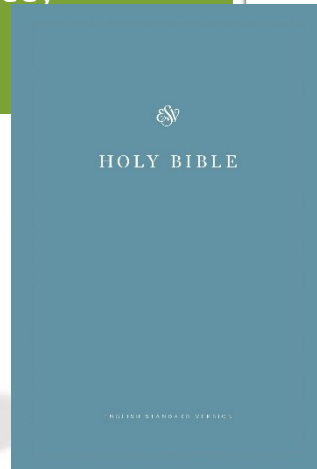
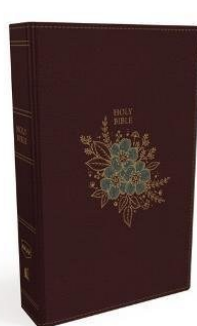
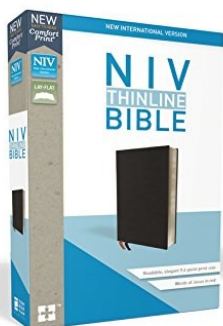
## BOOK of the month

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

## THE HOLY BIBLE

Critical to the Christian Faith, there is no other book that can compare to the Word of God. For the entire month of December, the Bible is our Book of the Month. We want to make sure that God's Word is available to all. All Bibles, including Children's Bibles, compact Bibles, and Study Bibles are on sale during December.

Get 10% off any new Bible at Chronicles Christian Books today!



# Songs of Worship

*Contemporary Service – 11:00 AM Live Stream*

**Hark The Herald Angels Sing / King Of Heaven**  
**CCLI #7019799 | Paul Baloche, Charles Wesley,**  
**Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, and Jason Ingram**

## *Verse 1*

Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King  
Peace on earth and mercy mild  
God and sinners reconciled  
Joyful all ye nations rise  
Join the triumph of the skies  
With angelic hosts proclaim  
Christ is born in Bethlehem  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King

## *Verse 2*

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace  
Hail the Son of righteousness  
Light and life to all He brings  
Risen with healing in His wings  
Mild He lays His glory by  
Born that man no more may die  
Born to raise the sons of earth  
Born to give them second birth  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King

## *Chorus*

King of Heaven come down  
King of Heaven come now  
Let Your glory reign  
Shining like the day  
King of Heaven come  
King of Heaven rise up  
Who can stand against us  
You are strong to save  
In Your mighty name  
King of Heaven come

## *Interlude*

Oh oh

*Continued...*

## *Verse 3*

Christ by highest heaven adored  
Christ the everlasting Lord  
Late in time behold Him come  
Offspring of a virgin's womb  
Mild He lays His glory by  
Born that man no more may die  
Born to raise the sons of earth  
Born to give them second birth  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King  
The newborn King

## *Chorus*

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Shining like the day  
King of Heaven come  
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In Your mighty name  
King of Heaven come

## *Ending*

King of Heaven come  
King of Heaven come  
King of Heaven come  
King of Heaven come

King of Heaven come down  
King of Heaven come now  
Let Your glory reign  
Shining like the day  
King of Heaven come

# Songs of Worship

*Contemporary Service – 11:00 AM Live Stream*

## **He Shall Reign Forevermore**

**CCLI #7050416 | Chris Tomlin and Matt Maher**

### *Verse 1*

In the bleak mid-winter  
All creation groans  
For a world in darkness  
Frozen like a stone  
Light is breaking  
In a stable for a throne

### *Chorus 1*

And He shall reign  
Forevermore forevermore  
And He shall reign  
Forevermore forevermore  
Unto us a Child is born  
The King of kings and Lord of lords  
And He shall reign  
Forevermore forevermore

### *Verse 2*

If I were a wise man  
I would travel far  
If I were a shepherd  
I would do my part  
But poor as I am  
I will give to Him my heart

### *Chorus 1*

### *Bridge*

Here within a manger lies the One  
Who made the starry skies  
This baby born for sacrifice  
Christ the Messiah  
Into our hopes into our fears  
The Savior of the world appears  
The promise of eternal years  
Christ the Messiah

### *Chorus 2*

And He shall reign  
Forevermore forevermore  
And He shall reign  
Forevermore forevermore

### *Chorus 1*

## **This I Believe**

**CCLI #7018338 | Ben Fielding and Matt Crocker**

### *Verse 1*

Our Father everlasting  
The all creating One  
God Almighty  
Through Your Holy Spirit  
Conceiving Christ the Son  
Jesus our Savior

### *Chorus 1*

I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in One  
I believe in the resurrection  
That we will rise again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

### *Verse 2*

Our judge and our defender  
Suffered and crucified  
Forgiveness is in You  
Descended into darkness  
You rose in glorious life  
Forever seated high

### *Chorus 1*

### *Bridge*

I believe in You  
I believe You rose again  
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

### *Chorus 2*

I believe in life eternal  
I believe in the virgin birth  
I believe in the saints' communion  
And in Your holy Church  
I believe in the resurrection  
When Jesus comes again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

### *Chorus 1*

### *Ending*

For I believe in the Name of Jesus  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

# 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. / Diane K.  
Greeters: Edo J. / Bill & Patti W. / Uwe & Mary B.  
Calvary Cafe: Brian & Sandy L. / Bill & Carol H.  
Chronicles Books: Sandy L.

## **Calvary Kids Ministry**

Crib Room (9:30): Sarah M.  
Toddler Care (9:30): Chevelle P.  
Children's Church (11:00): Maddie O. / Owen M.

## **A/V Team**

Sound: Neil S. / Tyler L.  
Video: Rick S. / Shaun C.

## **Logistics Team**

Deacon: Neil S.  
Offering Counters: Patti W. / Sharon S.

## **Serving Next Week**

Welcome Desk: Melissa M. / Mary S.  
Greeters: Terry & Gail L.  
Calvary Cafe: Karla O. / Tammy T. / Frank & Eileen D.  
Chronicles Books: Patti W.

## **Calvary Kids Ministry**

Crib Room (9:30): Katie L.  
Toddler Care (9:30): Sarah M. / Diane B.  
Children's Church (11:00): Jon & Renee M.

## **A/V Team**

Sound: Dolly K. / Tyler L.  
Video: Stan K. / Gail A.

## **Logistics Team**

Deacon: Paul L.  
Offering Counters: Rob & Ginny S.

## ***SOTH CC mobile app***



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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.

# December Missions

The Stokes family lives in the mountains of Papua Indonesia amongst a people group named the “Dem.” They are an isolated people group that have no written form of their language, never had any western influences and are completely remote. The only way in or out if by using a small missionary plane or their feet.

They have completed the translation of the Bible into the native language and have taught their first round of over 80 lessons of the Gospel. They have experienced several hundred native Dem coming to listen each day.

Currently the Stokes cannot return to the tribe at this time due to tribal fighting, but are training natives in a neighboring village.

Where they live there is no power company, no water company, no roads or corner mini mart. They live off solar panels, water from a stream and the trip to the

**Jeremiah & Briana Stokes** are our **Missions Commitment** focus for the month of December. The Stokes serve in the mountains of Papua Indonesia as missionaries to the “Dem” tribe.

grocery store is a plane landing with a couple months’ worth of food.

“We are Jeremiah & Briana Stokes. We have 3 children Eden Jericho and Noelle and we are missionaries with New Tribes Mission in Indonesia.

We moved overseas July 4, 2010. We are both from Pennsylvania but opposite sides of the state. Briana is from eastern Pa and Jeremiah is from Pittsburgh. We both grew up in Christian homes but when we were in our first year of college, we were confronted with the fact that there are unreached tribal people groups that have no access to the Bible.”



## DECEMBER 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 coming to an end as we move into the Christmas season. We want to thank all the volunteers who have helped keep the property maintained through the fall, from leaf cleanup, Christmas decorating, tree maintenance, and more.

As the cold season moves in, we do ask that you bear with us as our heating system works hard to keep the building comfortable. We realize that certain rooms may be slightly cooler than others and may require a sweater or jacket. Being proactive in these measures can help us keep heating costs down during the cold winter months.

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 school-aged 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 [jgrove@soth.church](mailto:jgrove@soth.church).



# Servant spotlight

## Karla Oswald

*Currently serving: Calvary Café, First Impressions Team (Greeting Team), Hospitality Ministry*



Hi, my name is Karla. The Holy Spirit has led me to attend SOTH and have been since March 2017. As I have grown stronger in my faith and developed a closer relationship with Jesus, it has opened me up to serve others. To welcome someone at the entrance or to serve at the cafe with tasty treats that are generously provided to the church is where the Lord has placed on my heart to joyfully serve.

## 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:

### A Heart Tuned to Thanksgiving

**"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18**

In the gentle rhythm of Thanksgiving, something sacred happens when we pause, lift our eyes, and turn our hearts toward the Lord with genuine thankfulness. It is more than a holiday tradition; it is a holy posture that reorients our entire soul.

When we choose gratitude, we remember who God truly is: infinitely good, endlessly faithful, and breathtakingly wonderful. The weight of our worries shrinks in the light of His greatness. Bills, diagnoses, broken relationships, and unspoken fears (none of them are bigger than our God). As we name His blessings and recall His past faithfulness, a quiet transformation begins inside us. Anxiety loosens its grip. Discouragement loses its

voice. Our perspective shifts from what is lacking to the One who lacks nothing.

In life's hardest seasons, thankfulness becomes our lifeline. It invites the Prince of Peace to flood the places that feel chaotic and plants joy where sorrow once ruled. Even in the valley, He is our steady song.

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:**

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 paper your children bring home after class. These papers will help you know how to reinforce what they have learned in Sunday School. Your children just started a new study series, "Joseph", the last Sunday of November. This series will continue through to the end of December. There will be a break for a Birthday Party and Lesson for Jesus Birthday on Dec 21st. Theme: Trust God Always

- Yellow: Joseph's Fearful Time: Genesis 39:20-40:23  
Joseph ended up in jail, even though he did nothing wrong. Instead of feeling self-pity, Joseph was able to help others while he was afraid. He trusted God to see him through when he was scared.
- Purple: Joseph's Royal Position: Genesis 41:1-43  
Joseph interprets a King's Dream and was rewarded greatly! In one day, Joseph went from prisoner to second in command of Egypt! No matter what changes come our way, we can trust God.
- Jesus Birthday Party: Jesus is Born: Luke 2:11, Unto us a Savior is Born!
- Blue: Joseph's Peaceful Reunion: Genesis 45:1-15  
Joseph reveals himself to his brothers. Joseph was not angry or fearful when he saw his brothers, only happiness! God has a good plan for me!

#### **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 have learned throughout the week. We also send home a memory verse for them to learn. We give them incentive to remember scripture, lollipops! The children have started a new series the last Sunday of November titled: "Acts, a study of the early Church".

Memory Verse: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you. Then you will tell people about me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria. Acts 1:8

- The First Churches: Acts 2:42-27, The Believers share their lives together  
"Church is about the people, not the place."
- A Tale of 2 Gifts: Acts 4:36-5:4, Ananias and Sapphira  
"God intends for us to give with joy, not out of obligation or to glorify ourselves."
- The Good News is Official: Acts 8:26-39, Philip and the man from Macedonia  
"The Holy Spirit can help me share the good news"
- Peter's Dream: Acts 10:9-19, 34-36, Peter has a vision  
"The Church is for everyone"

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

The children have started a study of Revelation, God's redemptive plan for His people, creation, and the Revelation of Christ Jesus our conquering King. Looking also into the OT Books of Daniel, Ezekiel and Isaiah, which point to the hope of the faithful, by God's divine intervention in history. A reassurance for the Lord's church, that God reigns. Jesus has already won the victory, God's Kingdom prevails!

#### **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.

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.

\*\* We have already started to rehearse some of the dances and acting scenes for different characters in our Christmas Eve Program. Parents, please check your emails for the songs and dances your children will be specifically learning, so they can practice at home. \*\*

**Wednesday nights will be Whole Cast program practice from 6:30-8:30.** If your child wants a part, please have them come to Dec 3rd practice and we will find them a part. Dec 3, 10, 17th Rehearsals will be on Wednesday Evening. Saturday Dec 20th is a Full-Dress Rehearsal from 9:30-12:30, Snacks will be provided. Christmas Eve: 4:15 All children are to be here fully dressed in costumes, so they can be ready to practice the play 1 time before the service at 6:00. Please make sure your child has had something to eat before they come. We will provide a snack and water.

God Bless,



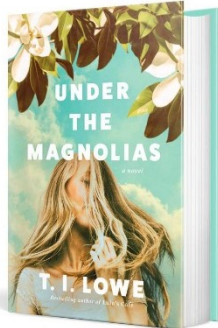
"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.... forgive as the Lord forgives. And over all these virtues, put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity." -Colossians 3:12 – 14

### Upcoming Women's Ministry Events:

In November the women gathered for a breakfast, worship and a Christmas luminary art project. What a fun morning we shared together in worship and fellowship and of course yummy food. Please consider coming to this month's Women's Event; we would love to have you join us!

### Women's Event for December: Saturday Nov 13th, 9:30 AM-12:30

We will be gathering to have a cookie exchange, pack tins for the neighbors of SOTHCC and distribute them as we sing Christmas Carols. Yes, we will be Christmas caroling! After which, we will return to the church and enjoy a nice hot soup lunch. Please sign up on Kiosk or reach out to Renee Miller.



### Book Club: Thursday December 18th, in the Parlor, at 6:30 PM

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 freedom from 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 currently studying a series on 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 teach to pray about this. We can do a monthly rotation. Our children are so vulnerable to everything around them. Let's start them off with the Word of God, during their most impressionable years.

As we head into the last few weeks of the year, my prayer for you is that you cherish even the busyness of the season. Have joy in the bustle as we celebrate the birth of our dear Savior Jesus, Immanuel, God with us!!! What a mind-blowing statement, yet it is Truth! The God who created the universe, humbly came down to physically walk with us! He put aside some of his attributes as God, not his Deity; to become a servant and the perfect Lamb for you, me and the world, God chose love! Please remember joy is a Fruit of the Spirit, not an emotion, praise the Lord for that! Joy is knowing whatever the circumstance, Jesus promises to love us and to never leave us, He promises He has prepared a place for us in the glory of heaven and will one day come to take us home, with Him!!! Play those cherished Christmas hymns and carols, lift your face, raise your hands and worship the King, recall all the promises His Word holds for us. His love never changes, it doesn't depend on us, it is Jesus and His finished work, praise the Lord! So, this Christmas season don't get too distracted, fix your eyes on Jesus, remember to give Him all honor, praise and glory and choose to revel in the joy, He gives to us freely. Merry Christmas to you all of you dear women and your families!

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 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](mailto:jwells@soth.church) to be added to the list.

## MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

SHEPHERD of the HILLS



### 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 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.

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



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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.

