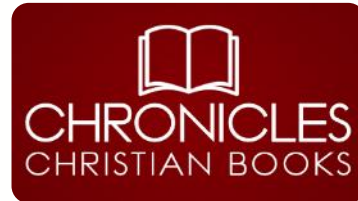


SUNDAY JANUARY 18TH, 2026



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

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



**VERSE OF  
ENCOURAGEMENT**

"I trust in you, O Lord; I  
say, 'You are my God.'  
My life is in your hand."

*Psalms 31:14-15a*

**Message  
Series:**

**GET OFF THE X**  
*Responding to Spiritual Traps*

**GET OFF THE "X" OF TEMPTATION**

**PASSAGE**  
Genesis 39

**8:00 AM Service Worship**

My Life Is in You Lord (542)  
Living For Jesus (605)  
I Exalt Thee (31)

***Closing:***

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus  
(602)

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

Lay Me Down  
Our God  
Christ Is Enough

*Song Lyrics on pages 3-4*

**ORDER OF  
WORSHIP**

Welcome  
Songs of Worship  
Moment of Prayer  
Announcements  
Message  
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)

**LAST CALL! 2026 Giving Envelopes:** *Today is the last day to pick up giving envelopes from the lobby.*

**TODAY! Shepherd 103 Class, Sunday January 18<sup>th</sup> 12:15 PM: The Shepherd of the Hills Articles of Faith** *Join us the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday this month for our new Shepherd 103 Class, reviewing the Articles/Statement of Faith here at Shepherd of the Hills Calvary Chapel. Lunch is provided.*

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

**Giving Statements for 2025 are now available upon request.** *If you gave online or through the church app, or provided your email address to the church office, giving statements were automatically emailed on Thursday, January 15th at 4:00 PM.*

**URGENT! Children's Church Volunteers Needed** *We are looking for volunteers for our Children's Church (11:00 AM Service) program. Can be a husband & wife team. On a rotating schedule (about once a month). All lessons, games, and crafts are provided. If interested, please sign up at the Event Sign-Up kiosk.*

**VBS Volunteers Meeting, Sunday, Feb. 1st 12:15 PM.** *Interested in volunteering for our 2026 VBS program (June 22-26), join us for a Volunteers meeting on Sunday, February 1st in the Fellowship Hall following morning services.*

**Chili Cook-off & Fellowship Lunch, Feb. 8th:** *Have a famous chili recipe that you would like to share with the church? Sign up at the Event Sign-Up to participate in the competition. No sign up necessary to attend for lunch. In the Fellowship Hall at 12:15pm.*

**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.*

**Ladies Beautifully Bound Book Club, Thursday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM.** *Our book selection is available for purchase at Chronicles Christian Books until January 25<sup>th</sup>.*

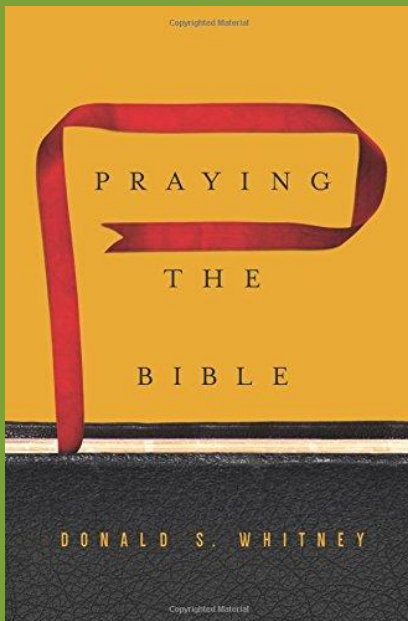
**We ask everyone to please refrain from bringing food or snacks into the sanctuary. Thank you.**

## BOOK of the month

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

### PRAYING THE BIBLE

BY DONALD S. WHITNEY



All Christians know they should pray, but sometimes it's hard to know how—especially if the minutes start to drag and our minds start to wander. Offering readers hope, encouragement, and the practical advice they're looking for, this concise book by professor Donald Whitney outlines a simple, time-tested method that can help transform our prayer lives: praying the words of the Bible. Praying the Bible shows readers how to pray through portions of Scripture one line at a time, helping us stay focused by allowing God's Word itself to direct our thoughts and words. Simple yet profound, this resource will prove invaluable to all Christians as they seek to commune with their heavenly Father in prayer each and every day.

Pickup your copy today at Chronicles Christian Books!

# Songs of Worship

*Contemporary Service – 11:00 AM Live Stream*

## Lay Me Down

CCLI #6223577 | Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman, and Chris Tomlin

### Verse 1

With this heart open wide  
From the depths from the heights  
I will bring a sacrifice

### Verse 2

With these hands lifted high  
Hear my song hear my cry  
I will bring a sacrifice  
I will bring a sacrifice

### Chorus

I lay me down  
I'm not my own  
I belong to You alone  
Lay me down lay me down

Oh hand on my heart  
This much is true  
There's no life apart from You  
Lay me down lay me down

### Verse 3

Letting go of my pride  
Giving up all my rights  
Take this life and let it shine  
Take this life and let it shine

### Chorus

### Interlude

Oh lay me down lay me down  
Lay me down

### Bridge

It will be my joy to say  
Your will Your way  
It will be my joy to say  
Your will Your way  
It will be my joy to say  
Your will Your way always  
(REPEAT)

### Chorus

### Interlude

## 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

# Songs of Worship

*Contemporary Service – 11:00 AM Live Stream*

## **Christ Is Enough**

**CCLI #6514035 | Reuben Morgan and Jonas Myrin**

### *Verse 1*

Christ is my reward  
and all of my devotion  
Now there's nothing in this world  
That could ever satisfy  
Through every trial  
my soul will sing  
No turning back  
I've been set free

### *Chorus*

Christ is enough for me  
Christ is enough for me  
Everything I need is in You  
Everything I need

### *Verse 2*

Christ my all in all  
the joy of my salvation  
And this hope will never fail  
Heaven is our home  
Through every storm  
my soul will sing  
Jesus is here  
to God be the glory

### *Chorus*

### *Bridge 1*

I have decided  
to follow Jesus  
No turning back  
No turning back

### *Bridge 2*

The cross before me  
the world behind me  
No turning back  
No turning back

### *Chorus*

### *Chorus*

### *Bridge 1*

### *Bridge 1*

# 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: Melisa M. / Diane K.  
Greeters: Roger & Sharon E. / Kevin & Stephanie H. / Stacey S.  
Calvary Cafe: Brian & Sandy L. / Chevell P. / Sierra M.  
Chronicles Books: Donna C.

## Calvary Kids Ministry

Crib Room (9:30): Diane K.  
Toddler Care (9:30): Mikaela E. / Shannon E.  
Children's Church (11:00): Jon & Karen S.

## A/V Team

Sound: Neil S. / Ken N.  
Video: Paul Y. / Sharon M.

## Logistics Team

Deacon: Andy T.  
Offering Counters: Jeannette K. / Donna C.

## Serving Next Week

Welcome Desk: Melisa M. / Mary B.  
Greeters: Karla O. / Linda W.  
Calvary Cafe: Irene S. / Joyce H.  
Chronicles Books: Brian & Sandy L.

## Calvary Kids Ministry

Crib Room (9:30): Judy W. / Debbie E.  
Toddler Care (9:30): Karen P. / Eileen D.  
Children's Church (11:00): John & Renee M.

## A/V Team

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

## Logistics Team

Deacon: Neil S.  
Offering Counters: Vaughn M.

## *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.

# January Missions

"Since I was a teen, I knew that God designed me for a purpose (Psalm 139) and that doing anything else with my life would be unfulfilling. God placed a desire in my heart to serve young adults, giving me the passion and creativity to reach them in a relevant way. We came to fall in love with ministry while working at a Christian camp in Lebanon, NJ. It was the first time we saw clearly how serving God was fulfilling our purpose in life and that nothing else would satisfy."- Jeff

"I have wanted to minister to young women since God drew me back to Himself in college. Helping Jeff lead the young adult group at our church has grown my faith and developed my confidence to teach and lead. I believe God has blessed us and raised us up here because He wants us to reach out to the youth of New Jersey."- Karen

**Jeff and Karen Grant** are our **Missions Commitment** focus for the month of January. The Grants currently serve in Orlando Florida with CRU.

After college, Jeff and Karen were blown away to discover that young adults are responsive to the gospel if approached in a relevant manner. It was through this group that we first felt called to reach out to this age group.

With an aching heart to serve God in full-time Ministry, both Jeff and Karen were captured instantly by the passion of Cru when introduced to it through a church member. This was the answer to years of prayer!

CRU's mission statement- Helping to fulfill the Great Commission in the power of the Holy Spirit by winning people to faith in Jesus Christ, building them in their faith and sending them to win and build

others; and helping the Body of Christ do evangelism and discipleship

[Read more about Jeff and Karen online...](#)



## JANUARY 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...

**Hello church family and welcome to 2026! As we move into the new year we have a lot of exciting things to share with you!**

Our Wednesday evening family meals have come to an end for the season. We look forward to starting these up in the Summer and Fall. That said, we are planning several fellowship events throughout the winter and spring that will give you the opportunity to fellowship and get involved in the church community.

Our Wednesday evening Bible study activities will resume this week, with our H2O Junior & Senior High returning this week. We are excited to have Pastor Jason agree to join the

youth ministry alongside James Wilson and the rest of our youth ministry team. Read more about this transition on the next page. The H2O Kids (Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> grade) will resume on the second Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>.

Our Verse-by-Verse service will continue this week at 7:00 PM as well. We will be starting a new book of the Old Testament this week, the Book of Ecclesiastes.

We are looking to have a luncheon and Vision-casting meeting in the month of February to share with the congregation what the Lord has done in 2025

and how we believe the Lord is leading us in the various ministries here at SOTH. There will be more details to follow, but please be in prayer for the church leadership team and volunteers as we prepare for this event.

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 winter has arrived and the cold is here. We have a few things to share about the property ministry here at the church.

We are looking to improve our church fellowship ministry by installing a new and updated mailbox system for those attending the fellowship. The current “church mailboxes” are located in the Children’s ministry wing and often behind locked doors on a Sunday morning (these will be removed). The new mailboxes will be bigger and installed behind the Acts 2:42 Verse wall in the Lobby Coat Room near the restrooms (by Calvary Café). These will be much closer to the sanctuary and be more easily accessible.

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 a reminder from last 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. These security improvements include keeping the office and classroom areas locked during business hours throughout the week (as posted on our main entrance), keeping the hallway doors locked during Sunday morning children’s ministries, and locking the rear lower-level doors at the back parking lot. More



improvements to follow this year.

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

We will be looking to finalize and schedule our grass mowing and lawn-care team for the Spring and Summer seasons. If you are interested in serving in this area, please let us know either on a yellow contact card, at the Event Sign-Up kiosk, or by contacting the church office throughout the week.

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).



# H2O

## HIS TO OWN

### YOUTH UPDATES

Hello H2O Church Family, Pastor Jason here, and I'm thrilled to share that I have stepped into the role of Youth Pastor here at Shepherd of the Hills Calvary Chapel.

Some of you already know me, as I've had the privilege of serving as a pastor on staff for the past four years. During that time, I've overseen our Care Ministries, facilitated onboarding classes, and provided biblical counseling. What you may not know is that I've spent over 10 years working with kids and teens in biblical counseling settings. Even during my own teenage and young adult years, I was deeply involved in youth ministry as a leader—teaching teen Bible studies, organizing events, and discipling youth.

My wife and I are parents of three little girls, ages 4, 7, and 9. As such, we understand the challenges that come with raising children in a Christ-centered home.

I'm truly looking forward to mentoring and discipling our young people as they grow in their faith.

I'll be partnering closely with James Wilson (and other leaders), our current part-time youth leader, who has done an outstanding job and brings his own unique skills and giftings to the ministry. Together, James and I will work side by side to build a youth program centered on discipleship, community, and fun—with discipleship as our top priority.

I'm excited for what God has in store for our youth ministry, and I can't wait to get to know our students (and their families) even better. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you'd like to connect or if you have any questions.

## MUSIC MOMENTS

### "Better is One Day"

**"For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere." – Psalm 84:10**

Psalm 84 paints a picture of deep longing for God's presence. The psalmist does not see faith as a distant obligation, but as a desire rooted in love: to be near God is to be truly alive. God's dwelling place is described as beautiful, safe, and joy-filled—a home for the soul. This psalm reminds us that life with God is not about location or ritual alone, but about a heart that continually turns toward Him.

The contemporary worship song "Better Is One Day" echoes this same truth. Drawing inspiration from Psalm 84, the song emphasizes that even a single day lived in God's presence is worth more than a lifetime spent chasing comfort, success, or recognition apart from Him. It reframes our priorities, reminding us that God Himself is the greatest reward of faith.

As we enter 2026, I challenge us all to examine how we live. Do we treat time with God as optional, or as essential? Striving to live for God means seeking His presence daily—through prayer, worship, obedience, and trust. It means finding our strength and joy not in circumstances, but in who God is.

Living in God's presence does not remove hardship, but it gives purpose and hope within it. When we desire God above all else, our lives are shaped by His love. Like the psalmist, we learn that true blessing is not found in what we have, but in whom we dwell with—because life with God is always better.

# Spiritual Care:

## New Year New Hope

**There are those of us who may struggle with the idea of a new year. Not knowing what the future holds can be one source of anxiousness in our lives. The nation of Israel struggled with not knowing how God was going to work in their enslavement to Babylon. They were only asked to trust in their God who has always made a way for them.**

Isaiah 43:19: "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

The Israelites must have wrestled with fear, anger & regret thinking that their God had abandoned them. Through his prophet Isaiah, the Lord is reminding them that in times past, he has provided a way for his people. These words echoed in their souls as they remembered that God had indeed split the seas and led their ancestors through the wilderness. He is now preparing them for something new.

How do you feel today as we are in a new year? Take some time to openly share this with the Lord through prayer. Praise him for the feelings of joyful expectations. Humbly go before him with open honesty about the fears and anxiousness you may have. Allow him to remind you just how much he has watched over you in the past and will continue to do so in this new year.

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 see the take home paper your children bring home after class. These papers will show you what they have learned in Sunday School. Your children will be finishing the last lesson in the series, JOSEPH and starting a new series "TALKING WITH GOD". Theme: When we pray, we are talking to God, just like we talk to mommy and daddy. We can thank God for things he's given us, ask Him for help and talk to Him when we are scared. Memory Verse: "Never Stop Praying" 1 Thessalonians 5:17

- Thank God: Luke 17:11-19, "Jesus Heals Ten Men". Children learn to thank God for all the good things He has done for them.
- Ask For Help: Daniel 6:10-23, "Daniel in the Lion Den". Little ones will learn they can ask God for help in EVERY situation.
- Talk to Him When You are Afraid: Jonah 1:17-2:2. The children will learn that they can talk to God WHENEVER they are afraid-He loves them and will help them to not be afraid anymore.

#### **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". They will finish this lesson series by the end of January. 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

- Peter's Wildest Dream: Acts 10:9-19, 34-36, Peter has a vision that the church is for everyone.
- Stephen's Stand: Acts 7:54-60, The children will learn the church is to strengthen us to face persecution.
- On a Mission: Acts 13:15, 49-52, The church is a place to send out missionaries to spread the Good News, that includes them.
- Tag Team Teaching: Acts 18:1-2, 18-26, Priscilla and Aquila teach Apollos that the church is a place where everyone has a role to play

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

The children are studying the book 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.

**Youth Club will resume with its normal schedule on Wednesday January 14th.** We will review the Books of the Bible Series and finish the first Wed in February.

**\*\*Memory Verse: Every word of God is flawless; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him. Proverbs 30:5**

- Church History: Acts 2:42-47, "The Early Church", This book reminds us the "acts" of love and unselfishness are how we share Christ's love with the world.
- Letters to Churches: Galatians 5:22-25, "The Fruit of the Spirit", These 9 "fruits give us a great guideline to check our lives to see if we are living like Christ.
- Letters to Friends: Hebrews 11:1-9, 11:32-34, 12:1-3, The next 12 books of the New Testament are also letters. Some were written by Paul and others were written by other early leaders in the church like James and Jude, the half-brothers of Jesus, Peter and John. These above mentioned passages remind us that all through history, people have believed in God even when life was hard because of the great promise of eternal life.
- The Last Book: Revelation 22:1-13, Jesus is Coming Soon, The book of Revelation reminds us that everything God promises will come true. Even when things get very difficult on earth, before Jesus comes again, we can live without fear and have joy when life is hard, with Jesus as our Savior, King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

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 and taught by the Holy Spirit, as we explore God's amazing Word this new year, 2026.

God Bless, Renee Miller, Women & Children's Ministry Director

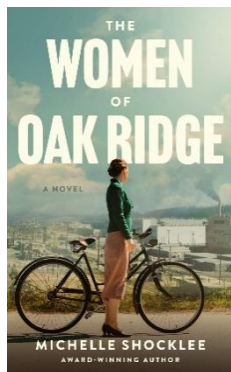


**"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.... forgive as the Lord forgives. And over all these virtues, put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity." -Colossians 3:12 – 14**

Welcome to 2026. Wow, the year just flew by. We were so blessed to be able to gather as women this past year. We had numerous breakfasts with worship, devotions and crafts, a speaker, a Lancaster day trip to see the Tabernacle Replica of Moses, a bonfire, a simulcast with Kristi McClellan, a movie night and the Wm's Retreat in September. We also hosted for our congregation, the Seder Meal for Passover. Many of the women have attended 3 different Wm. Bible Studies, diving deep into the precious Word of God and sharing fellowship as the Lord desires. Thank you Lord for your many blessings, you are so good, even when circumstances are not. You are faithful when we are not and your truth and love endures forever!

## Upcoming Women's Ministry Events:

### Women's Event January 17th, 9:30 AM-12:30



We will be having a Potluck breakfast, devotion with a Prayer Craft. Please bring your favorite breakfast dish and a Plain White T-shirt. We will be laying hands on each other and praying over each woman's concerns, desires and hopes for this new year. Paint will be involved, so dress accordingly. Please sign up on Kiosk or reach out to Renee Miller.

### Book Club: Thursday January 29th, in the Parlor, at 6:30 PM

The book we will discuss will be "The Women of Oakridge" by Michelle Shocklee

In the Hills of Tennessee, two women work at Manhattan Project site during WWII and uncover truths that irrevocably change their lives in this captivating new story from Michelle Shocklee.

A Southern historical fiction with a compelling dual-time line novel, set in 1944 and 1979.

\*\*\*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.

The ladies will start the year by making a prayer journal and sharing/praying for their families for the new year.

They will be studying the outlines of the sermons taught by Pastor Collin.

As we start this new year, let us remember to live in the present, not the past and not the future. God has a plan for each day, even if it does not line up with our plan. His plan is always better, even when it does not make sense. Let the holy Spirit be your guide, listen to His still small voice, which can be drowned out by all that is going on in life. Keep praise on your lips, His Word before your eyes and treasure them in your hearts.

Let us ponder on the fact we serve a mighty God full of compassion, mercy, truth, grace and love. He is so much more than words can say, so let us magnify His name, with thankfulness in our hearts. He has chosen us, and refines us, holds us in the same hands that created the universe, He draws us close and loves unconditionally. Let us seek His face and invite Him into our presence, into the present day and let Him sing over us, as He delights in us. Our God is an Awesome God!

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 review our Statement of Faith, and finally our Shepherd 104 class will give you tools on how to study the Bible.

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



Isaiah 12:5 says; "Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth." Worship music is an important element in every worship service; joining with other believers to sing praises to our Lord and savior. Here at Shepherd of the Hills we have been blessed to have some amazing musicians who are



committed to leading us in worship.

Our worship ministry, **One Voice**, leads the congregation in songs of worship on Sunday mornings and special events throughout the year. During our 9:30am and 11:00am services, we have a dedicated team of musicians that lead the church in contemporary worship songs.

For our 8:00am service we worship with songs and hymns lead by piano and acoustic instruments. We believe hymns are timeless and just as important for worship as the contemporary

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!  
Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into  
His presence with singing!"

*Psalms 100:1-2*



songs we sing at our 9:30am & 11:00am services.

If you have been blessed with the ability to play music or sing and would be interested in joining our One Voice ministry, see pastor Jon Grove for more information.

### MINISTRY CORNER



Our ministries here at Shepherd of the Hills Church allow us to carry out our mission by addressing a specific area of need in our community. To learn more about a ministry, tap on a logo below.

