

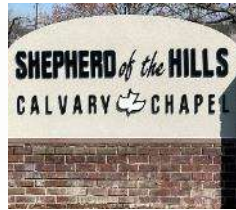
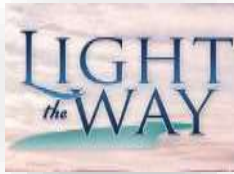
MAY 3RD, 2026



# SHEPHERD of the HILLS

CALVARY CHAPEL

DOING LIFE TOGETHER  
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER AND ORDER OF WORSHIP



## VERSE OF ENCOURAGEMENT

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'"

Isaiah 52:7



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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- Songs of Worship
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## Teaching Series:

WHEN A CLOSED DOOR BECOMES A WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY II

### 8:00 AM Service Worship

- Our God Reigns (372)
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#### Closing:

- Rise Up, O Church of God (433)



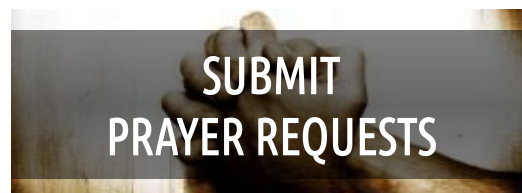
## PASSAGES

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### 9:30 & 11 AM Service Worship

- Forever
- Open My Eyes
- Give Me Faith

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## 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)

**TODAY! Mission Trip "Cinco de Mayo" Taco Bar fundraiser, May 3rd** Help support our summer mission trip and pick up a taco or two at our Missions Ministry Fundraiser in the Lobby (next to the Event Sign-up Kiosk). Come celebrate Cinco de Mayo with us... two days early.

**Grief Care** will be held this Tuesday at 2:00 PM in the Conference Room.

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

**Women's Ministry Bonfire & Hotdogs, Sat. May 16th, 5:30 PM.** Ladies join us for a fellowship Bonfire and hotdogs on Saturday May 16th at 5:30 PM. Bring your lawn chairs and a friend. Sign up at the Event Sign-up Kiosk in the lobby.

**Shepherd 103 Class, Sunday May 17th 12:15 PM:** *The Shepherd of the Hills Articles of Faith* Join us the 3rd 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. [Sign up online here](#) or at the Event Sign-Up kiosk in the lobby.

**Ladies Book Club, Thursday May 28th 6:30 PM.** Books are available today at Chronicles Christian Books!

**Missions Trip Prayer Team** If you would like to receive occasional updates about how you can be in prayer for our 2026 Missions Trip, sign up at the Event Sign-Up Kiosk to be added to the email list.

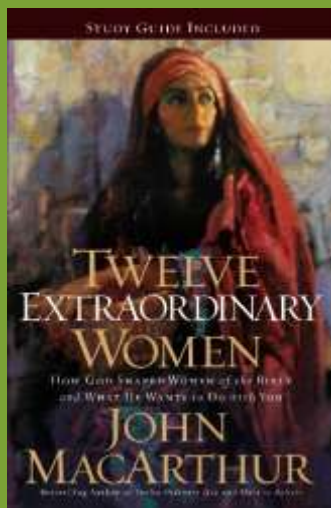
**VBS 2026 Registration is now open!** Kids Pre-K through 5th grade (2026-27 school year) are invited on June 22nd – 26th 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM to our VBS program. Visit [www.soth.cc/vbs2026](http://www.soth.cc/vbs2026) to sign up.

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

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

## BOOK of the month

### TWELVE EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN BY JOHN MACARTHUR



Twelve Extraordinary Women offers a poignant and personal look into the lives of some of the Bible's most faithful women, teaching modern believers that true faith can leave a lasting legacy. These women were ordinary, common, and in some cases even ostracized and rejected by society, yet each was made extraordinary by her life-changing encounter with God.

In Twelve Extraordinary Women, bestselling author and Bible teacher John MacArthur shows us that the God to whom they were so faithful is the same God who continues to mold and guide us today. As you meet these women in Scripture and get to know more about their lives and characters, they will challenge you, motivate you, encourage you, and inspire you with love for the God whom they trusted, served, and loved.

Get your copy today at Chronicles Christian Books!

# Songs of Worship

*Contemporary Service – 11:00 AM Live Stream*

## **Forever**

**CCLI #3148428 | Chris Tomlin**

### *Verse 1*

Give thanks to the Lord  
Our God and King  
His love endures forever  
For He is good  
He is above all things  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise sing praise

### *Verse 2*

With a mighty hand  
And an outstretched arm  
His love endures forever  
For the life that's been reborn  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise sing praise

### *Pre-Chorus*

Sing praise sing praise

### *Chorus*

Forever God is faithful  
Forever God is strong  
Forever God is with us  
Forever

### *Verse 3*

From the rising to  
The setting sun  
His love endures forever  
And by the grace of God  
We will carry on  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise sing praise

### *Pre-Chorus*

### *Chorus*

### *Chorus*

### *Ending*

Forever Forever

## **Open My Eyes**

**CCLI #5636873 | Braden Lang and Reuben Morgan**

### *Verse 1*

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

### *Verse 2*

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

### *Chorus*

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

### *Verse 3*

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

### *Chorus*

### *Bridge*

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

### *Chorus*

# Songs of Worship

*Contemporary Service – 11:00 AM Live Stream*

## **Give Me Faith**

**CCLI #5680939 | Mack Brock, Chris Brown, London Gatch, and Wade Joye**

### *Verse 1*

I need You  
To soften my heart  
And break me apart  
I need You  
To open my eyes  
To see that You're  
Shaping my life

### *Pre-Chorus*

All I am I surrender

### *Chorus*

Give me faith  
To trust what You say  
That You're good  
And Your love is great  
I'm broken inside  
I give You my life

### *Verse 2*

I need You  
To soften my heart  
And break me apart  
I need You  
To pierce through the dark  
And cleanse every part of me

### *Pre-Chorus*

### *Chorus*

### *Bridge*

'Cause I may be weak  
But Your Spirit's strong in me  
My flesh may fail  
My God You never will  
(REPEAT)

### *Chorus*

### *Chorus*

### *Bridge*

# VOLUNTEER CORNER

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

## Serving Today:

Welcome Desk: Melisa M. / Diane K.  
Greeters: Edo J. / Uwe & Mary B.  
Calvary Café: Brian & Sandy L. / Bill & Carol H.  
Chronicles Books: Sandy L. w/ Sandra B.

## Calvary Kids Ministry

Toddler Care (9:30): Chevell P. / Heather W.  
Children's Church (11:00): Renee & John M.

## A/V Team

Sound: Neil S. / Gabriel  
Video: Rick S. / Shaun C.

## Logistics Team

Deacon: Mark F.  
Offering Counters: Patti W. / Sharon S.

## Serving This Sunday

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

## Calvary Kids Ministry

Toddler Care (9:30): Mike & Joelle W.  
Children's Church (11:00): Jonathan E. / Dylan E.

## A/V Team

Sound: Dolly K. / Shaun C.  
Video: Stan K. / Gail A.

## Logistics Team

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

## *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.

# May 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 May. 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...](#)



## MAY 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 to be a part of our Prayer Warrior team!



# Monthly Updates

## An Update from the Pastor...



Hi church! It's great to see warmer weather coming and I am looking forward to summer. I want to start by thanking everyone for your prayers and support, the church would not be what it is without your help and encouragement.

I also wanted to let everyone know that we have some things coming this summer you are not going to want to miss. With warmer weather come baptisms. So, if you have not already been baptized, consider making that declaration of faith this year. We are hoping to offer a baptism service about once per month throughout the warm weather. Also, in May our pastors and other leaders will be attending the Calvary Chapel East Coast Pastor's Conference. So, please pray they would be nourished and refreshed.

We are planning some updates to the main lobby and sanctuary to help improve some of the challenges we face such as low lighting, congestion of traffic, and access to areas needed by certain ministries. There is more about that in the property update. If you would like to help with any of these things, please let the office know.

We recently added some rocking chairs to the prayer chapel. Those are intended to provide a quiet, out of the way place for people with small children. The idea is that these are in an area that is still

close to the rest of their family but also that provides for some privacy for nursing moms, and those trying to calm a small child.

We have also been blessed by your support for the school's books and I am happy to say next year's needs are met! Thank you to all who helped with that, it means a lot to know you support the kids so much.

Our teaching series right now is called "Good Grief," and focuses on the issues of life that, at first glance, seem to be difficult and discouraging, but that with the right perspective, we can see God using these things for the ultimate good. I want to encourage you to come out these Sundays, to look for the positive in negative situations, and to be reminded that God is in control!

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:

Thank you to everyone who came out in April for our spring-cleaning day. We had over 25 volunteers help with mulching, weeding, trimming and removing trees & bushes, and cleaning the church building.

We recently added some rocking chairs and privacy curtains to the prayer chapel. Those are intended to provide a quiet, out of the way place for people with small children.

As everyone can tell, the sanctuary can be quite dark at times, and many have commented on that over the years. We would like to brighten up the room a little but adding lighting becomes costly and unattractive to look at. So, instead, we are planning to brighten the back wall to reflect the natural light coming in from the windows and stained glass, and from the light

fixtures, along with providing a lighter and uplifting atmosphere for worship.



*Updated sanctuary wall concept art.*

Our Café has been a great addition to the main lobby area, as has been the welcome desk and kiosks. The issue is, however, that they are each located in the space the other should be based on traffic flow and usage. So, because of that, and since neither has enough physical space where they are, we are planning to swap these two locations. This will give each area more usable room, make it easier on parents with



kids, and make it more convenient for people to take their snack to the parlor. It will also open up new areas of service since the café will be able to accommodate more service opportunities and the welcome desk will be able to offer more ways to help people. Look for this sometime this summer.



*Café update concept art.*

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 ext. 21 or by email at [jgrove@soth.church](mailto:jgrove@soth.church).

# H2O

## HIS TO OWN YOUTH UPDATES

### “Growing Wise: A Season in Proverbs for H2O Youth”

For the next several months, H2O Youth will be shifting our focus to an in-depth study of the book of Proverbs—a book overflowing with practical wisdom for everyday life. As our teens walk through these chapters, they’ll be learning what it means to pursue godly wisdom in a world that constantly pulls them toward shortcuts, pressure, and distraction. Proverbs speaks directly to the choices they face: friendships, integrity, temptation, emotions, and the daily decisions that shape their character.

Throughout this study, our students will see that wisdom isn’t just information—it’s a way of life rooted in trusting the Lord. They’ll discover how Proverbs connects to their real struggles: navigating peer influence, handling conflict, guarding their hearts, and learning to honor God in both their successes and their challenges. Our prayer is that this series helps them see that God’s wisdom is not outdated or distant, but deeply relevant to the world they’re growing up in.

As we begin this journey, we invite the whole church to join us in prayer. Ask the Lord to prepare the hearts of our teens, to give them teachable spirits, and to grow in them a desire to walk in the fear of the Lord—the beginning of true wisdom.

### MUSIC MOMENTS

#### “I Sing the Mighty Power”

As the freshness of spring unfolds, the hymn “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” offers a timely reminder of God’s provision and care. The song beautifully celebrates the Creator who formed the mountains, spread the flowing seas, and set the stars in motion. In every line, it points us back to the truth that the same God who sustains the universe is also attentive to our daily needs.

Spring is a season of renewal. Flowers bloom, trees bud, and the earth seems to awaken with new life. This transformation is not random; it reflects God’s faithful provision. Just as He provides for the birds of the air and clothes the fields with beauty (Matthew 6), He also provides for us. The hymn encourages us to recognize His hand in all of creation and trust that His care extends personally into our lives.

In a world often filled with uncertainty: when gas prices soar near \$5 a gallon, tax season threatens to empty our wallets, and our daily bread seems to cost everything we have; it is all too easy to worry about tomorrow. Yet this song calls us to shift our focus. If God has the power to create and sustain the entire earth, surely, He is more than able to provide for our daily needs—our food, our strength, our peace, and our guidance.

As we step into spring, we are invited to trust more deeply. Each sunrise, each gentle breeze, and each blooming flower becomes a quiet assurance: God is our provider. When we look to Him with faith, we find not only what we need, but also a renewed sense of hope and gratitude.

# Spiritual Care:

## The Hidden Blessings Found in Grief

**Psalm 34:18 — “The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.”**

Grief is one of the most painful experiences a person can walk through, yet Scripture reveals that sorrow is not a place of abandonment but a place of encounter. Psalm 34:18 reminds us that God draws near in a unique and intimate way to those who are brokenhearted. In seasons of loss, when life feels fragile and disoriented, God’s nearness becomes more than a theological idea — it becomes a lived reality.

One of the blessings found in grief is clarity. Loss strips away what is temporary and reveals what truly matters. It softens the heart, making space for compassion, humility, and deeper dependence on God. Grief also creates room for community. When we allow others into our pain, relationships deepen, and the body of Christ becomes a tangible expression of God’s comfort.

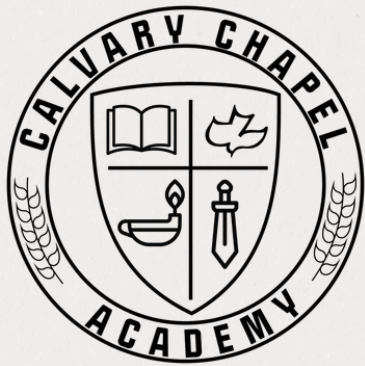
Most of all, grief opens us to transformation. It reshapes our priorities, strengthens our faith, and teaches us to hope beyond what we can see. While grief is never something we would choose, God faithfully works within it, bringing beauty from brokenness and drawing us closer to His heart.

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).



# THE CALVARY CHAPEL ACADEMY COURIER

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**\* Teacher Appreciation Week**  
May 4-8, 2026

We are grateful for our dedicated teachers whose daily love and commitment make a profound difference in the lives of our students and school community. Join us this week as we celebrate and honor them.

**\* Field Day**  
May 6, 2026

Save the date! More info to come soon. Rain date May 13th.

**\* End of year show and Kindergarten Graduation**  
May 14, 2026

Can you believe the end of the year is almost here?! Don't forget, the last day of school will be the week after.

## Hard Work Pays Off!

We are so excited to be able to partner with the Reading Phils to offer each student at our school 4 free general admission tickets to any "Hard Work Pays Off" home game at their ballpark in Reading.. Our students have grown so much this school year and what better way to celebrate than a baseball game with the family. Please follow the instructions on the ticket sheet to activate your tickets for the game you would like to see.

There are 29 eligible game dates between now and early July. At each special game, students will have the opportunity to take exclusive photos with the Fightin Phils mascots.



## Message from the Director

Though many of our classrooms are nearing enrollment capacity, we still have many options for 3 years through 8<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2026-2027 school year. If you have any questions about this upcoming school year, please do not hesitate to reach out.



We Need You!

## Cartridges for Classrooms

Turn your empty ink cartridges into something meaningful for our classroom and church. By recycling used cartridges, you help fund the paper our students use everyday. It's a simple way to care for God's

creation while supporting learning in a practical way. Thank you for partnering with us in making a difference, One cartridge at a time.



**Drop your empty cartridges in the school director's office at anytime.**

## This Semester in Pictures



Right before spring break the school students enjoyed celebrating the resurrection together with parties and egg hunts.



## Caring for Creation

This semester the elementary and middle school science classes kicked off their animals unit with a special visit from Pennsylvania State Game Commission. Students had the opportunity to touch real animal furs and explore the unique characteristics of wildlife up close. Through this hands-on experience, they learned the importance of caring for God's creation and being faithful stewards of the world he entrusted to us. It was a meaningful and engaging way to connect science with faith.

***The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. -Genesis 2:15***

## Get Involved!

We love partnering with our families and invite you to get involved in meaningful ways! Consider joining our PTA (a group of parents and teachers working together to support school events, build community, and enrich the student experiences), volunteering for Field Day, or servings as a parent helper in the classroom. Your time and support make a lasting impact on our school community and students. To get connected, please contact our academy director Ashley Mitchom at [amitchom@calvarychapel.academy](mailto:amitchom@calvarychapel.academy)





**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)**

Your children will be finishing the series "Glow" and will have a special lesson for Easter Sunday. They will start a new series at the end of the month "Protected by the Armor of God". Children will see each piece of armor, in Ephesian 6, using different stories throughout the Bible.

- Easter Sunday: Lesson of the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus our Savior
- Burning Bright: Acts 2:1-12, At Pentecost Jesus gives us the Holy Spirit. He makes us brave to go out and share Jesus, like when a bowling pin knocks down another pin, and that pin knocks down another-that is how everyone can know Jesus! Kids will say I GET to share Jesus with others!
- Put on the Belt of Truth, John 8:28, We want truth all around us. We will speak the truth. We will learn God's Word is truth. We will obey the truth of what God says. The little ones will learn, God's Word is true and The Truth Will Set You free!
- Put on the Breastplate of Righteousness, 1 Samuel 17:20-49, We will try to do the right thing and stay away from the wrong thing, with the help of God. We will trust in the Lord. Little ones will learn God's Way is Right!

#### **1st - 4th Grade Sunday School: (Downstairs Classroom)**

Minor Profits: Minor Profits uses a mining theme to help the kids explore the Minor Prophets, who wrote during a time of great upheaval and turmoil in Israel. Over the next 12 weeks the children will dig a little deeper and embrace the prospect of finding some real diamonds in the rough. lead to Great Treasure. Memory Verse for "Minor Profits": 1-4, After that, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your old men will have dreams. Your young men will have visions." Joel 2:28

- \*Easter Lesson: Holy Week and Resurrection Sunday: All of the Gospels
- Amos: Amos 9:11-15, A Clean Slate: Slate is a hard but brittle rock. The phrase "A Clean Slate" means to start over without remembering the problems of the past. God offers a clean slate to those who seek Him.
- Obadiah- "Stake Ones Claim": Obadiah 1:12-15. Stake Do Not Gloat. When a miner says they have the right to work in a certain mine, they are staking their claim. Sometimes, we claim to be better than others, but Obadiah warns us of the dangers of that. Gloating makes us look petty and small. Kids will learn "I will treat others with respect"
- Memory Verse for Lessons 5-8: "The Lord has shown you what is good. He has told you what He requires of you. You must act with justice. You must show mercy. And you must be humble as you live in the sight of God" Micah 6:8
- Jonah- Cave In: Jonah 1-2, Jonah Runs From God. The last thing we want is to experience a cavi in. But just like a miner who ignores the warning signs, when we disobey God, the way Jonah did, it will only be a matter of time before we experience the consequences of our actions. "Disobeying God Always Has Consequences.

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

Leveling Up, discovering how our faith helps us stand strong through trials and why growing in faith is important to our lives. Faithfully Loved: A Study in the book of Hosea. Healing a Fracture: A Study in the book of James. Freedom in Christ: A Study in the book of Galatians

#### **Wednesday Evenings - CALVARY KIDS CLUB - 6:30-8:30: H2O Kids - Drop off at the Fellowship Hall**

In February the children started new series titled, Kid's Travel Guide to the Beatitudes. They will continue to learn Jesus left no doubt that being a Christian can be challenging. The children will go on a journey to discover a wealth of wisdom about how to live a life full of blessings, even when things get tough. They will learn about all the wonderful ways that God shows his love in their lives, no matter the circumstances.

- Special Holy Week and Easter Lesson.
- Journey 8: Matthew 5:7, God Blesses Those Who Are Merciful.
- Journey 9: Matthew 5:7, God Blesses Those Whose Hearts Are Pure.
- Journey 10: Matthew 5:8, God Bless Those Who Work For Peace.

Ask your children bring a friend or neighbor to H2O Youth Club, so they too can hear about Jesus and have fun while learning.

Praise the Lord for answered prayer, as Crissy Croisette has asked to be our permanent 3-4 grade Sunday School Teacher. We are so grateful to her stepping out in faith, with God's guidance, to make this commitment. The children really love her, as does the rest of the Sunday School Team! We are still in need of PreK-K Sunday School Helper, scheduled on a monthly rotation. Also in need of a teacher's helper for Children's Church, to make a team during the 11:00 service. We have a teacher who has volunteered but we need 2 people for a team. Please pray for these needs and for the teachers, helpers and the children, asking that we all be led and taught by the Holy Spirit, as we explore what God has instore for each one. Children are so open to the love that Jesus has for them

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**

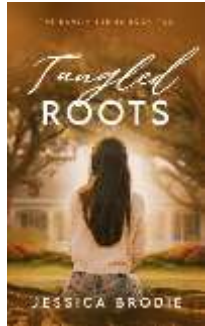
As most of you may know our February Event was rescheduled for March. However, there was a scheduling issue with March 14th and 28th dates, with another group of women who want to participate in Game Night, therefore we will be having our Pajama Party Pandemonium Game Night on April 10th. No worries, March will still have a Wm's Event, Book Club and Bible Studies. Spending time in fellowship, delighting in God's Word, participating in corporate prayer and worship. Not to mention sitting down and sharing some yummy food.

## Upcoming Women's Ministry Events:

### Women's Event for April: Friday April 10th, in the Shepherd's Den, at 6:00 Pajama Party Pandemonium Game Night!

Come in your most comfy PJ's and join in the fun, as we gather to have some spirited team games, think minute to win it style, and some you probably have never played. There will be plenty of food to fuel up before the games begin. There are some photos of last year's game night, on Chosen by GRACE Facebook Page. \*Sign up at Kiosk or contact me by email or phone\*\*

\*\* Please come and check out our Women's Ministry Bulletin Board. It is located in the hallway, across from Pastor Collin's Office. You will find some photos of our past events and a schedule for this year's events. The schedule for the Beautifully Bound Book Club is there as well.



### Book Club: Thursday April 23rd, in the Parlor, at 6:30 PM

Our book for April 23rd will be "Tangled Roots", #2 in The Dahlia Series. This book can also be a stand-alone book.

-Editor Tiff Steadman must confront her painful past when her ex-convict brother James returns seeking reconciliation, forcing her to choose between her safe life she has built and messy grace. 2 siblings, one devastation secret, confronting the wreckage they both left behind and a love that refuses to let go. Weddings plans collide with family secrets. Can she find the courage to let her brother back into her heart? And can James prove that redemption is real-even for people like them? Some secrets are too powerful to stay buried!

\*\*\*You did not have to finish the book or even read it to come and enjoy the fellowship, please just come.

## 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 in Philippians.

**Wednesday Morning:** Renee Miller, 9:30-12:00, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, in the Parlor.

We are currently in the study "David's Delight, Our Delight". An intimate study of Psalm 27 and the Character of God. When was the last time you pondered the depths of God's character? Do you consider not only who he is, but also the vastness and fullness of his attributes? David lived each day beholding the beauty of the LORD. His heart rested in God's unfailing character, where he found strength, guidance, and peace. What does it look like to truly live and experience His presence in everyday moments-to delight in Him-regardless of the circumstances of your life? The book is available in Chronicles Book Store for \$5.00

**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 women are continuing to from the book "Sweeter Than Honey", A Bible Study on Enjoying God in His Word.

April, the month of Passover, Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Everything that happens during this week points to the Torah and the promises of God in the fulfillment of Messiah. What began in the Garden, after sin entered our bloodline through Adam, was made right with God, by the humble servanthood of His One and Only Beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus didn't just take all the world's sin, past, present and future, in His body, HE BECAME SIN!!! John 19:30 says that on the cross Jesus cried out "Tetelestai", Aramaic for "It is Finished". In the Torah this word's definition is to make restitution, to pay, to repay, to make peace, to fulfill and to be finished. Jesus was making it clear what His sacrifice meant, to the people who were present for His final words and to those who will read His Word in times to come.

And then to make it perfectly clear that Jesus is who He says He is, Jesus was resurrected from the grave to an immortal life, on the Third Day, fulfilling the promise that death was overcome and the promise of eternal life we will also have in Heaven, for eternity, not just to the Jews but all people who are Christ followers. "That Christ would suffer and then that, by being the first to rise from the dead, He would proclaim, light to our people and the Gentiles." Acts 26:23. To make it even more miraculous, the new Christians would later receive the seal of the Holy Spirit, at Pentecost. We are now the temple of the Holy Spirit, crazy good! We will never be separated from Him Who Sits on the Throne, never, never, ever!!! I am forever grateful to our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus and I pray we all are bond servants to Yeshua! What an AWESOME God we serve, all Honor, Praise and Glory be to God in the Highest, Amen.

## 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. The Shepherd 103 class will review our Statement of Faith, and finally our Shepherd 104 class will provide you with 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



The great commission states clearly the directive of the church, to go into all the world and preach the gospel of Jesus. Everyone is called to fulfill the great commission but there are some who are called leave everything and spread the gospel internationally.



And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation."

Mark 16:15

It is our desire to support them in fulfilling their calling. We do this by supporting our monthly mission's commitments, missionaries we support the same months year after year. We also do this by supporting our vision projects, missionaries or organizations who are nominated and selected monthly based on the work they are doing.

The missions committee meets monthly to pray for our missionaries, discuss their needs, and to select upcoming vision projects. All the missionaries we



support align with our statement of beliefs and have been approved by our church elders. The committee normally meets the third Monday of every other month; if you have a heart for missions and are interested in join our missions committee speak with Pastor Collin.

### 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.

