

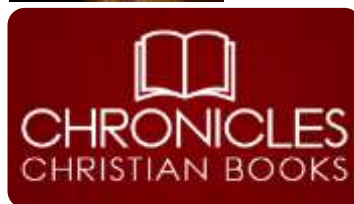
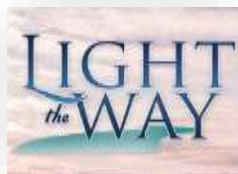
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# SHEPHERD of the HILLS

CALVARY CHAPEL

DOING LIFE TOGETHER  
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER AND ORDER OF WORSHIP



## VERSE OF ENCOURAGEMENT

"Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.' The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy."

Psalm 126:3



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

- Welcome
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# Teaching Series:

## THE END OF GRIEF

### 8:00 AM Service Worship

- To God Be the Glory (56)
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- Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus (340)



PASSAGES  
Revelation 21

### 9:30 & 11 AM Service Worship

- I'm Going Free (Jailbreak)
- Who You Say I Am
- Revelation Song

Song Lyrics on pages 3-4



## 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! VBS Volunteers Meeting, Sunday May 24th, 12:15 PM.** For all volunteers and potential helpers of our 2026 Vacation Bible School Program (June 22-26). Lunch will be provided.

Please note, the Church offices will be closed tomorrow, Monday, May 25, for Memorial Day.

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

**Ladies Book Club, Thursday May 28th 6:30 PM.**

**NEXT WEEK! Missionary Visit with Bob Mendelson & Lunch, Sunday May 31st, 12:15 PM.** Join us for lunch as we welcome Bob Mendelson, one of our missionaries with Jews for Jesus, as he shares about his ministry during a fellowship lunch. Please [sign up at the Event Sign-Up Kiosk or online](#) if attending the lunch.

**Baptism Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 12:15 PM.** Join us outdoors at our baptismal fountain. Sign up at our Event Sign-Up Kiosk in the Lobby, or [online here](#).

**You're Invited!** To help teach the next generation of believers. We're looking for people to help teach our Children's Church (can be a husband & wife team) on a monthly rotation. We also are looking for a Sunday School teacher for our Pre-K/K class for June and July. Sign up at the Event Sign-Up Kiosk or talk to Renee Miller or visit our Welcome Desk!

**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.

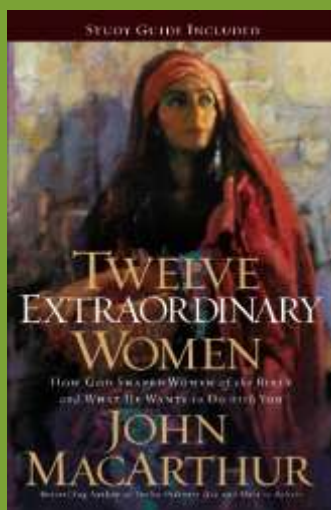
**VBS 2026 Registration is now open!** Kids Pre-K through 5th grade (2026-27 school year) are invited on June 22nd – 26th 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM to our VBS program. Visit [www.soth.cc/vbs2026](http://www.soth.cc/vbs2026) to sign up.

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

## BOOK of the month

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

### 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*

## **I'm Going Free (Jailbreak)**

**CCLI #6561868 | Benji Cowart, Tyler Miller, and Jacob Sooter**

### *Verse 1*

Go on and speak against  
My borrowed innocence  
The judge is my defense  
I'm going free  
Right when the gavel fell  
I heard the freedom bell  
Ring through the heart of hell  
I'm going free, I'm going free

### *Chorus 1*

Glory glory hallelujah  
He threw my shackles in the sea  
Glory glory hallelujah  
Jesus is my liberty  
I'm going free

### *Verse 2*

I won't go back again  
That's just not who I am  
Lord I'm a brand new man  
I'm going free  
I'm on a narrow road  
It's paved with grace and hope  
It's gonna lead me home  
I'm going free, I'm going free

### *Chorus 2*

Glory glory hallelujah  
He threw my shackles in the sea  
Glory glory hallelujah  
Jesus is my liberty

### *Chorus 1*

### *Bridge*

I am free I am free indeed  
I am free I am free indeed  
We are free free indeed  
We are free free indeed

### *Verse 3*

Someday I'll fly away  
On Your amazing grace  
Your love is my jailbreak  
I'm going free

## **Who You Say I Am**

**CCLI #7102401 | Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan**

### *Verse 1*

Who am I that the highest King  
Would welcome me  
I was lost but He brought me in  
Oh His love for me  
Oh His love for me

### *Chorus 1*

Who the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am

### *Verse 2*

Free at last  
He has ransomed me  
His grace runs deep  
While I was a slave to sin  
Jesus died for me  
Yes He died for me

### *Chorus 1*

### *Chorus 2*

In my Father's house  
There's a place for me  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am

### *Bridge*

I am chosen not forsaken  
I am who You say I am  
You are for me not against me  
I am who You say I am

### *TAG*

Oh I am who You say I am  
Yes I am who You say I am

### *Chorus 1*

### *Chorus 2*

### *Chorus 2*

# Songs of Worship

*Contemporary Service – 11:00 AM Live Stream*

## **Revelation Song**

**CCLI #4447960 | Jennie Lee Riddle**

### *Verse 1*

Worthy is the  
Lamb Who was slain  
Holy holy is He  
Sing a new song  
To Him Who sits on  
Heaven's mercy seat

### *Chorus*

Holy holy holy  
Is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was and is and is to come  
With all creation I sing  
Praise to the King of kings  
You are my everything  
And I will adore You

### *Verse 2*

Clothed in rainbows  
Of living color  
Flashes of lightning  
Rolls of thunder  
Blessing and honor  
Strength and glory  
And power be to You  
The only wise King

### *Chorus*

### *Verse 3*

Filled with wonder  
Awestruck wonder  
At the mention of Your name  
Jesus Your name is power  
Breath and living water  
Such a marvelous mystery yeah

### *Chorus*

### *Chorus*

### *Ending*

Worthy is the  
Lamb Who was slain  
Holy holy is He

# 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. / Mary B.  
Greeters: Karla O. / Gordon & Sandy M. / Ed & Barb F. / Linda W.  
Calvary Café: Irene S. / Joyce H  
Chronicles Books: James, Erica, & Ethan B.

## **Calvary Kids Ministry**

Toddler Care (9:30): Mikaela E. / Shannon E.  
Children's Church (11:00): Maddie O. / Owen M.

## **A/V Team**

Sound: Brad S. / Brian B.  
Video: Mark S. / Melanie C.

## **Logistics Team**

Deacon: Neil S.  
Offering Counters: Vaughn M.

## **Serving Next Week:**

Welcome Desk: Melisa M.  
Greeters: Gordon & Sandy M. / Ed & Barb F.  
Calvary Cafe: Irene S. / Chevelle P. / Sierra M.  
Chronicles Books: Kim L.

## **Calvary Kids Ministry**

Toddler Care (9:30): Melisa M. / Sarah M.  
Children's Church (11:00): Renee & John M.

## **A/V Team**

Sound: Steve A. / Brian B.  
Video: Stan K. / Sharon M.

## **Logistics Team**

Deacon: Mark F.  
Offering Counters: Vaughn M.

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



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

## **VOLUNTEER CORNER** **Service Opportunities**

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

**Children's Church Volunteers:** We are looking for volunteers to teach in our Children's Church Ministry 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.

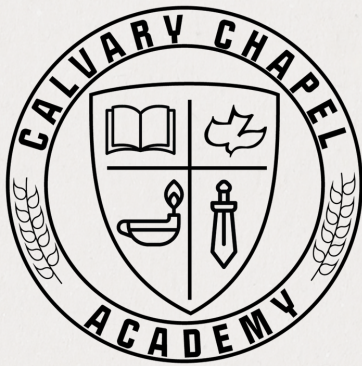
Most of all, grief opens us to transformation. It reshapes our priorities, strengthens our faith, and teaches us to hope beyond what we can see. While grief is never something we would choose, God faithfully works within it, bringing beauty from brokenness and drawing us closer to His heart.

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

\* **Illumination Station VBS**  
June 22-26, 2026

Kids preschool-aged (3-year-old as of December 31st, 2025) to 5th grade are invited to our 2026 VBS Program Illumination Station, where they'll learn about Jesus and the Gospel through exciting crafts, Bible lessons, snacks, and games! Register online today!

\* **Back to School NIGHT**  
September 1, 2026

Save the date! It will be a fun night to gather, ask questions, and meet the teachers. More info coming.

\* **First Day of School**  
September 8, 2026

The first day of school will be Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> (or Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>). We will have a first day of school photo op set up for all to use.

## Praising God Through Every Step

On Thursday, May 14th at 7:00 PM, our school family gathered for a beautiful and well-attended Year End Showcase and Kindergarten Graduation. The evening was filled with joy as students used their talents to praise and glorify God through their performances and presentations. We are incredibly proud of all of our students, especially our kindergarten graduates as they take the exciting next step into a new school year. The children did an amazing job, and it was such a blessing to see

their hard work, confidence, and growth shine throughout the evening. As we celebrate all God has done this year, we encourage our families to continue pointing their children to Jesus and reminding them that He has a purpose and plan for each of their lives.



## Message from the Director

It has been a distinct honor and an absolute pleasure to lead this school through the final months of our school year. I'm so excited for all the ways God is moving and can't wait to see what this next school year has to offer. My door is always open for a chat. Have a fabulous summer!



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.**

## Snap shots from Field Day



Students young and old enjoyed all that field day had to offer this year. The cloudy and cool morning didn't steal the fun!



## Ready, Set...PLAY!

On Monday, May 11th, our students enjoyed a fun-filled Field Day together as a school family. Although the weather was cloudy and chilly, the excitement and laughter throughout the morning never faded. Students participated in games, activities, and friendly competition while building teamwork and making special memories together. We are so thankful for all of the parents and volunteers who helped make the morning such a success for our students and staff. Days like these are such a blessing as we celebrate fellowship, joy, and the gift of community that God has given our school.

***"This is the day that the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24***

## 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 students' time here at Calvary Chapel Academy. Our PTA president for the 2026-2027 school year is Brittany Steinberger and we are so excited to have her leading this wonderful group of families. If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please e-mail our school 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 continue the series, "Protected by the Armor of God". Children will see each piece of armor, in Ephesian 6, using different stories throughout the Bible.

- Shoes of Peace: Put on the Shoes of Peace. We are not afraid; Jesus gives us peace. We follow Jesus and share His peace with others. The Church sends Paul and Barnabas, Acts 13:1-5
- Shield of Faith: We have Faith in God. God protects us like a shield, and this helps our faith grow stronger. Little Ones will learn, "I can put my faith in God" Gideon defeats the Midianites, Judges 7:1-22
- Helmet of Salvation: Put on the helmet of Salvation: Know that salvation comes through Jesus only. Jesus came to save us from our sins. The story of the Crucifixion, Luke 23:31-43
- Sword of the Spirit: God's Word is the Sword of the Spirit. When we learn God's Word it helps us overcome challenges and temptations. Knowing God's Word makes me strong. The story of the Temptation of Jesus, Luke 4:1-13
- Prayer: Prayer is talking to God: We can talk to God at any time about anything! He listens and He answers us, amazing! God loves us and wants the best for us. Peter's Escape from prison, Acts 12:1-16

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

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 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

- Nahum: A Nugget of Hope: Nahum 1:1-7. The Lord's Anger. A nugget is a small piece of metal or gemstone, but that little nugget could be worth a lot. In the Book of Nahum, God has some angry words for the people of Nineveh. But as we're still left with a nugget of hope: God is still good and He is there for those who put their trust in Him. "I can always cry out to God when I am in trouble and He will hear me"
- Habakkuk: Diamond in the Rough: Habakkuk 3:13-19, Habakkuk's Prayer. Among the stone and dirt and roughness of the cave, the miner finally finds a diamond of great worth. Like many of the prophets, Habakkuk speaks about Israel's sinfulness and the consequences of such behavior. But Habakkuk also gives us a diamond- the reminder that in ALL situations and on ALL occasions, God is worthy of praise and worship. "Even when life is rough, God is worth of my praise"
- Memory Verse for lessons 9-12: "City of Zion, be full of joy! People of Jerusalem, shout! See your King comes to you. He always does what is right. He has won the victory. He is humble and riding on a donkey. He is riding on a donkey's colt." Zechariah 9:9
- Zephaniah: Shaken to the Core, Zephaniah 1:14-18, The Great Day of the Lord. Core is a long piece of rock that is drilled during diamond mining. God's words to Zephaniah about the Great Day of the Lord can shake us to the core, but they remind us that we cannot put our faith in anything of this world. We must put our Faith in God. "God is the only one who will never fail, and He is worthy of my trust!"
- Haggai: Abandoned Mine, Haggai 1:1-8, "A Call to Build God' House". In Haggai's time, the people were focused on their own desires and had abandoned putting God first. That was about as successful as mining in an abandoned mine that has no treasure left. We need to put God first, knowing that He will provide everything we need. "I will not give my leftovers to God."

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

Identity in Jesus: A Study in Ephesians

#### **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 the sign-in sheet, located on the table, outside the Fellowship Hall. If the weather is nice, please sign children in and then bring them to the playground. At 8:30 we will bring the children back upstairs to be picked up outside the Fellowship Hall. Children will be learning through Bible stories, object lessons, games, videos and crafts, all reinforcing God's Word. They will also have a time of worship and begin and end with prayer.

The kids are still learning from the series titled, Kid's Travel Guide to the Beatitudes. They will 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 then be starting "Diary of a godly Kid, A Kid Who follows God.

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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**

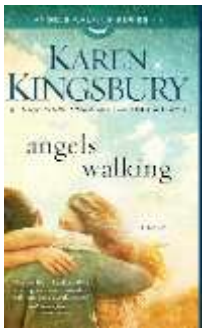
Well May is upon us ladies, with new events and opportunities to gather. Last month we had our Pajama Party Pandemonium Game Night and it was a blast. We laughed and cheered for our teams, ran around like nuts and enjoyed the best company, all in our comfy PJs. If you missed it this year, keep your eyes open for next year, the more the merrier!

### **Women's Event for May: Saturday May 16th, at the Firepit, 5:30 PM**

Bonfire with hotdogs, smores, worship and devotional. Come join us for supper around the fire. We will have hotdogs, picnic fixings and smores. I just love toasting those marshmallows! Bring a lawn chair, flashlight and bug spray, just in case the skeeters want to join us! 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 May 28th, in the Parlor at 6:30 PM**



Our book for May 28th discussion will be "Angels Walking" by Karen Kingsbury. It is available in Chronicles Book Store, and Kindle.

-A dramatic story about Tyler, a washed-up baseball player, the love he left behind, Sami Dawson and the miracles that might save them both. A series of small miracles leads Tyler to a retirement home and a friendship with Virginia Hutchinson, an old woman with Alzheimer's, who strangely might have the answers he so desperately seeks.

A team of Angles Walking take on the mission to restore hope for Tyler, Samie and Virginia. Can such small and seemingly insignificant actions of the unseen bring healing and redemption? And can the words of a stranger rekindle lost love? Every journey begins with a step.

\*\*\*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 lie? 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.

I had the privilege and honor to attend the East Coast Pastor's Wives and Support Staff Conference this past week. What an amazing time of fellowship, discipleship and worship. The theme this year was "Nevertheless, I am continually with You; You hold me by my right hand", Psalm 73:23.

Did you know Nevertheless and it's synonyms are in the Bible over 200 times! One of the gifted speakers, Liz Hargraves, chose 1 Nevertheless verse, in Luke that really impacted me and I want to share some of what I gleaned. In chapter 5 of Luke, Jesus asks Peter to use his boat to preach from, since the crowd was closing in on him. So Peter lets Jesus use his boat as a stage. But when He was done teaching and preaching, Jesus tells Peter, after a whole night of fishing and catching nothing, to cast their nets back into the sea. These fishermen are exhausted and feeling defeated, sound familiar? Nevertheless, Peter and Andrew obey Jesus and cast their nets. We know the end of the story, the nets fill up so full they are tipping the boat and tearing the net and their partners James and John had to help them with this miraculous, overflowing catch. Jesus asks them to follow Him and become fishers of men.

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## 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.

