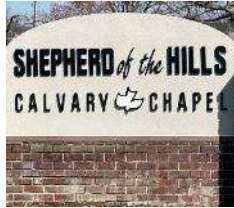


SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2026



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CALVARY CHAPEL

DOING LIFE TOGETHER
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER AND ORDER OF WORSHIP



VERSE OF ENCOURAGEMENT

"Ah, Lord God! It is you
who have made the
heavens and the earth
by your great power and
by your outstretched
arm! Nothing is too hard
for you."

Jeremiah 32:17

Teaching:

LIVING ON PURPOSE, PART 2

PASSAGE
Romans 12



8:00 AM Service Worship

Ah Lord God (149)
God Of Grace and God of Glory
(435)
Change My Heart Oh God (654)

Closing:

Shine Jesus Shine (431)

9:30 & 11 AM Service Worship

Alive In You
Give Me Faith
Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

Song Lyrics on pages 3-4

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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



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

TODAY! Outdoor Baptisms, September 6th 12:15 PM. *Last outdoor baptism for the summer!*

TODAY! Sunday School Grade "Move-Up" Day, Sunday, September 6th. *Our Sunday School fall session kicks off with kids moving up to the next grade for the 2026-2027 school year. Visit the Welcome Desk for room locations.*

Calvary Kids Wednesday Night Fall Session Begins, September 9th. *Kids entering K-5th are welcome to join Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM starting September 9th.*

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

Women's Ministry Fall Retreat, September 18-20 *Ladies, join us for our annual Women's Ministry Retreat at Spruce Lake Retreat Center. We will depart from SOTH on Friday, Sept. 18th. Cost is \$230 per person and includes lodging and all meals. Space is limited. Sign up at the Kiosk in the Lobby or visit the Welcome Desk.*

Ladies Book Club, Thursday, September 24th 6:30 PM. *Pickup your book today at Chronicles Christian books!*

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes in September Kickoff: Sunday, September 27th *Stop by the Fellowship Hall all morning to help pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.*

Church-wide Fall Service Day, Sat. October 3rd, 10:00 AM *Mark your calendars for our Fall church-wide service day.*

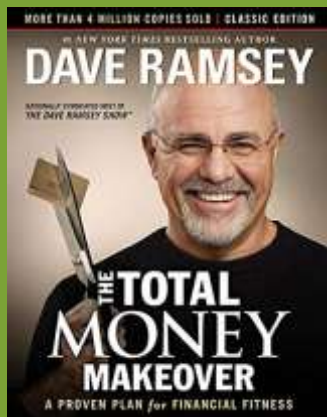
Parent Date Night, Sat. October 3rd, 4:00 – 7:00 PM. *Parents can enjoy free childcare here at the church and go out on a date. Food for the kids will be provided by the church. Pick up children by 7:00 PM. Please sign up at the Event Sign-Up Kiosk.*

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

The Total Money Makover by Dave Ramsey



Do you want to build a budget that actually works for you? Are you ready to transform your relationship with money? This New York Times bestseller has already helped millions of people just like you learn how to develop everyday money-saving habits with the help of America's favorite personal finance expert, Dave Ramsey.

By now, you've already heard all of the nutty get-rich-quick schemes and the fiscal diet fads that leave you with a lot of quirky ideas but not a penny in your pocket. If you're tired of the lies and sick of the false promises, Dave is here to provide practical, long-term help. The Total Money Makeover is the simplest, most straightforward game plan for completely changing your finances. And, best of all, these principles are based on results, not pie-in-the-sky fantasies. This is the financial reset you've been looking for..

Get your copy today at Chronicles Christian Books!

Songs of Worship

Contemporary Service – 11:00 AM Live Stream

Alive In You

CCLI #5065956 | Mike Guglielmucci and Scott Ligertwood

Verse 1

Calling all believers new life
Found within the cross of Christ
For He is risen
Seated high and lifted above all
Above all

Pre-Chorus

All around the world
We sing Your praise
The anthem of creation
Our God reigns

Chorus

Let the Name of Jesus
Forever be glorified
We are alive in You
We are alive in You

Verse 2

Redemption story
Our lives freely
Given light to see
Salvation drawing all hearts
Finding hope in Christ alone
In Christ alone

Chorus

Chorus

Bridge 1

You are risen
You are risen
You are risen
Christ our Savior

Bridge 2

You alone can satisfy
You alone created life
You alone are crowned as
Christ our Savior
You alone set captives free
You alone have rescued me
You alone are
Jesus Christ our Savior

Chorus

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

Songs of Worship

Contemporary Service – 11:00 AM Live Stream

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me
CCLI #7121852 | Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson,
and Michael Farren

Verse 1

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep
and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine
I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 2

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won
And I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 3

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released
I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 4

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete
Still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Ending

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete
Still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

When the race is complete
Still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me
Yet not I but through Christ in me
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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: Diane K. / Melisa M.
Greeters: Edo J. / Bill & Patti W. / Uwe & Mary B.
Calvary Cafe: Brian & Sandy L. / Bill & Carol H.
Chronicles Books: Sandy L.

Calvary Kids Ministry

Toddler Care (9:30): Chevelle P. / Heather W.
Children's Church (11:00): Valerie C. / Renia L.

A/V Team

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

Logistics Team

Deacon: Paul L.
Offering Counters: Patti W.

Serving Next Week:

Welcome Desk: Mary S. / Melisa M.
Greeters: 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): Maddie O. & Owen M.

A/V Team

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

Logistics Team

Deacon: Brad S.
Offering Counters: Rob & Ginny S.

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church, as well as
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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 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

Multimedia Team: We're looking for people to join our multimedia team on Sunday mornings. You would be helping with video and audio production, sound mixing, and other tech-related areas of the Sunday service. If you're interested in helping, let us know! Experience not needed and we will provide all the training you need. Email pastor Jon at media@soth.church

Connect Group Leader: We are currently looking for people to host in-home small groups. The person must be a believer, be able to host a group of between 7 and 10 other people twice per month and be able to coordinate the group's meetings. This person ideally will have a spiritual giftedness of a pastor, teacher, administrator, host, or other relevant gift. If you are interested in serving in this way, please contact Pastor Jason at 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.

September Missions

Said and Habiba are missionaries who have been ministering as witness for Christ in country that is hostile toward Christians and external missionaries. This is especially difficult because missionaries are not accepted into the country but, because of their citizenship, they have the opportunity to share their testimony with people who might not otherwise hear the gospel message. They have a passion to not only share what Christ has done in their lives with others but also disciple them and help them grow in their faith.

"We thank God for supporting and protecting us during all these years and his faithfulness with us. Brothers and Sisters in Christ and partners in ministry I thank God for you and your support to us during all these years and I pray that God will always be with you."

Said and Habiba are our **Missions Commitment** focus for the month of September. Said helps to lead a coalition of home churches in a country that is hostile toward Christians and missionaries.

Said helps to lead a coalition of home churches in his home country while at the same time utilizing technology to help spread the message of Jesus. In the last year over 400 people have come to a profess Jesus as their Lord and savior because of the work of Said and his family. Prayers are always appreciated as this is an especially difficult and dangerous place to be a believer in Christ.

asked to leave the country for different reasons.

- Women's ministry & strategies to reach women
- Security for family and church members.

Prayer Requests & Current Needs:

- Funding for a church location
- Pray for new Pastors in the country.
- Many Christian workers have been

SEPTEMBER 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.”

Operation 143 is our Missions Vision Project for the month of September.

Operation 143 strives to live out God's call to do all things in love, by feeding His children.

Serves the local area by providing meals to students during the weekends.

Works with over 30 schools in the Pottstown, Boyertown, Pottsgrove, and Spring-Ford area.

Operation 143 sends children home with backpacks full of easy to prepare food to bridge the gap of the weekend, with enough food for dinner Friday and breakfast, lunch, and dinner Saturday and Sunday.

Monthly Updates

An Update from the Pastor...

Happy August, church! I want to thank all of you for your prayers for the different activities over the last couple of months. The church has been busy with lots of activities and there is still more to come. VBS was a success and, from what I could see, was the best one yet! We had several kids give their lives to the Lord and were able to collect over 1100 items for Operation Christmas Child.

Our mission trip to Mexico, which happened the following week, was also a great success. A special thanks goes out to all who gave to the mission, prayed for it, helped to plan, and donated time to serve our brothers and sisters in the Lord, south of the border. Our school is also booming, and we are excited to see more students enrolled for next year than ever before. So please pray for the students, teachers, staff, and families.

We have mentioned before a vision to construct a building where the basketball court is that will allow for increased youth ministry as well as more space for the various groups in the building. I am happy to say we have formed a committee of church members to research the specific needs this building would need to meet. As these details become clear we will share them with everyone. So, let's saturate them and this vision in prayer and see what the Lord will do.

Again, I want to thank you all for your help, prayers, and support. Nothing in the church could happen without it. You are all appreciated and loved, and I am here for you any time.

Marantha!

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:

As summer begins to wind down, we are looking ahead to the arrival of fall. The change of seasons always brings a sense of renewed energy and purpose, and this year is no exception. Our church building has been a busy place this summer as we have been preparing for the months ahead.

This past month we brought in a cleaning company to deep clean all the carpets and floors in the building. This includes all the classrooms, offices, hallway, parlor, and meeting rooms. We also had them scrub and clean the concrete floor in the lobby and clean the upholstery of the sanctuary pews. As such we would like to remind everyone to please keep all food and drink out of the sanctuary and in the lobby and foyer.

We are wrapping up preparations for

the upcoming school year. If you visit our lower level, you should notice new lockers installed along the walls. Our maintenance team has also worked hard to polish our tile floors, prepare walls for school items, and many other tasks to prepare for our 2026-2027 school year.

We have been blessed with nearly double the number of students enrolled in the school this year compared to the previous year. We are grateful for the opportunity to welcome more students and families into our school community. At the same time, this growth has required us to prioritize our immediate needs and adjust some of our previously announced plans.

Our café project is one of those plans. We are still very excited about relocating the café and remain



committed to seeing the project move forward. However, because of the increase in enrollment of the school, the start of the project has been delayed as we focus our time, attention, and resources on preparing the building and campus for the upcoming school year. If you have any interest in helping with this project, please let us know.

Finally, we will be planning a Fall service day in early October to prepare the building for the fall and winter season (most likely Saturday October 3rd or October 10th). If you're interested in helping, feel free to let us know you're coming.

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.

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YOUTH UPDATES

H2O Youth: Summer Events

Kids In Motion: Celebrating a Week of Service and Impact.

Last July, our H2O Youth had the privilege of joining several partnering churches for the annual “Kids In Motion” Mission Trip in Easton, PA. It was a full week of serving, learning, and growing as our teens stepped into a vibrant outreach ministry designed to bless underprivileged and unchurched children through sports, arts, and meaningful relationship-building.

Each day, our students poured themselves into leading games, helping with crafts, encouraging kids, and showing Christ’s love through patience, joy, and kindness. Many of the children they served came from difficult backgrounds, and our teens responded with compassion that reflected the heart of Jesus. Evenings were filled with worship, teaching, and group outings that strengthened their faith and deepened their unity as a youth group.

As a church family, we want to celebrate what God did through our teens during this trip. Their willingness to serve, encourage, and step outside their comfort zones made a real impact on the lives of the children they met.

We also ask you to continue praying for these young men and women—that the seeds planted during Kids In Motion would grow into lifelong habits of service, courage, and Christlike compassion.

MUSIC MOMENTS

“Give Me Faith”

**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.**

The song “Give Me Faith” by Elevation Worship expresses a deep desire for God to transform our hearts and lives. The lyrics recognize that we cannot change ourselves through our own strength, but that we need God to give us faith, renew our hearts, and help us become more like Him. This message connects closely with Romans 12:1–2, where Paul calls believers to offer their bodies as a “living sacrifice” and to be transformed by the renewing of their minds.

Giving ourselves to God means surrendering our own desires, plans, and ways of thinking so that He can shape us according to His will. The song’s prayer for God to give us faith reflects this surrender. Faith allows us to trust God even when transformation is difficult or when we cannot see what He is doing.

Romans 12:2 teaches that transformation begins with the renewal of our minds. As we spend time in God’s Word, pray, worship, and follow His direction, He changes us from the inside out. “Give Me Faith” reminds us that this transformation is not something we accomplish alone. Instead, we depend on God’s power and grace. When we surrender ourselves to Him, He continually molds us into the image of Christ and helps us live according to His perfect will.

Spiritual Care:

The Prodigal Son & the Promise of a Secure Salvation

Jesus’ story of the prodigal son is more than a picture of repentance — it’s a reminder that our salvation rests in the hands of a loving and gracious Father, not in the strength of our performance. The younger son wandered far, wasted everything, and rehearsed a speech to earn his way back. But the father didn’t even let him finish. He ran, embraced, restored, and rejoiced. Grace moved faster than guilt.

Many believers wrestle with mental and spiritual stress because they fear their sin or backsliding has undone their salvation. But the prodigal’s return shows us something essential: the Father’s love is not fragile, and His grace is not conditional. We cannot lose what God Himself secures, and we cannot earn more of what He freely gives.

The older brother struggled with this truth. He believed love was measured by performance. Many

Christians feel the same — anxious, ashamed, unsure if God still wants them. Yet Jesus’ story dismantles that fear. The Father’s love is steady. His salvation is sealed. His grace is stronger than our wandering.

If you are weary, doubting, or afraid, remember this: You are held by a Father who runs toward you, not away from you.

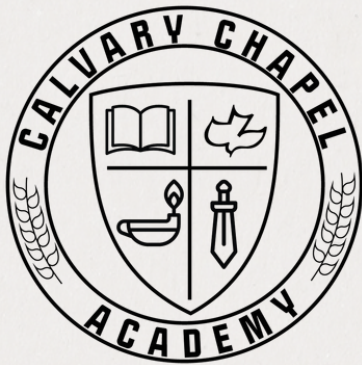
For more counsel and prayer around life’s difficult challenges, reach out to Pastor Jason 610-754-6446 extension 27 or email at jwells@soth.church.



THE CALVARY CHAPEL ACADEMY COURIER



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

See you on Tuesday the 1st at 6:45pm!

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

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

* **Hallelujah Harvest** October 16, 2026

Join us for a family-friendly evening of games, hayrides, and fellowship as we celebrate the beauty of God's creation and the blessings of the harvest season. Together, we will enjoy a night of fun while giving thanks to the Lord for His abundant goodness and faithfulness. Stay tuned!



Looking Ahead to an Exciting School Year

As we prepare for another school year at Calvary Chapel Academy, we are praising God for the incredible ways He continues to work in and through the school community. This year brings exciting growth, including the addition of Brightwheel, a secure communication platform that will streamline messaging, attendance, calendars, tuition billing, and family engagement all in one place. We are also thrilled to be welcoming many new teachers to our team. Each is bringing a

wealth of professional experience, unique gifts, and a heart for Christ-centered education. We look forward to seeing how God will use these opportunities to strengthen our school. We are excited for all that God has in store as we partner with families for the school year ahead.



Message from the Director

As we prepare to begin another school year, my heart is filled with gratitude for all that God is doing in and through Calvary Chapel Academy. This year brings exciting growth, wonderful new teachers, and new opportunities to serve our students with excellence while keeping Christ at the center of everything we do. We are praying that this will be a year of deep learning and of growing faith in our Lord.



Welcome back!

Back to School Night 2026

Join us for Back to School Night on Tuesday, September 1, at 6:45 p.m.! This is a wonderful opportunity to meet your child's teacher, explore the classroom, learn about the upcoming school year, and

hear how God is already at work in our academy. We look forward to partnering with you as we begin another year of growing in faith, learning, and community. We can't wait to welcome your family!



**"Commit to the Lord
whatever you do, and
He will establish your
plans." — Proverbs 16:3**

Summer was certainly busy...



From cleaning, to painting, to unpacking boxes and boxes of curriculum, we sure stayed busy around here this summer.



An Apple for our Academy

Our Giving Tree is a simple way for our school family to come together and bless our classrooms as we prepare for a wonderful year of learning. Simply choose an apple from the tree, purchase the listed item, and return it to the school, or scan the QR code to shop our Amazon Wish List. Every gift, big or small, helps provide the supplies our students and teachers need and is a tangible expression of Christ's love in action. Thank you for partnering with us as we invest in the hearts and minds of the children God has entrusted to our care.

**"Let us consider one
another in order to provoke
love and good works." —
Hebrews 10:24**



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 Brittaney 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.



CALVARY CHAPEL 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*****

*****MOVE UP DAY IS LABOR DAY SUNDAY*** There are signs outside of each classroom. The signs are color coded for each grade as well as the teachers lanyards.**

Preschool - Kindergarten Sunday School: (Meets upstairs in Room 15)

*Parents, please see the "Take Home Sheet" your children bring home after class. These papers will show you what they have learned in Sunday School. You can help them throughout the week reinforce what they have learned about God's Word and who He is and how much we are loved by Our Heavenly Father.

The children will start the month with a special Labor Day Bible Lesson. Then they will start a new series about Creation, "Finger Painting with God". Painting with our fingers, we can make pictures of whatever we imagine. With just God's voice He created the World, the sky, the animals, and ME!

Memory Verse: "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the Earth." Genesis 1:1

- Day, Night, Sky and Sea-God made the light, the day and night, the water and the sky. The first and Second Day, Genesis 1:18
- Land and Plants, Sun Moon and Stars-God made the land and the sea and all the plants that grow in the ground. God also made everything we see in the sky -the sun, moon, stars and planets. The Third and Fourth Day, Genesis 1:9-19
- Birds, Fish, Animals and Man- God made every creature that swims in the water and flies in the air. God made all the animals that live on the land and God made people. The Fifth and Sixth Day, Genesis 1:20-31

1st-4th Grades (Downstairs Classrooms) *Parents, please look at the "Make it Stick" or "Take Home Papers" we send home with the children. It gives a better description of what was taught and how to reinforce what they have learned throughout the week, as a family. We also send home a memory verse for them to learn. We give them an incentive to remember scripture.

The children will be starting the month with a special Labor Day Bible Lesson. The second Sunday of this month they will be starting a new series, "Code Breakers, Cracking the Kingdom Code". Jesus spoke about The Kingdom of God, or the Kingdom of Heaven. These stories, called parables, remain a mystery for those who do not have "eyes to see and ears to hear". The kids will examine the clues, break the code, and gain understanding of their role in the Kingdom of God.

Memory Verse: "God you are my God. I seek you with all my heart". Psalm 63:1a

- The Search Is On: Matthew 18:10-14, The Parable of the Lost Sheep. In the parable of the lost sheep, Jesus tells us that we belong to Him. When we are lost, Jesus seeks us out, finds us and brings us home. Puzzle #1 will give us a clue for the next lesson.
- Expect the Unexpected: Luke 15:11-32, The Parable of the Lost Son. In this parable, Jesus shows us that God's love has no limits. No matter what we've done, God welcomes us back to Him with open arms. Puzzle #2 Simple substitution from numbers from week 1 into letters.
- Keep At It: Luke 18:1-8, The Parable of the Consistent Widow. Jesus shows us in this parable that we can come to God with whatever we need. Puzzle #3 Kids will shuffle the letters from lesson 2 to make a sentence.

5-6th Grades (Downstairs Classroom) The children in 5th and 6th grades are studying, "From the Beginning, an Exploration in Genesis", Genesis Chapters 1-50

CALVARY KIDS WEDNESDAY NIGHTS Ages 5 through 5th Grade Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30

Our Calvary Kids Wednesday Nights will start back to the regular school year schedule on September 9th, meeting every Wednesday until December 23rd.

*****PLEASE HAVE THE CHILDREN BRING THEIR OWN WATER BOTTLES AND BIBLES*****

Please bring your children to the Fellowship Hall and sign them in there. If the weather is permitting, we will have the children outside at the playground and the parents can bring the children there to sign them in. Notice will be given at the Fellowship Hall, 50 on Calvary Kids Facebook Page and Shepherd of the Hills Community Page. The children will be brought back to the parents at the Fellowship Hall Foyer at 8:30. The kids will be learning through Bible stories, object lessons, games, videos and crafts, all reinforcing God's Word. They will also have worship and prayer.

[Click here to read the full article...](#)

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

September Women's Ministry Event: Spruce Lake Woman's Retreat, September 18-20

We will be meeting at the church on Friday the 18th and carpooling to Spruce Lake in Canadensis PA. We will be staying in our own Mountainside Lodge again this year. For more information about the retreat, log into sprucelake.org and go to events, scroll down to the women's retreat and check out the speakers, worship, lodging, etc.

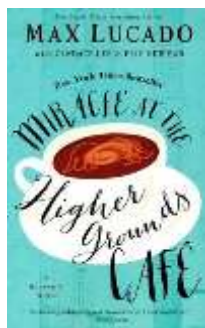
All meals are included from Friday evening dinner through Sunday's lunch. Towels, pillows and linens are provided.

The fee is \$280.00 - \$50.00 (paid by SOTH) = \$230.00 per person. A non-refundable deposit of \$115.00 is due when registering for retreat.

I hope we can fill up all of the beds this year again, it was such a blessing and sooo much fun the last couple years. There is something so special about gathering for a retreat as women and daughters of the King! Time to spend with the Lord, in corporate worship, and get away from the everyday routine, to regroup, renew and refresh!

Register as soon as possible on the Kiosk, the website or on the App. We need to know how many women want to attend; this will determine the Mountainside Lodge we will reserve! If paying by check, write the check to SOTHCC and put in Agape Boxes with Wm's Retreat written in the memo.

**** Please come and see 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: September 24th, in the Parlor at 6:30 PM

Our book for September is "Miracle at the Higher Ground Café". Author: Max Lucado with Candace Lee and Eric Newman.

Chelsea Chambers is on her own. After public split-up from her NFL husband, Chelsea takes a bold step out of the limelight and behind the counter of the Higher Grounds Café, an old-fashioned coffee shop, in dire need of reinvention. But when her out of this world cupcakes, planning and strategy fail to pay the bills, this newly single mom finds herself desperate for a miracle. When a curious stranger shows up at Chelsea's door, and with him, an even more curious string of events. Soon, customers are flocking to the Higher Grounds Café. Not just for the cupcakes and cappuccino, but for the internet connection to the divine. The café has become the go to place for answers to life's biggest questions.

*****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.

"Delighting in God's Wisdom, A study on the Book of Proverbs".

Wisdom. We need it. We want it - but often look for it in all the wrong places. Moment by moment our life circumstances dictate the need for wisdom. From simple everyday choices to the more complex and life changing; we need wisdom for successful decision-making. Where do we find this wisdom? Solomon will tell us in the book of Proverbs that wisdom begins with the fear of God and all wisdom is found in Him. The majority of Proverbs was written by Solomon, "the wisest man on earth. Proverbs is the "how to" for life and will lead you to the heart of God and His wisdom. Woven into the study are examples from women in the Bible who were both wise and unwise. The book is available in Chronicles Book Store for \$8.00

Mother's Group: for mothers with children through 12th grade: Meets in the parlor on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 6:00.

2nd Tuesdays lead by Melanie Busby, 4th Tuesdays lead by Heather Wells.

"What joy for those whose strength comes from the Lord, who have set their minds on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. When they walk through the Valley of Weeping, it will become a place of refreshing springs. The autumn rains will clothe it with blessings." Psalms 84:5-6

Where do you need God to refresh you? In what ways do you want your relationship with Jesus to be deeper? What do you want more than anything to hear God say to you? As children of the Most High God, we were made to operate from a place of fullness.

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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. 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



Hebrews 10:24-25 says; "and let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." Our church is dedicated to regular fellowship, intentionally sharing life together to spur one another on to faith and good works.

Our Connect Group ministry helps us achieve this goal because it allows people from our congregation the

Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

opportunity to meet in small personal groups and share with fellow believers life's trials, joys, and the love of our creator.

Connect groups range in size with no more than 12 people per group. All the groups meet for two sessions, one in the spring and the other in the fall, to study God's Word and other Biblical materials for grow in unity of mind as a congregation. Additionally, groups have the option to meet during the summer and winter months to study topics which interest them.



Groups are formed by different demographics: men's groups, women's groups, couple's groups, young family groups, and mixed groups. If you are interested in joining a connect group contact pastor Jason (info@soth.church) at the church or find one online at our church's website!

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.

