SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2023

SHEPHERD of the HILLS

TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN!

DIGITAL BULLETIN AND ORDER OF WORSHIP









VERSE OF ENCOURAGEMENT

"Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable."

Psalm 145:3

Message Series:



THE DISTINCTIVES OF GENUINE FAITH

SPEAKER: Pastor Collin Monger

8:00 AM Service Worship

Great is the Lord I Worship You Almighty God How Great Thou Art

Closing Hymn: To God Be the Glory

9:30 & 11 AM Service Worship

Lay Me Down Praise Adonai Here I Am to Worship The Heart of Worship

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Songs of Worship Prayer Requests

Good News Mystery
Box

Children's Message

Announcements Message

Closing Worship





SERVICE TIMES

8:00 AMAcoustic Service





9:30 AM Sunday School 9:30 & 11 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

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Kick-Off Event, Saturday, Sept. 30, 9AM. Join us in the Fellowship Hall to fill boxes to spread the Good News to children around the world.

Baptisms: If you are interested in being baptized on October 15th please sign up at the welcome desk.

Wednesdays: H2O Youth Group (Jr. & Sr. High): 6:30 PM & Verse-By-Verse Bible Study: 7:00 PM

H2O Kids continues this Wednesday at 6:30 PM

Volunteers Needed for multiple ministries including children's ministry, audio/visual, and more. Please sign up at the Front Desk if interested.

Fall Cleaning Service Day, Saturday October 28th starting 10 AM We need help with building upkeep work around the church, including cleaning, raking leaves and sticks, and more to prepare for the fall/winter season. Lunch to be provided.

Interest groups: As reminder, interest groups meet regularly to encourage fellowship and comradery at the church. See Pastor Jason or the tables in the parlor for gathering times!

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



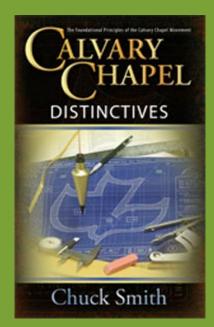
Get last week's message and message notes <u>online here</u>, or through our <u>SOTH Church Mobile app</u>.

CALVARY CHAPEL DISTINCTIVES BY CHUCK SMITH

What makes Calvary Chapel Distinctive? It's always good to have a grasp of the distinctive work that God has done in our fellowship. If Calvary Chapel is exactly like the church across the street it would be better to simply merge the two. But, if there are qualities that make us different, then we have a unique and special place in the plan of God. Certainly there are churches that share many of our beliefs and practices. But God has done a wonderful work of balance in the Calvary Chapel movement that does make us different.

Some churches believe in the gifts and ministry of the Holy Spirit, but don't have a strong emphasis on Biblical teaching. Others place strong emphasis on teaching the Word of God, but don't believe the gifts of the Spirit are available and valid today. In Calvary Chapel we value the teaching of the Word, and possess an open heart to the work of the Holy Spirit. This balance makes Calvary Chapel a distinct and uniquely blessed movement of God. And so, it's important to understand the Biblical principles that explain why God has allowed us to exist and grow.

Pickup your copy at Chronicles Christian Books today!



Songs of Worship

Contemporary Service – 11:00 AM Live Stream

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

Verse 1 With this heart open wide From the depths from the heights I will bring a sacrifice

Verse 2 With these hands lifted high Hear my song hear my cry I will bring a sacrifice I will bring a sacrifice

Chorus I lay me down I'm not my own I belong to You alone Lay me down lay me down Oh hand on my heart This much is true There's no life apart from You Lay me down lay me down

Verse 3 Letting go of my pride Giving up all my rights Take this life and let it shine Take this life and let it shine

Interlude Oh lay me down lay me down Lay me down

Bridge It will be my joy to say Your will Your way It will be my joy to say Your will Your way It will be my joy to say Your will Your way always

Praise Adonai CCLI #2612742 | Paul Baloche

Verse Who is like Him The Lion and the Lamb Seated on the throne Mountains bow down Every ocean roars To the Lord of Hosts

Chorus Praise Adonai From the rising of the sun 'Til the end of every day Praise Adonai All the nations of the earth All the angels and the saints Sing praise

Verse Who is like Him The Lion and the Lamb Seated on the throne Mountains bow down Every ocean roars To the Lord of Hosts

Chorus Praise Adonai From the rising of the sun 'Til the end of every day Praise Adonai All the nations of the earth All the angels and the saints Sing praise

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Contemporary Service – 11:00 AM Live Stream

Here I Am To Worship CCLI #3266032 | Tim Hughes

Verse 1

Light of the world You stepped down into darkness Opened my eyes let me see Beauty that made This heart adore You Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Verse 2

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Chorus

Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost To see my sin upon that cross And I'll never know how much it cost To see my sin upon that cross

Chorus

The Heart Of Worship CCLI #2296522 | Matt Redman

Verse 1

When the music fades
All is stripped away
And I simply come
Longing just to bring
Something that's of worth
That will bless Your heart

Pre-Chorus

I'll bring You more than a song
For a song in itself
Is not what You have required
You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart

Chorus

I'm coming back
To the heart of worship
And it's all about You
All about You Jesus
I'm sorry Lord
For the thing I've made it
When it's all about You
All about You Jesus

Verse 2

King of endless worth
No one could express
How much You deserve
Though I'm weak and poor
All I have is Yours
Ev'ry single breath

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

VOLUNTEER CORNER

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

Scheduled Today 09/24

Welcome Desk: Mary B.

Deacon: Brad S.

Offering Counters: Vaughn M. / Francesca P. Greeters: Karla O. / Linda W. / Margaret S.

Discipleship Oasis

Crib Room: Diane K.

Pre-K Room: Dan G. / Ruthie P. Children's Church: John & Renee M.

A/V Team:

Sound: Neil S. / Craig E. Video: Mark S. / Katy L.

Hospitality Team

Ellen R. / Joyce H.

Scheduled Next Week 10/01

Welcome Desk: Diane K.

Deacon: Mark F.

Offering Counters: Patty W. / Sharon S. Greeters: Edo & Norma J. / Terry & Gail L. /

Uwe & Mary B.

Discipleship Oasis

Crib Room: Jim & Sherry J.
Pre-K Room: Mike & Joelle W.
Children's Church: Jon & Karen S.

A/V Team:

Sound: Neil S. / Tyler L. Video: Coldsmith / James W.

Hospitality Team

Brian & Sandy L.

SOTH Church 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 9:30 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.

Sunday School Assistant: We are looking for volunteers to assist our Pre-K and Kindergarten Sunday School classes. This is a month-to-month commitment (one month on, next month off). Sunday School starts at 9:30 AM. Please contact Renee Miller at miller@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 (or willing to become) a member of SOTH, 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 Charles Rowdon at crowdon@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.

- Many Christian workers have been 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.



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."



S.P.A.D.E International is our Vision Project for the month of September.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Romans 15:13

SPADE is a non-profit, faith-based Christian Retreat, Conference, & Outreach Center

Located in rural Kempton, PA (about 20 miles west of Allentown)

SPADE (Serving People through Appropriate Development Evangel) ministry began in 1987.

SPADE provides low-cost facilities for Internationals, students, missionaries, pastors, Christian workers, church groups, individuals, and families to hold retreats, conferences, training seminars, debriefs, counseling, discipleship, and Bible studies.

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. We want everyone at Shepherd of the Hills to be committed to growing in the faith with these brothers and sisters in Christ.

Once a quarter we offer a Shepherd 101 class for those who are interested in learning more about our church community. We want to help you find ways that you can get involved in fellowship and service.

If you would like to attend a Shepherd 101 class, please sign up at the welcome desk in the foyer or email Pastor Jason at 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 at the church or find one online at our church's website!





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.



