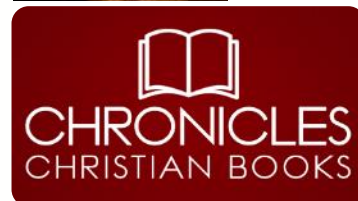


SUNDAY DECEMBER 27TH, 2020

# SHEPHERD *of the* HILLS

TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN!  
DIGITAL BULLETIN AND ORDER OF WORSHIP

LIGHT  
the WAY



## VERSE OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Oh come, let us sing to  
the Lord; let us make a  
joyful noise to the rock  
of our salvation!

Let us come into his  
presence with  
thanksgiving; let us  
make a joyful noise to  
him with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great  
God, and a great King  
above all gods.

*Psalm 95:1-3*



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Songs of Worship  
Good News Mystery  
Box  
Children's Message  
Announcements  
Prayer Requests  
Message  
Closing Worship

## Message Series:

**MESSAGE: PEACE IN  
PERSECUTION**

**SPEAKER:**

Pastor Charles Rowdon

### 8:00 AM Service Worship

#### *Hymns of Praise*

I Will Call upon the Lord #530  
To Him Who Sits on the Throne  
#373

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear  
#251

Sanctuary #655 (*Hymn of Grace*)

#### *Closing Hymn*

I Offer My Life #663

### 9:30 & 11 AM Service Worship

*Led by Shepherd's Call*

I Will Call upon the Lord  
Forever  
God of Wonders  
At the Cross (Love Ran Red)

Forever (*Reprise*)

*Song Lyrics on pages 3-4*



**SERVICE TIMES**

**8:00 AM**  
Acoustic 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. Please note we will not take a formal offering during services. You can also give electronically here:

[www.soth.church/giving](http://www.soth.church/giving)

**Offering Envelopes 2021:** *Offering envelopes are available today, December 20th, for pickup by membership. If you are unable to pick up your envelopes or if they are missing, please contact the church office.*

**Men's Ministry, Steak and Study January 2nd 12:00PM:** *The men's ministry is hosting a steak and fries lunch in the fellowship hall on Saturday January 2nd. Registrations can be made [online](#) or at the welcome desk.*

**Women's Ministry: GoggleWorks and Reading Museum Tour, January 16th, 10:00 AM.** *Join us Saturday, January 16th at 10:00 AM for a special Women's Ministry trip and dinner at Brookside Family Restaurant. Meet at Shepherd of the Hills Church. More details to follow. Sign up at the welcome desk or online.*

**2021 Volunteer Sign-ups:** *If you are interested in volunteering for any of our ministries, see sign-up sheets in the foyer.*

**Inclement Winter Weather Updates:** *In the event of inclement weather, we will provide information regarding cancellations on the Church Website, Facebook page, WBYN (radio), and the Church Mobile app.*

## BOOK of the month

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

### THE ENTITLEMENT CURE

FINDING SUCCESS IN DOING HARD THINGS THE RIGHT WAY  
BY DR. JOHN TOWNSEND

Do you have anyone in your life who can't seem to stick with a project, meet a deadline, or even clean up after themselves? All of us feel we deserve special treatment sometimes.

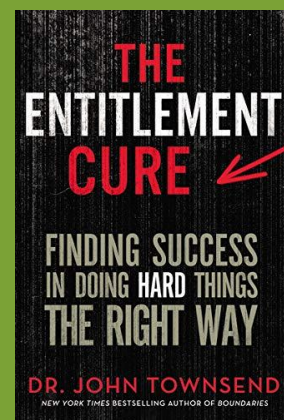
If you have a difficult relationship with an entitled person, or if you have discovered entitlement in yourself, understand this: It doesn't have to stay this way. There is a cure. It's called the Hard Way and it works.

In The Entitlement Cure, Dr. John Townsend explains that the Hard Way is a habit that focuses on doing whatever is needed even if it is difficult, uncomfortable, takes longer, and requires more energy. Dr. Townsend offers daily steps, such as risk-taking, to help you or those you love choose the Hard Way.

Ultimately, entitlement fails us. We don't develop the character abilities and relationships necessary to reach success and become the people God intended us to be. By contrast, Hard Way people have better relationships, reach their goals, have a clear job direction, enjoy rich spiritual growth, and are equipped to face and solve challenges.

Discover why the Hard Way is the best way in this practical guide to true success.

Get your copy today at Chronicles Christian Books!



# Songs of Worship

*Contemporary Service – 11:00 AM Live Stream*

## **I Will Call Upon The Lord**

**CCLI #11263 | Michael O'Shields**

### *Verse*

I will call upon the Lord (ECHO)  
Who is worthy to be praised (ECHO)  
So shall I be saved from my enemies (ECHO)

### *Chorus*

The Lord liveth  
And blessed be my Rock  
And let the God of my salvation be exalted  
(REPEAT)

### *Verse*

I will call upon the Lord (ECHO)  
Who is worthy to be praised (ECHO)  
So shall I be saved from my enemies (ECHO)

### *Chorus*

The Lord liveth  
And blessed be my Rock  
And let the God of my salvation be exalted  
(REPEAT)

## **Forever**

**CCLI #3148428 | Chris Tomlin**

### *Verse 1*

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

### *Verse 2*

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

### *Pre-Chorus*

Sing praise sing praise

### *Chorus*

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

### *Verse 3*

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

### *Pre-Chorus*

### *Chorus*

# Songs of Worship

*Contemporary Service – 11:00 AM Live Stream*

## God Of Wonders

CCLI #3118757 | Marc Byrd and Steve Hindalong

### *Verse 1*

Lord of all creation  
Of water earth and sky  
The heavens are Your tabernacle  
Glory to the Lord on high

### *Chorus 1*

God of wonders beyond our galaxy  
You are holy holy  
The universe declares Your majesty  
You are holy holy  
Lord of heaven and earth  
Lord of heaven and earth

### *Verse 2*

Early in the morning  
I will celebrate the light  
When I stumble in the darkness  
I will call Your name by night

### *Chorus 1*

### *Bridge*

Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)  
Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)  
Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)  
You are holy

### *Chorus 1*

### *Chorus 2*

God of wonders beyond our galaxy  
You are holy holy  
Precious Lord reveal Your heart to me  
Father hold me hold me  
The universe declares Your majesty  
You are holy holy holy holy

### *Ending*

Lord of heaven and earth  
Lord of heaven and earth

## At The Cross (Love Ran Red)

CCLI #7017786 | Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jonas Myrin, Matt Armstrong, and Matt Redman

### *Verse 1*

There's a place  
Where mercy reigns and never dies  
There's a place  
Where streams of grace flow deep and wide  
Where all the love I've ever found  
Comes like a flood comes flowing down

### *Chorus*

At the cross at the cross  
I surrender my life  
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You  
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white  
I owe all to You I owe all to You

### *Verse 2*

There's a place  
Where sin and shame are powerless  
Where my heart  
Has peace with God and forgiveness  
Where all the love I've ever found  
Comes like a flood comes flowing down

### *Chorus*

### *Bridge*

Here my hope is found  
Here on holy ground  
Here I bow down here I bow down  
Here arms open wide  
Here You saved my life  
Here I bow down here I bow (down)

### *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 12/20

Usher Captains: Mark F.  
Greeters: Edo & Norma J. / Uwe & Mary B. / Mark F.  
Deacon: Jeanette K.  
Offering Counters: Rob & Ginny S.  
Receptionist: Kitty A.

## Discipleship Oasis (11 AM)

Crib Room: Judy W., Debbie E.  
Pre-K Room: Diane & Dan G.  
Children's Church: Brittany T.

## A/V Team:

Sound: Cory B.  
Video: Kristin / Katie L.

## Hospitality Team

Ruth & Vince H. / Joyce H.

## Scheduled Next Week 1/03

Usher Captains: Brad S.  
Greeters: Bill & Patti W. / Marge S. / Marie M.  
Deacon: Mark F.  
Offering Counters: Marie M. / Mary B.  
Receptionist: Mary S.

## Discipleship Oasis (11 AM)

Crib Room: Debbie E.  
Pre-K Room: Joyce H. & Katie L.  
Children's Church: Renee and John M.

## A/V Team:

Sound: Neil S. / Craig E.  
Video: Leigh Ann C. / James W.

## Hospitality Team

Ruth & Vince H. / Sharon E.

## *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!*

For health & safety information regarding COVID please [click here](#)

## 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.*

**Chronicles Books Store Attendant** We are looking for volunteers to help assist our Sunday morning operations (8 AM – 12:30 PM) at our bookstore, Chronicles Christian Books. If you have a love of books and coffee, this may be a perfect opportunity for you. Training will be provided; a general knowledge of technology & tablet devices is a plus. If interested, please contact Pastor Jon or Pastor Collin, or email us at [info@soth.church](mailto:info@soth.church).

**Multimedia Live Stream 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)

**Sunday School & Children's Church Teacher:** We are looking for volunteers to lead one of our Sunday School classes as well, either 1st – 3rd grade or 4th – 6<sup>th</sup>, as our Children's Church offering. Sunday School starts at 9:30 AM and Children's church starts at 11:00 AM. Please contact Renee Miller at [rmiller@soth.church](mailto:rmiller@soth.church) if interested in helping. Per PA law, background clearances will be needed.

**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](mailto:crowdon@soth.church).

**Tee-Ball Coach:** We are currently looking for a couple of people to serve as tee-ball coaches for the 2021 season, beginning in April. The coach should have knowledge of the game, the ability to coach children, and the ability to manage the schedule of the team. This team will compete in the regular Boyertown Midget Baseball League. Practices will be held at the church, games will be played on BMBL fields. The church will provide all equipment and uniforms. Per PA law, background clearances will be needed. If you are interested in serving here, please contact Pastor Collin at [cmonger@soth.church](mailto:cmonger@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](#) or through our [Mobile App](#).

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.

# December Missions

The Stoke family lives in the mountains of Papua Indonesia amongst a people group named the “Dem.” They are an isolated people group that have no written form of their language, never had any western influences and are completely remote. The only way in or out if by using a small missionary plane or their feet.

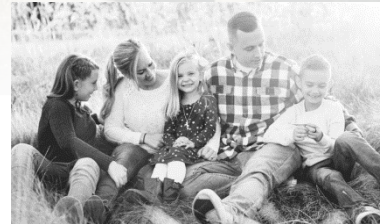
They are currently learning their language so that one day they will be able to present the Gospel to the Dem and translate the Bible into their language. Until they can clearly present the Gospel the ministry consists of learning the language and medical needs.

Where they live there is no power company, no water company, no roads or corner mini mart. They live off solar panels, water from a stream and the trip to the grocery store is a plane landing with a couple months’ worth of food.

**Jeremiah and Briana Stokes** are our **Missions Commitment** focus for the month of December. The Stokes serve with Ethnos360 - New Tribes in Indonesia.

“We are Jeremiah & Briana Stokes. We have 3 children Eden Jericho and Noelle and we are missionaries with New Tribes Mission in Indonesia.

We moved overseas July 4, 2010. We are both from Pennsylvania but opposite sides of the state. Briana is from eastern Pa and Jeremiah is from Pittsburgh. We both grew up in Christian homes but when we were in our first year of college, we were confronted with the fact that there are unreached tribal people groups that have no access to the Bible.”



## DECEMBER 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 Salvation Army (Boyertown, PA) is our Missions Vision Project for the month of December.**

The Salvation Army is concerned with the needs of all—regardless of race, color, creed, sex, gender or age.

Offers a variety of services and programs designed to assist the community such as emergency assistance, emergency shelter, housing, outreach programs, holiday assistance, and more.





## MEMBERSHIP AT SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS

Nothing about the Christian faith is by accident, it all requires being intentional about your relationship with God. Membership allows us to extend that intentional approach to our church connection. At Shepherd of the Hills being a member is a way of saying "I'm committed to growing in my faith with these brothers and sisters in Christ." Membership also allows the church to commit to you by pledging to help you in any way possible.

Every second Sunday at 12:15 PM we offer a membership class for those wishing to join our congregation.



NEW MEMBERS  
CLASS

If you would like to attend a membership class, please sign up at the welcome desk in the foyer or [email Pastor Collin at cmonger@soth.church](mailto:cmonger@soth.church) to be added to the list.

## MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

### The Deacons Ministry

According to the New Testament, deacons are responsible for operational aspects of the church. We read in Acts 6:1-6 the calling of the first deacons. They were selected based on their stature in the community; men who were filled with the spirit and who demonstrated wisdom in practical matters. Deacons play a pivotal role in the church because, without

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

1 Thessalonians 5:11

deacons, the general needs of the congregation could be neglected.

The deacons are elected by the congregation and, once elected, serve for a period of three years. Part of their service entails meeting monthly to discuss matters regarding building and grounds management as well as issues regarding budgetary matters. Shepherd of the Hills is blessed to have such a dedicated group of



men and women serving in this role and working towards the betterment of our church body

## 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.

