

VERSE OF ENCOURAGEMENT

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you;

My flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Psalm 63:1-4

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Freedom Weekend Message:

MESSAGE: USING OUR FREEDOM WELL

SPEAKER: Pastor Collin Monger

11 AM Service Worship (Lawn Service)

Led by Shepherd's Call

Majestic My Redeemer Lives Your Name Because He Lives

Majestic (Reprise)

Song Lyrics on pages 3-4





SERVICE TIMES





11:00 AMOutdoor Contemporary Service

Upcoming Events

TODAY is Communion Sunday. Pre-sealed communion cups are available in bins near the offering drop-boxes.

Offering Agape drop-boxes are available around the lot during our outdoor service. Please note we will not take a formal offering during services. You can also give electronically here: www.soth.church/giving

Fellowship Cook-out is Today at 12:00 PM.

Join us this afternoon after the service for a fellowship cookout in the front of the church. Stay for live music, hot dogs, fellowship, and more. Water games available for children of all ages!

Sidewalk Prophets Concert. Sunday, October 11th 7:00 PM.

Our concert with Sidewalk Prophets has been rescheduled to October 11th, at 7:00 PM. Any previously purchased tickets will be honored for the new date. More details to follow. Get your tickets at Chronicles Christian Books or online at www.soth.cc/smiletour

Outdoor Baptism Service Sunday, August 30th 12:15 PM. Join us for an Outdoor Baptism Service on Sunday, August 30th at 12:15 PM in the Prayer Garden. Sign up starting next week at the Welcome desk or Online!



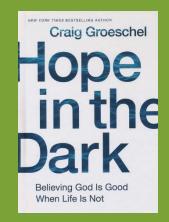
Miss last week's message? <u>Catch up online</u> or through our <u>SOTH</u> <u>Church Mobile app.</u>

HOPE IN THE DARK

BELIEVING GOD IS GOOD WHEN LIFE IS NOT BY CRAIG GROESCHEL

"I want to believe, I want to have hope, but..." Pastor and bestselling author Craig Groeschel hears these words often and has asked them himself. We want to know God, feel his presence, and trust that he hears our prayers, but in the midst of great pain, we may wonder if he really cares about us. Even when we have both hope and hurt, sometimes it's the hurt that shouts the loudest. Can God be good when life is not?

In Hope in the Dark, Groeschel explores the story of the father who brought his demon-possessed son to Jesus, saying, "I believe! Help my unbelief!" In the man's sincere plea, Jesus heard the tension in the man's battle-scarred heart. He healed not only the boy but the father too, driving out the hopelessness that had overtaken him. He can do the same for us today.



As Groeschel shares his pain surrounding the current health challenges of his daughter, he acknowledges the questions we may ask in our own deepest pain: "Where was God when I was being abused?" "Why was my child born with a disability?" "Why did the cancer come back?" "Why are all my friends married and I'm alone?" He invites us to wrestle with such questions as we ask God to honor our faith and heal our unbelief.

In the middle of your profound pain, you long for authentic words of understanding and hope. You long to know that even in overwhelming reality, you can still believe that God is good. Rediscover a faith in the character, power, and presence of God. Even in the questions. Even now.

Get your copy today at Chronicles Christian Books!

Songs of Worship

11:00 AM Outdoor Service & Live Stream

Majestic

CCLI #4573308 | Lincoln Brewster

Verse

O Lord our Lord
How majestic is Your name
In all the earth
O Lord our Lord
How majestic is Your name
In all the earth

Chorus 1

The heavens declare Your greatness
The oceans cry out to You
The mountains they bow down before You
So I'll join with the earth
And I'll give my praise to You

Verse

Chorus 2

The heavens declare Your greatness
The oceans cry out to You
The mountains they bow down before You
So I'll join with the earth and I'll sing
The heavens declare Your greatness
The oceans cry out to You
The mountains they bow down before You
So I'll join with the earth
And I'll give my praise to You

Bridge

I will worship You
I will worship You
I will worship You
I will worship You
We will worship You
We will worship You

Chorus 2

My Redeemer Lives CCLI #2397964 | Reuben Morgan

Verse

I know He rescued my soul
His blood has covered my sin
I believe I believe
My shame He's taken away
My pain is healed in His name
I believe I believe
I'll raise a banner
'Cause my Lord has conquered the grave

Chorus

My Redeemer lives My Redeemer lives My Redeemer lives My Redeemer lives

Verse

Chorus

Bridge

You lift my burdens
I'll rise with You
I'm dancing on this mountaintop
To see Your kingdom come
(REPEAT)

Chorus

Songs of Worship

11:00 AM Outdoor Service & Live Stream

Your Name CCLI #4611679 | Paul Baloche and Glenn Packiam

Verse 1

As morning dawns and evening fades You inspire songs of praise That rise from earth to touch Your heart And glorify Your Name

Chorus

Your Name is a strong and mighty tower Your Name is a shelter like no other Your Name let the nations sing it louder 'Cause nothing has the power to save But Your Name

Verse 2

Jesus in Your Name we pray Come and fill our hearts today Lord give us strength to live for You And glorify Your Name

Chorus

Because He Lives CCLI #16880 | Gloria Gaither and William J. Gaither

Chorus

Because He lives I can face tomorrow Because He lives all fear is gone Because I know He holds the future And life is worth the living Just because He lives (REPEAT)

SAFETY CORNER

There is no doubt that things have changed in your life due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Here are a few of the changes we have implemented to help maintain health and safety here at Shepherd of the Hills

- **Greeting time-** We will be eliminating the greeting time. We know it is something we have done for a long time, but it does not allow for social distancing and may increase the risk of transmission.
- Offering- In the past we have passed an offering plate from person to person.

 Because this presents a way in which infection can be spread, we will be moving to free-standing offering boxes placed in each aisle in the sanctuary.
- Bulletins and Greeters- We will continue offering printed bulletins and they will be available for pick up in the foyer. Our greeters will be there to greet us with a warm welcome and "hello," and will be happy to point us to the bulletins available for pick up.
- **Building Security-** During the week the church building will only be accessible through the front foyer doors at the Sanctuary. In addition, we will be locking the building each night.

- Communion Communion has be adjusted so there will be no open food which may be contaminated.
- Snacks- Similar to communion, we will be limiting open food options and provide individually portioned servings.
- Children's Ministry- We are now offering Children's Church during the 11:00 AM morning service. Children's church is available for ages 3-10.
- **Schedule-** Finally, we will be adjusting our service times to include the addition of a third service.

1st Service 8:00-9:00 Worship Service (traditional)

2nd Service 9:30-10:30 Worship Service (contemporary) Adult Sunday School (entire hour)

3rd Service 11:00-12:00 Worship Service (contemporary)

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 more detailed information on these changes click here

VOLUNTEER CORNER Service Opportunities

The ministry of Shepherd of the Hills has continued even during this unprecedented lockdown. Here's how you can help...

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

Virtual Visitation Team: Relationships are an important part to the Christian faith. Even though we are currently limited in our ability to meet together as a body of believers, we can still stay connected to one another using today's technology. You can help our visitation team by keeping our fellow members informed by making phone calls, using social media, and more. If interested, please contact the church office or email the church staff at info@soth.church.

Journalist: We are looking for someone to serve as a journalist for our church publication, "The Shepherd's Staff." If you enjoy writing, photography, or other print publication work, and would like to serve, please contact the church for more information. Email cmonger@soth.church.

Sunday Morning Teams: As we transition to a 3-service Sunday morning, we will need additional volunteers to help with during each service. This includes our Audio/Visual team, snack team, ushers and greeters, and so forth. If you are interested in serving in any area, please contact the church office, speak with one of the pastors, or email us at info@soth.church.



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**.

For \$10 you can send 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.

For \$20 you can get our **Postcard & Bracelet** bundle, where you will also receive a custom bracelet with the colors of the national flag our missionary serves, that can serve as a prayer reminder.

July 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 & Briana Stokes are our Missions Commitment focus for the month of June. The Stokes serve in the mountains of Papua Indonesia as missionaries to the "Dem" tribe.

"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."





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."

ChinaAid: Walking with the persecuted faithful



ChinaAid was founded in 2002 on the announcement of death sentences for five Chinese house church leaders. In response, a mission was conceived to Expose-Encourage-Equip, and ChinaAid issued its first press release after meeting with Members of Congress, revealing details of these cases with then-Chinese president Jiang Zemin. They also launched a letter-writing campaign, and sent a team of trained human rights lawyers to defend those being persecuted. In the end, the five death sentences were overturned.

Over the past 15 years, ChinaAid's mission has evolved to one of exposing human rights abuses and promoting truth, justice, and freedom by advocating for religious freedom and the rule of law in China. ChinaAid continues to fight for the immediate release of prisoners of conscience, equip human rights defenders, and support religious and community leaders. ChinaAid also focuses on religious freedom and rule of law training, rescuing and resettling persecuted leaders and their families, encouraging families of prisoners of conscience by providing financial assistance, and exposing abuse by featuring unique stories of persecution and injustice on ChinaAid's website and through social media.

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.

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 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 month; if you have a heart for missions and are interested in join our missions committee speak with Pastor Charles.





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.



