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## Press Toward the Goal

We all have goals that we try to accomplish. Sometimes these goals are short term and sometimes they are long term. Some people write their goals down and others don't. Some take practical steps to reach their goals and some do not. Nonetheless, we all have them. But did you know that setting goals is a Biblical principle? Paul said in Philippians 3:12-14 "Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." In this passage Paul expressed two goals he had. 1) To be in this life what Christ wanted him to be, 2) To receive the prize of the upward call of God. These two goals go hand in hand and there are no greater goals that we could set for ourselves. Let us also "press toward the goal".

- Garrett Bookout

**AM – "15 Commands for a Healthy Church - Part 1" 1 Thes 5:12-15**

**Bible Time with Andy, Room 105 at 4:45 pm**

**PM – "15 Commands for a Healthy Church - Part 2" 1 Thes 5:16-22**

### Read the Bible in 1 Year (Starting January 1, 2025):

**Wednesday** - Genesis 1-3, Matthew 1

**Thursday** - Genesis 4-6, Matthew 2

**Friday** - Genesis 7-9, Matthew 3

**Saturday** - Genesis 10-12, Matthew 4

# PRAYER LIST and ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRAYER LIST

Shanda, Mary Frances Calix's dad's wife, was recently in the hospital with pneumonia.

Dylan Spencer's father had a heart attack last week.

Matt Shelton, a friend of The Sowell's, was recently diagnosed with cancer and has begun treatment.

**Continue to Remember:** Mary Lee Caldwell, Tyler Colgan, Barbara Dees, Jim Duty, Lester Elliott, Kathy Hinson, Beverly Jenkins, Barbara Jones, Tina Kelso, Richard King, Gail Krech, Jimmy Lincoln, Joseph Lucas, Janice Martin, Janice Maynard, Ronald McRady, Tonja McRady, Joan Meade, William Morrison, Michele Pratt, Kendall Redmond, Holly Richardson, Bryant Rimmer, Clinton Robnolte, Ben Shappard, John & Melba Sims, Jimmy Smithson, Mike Vice, Sharon Welborn, Bobbie Wilhoite, Holly Winkler, Shannon Woodroof, Randy Youngblood

**Our Shut-ins:** Jane Brown, Robert Holt, Peggy Loggins, Patricia Marsh, Lois Pratt

## THANK YOU

We would like to thank the Southern Hills Family for all the prayers and cards received during my dad's illness and passing. Your support to our family means so much. Dad is where he lived his life to be, Heaven. Please remember my mom and family in prayer as our journey here continues.

In Christian Love, Beverly Jenkins  
Rob & Lisa Schmittou

## SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION

Today is our special year end contribution opportunity. We hope to be able to bless others and provide much needed help.

## DONATIONS

We are collecting new and used coats and blankets for the homeless. Please place donations in the bins on the green table in Room 102. We are also in need of "to go" plasticware and condiment packets. These can be placed in the basket in the foyer.

## Online Giving Instructions

### Give Online:

<https://donate.stripe.com/6oEcQKqAla0HczS000>

### By App:

Lightpost App



## THOSE TO SERVE

### TODAY - SUNDAY, December 29, 2024

**USHERS:** Chris Graham, DeWayne Johnston, Connor Pratt, Cullen Rodgers  
**Song Leader:** Shaun Calix  
**Reader:** Randy Hunt  
**Scripture:** Romans 16:24-27  
**Opening Prayer:** Ronnie Jackson  
**Preside at Lord's Table:** Jeff Rhodes  
**Serve the Lord's Supper:** Steve Ellis, Phillip McCullough, Michael Meade, Jon Reames  
**Closing Prayer:** Jason Mackey  
**Nursery Attendants:** Joy Marrison, Nikki Lovett  
**Communion to Shut Ins:**

### TODAY'S AFTERNOON SERVICE

**Song Leader:** Shaun Calix  
**Reader:** Joe Burns  
**Opening Prayer:** David Broome  
**P.M. Preside/Lord's Supper:** Caleb Chitwood  
**Closing Prayer:** Tyler Chitwood  
**Nursery Attendants:** Kristen Reames, Gina Lewis

### WEDNESDAY, January 1, 2025

**Devotional Speaker:** Garrett Bookout  
**Song Leader:** Kyle Richardson  
**Opening Prayer:** Jon Ferrie  
**Closing Prayer:** William Marrison  
**Sound for 12/29 Week:** Connor Pratt  
**Projector for December:** Thomas Waggoner

## THE RECORD

Last Sunday (12/22/2024)	
Morning Worship	204
Sunday School	169
Evening Worship	129
Thursday Night (12/26/2024)	121
Contribution Last Sunday:	\$12,773.61
Contribution YTD:	\$750,366.15
Contribution Goal YTD:	\$714,000.00

## PREPARE COMMUNION - December

Beth Lincoln

## COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS - December

Burns Family

## BUILDING LOCK-UP - December

Dale Alden & Joe Burns

## MONTHLY ELDER CHAIRMAN - December

Jeff Rhodes

# ANNOUNCEMENTS and UPCOMING EVENTS

**Please contact the Church office to schedule an event**  
**southernhillscofc@gmail.com**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS** **Church Wide**

**Today** - All in One Sunday

- Special Year End Contribution

**December 30, 2024** - Monday Night Fellowship

**December 31, 2024** - New Year's Eve Party at The Broome's

**January 2, 2025** - Yo Pro Holiday Party at The Miller's

*The church office will be closed January 1st.*

### **ALL IN ONE SUNDAY**

Today is an All in One Sunday. We will have a potluck lunch following Bible class. Our afternoon service will begin at 12:15 pm. There will not be an evening worship service.

### **EASTERN TIME ZONE NEW YEAR'S PARTY**

The Broome's will be hosting a New Year's Eve party at their home Tuesday, December 31st. Everyone is invited.

The party will begin at 7:00 and end at 11:00, with fireworks at 10:00. Please bring your favorite party snack or dessert to share. Hope to see you there!

### **SUNSHINE SCHOOL**

Sunshine School is looking to fill the Director position for the 2025-2026 school year. This is 4 day position open to members of Southern Hills.

If you have any questions, please see Mandy Chitwood.



### **GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAIN MARRIAGE RETREAT**

The Great Smoky Mountain Marriage Retreat will be February 5th - 9th. This year you can chose to attend the Early Session (6th & 7th) or the Late Session (7th & 8th).

Registration and schedule can be found at

[www.smokymountainmarriage.com](http://www.smokymountainmarriage.com).

If you have any questions or plan to attend the retreat, please see Joe & Jessica Burns.

### **BACK TO SCHOOL CLOSET**

We are accepting new clothes for the Back to School Closet. We are especially in need of boys and girls size XL. Only children's clothes are needed. If you have any questions, please see Kendra Rodgers.

## **MISSIONS MEMO...**

**Raja Rao**

**Vijayawada, South India**

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord has done great things through Churches of Christ India Missions. Thank you for contributing to my mission trips to various states and places. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the many Christians and Churches of Christ for their support during this challenging time.

God is our focus, and we trust Him to be our constant guide and provider. I am always thankful to God for allowing us to serve Him better each month with ongoing flood relief assistance. We distributed groceries, clothes, and medicines to 22 families this month in addition to our past month's distribution work.

North India Ministry: North India is not a very favorable area for the Lord's ministry. Christianity is very little. There are also very few faithful Gospel preachers. During my North India evangelistic journey, I could meet only seven servants when I visited four states. Especially in the state of UP, there is a life sentence for a person who preaches if someone comes and tells me that they are evangelizing me and obstructing me. I have examined all such areas.

I feel it is important to prepare evangelicals in these areas. I found a good plan and people for it. An evening Bible school works more in these areas than a full-time Preaching school. The medical camp is very important for reaching them. We can get them more through the Well Project.

We are focusing on food distribution, clothing, blankets, medical assistance, and financial relief. I know of 400 families who have suffered great loss and pain.





## ...from Drew

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**December 27th - 30th - EYC**

The youth group will return to the building tomorrow around 12:00 pm.

**January 17th - 18th - Equip**

More information coming soon!

**April 17th - 20th - Lads to Leaders**

It's time to announce our Lads to Leaders Program for 2025! Lads to Leaders is a training program designed to aid our young men and women in learning to use their talents for the Lord. There are a wide array of categories from web design, foreign languages, writing, music composition to more mainstays like Speech, song leading and puppets. It includes ages 4 and up.

We will have many more details soon. Our first deadline is the hotel deadline. Convention is held at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel the weekend of April 17-20, 2025. The hotel rooms are \$176.50 per night. We have a block of rooms reserved but they are first come first serve. If you would like a room please contact Jennifer Miller at 615-390-6674 by January the 5th.



## ...from Andy

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 3rd - KFC Devo**

Drop off at The Lovett's at 6:00 pm or let Andy know if you need to ride the bus.

## TIMES SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP - 9 AM  
BIBLE CLASS - 10 AM

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP - 5PM

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE - 5PM & 7PM

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