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The Easy Way

I am not a consistent runner. I run occasionally. I used to run a lot. The problem is, I don't really like to run. I do like the feeling of being in "running shape." It's been a while since I've been in that kind of shape. I remember a trail I used to take when I went for a run.

About halfway through the three-mile course was a "short cut." I always told myself before the run not to take it. But more often than I like to admit... I took the short cut. When Jesus was drawing near to the end of his sermon on the mount he gave this warning, "Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few" (Matthew 7:13-14). By saying these words Jesus is instructing us to not take the "short cut" or "easy way." What is the easy way? We will discuss that this Sunday morning.

- Garrett Bookout

AM – "Three Warnings" Matthew 7:13-23

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

PM – "A Tree and Its Fruit" Matthew 12:33-37

Read the Bible in 1 Year:

Sunday - 1 Samuel 22-24, Luke 12:1-31
Monday - 1 Samuel 25-26, Luke 12:32-59
Tuesday - 1 Samuel 27-29, Luke 13:1-22
Wednesday - 1 Samuel 30-31, Luke 13:23-35
Thursday - 2 Samuel 1-2, Luke 14:1-24
Friday - 2 Samuel 3-5, Luke 14:25-35 **Saturday** - 2 Samuel 6-8, Luke 15:1-10

PRAYER LIST and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER LIST

We are happy to report that **Betsy Lucas**, Sharon Broome's sister, is making good progress. She is working on getting her strength and appetite back.

Joan Richardson will be having heart valve replacement on April 17th.

Matt Shelton, Sabrena Sowell's friend, has started a new drug for his cancer treatment. Please pray this medication is effective.

Continue to Remember: Mary Lee Caldwell, Barbara Dees, Jim Duty, Lester Elliott, Kathy Hinson, Beverly Jenkins, Barbara Jones, Tina Kelso, Richard King, Gail Krech, Jimmy Lincoln, Betsy Lucas, Joseph Lucas, Janice Martin, Janice Maynard, Joan Meade, William Morrison, Norma Petrie, Kendall Redmond, Holly Richardson, Bryant Rimmer, Clinton Robnolte, John & Melba Sims, Jimmy Smithson, Mike Vice, Laura Weathers, Sharon Welborn, Bobbie Wilhoite, Diane Winkler, Holly Winkler, Randy Youngblood

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

THOSE TO SERVE

TODAY - SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025

Ushers: Tyler Atkins, Joe Burns, Trey Burns, John Pratt
Song Leader: Matt Lyndoe
Reader: Blake McDaniel
Scripture: Matthew 7:13-23
Opening Prayer: Chris Graham
Preside at Lord's Table: Daniel Winkler
Serve the Lord's Supper: Logan Chitwood, Jon Ferrie, Josh Oppermann, Randy Wooten
Closing Prayer: Mike Pope
Nursery Attendants: Whitney Graham, Nikki Lovett

TODAY'S EVENING SERVICE

Song Leader: Matt Lyndoe
Reader: Marv Sowell
Scripture: Matthew 12:33-37
Opening Prayer: Steve Ellis
P.M. Preside/Lord's Supper: Phillip McCullough
Closing Prayer: Zeb Macer
Nursery Attendants: Emma Bookout, Becca Melton

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025

Devotional Speaker: Caleb Chitwood
Song Leader: Logan Chitwood
Opening Prayer: Jared Collier
Closing Prayer: Reagan Graham
Sound for 4/13 Week: William Marrison
Projector for April: Michael Meade

Congratulations to Chuck and Jennifer Meek on the birth of their daughter!

Emery Leigh

April 4, 2025 at 5:25 pm

8 lbs. 13 oz, 18" long

Proud big brothers are Clay and Colton.



THE RECORD

Last Sunday (4/6/2025)	
Morning Worship	215
Sunday School	181
Evening Worship	137
Wednesday Night (4/9/2025)	137
Contribution Last Sunday:	\$28,958.69
Contribution YTD:	\$221,928.92
Contribution Goal YTD:	\$203,000.00

PREPARE COMMUNION - APRIL

Linda Cottrell

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS - APRIL

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BUILDING LOCK-UP - APRIL

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ANNOUNCEMENTS and UPCOMING EVENTS

Please contact the church office to schedule an event.
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Church Wide

TODAY - SOS-MESH Potluck Lunch Meeting

April 16th - Lads to Leaders Presentation Night

April 17th - SHARE Group Lunch Outing to Freddy's

April 17th-20th - Lads to Leaders Convention

April 29th - Ladies Digging Deep Devotional

LADS TO LEADERS PRESENTATION NIGHT

This Wednesday evening, April 16th, during Bible Classes at our 7 pm service, our Kindergarten - 12th Grade Lads to Leaders participants will be presenting their songs and speeches. All women are invited to the Fellowship Hall and all men are invited to the big room upstairs. Dan will be teaching the adult class in the auditorium.

LADS TO LEADERS INFORMATION

We are in the **Red** division.

Puppet Times (Friday, April 18th):

- * 3rd Grade - 2:15 pm - Red - Bayou A
- * 6th Grade - 3:15 pm - Red/White - Bayou E
- * 11th Grade - 4:15 pm - Red - Bayou C
- * 12th Grade - 5:00 pm - Red/White - Bayou D

If you are willing to be a judge at Lads and have not already signed up, sign up sheets are still on the round table in the foyer. Please see John or Michele Pratt with any questions.

SHARE GROUP LUNCH OUTING

The SHARE Group will be going to lunch at Freddy's in Smyrna this Thursday, April 17th. We will meet at the building at 10:30 am. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend.

DONATIONS FOR CAMP PROJECT

We are collecting gently used or new t-shirts for a camp project. T-shirts need to be adult size but can be any color, long or short sleeved, printed or plain. Please place shirts in the marked bin in Room 104.

MISSIONS MEMO...

Paul & Hettie Gerber

Somerset West, Cape Town, South Africa

Dear Loved Ones, This is our first report from Somerset West, South Africa, since Paul's passing in November last year while in the US reporting on our work to supporting congregations.

We know that our God has a plan and perhaps it was to encourage others to "step up" and take leadership roles, which has certainly happened since Paul's departure. During February our Sunday School program has seen an increase in attendance, we had 42 children attend our first Sunday evening with 5 conversions. In addition, one of the mothers was taught the Gospel and also gave her life to Christ!

Several congregations, locally and nationally, and other individuals have received new and secondhand Bibles, as well as tracts, from our Bible distribution efforts.

Our school of preaching is doing very well and commenced successfully in February. Five students will graduate by the end of this year after which we will welcome a new cohort of students. Paul's visions & plans will continue as scheduled with much help from others!

We are looking to expand our home for the elderly. The planning, cleaning and construction phases are scheduled to begin in April. Meanwhile, all the elders, deacons and members of Somerset West are very busy sorting out what each person can do to support these great works.

We are eagerly waiting for our Bro. Steve Ellis from the Southern Hills congregation in TN USA to visit with us for a couple days on his way home from Zimbabwe in June.

Please continue to keep the evangelistic efforts in South Africa in your prayers! May God Bless you all!

Hettie Gerber





UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY - Lads to Leaders Practice - 2 pm

April 17th - 20th - Lads to Leaders Convention

April 25th - 27th - Spring Retreat

The cost is \$175, which includes all activities. Please bring money for 2 fast food meals and any souvenirs you might want to purchase.

May 25th - 30th - WCBC

The cost is \$150. Camp registration is open online at southernhills.net/youthprograms/forms



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TIMES SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP - 9 AM
BIBLE CLASS - 10 AM

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP - 5PM

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE - 5PM & 7PM

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