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Our Purpose: Understanding Our Telos

What is life all about? The ancient Greeks used the word telos to mean “purpose, goal, or fulfillment.” Everything has a telos—a hammer drives nails, shoes cover feet, benches hold weight. Using something contrary to its design leads to frustration. The same is true of our lives: we were made for a purpose, and when we miss it, life feels empty.

Scripture reveals that our telos can be summed up in four words:

Reflection – We were created to reflect God’s glory (Gen. 1:26-27).

Relationship – We were made for fellowship with God and with one another (Gen. 2:18; 3:8).

Responsibility – God charged humanity to work, protect, and steward His creation (Gen. 1:28).

Redemption – Though sin mars our purpose, God offers grace and forgiveness through Jesus Christ (Gen. 3:15).

Are you living according to God’s design—or are you chasing things that can never satisfy? True fulfillment is found only when we reflect God’s glory, walk with Him, care for what He has given us, and live in Christ’s redeeming grace.

Our hearts truly find rest only when they rest in Him.

- Clint Oppermann

AM – “Telos: What is our Purpose?” - Genesis 1:26-28

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

PM – “Serenity in Suffering” - 1 Peter 5:10

Read the Bible in 1 Year:

Sunday - Isaiah 5-6, Ephesians 1 **Monday** - Isaiah 7-8, Ephesians 2

Tuesday - Isaiah 9-10, Ephesians 3 **Wednesday** - Isaiah 11-13, Ephesians 4

Thursday - Isaiah 14-16, Ephesians 5:1-16 **Friday** - Isaiah 17-19, Ephesians 5:17-33

Saturday - Isaiah 20-22, Ephesians 6

PRAYER LIST and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER LIST

Billie Rutledge, Beth Rutledge's mother, recently fell. Thankfully there were no major injuries. Please keep Billie in your prayers as she recovers from the fall.

Joanne Halford, Julie Cottrell's mother, is still in a rehab facility and would like to be remembered in our prayers.

Continue to Remember: Barbara Dees, Jim Duty, David Elliott, Lester Elliott, Kathy Hinson, Ralph Hogg, Beverly Jenkins, Barbara Jones, Herb Jones, Tina Kelso, Rebecca Jones Kent, Richard King, Gail Krech, Jimmy Lincoln, Joseph Lucas, Janice Martin, Janice Maynard, Joan Meade, William Morrison, Norma Petrie, Kendall Redmond, Holly Richardson, Bryant Rimmer, Clinton Robnolte, Matt Shelton, John & Melba Sims, Jimmy Smithson, Carol Terry, Mike Vice, Laura Weathers, Sharon Welborn, Tony White, Bobbie Wilhoite, Diane Winkler, Holly Winkler

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

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THOSE TO SERVE

TODAY - SUNDAY, September 28, 2025

A.M. Speaker: Clint Oppermann
Ushers: Steve Ellis and Jon Ferrie
Song Leader: Matt Lyndoe
Reader: Jon Ferrie
Scripture: Genesis 1:26-28
Opening Prayer: Jon Ferrie
Preside at Lord's Table: Mike Pope
Serve the Lord's Supper: Bryan Breeden, Blake McDaniel, Marshall Post, Jeff Rhodes
Closing Prayer: David Cost
Nursery Attendant: Julie McDaniel, Libby Read

TODAY'S EVENING SERVICE

Song Leader: Kyle Richardson
P.M. Speaker: Matt Lyndoe
Reader: Joe Burns
Scripture: 1 Peter 5:10
Opening Prayer: Joe Burns
P.M. Preside/Lord's Supper: Bryan Breeden
Closing Prayer: John Cottrell

WEDNESDAY, October 1, 2025

Devotional Speaker: Blake McDaniel
Song Leader: David Broome
Opening Prayer: Steve Ellis
Closing Prayer: Noah Oppermann
Sound for 9/28 Week: Marv Sowell
Projector for September: David Broome

THE RECORD

Last Sunday (9/21/2025)	
Morning Worship	121
Sunday School	89
Evening Worship	NC
Wednesday Night (9/24/2025)	59
Contribution Last Sunday:	\$7995.44
Contribution YTD:	\$520,361.54
Contribution Goal YTD:	\$551,000.00

PREPARE COMMUNION - SEPTEMBER

Joy Marrison

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS - SEPTEMBER

Buzz and Joyce Alley

BUILDING LOCK-UP - SEPTEMBER

Matt Lyndoe and Tony Tucker

MONTHLY ELDER CHAIRMAN - SEPTEMBER

John Cottrell

ANNOUNCEMENTS and UPCOMING EVENTS

Please contact the church office to schedule an event.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Church Wide

October 5th - Congregational Planning Meeting

October 12th - SOS-MESH Potluck Lunch

October 25th - Trunk or Treat & Fall Fest

CONGREGATIONAL PLANNING MEETING

There will be a Congregational Planning Meeting next **Sunday, October 5th**, at 4:00 pm in the auditorium. If you have any questions, please see one of the elders.

TRUNK OR TREAT & FALL FEST

Trunk or Treat and Fall Fest will be Saturday, October 25th, from 3:30pm - 7pm here at the building. Trunk or Treat will begin at 3:30 followed by a costume parade, cake walk, festival games, dinner and more!



MISSIONS MEMO...

Colin and Lisa Graham Bangor, Northern Ireland

Greetings from Northern Ireland! I hope all of you are doing well by the grace of God. Where would we be without Him?

We were so happy to have visitors with us recently from Southern Hills! It is always such a great joy for them to visit and see our work! In our last report I spoke about baptizing Matthew. I spoke about the struggles he has in life and how difficult some things have been for him. I am happy to report that he is doing very well.

Sure, he has some moments that are not as good as others (like all of us), but he is moving steadily forward by the grace of God. He actively participates and contributes into our Bible classes.

This also shows the wonderful purpose of faithful Christian parenting. His mom never gave up showing him God through her own life. When his life was in darkness, he was able to find the light, thanks be to God. May we all never forget the things we've been taught by faithful parents!

Our classes are going well. Sunday morning adult Bible class is focusing on "Conversational Bible Study." This class reviews major Biblical events, characters, and doctrines and seeks to help the congregation have a better working knowledge of them.

Another brother, Gary, is one of the members here. He was converted about 13 years ago. He is quiet, very spiritual, and evangelistic. A few months ago, he asked if he could help teach the Sunday morning bible class. He has been doing a great job and I really want to help him develop as a leader. Please keep him in your prayers.

Good things are happening in Northern Ireland by God's blessing and your kindness. Thank you for your continued prayers and support. They really mean so much to us.

May God richly bless you all at Southern Hills!





UPCOMING EVENTS

October 3rd-4th - Lock-In at Concord Road

October 25th - Trunk or Treat & Fall Fest



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October 3rd - Movie & Devo Night - 5:30 pm

October 25th - Trunk or Treat & Fall Fest

TIMES SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP - 9 AM
BIBLE CLASS - 10 AM

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP - 5PM

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE - 5PM & 7PM

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