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Are Christians Ever Forced to Sin?

Christian ethics rests on the unchanging moral law of God. Scripture is clear: God never tempts His people to sin, nor does He place them in situations where obeying Him would require disobedience (James 1:13). Yet, life often presents difficult choices, and some claim Christians sometimes face “tragic moral conflicts,” where each apparent option seems sinful. Is it ever right to disobey one command to obey another? The Bible gives a clear answer: no.

Even under oppressive governments or dangerous circumstances, God calls His people to obey Him above all else. The Hebrew midwives refused to kill infants as Pharaoh commanded, and God honored their faith and preserved life (Ex. 1:15–22). Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego remained faithful to God despite royal decrees (Dan. 3; 6). The apostles likewise obeyed God rather than human authorities when commands conflicted (Acts 4:18–20; 5:29).

Difficult situations do not always mean only two options exist. Scripture allows wisdom, silence, discretion, and trust in God to guide decisions without violating His commands (1 Cor. 10:13). Moral accountability focuses on truthfulness and obedience, not perceived outcomes or fear-driven assumptions (Exod. 20:16). Even in crisis, God provides ways to honor life, act faithfully, and maintain integrity.

The principle is clear: Christians are never forced to sin. God’s law is consistent, His commands achievable, and His guidance sufficient. In moments of moral tension, faithfulness, wisdom, and trust in His provision reveal the way to obey without compromise.

- Freddie Klein

AM – When Knowing is Not Enough - Romans 7:6-8

Children's Bible Time: Front of Auditorium at 5PM

PM – Singing

Read the Bible in 1 Year:

Sunday - Exodus 29-30, Matthew 21:23-46; Monday - Exodus 31-33, Matthew 22:1-22; Tuesday - Exodus 34-35, Matthew 22:23-46; Wednesday - Exodus 36-38, Matthew 23:1-22; Thursday - Exodus 39-40, Matthew 23:23-39; Friday - Leviticus 1-3, Matthew 24:1-28; Saturday - Leviticus 4-5, Matthew 24:29-51

PRAYER LIST and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER LIST

Please keep both **Ralph** and **Mary Nell Hogg** in your prayers as he recovers.

Dave Sweeney is progressing well. Continue to pray for him.

Laura Weathers, Sabrena Sowell's friend, is doing well overall but would appreciate prayers to go home soon.

Sue King is feeling much better.

Todd McCullough had surgery recently. Please keep him and Jana in your prayers as he recovers.

Pray for **Inge Klein** with the passing of her father.

Please pray for **William Morrison** as he is unwell.

Continue to Remember: Jerry Breeden, Bill & Wilma Davis, Jim Duty, David Elliott, Joanne Hallford, Beverly Jenkins, Tina Kelso, Richard King, Janice Martin, Matt Shelton, John & Melba Sims, Jimmy Smithson, Dave Sweeney, Tony White, Bobbie Wilhoite, Bert Woodroof

Our Shut-ins: Patricia Marsh

SOS MESH

Please let the office know or contact Mike Pope if you are interested in being part of the SOS Edification Ministry. This ministry sends cards to people in and out of the congregation.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Fay McRady's family with her passing.

Calling ALL Members!

The time has come to update member photos in our directory. The goal is schedule a time for ALL members during February and March. We will be taking photos on Sunday mornings, both before Service and after Class.

Please use link or QR code to sign up.

<https://www.southernhills.net/members/photo-shoot/>



VISITORS: Please fill out a card from the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the collection plate so we may have a record of your attendance. ❤

Online Giving Instructions

Online:

<https://donate.stripe.com/6oEcQKgAla0HczS000>

App:

Lightpost App



THOSE TO SERVE

TODAY - SUNDAY

Ushers:

Blake McDaniel, Mike Pope

Song Leader:

Matt Lyndoe

Reader and Opening Prayer:

Steve Ellis

Scripture:

Romans 7:6-8

Preside at Lord's Table:

Clint Oppermann

Serve the Lord's Supper:

David Broome, David

Pence, Trey Burns, Bryan Breedan

Closing Prayer:

Blake McDaniel

Nursery Attendants:

Sharon Broome,
Sophia Haedge

TODAY'S EVENING SERVICE

Song Leader:

Singing

Opening Prayer:

Kyle Richardson

P.M. Preside Lord's Supper:

Jeff Rhodes

Closing Prayer:

Marshall Post

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2026

Devotional Speaker:

Dan Cottrell

Song Leader:

Matt Lyndoe

Opening Prayer:

Bryan Breeden

Closing Prayer:

Ron Read

Sound for 2/1 Week:

John Cottrell

Projector 2/1 Week:

Kyle Richardson

THE RECORD

Last Sunday (1/18/2026)

Morning Worship 93

Sunday School 83

Evening Worship NC

Wednesday Night(1/21/2026) 57

Contribution Last Sunday: \$8,988.00

Contribution YTD: \$29,898.00

Contribution Goal YTD: \$31,500.00

PREPARE COMMUNION - FEBRUARY

Cottrell Family

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS - FEBRUARY

Haedge Family

BUILDING LOCK-UP - FEBRUARY

Deacons

MONTHLY ELDER CHAIRMAN - FEBRUARY

Dan Cottrell

ANNOUNCEMENTS and UPCOMING EVENTS

Please contact the church office to schedule an event.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Church Wide

Today - L2L practice, 2pm

Today - Maury County Area Wide Devo at Highland Church of Christ

Feb 6 - KFC bowling at Tenn Pin Alley, 5:30pm

Feb 7 - Valentines Banquet

Feb 8 - Super Bowl party at Broomes.

Super Bowl Party

The Broomes would like to invite everyone over to their house for a Super Bowl party Sunday, Feb 8 immediately following evening services. Please bring your favorite finger foods and desserts to share. If you have any questions, please contact David.

Valentines Banquet

The Share Group is invited by the youth group to the Valentines Banquet on February 7th. If you are interested in going, there is a sign up sheet in the foyer.

Magi Boxes

For the month of February, the Dorcas Ladies are requesting donations of the following items: soap bars (no Irish Spring), toothbrushes with holders, soap containers, and bandages.

Save the Date

Many of you know Dietlinde is a native of East Germany, born there in 1939. Dietlinde has a beautiful story. Some of you may not have heard Dietlinde's story, or may want to hear it again? On Sunday March 1st we extend that opportunity! We will be having a potluck lunch with Dietlinde right after morning services. For anyone that would like to attend to hear Dietlinde's story, there will be a sign up sheet in the foyer. If interested, please sign up, and plan on bringing a dish to share.

Indoor Work Day

We are scheduling a "Work Day" at Southern Hills, Feb 28th. This is to work on multiple items that need to be addressed inside the building. This is for ALL members. Breakfast will be served, and instructions will be provided when you arrive. Contact Ryan or Rachel Haedge with questions.

MISSIONS MEMO...

Velaphi Mlangeni • Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

As 2025 has come to an end, we find it proper to thank you our loving Brothers and Sisters for so many accomplishments made during this past year.

First, we thank our Elders at Rainbow Church of Christ for their wise decision in starting this evangelism work in Zimbabwe in 2002. This has resulted in 15,484 World Bible Students being taught the Bible and 3314 baptized (that we could count). 62 congregations have been planted in various districts throughout Matebeleland and Midlands Provinces.

Twelve boreholes were drilled, and water provided to the poor as Zimbabwe has perennial droughts. Imagine how many would not survive during these droughts without water?

We thank our Southern Hills Elders and brethren for starting a program of food distribution in Zimbabwe. It's very difficult to preach to hungry people. Our Lord experienced this. You have no idea how many lives you have saved from starvation!

We thank our Rainbow Elders for starting the School of Preaching in Bulawayo. The goal of this school is to train church leaders how to win lost souls. It's also important that church leaders are taught to respect the authority of the Bible in all religious matters. This school will continue fortifying the church in Zimbabwe by training men to respect Bible authority for many years to come even after we are all gone.

We're thankful for so many other things including monthly support for full time preachers, trucks used for preaching; especially in remote bush areas for those who need baptism to distant rivers, drip-irrigation resources, tents for Gospel Meetings, wheelchairs for disabled, funds for medical treatments and funeral expenses when we lose very close relatives. The list is endless. All this shows that we are one big God's Family. The weekly Bulawayo Gospel Radio Program is reaching tens of thousands.

We have just mentioned a few areas where you our Brothers and Sisters have partnered with us. We sincerely thank you for all the good things you have done and are still doing in Zimbabwe. If you don't help, who will?

Yes, we are all God's children, and we know full well that our partnership in the Gospel is genuine and we shall carry it through to completion until Christ calls us home.

Please pray for us so that we may continue to propagate the Gospel Truth with all vigor!



YOUTH NEWS



UPCOMING EVENTS

February 1st - Tony Tucker is taking the youth group to an area-wide event at with Highland church of Christ on Sunday, February 1. They are expecting 500+ youth. We will leave the church at **4:00 PM** to arrive by **5:00 PM** (weather permitting). The evening includes bowling from **8:00–9:00 PM** at a cost of **\$15 per person**. Wesley McGehee has asked participating churches to help provide food and drinks, so youth who are able are encouraged to bring a small monetary donation. We are also looking for **one adult chaperone** to attend—please let us know if you can help.

February 7th - Valentines Banquet

February 20th-22nd - CYC

This year the cost for each participant will be \$100. This covers housing, food and registration. Please contact Cy with any questions you may have.



UPCOMING EVENTS

February 6th - KFC will be going bowling at Tenn Pin Alley! The cost for dinner and activity is \$20. We will ride in the bus from the church building to the venue. We will be leaving the building at 5:30pm.

Lads to Leaders Practice

Schedule:

Today - 2pm

Feb 8th - 2pm

Feb 15th - No practice

Feb 22nd - 2pm

March 1st - 2pm

March 15th - 2pm

March 22nd - 2pm

TIMES of SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP - 9 AM
BIBLE CLASS - 10 AM

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP - 5 PM

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE - 6 PM
Classes for all ages

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