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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 – Wealth of the Righteous - Proverbs 30:7-9

Read the Bible in 1 Year:

Sunday - Exodus 14-15, Matthew 17; Monday - Exodus 16-18, Matthew 18:1-20; Tuesday - Exodus 19-20, Matthew 18:21-35; Wednesday - Exodus 21-22, Matthew 19; Thursday - Exodus 23-24, Matthew 20:1-16; Friday - Exodus 25-26, Matthew 20:17-34; Saturday - Exodus 27-28, Matthew 21:1-22

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 **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. Her visitation is from 10am-1pm with the funeral immediately following on January 31st, at Dickson Funeral Home.

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:

Trey Burns, Joe Burns

Song Leader:

David Broome

Reader and Opening Prayer:

Steve Ellis

Scripture:

Romans 7:6-8

Preside at Lord's Table:

Clint Oppermann

Serve the Lord's Supper:

Matt Lyndoe, Noah

Oppermann, Trey Post, Tony Tucker

Closing Prayer:

Blake McDaniel

Nursery Attendants:

Jennifer Waggoner,

Madison Walker

TODAY'S EVENING SERVICE

Song Leader:

David Broome

Opening Prayer:

Kyle Richardson

P.M. Preside Lord's Supper:

Jeff Rhodes

Closing Prayer:

Marshall Post

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2026

Devotional Speaker:

Dan Cottrell

Song Leader:

David Broome

Opening Prayer:

Bryan Breeden

Closing Prayer:

Ron Read

Sound for 1/25 Week:

Marv Sowell

Projector 1/25 Week:

Noah Oppermann

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 - JANUARY

Beth Lincoln

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS - JANUARY

McDaniel Family

BUILDING LOCK-UP - JANUARY

Warren Family

MONTHLY ELDER CHAIRMAN - JANUARY

Clint Oppermann

ANNOUNCEMENTS and UPCOMING EVENTS

Please contact the church office to schedule an event.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Church Wide

Today -Teacher Appreciation Lunch

Today - L2L practice, 2:30pm

Feb 1 - Maury County Area Wide Devo at Highland Church of Christ

Feb 1 - L2L practice, 2:00pm

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

Feb 7- Valentines Banquet

Teacher's Appreciation

Join us today after Bible class as we recognize our Bible class teachers and introduce training for our new Bible Study Guide for All Ages curriculum. The main dish will be provided, with a sign-up available for others to bring sides or desserts.

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...

Mac Graham • Littleton, NH

In addition to church planting efforts and evangelism in Littleton, New Hampshire, Mac Graham, helps lead the Lancaster Church of Christ. Please pray for these efforts and for many open hearts and minds so more individuals in New Hampshire can learn the Good News about Jesus Christ.

Between the two churches, Mac helps lead two worship services on Sunday, Bible studies on Wednesdays and Thursdays and a personal evangelism class on Fridays.

Mac reports: "Recently we began a work called Monday for the Master. This event is intended to get the congregation more involved with evangelistic efforts and it's working!

We've done door knocking with House to House, written get-well cards that we hand deliver, and other things, for example, last week we got together and hand wrote thank-you cards for the entire police and fire departments here in Littleton and put Gift cards in each one. These included information about the church and a business card for contacting us.

These are an attempt to make certain that each of them knows we exist and to build good will. We have a conversation with whoever we can while doing so and strike up friendships so that we might be able to study the Bible with them.

Monday for the Master has been a benefit both in the evangelistic efforts themselves and also in increasing the confidence to do evangelism in some of our members."

Recently, Mac has started working towards his master's degree through online studies which will enhance his knowledge and equip him for future opportunities in ministry.

Mac is the son of Colin Graham, a missionary in Northern Ireland also supported by Southern Hills.



YOUTH NEWS



UPCOMING EVENTS

February 1st - Maury County Area Wide Devo at Highland Church of Christ

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.

Lads to Leaders Practice Schedule:

Today - 2:30pm

Feb 1st - 2pm

Feb 8th - 2pm

Feb 15th - No practice

Feb 22nd - 2pm



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.

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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