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The Foundation of Christian Ethics

Before anything else existed, God existed—and with Him existed a fixed and holy moral character. Right and wrong were not discovered by humanity over time, nor negotiated by cultures along the way. They flow from who God is. Because God is good, what He approves is good. Because God is holy, what He forbids is not. Christian ethics, then, does not begin with human opinion, but with the unchanging character of God Himself.

That starting point immediately confronts us. Most believers can remember times when their sense of what felt right conflicted with what Scripture actually taught. That discomfort is not a flaw in God's Word—it is evidence that God intends His Word to shape us. Scripture was never meant to merely echo our instincts; it was given to train them.

For this reason, one of the Bible's clear purposes is to teach God's people how to live in ways that please Him. The psalms describe a blessed life as one that delights in God's law and walks according to it, allowing His Word to guard the heart and direct the path (Ps 1:1–2; 119:1–6, 9, 105). Paul echoes this by explaining that Scripture is God-breathed and effective for training in righteousness, fully equipping believers for every good work (2 Tim 3:16–17). From the beginning, faithful discipleship has involved learning how we “ought to walk and please God” (1 Thess 4:1).

Some worry that emphasizing ethics distracts from the gospel or risks offending others. Scripture allows no such separation. The same Word that brings salvation also produces obedience. Jesus tied love directly to keeping His commands and charged His disciples with teaching others to observe all that He commanded (John 14:15; Matt 28:20). The gospel forgives—but it also transforms.

Because God does not change, His moral standards remain unchanged. While circumstances and technologies change, morality does not. God's Word continues to provide wisdom, direction, and discernment for every generation. In the end, the question is unavoidable: if God has spoken, will our lives be shaped by His standards—or by our own? - Freddie Klein

AM – Humanity in God's Design - Genesis 1:26–28

Children's Bible Time: Front of auditorium at 5

PM – Guard Your Heart - Proverbs 3:5-8

Read the Bible in 1 Year:

Monday - Genesis 16-17, Matthew 5:27-48 **Tuesday** - Genesis 18-19, Matthew 6:1-18 **Wednesday** - Genesis 20-22, Matthew 6:19-34 **Thursday** - Genesis 23-24, Matthew 7 **Friday** - Genesis 25-26, Matthew 8:1-17 **Saturday** - Genesis 27-28, Matthew 8:18-34

PRAYER LIST and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER LIST

Ralph Hogg is at home, and doing well. Please keep both Ralph and Mary Nell in your prayers as he recovers

Dave Sweeney is at home and doing well.

Laura Weathers, Sabrena Sowell's friend, is doing much better.

Sue King is recovering from the flu, she is recovering.

Continue to Remember: Jerry Breeden, Bill & Wilma Davis, Barbara Dees, Jim Duty, David Elliott, Lester Elliott, Joanne Hallford, Kathy Hinson, Ralph Hogg, Beverly Jenkins, Barbara Jones, Herb Jones, Tina Kelso, Rebecca Jones Kent, Richard King, Gail Krech, Jimmy Lincoln, Betsy Lucas, Joseph Lucas, Lillian Lynch, Janice Martin, Janice Maynard, William Morrison, Mickey Petty, Kendall Redmond, Holly Richardson, Bryant Rimmer, Clinton Robnolte, Matt Shelton, John & Melba Sims, Jimmy Smithson, Dave Sweeney, Mike Vice, Laura Weathers, Tony White, Bobbie Wilhoite, Diane Winkler, Holly Winkler

Our Shut-ins: Patricia Marsh, Lois Pratt

New Members

We are blessed to welcome Adam and Angel Eckard along with their children, Elliott and Josette, to the Southern Hills Family.

MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY

Michael Richardson will be leading a mission trip to Port Antonio, Jamaica, January 30 - February 7. See Kyle Richardson if you are interested in joining.

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. ❤️

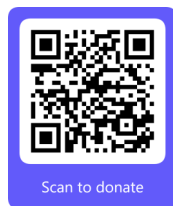
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THOSE TO SERVE

TODAY - SUNDAY

Ushers: Joe Burns, Trey Burns
Song Leader: Kyle Richardson
Reader and Opening Prayer: David Pence
Scripture: Genesis 1:26-28
Preside at Lord's Table: David Broome
Serve the Lord's Supper: Matt Lyndoe, Trey Post, Noah Oppermann, Tony Tucker
Closing Prayer: Marshall Post
Nursery Attendants: Dara Macer, Libby Read

TODAY'S EVENING SERVICE

Song Leader: Kyle Richardson
Opening Prayer: Clint Oppermann
P.M. Preside Lord's Supper: David Cost
Closing Prayer: Ryan Haedger

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2026

Devotional Speaker: Freddie Klein
Song Leader: Kyle Richardson
Opening Prayer: Marv Sowell
Closing Prayer: Matt Lyndoe
Sound for 1/4 Week: Blake McDaniel
Projector 1/4 Week: Jay Cottrell

THE RECORD

Last Sunday (12/28/2025)	
Morning Worship	135
Sunday School	97
Evening Worship	NC
Wednesday Night (12/31/2025)	
Contribution Last Sunday:	\$30,369.00
Contribution YTD:	\$711,713.17
Contribution Goal YTD:	\$754,000.00

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 - Lad to leader practice starts, 3pm

Jan 9th - KFC service project, 5:30 pm

Jan 11th - Deacon and Ministers meeting, 3pm

Lads to Leaders practice, 2:30pm

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

Feb 20-22nd - CYC

LADS TO LEADERS

If you have any questions about activities or need information, please contact David or Sharon Broome or Beth Lincoln.

Practice dates and times are listed in youth section.

Deacons & Ministers Meeting

In 2026 the Ministers and Deacons will meet every other Sunday at 3:00 PM. The first meeting of the year will be January 11, 2026.

SHARE GROUP

The Share group is invited by the youth group to the Valentines Banquet in February. Additional details will be announced in future bulletins.

FOUR SQUARE

We are pleased to announce that Four Square will resume in January. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know your Church family better. If you are interested in participating, please contact David Broome this morning. Teams will be sent out tonight.

Annual Budget

Copies of the annual budget have been placed in the foyer.

MISSIONS MEMO...

Christian Courier • Jackson, TN

The Christian Courier was created for the purpose to help Christians become more knowledgeable in God's word, to fortify their faith in our Savior, and to equip every child of God for defending the truth and living righteously in a sinful world.

Our mission is: To help every Christian establish a strong legacy of faith in their family, be able to answer difficult Bible questions with confidence, to refute religious error with grace and precision, and to equip the body of Christ for seeking the lost.

Many of us spend a great deal of time on-line. In view of what Paul says in Ephesians 5:15-16 about redeeming the time, i.e., using it for godly purposes and not wasting it, we should ask ourselves whether the internet is helping or hindering our personal service to Christ. Thankfully, the internet provides not only challenges to Christian living, but also some wonderful opportunities for growth in our knowledge of the Bible.

In 1998, we launched the Christian Courier website. Today it has become one of the most valued and visited teaching websites among the churches of Christ. More than 40 million readers from over 200 countries have accessed the Christian Courier website since its launch.

When someone has a Bible question, one of the first places to turn is www.ChristianCourier.com. This site is the brainchild of brother Wayne Jackson. Brother Jackson was also the co-founder of Apologetics Press, the editor of the monthly journal The Christian Courier, and the author of many books and commentaries.

Thank You Southern Hills for your support of our mission!



UPCOMING EVENTS

February - 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 - 3pm

Jan 11th - 2:30pm

Jan 18th - No practice

Jan 25th - 2:30pm



UPCOMING EVENTS

January 9th - We will preparing The Elder's Appreciation Dinner at the building. This will be followed by a devo. Event starts at 5:30pm and ends at 8pm

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

TIMES 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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