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The First Commandment: The Foundation of Moral Life

Christian ethics begins not with a list of rules, but with the character and authority of God. In Book of Exodus 20:3, the Lord declares, "You shall have no other gods before Me." The phrase "before Me" reminds us that we live continually in His presence — accountable to Him, never outside His sight. From the very beginning, God establishes that divided allegiance is impossible. He does not accept partial devotion or shared loyalty. He tolerates no rivals.

Because this command stands first, it anchors everything that follows. God alone deserves our love, trust, obedience, fear, and service (Deuteronomy 6:4–5). Through the prophet, He insists, "I will not give My glory to another" (Isaiah 42:8; 48:9–11). Without this right relationship to Him, there can be no stable moral foundation. As Psalms 111:10 teaches, the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

History confirms this pattern. When the fear of God disappears, moral clarity soon follows it. Romans 3:10–18 describes a society with "no fear of God before their eyes," and the result is corruption and disorder (Psalm 36:1–3; 94:3–7).

Jesus affirmed this same exclusive claim, teaching that loyalty to Him must surpass every earthly attachment (Matthew 10:37–39). The meaning is straightforward: whatever we trust, serve, or fear more than God becomes a rival in His place.

The first commandment, then, is the foundation of moral life. When God alone governs, our loyalty and obedience are rightly ordered, and ethical living rests on solid ground.

- Freddie Klein

AM –The Lamb of God – John 1:29-34

PM–Your Word is Truth – John 17:20-23

Read the Bible in 1 Year:

Sunday - Numbers 5-6, Mark 4:1-20; **Monday** - Numbers 7-8, Mark 4:21-41; **Tuesday** - Numbers 9-11, Mark 5:1-20; **Wednesday** - Numbers 12-14, Mark 5:21-24; **Thursday** - Numbers 15-16, Mark 6:1-29; **Friday** - Numbers 17-19, Mark 6:30-56; **Saturday** - Numbers 20-22, Mark 7:1-3

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PRAYER LIST and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for the family of **Randy Holt** as he passed away.

Please remember the **Harrub family** in your prayers, following the passing of Brad's mother Catherine Walker.

Pray for the family of **Wilma Cooley**, who recently passed away.

Please pray for the family of **Matt Shelton**, a friend of the Sowell's. He passed away on Feb 9th.

Please pray for the family of **Tony White**, a former member here. He passed away Friday morning.

Becky Troope had a heart procedure recently. All went as planned and she is doing well. Pray for her recovery.

Continue to Remember: William Morrison, Mickey Petty, Ralph and Mary Nell Hogg, Jerry Breedon, Bill & Wilma Davis, Jim Duty, David Elliott, Joanne Hallford, Beverly Jenkins, Tina Kelso, Richard King, Janice Martin, John & Melba Sims, Jimmy Smithson, Dave Sweeney, Tony White, Bobbie Wilhoite, Bert Woodroof, George Page, Kathy Malon

Our Shut-ins: Patricia Marsh

Sympathy

We extend our Sympathy to the Harrub family with the passing of Brad's mother, Catherine Walker. Her visitation is Feb 28th from 10-11am at Heritage Funeral Home, with the memorial service immediately afterwards.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of Tony White, a former member here. He passed away Friday morning. Arrangements to follow.

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.

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: Blake McDaniel, Mike Pope

Song Leader: David Broome

Reader and Opening Prayer: Jon Ferrie

Scripture: John 1:29-34

Preside at Lord's Table: Mike Pope

Serve the Lord's Supper: Spencer Warren, David Pence, Steve Ellis, Bryan Breedon

Closing Prayer: John Cottrell

Nursery Attendants: Linda Cottrell, Jeri Oppermann

TODAY'S EVENING SERVICE

Song Leader: David Broome

Opening Prayer: Marv Sowell

P.M. Preside Lord's Supper: Matt Lyndoe

Closing Prayer: Jeff Rhodes

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026

Devotional Speaker: Freddie Klein

Song Leader: David Broome

Opening Prayer: Noah Oppermann

Closing Prayer: Steve Ellis

Sound for 2/22 Week: Kyle Richardson

Projector for 2/22 Week: Blake McDaniel

THE RECORD

Last Sunday (2/15/2026)	
Morning Worship	140
Sunday School	93
Evening Worship	NC
Wednesday Night (2/18/2026)	60
Contribution Last Sunday:	\$10,580.00
Contribution YTD: Contribution	\$64,821.00
Goal YTD:	\$73,500.00

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

Feb 28 - Indoor work day, 8:30am

March 1 - Potluck with Dietlinde and Raymond

March 8 - SOS MESH Potluck

March 12 - Share Group Outing to In-N-Out Burger

March 14 - Sip, Style, & Shine

March 29 - Spring Kite Day

April 2-5 - Lads to Leaders Convention



Sip, Style and Shine



Attention all ladies! Join us for fellowship, fashion, and fun at the Sip, Style, and Shine event. Saturday March 14th at 11am in the fellowship hall. This event will include a Spring Fashion Show, and delicious box lunches will be provided! Please sign up in the foyer if you plan to attend.



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 provided at 8:30am. We will unpack the activities at 9am. Contact Ryan or Rachel Haedge with questions.

MISSIONS MEMO...

**Modesto & Vicki Paniagua •
Las Caobas, Dominican Republic**

We were blessed to go to the Dominican Republic for 8 days recently to visit the people and participate in the work there! It's always a wonderful time of fellowship and encourages us in the work of the Kingdom! The church of Christ in Las Caobas and Rancho Arriba send you cordial greetings!

Many donations allowed us to take reading and prescription glasses, clothes, underwear, backpacks, and school supplies for the children there. We were able to take 200 pounds of clothes and shoes, over 100 reading glasses, over 50 backpacks, over 200 pencils, and 50 boxes of colored pencils!

We were able to attend Bible classes at Los Americanos and got to hear Carlos Roa lead a good discussion on the work of the Holy Spirit from Romans 8.

Tonja taught a ladies' classes at the Los Americanos congregation about salt and influence and using our influence for God. Later we went to Las Caobas where Nathan preached a lesson about The Greatest Question Ever Asked and Tonja taught ladies' classes again.

We were blessed to spend time with Modesto and Vicki Paniagua from Las Caobas. The congregation at Las Caobas is blessed with 3 elders and is a very mission-minded congregation!

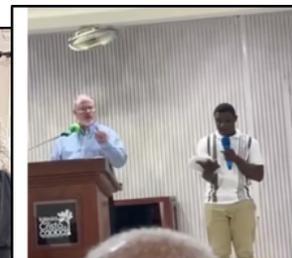
A few years ago, they started a mission point in a mountain town called Rancho Arriba. The Rancho Arriba congregation is now doing well (~100 members), and the members of Las Caobas continue to help provide for the children in the very poor areas.

We were also impressed by their new converts program! They assign a person to each new convert and mentor them by meeting once each week for one year studying a set curriculum about doctrinal basics. It is a well-thought-out program!

It's such a blessing to go to the Dominican Republic and be motivated and encouraged ourselves, even as we hope we encouraged them! There is so much more to report but not enough space for this report.

May God multiply blessings in this beautiful work that you do with us! There is much more to be done!

Thank you again for your support that makes this work possible and all Glory to God!



UPCOMING EVENTS



March 8 - Maury County Area Wide Devo

The next Maury County Area Wide Devo will be the night of March 8 at West 7th church of Christ in Columbia. Additional information forthcoming!

Lads to Leaders Practice Schedule:

Today - 2pm

March 1st - 2pm

March 15th - 2pm

March 22nd - 2pm

March 29th - 2pm

April 2nd-5th - Lads to Leaders Convention



March 29 - Spring Kite Day

We will have our annual kite and Spring fun activities day the afternoon of our 5th Sunday modified schedule.

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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