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Marv Sowell

Tony Tucker

Thomas Waggoner

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### OUR STAFF:

Freddie Klein - Minister

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### Guarding the Heart Through What We Watch

What we choose to watch is never a neutral decision. Entertainment does more than pass the time—it shapes our thinking, softens our convictions, and trains our hearts. Scripture repeatedly calls God’s people to be aware, not passive, about what influences them.

Paul writes, “whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right... dwell on these things” (Philippians 4:8). That command forces us to ask an honest question: are the things we watch helping us think this way, or pulling us in the opposite direction? Likewise, we are warned that corrupt speech and impurity are not fitting for God’s people (Ephesians 4:29; 5:4). Yet much of modern entertainment normalizes the very things Scripture condemns.

Two areas especially demand careful attention—first, overt sexuality. What God designed for purity within covenant is often turned into casual display and entertainment. Repeated exposure does not leave us unchanged—it reshapes what we tolerate and even what we desire. Second, graphic violence and gore. When we are entertained by what should sober us, our sensitivity to the seriousness of sin and the value of life can slowly erode.

There is also the matter of influence. Scripture describes righteous Lot as being “oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled men” (2 Peter 2:7–8). What troubled him is often what entertains us. That contrast should cause us to think carefully.

Beyond personal influence, our choices can signal approval. When we give our time, attention, and money to something, we participate in it to some degree (Ephesians 5:11).

This does not mean withdrawing from the world, but it does mean exercising discernment. What we watch, support, and tolerate will either sharpen our devotion to God—or slowly dull it.

Guarding the heart begins with guarding what we allow before our eyes.

- Freddie Klein

**AM - Constant Fellowship - Acts 2:42–47**

**Children’s Bible Time: Front of Auditorium at 5PM**

**PM - Singing**

### **Read the Bible in 1 Year:**

**Sunday** - 1 Samuel 4-6, Luke 9:1-17; **Monday** - 1 Samuel 7-9, Luke 9:18-36; **Tuesday** - 1 Samuel 10-12, Luke 9:37-62; **Wednesday** - 1 Samuel 13-14, Luke 10:1-24; **Thursday** - 1 Samuel 15-16, Luke 10:25-42; **Friday** - 1 Samuel 17-18, Luke 11:1-28; **Saturday** - 1 Samuel 19-21, Luke 11:29-54

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# PRAYER LIST and ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRAYER LIST

Please pray for the family of **Elvis Caldwell**, who has passed away.

**Bert Woodroof** fell and needs to be remembered in our prayers as he recovers.

Please pray for **Bryan and Beth Breeden** as Bryan's father, Jerry Breeden, passed away.

Please pray for **Sharon Broome's** sister, **Betsy**, who is receiving chemo treatment.

Pray for **Dave Sweeney**. He is recovering from a recent heart procedure.

Please keep **Kyle Labore** in your prayers. He is a friend of Jon Ferrie.

### Continue to Remember:

Mickey and Carol Petty, Ralph and Mary Nell Hogg, Bill & Wilma Davis, Jim Duty, David Elliott, Joanne Hallford, Beverly Jenkins, Tina Kelso, Richard King, Janice Martin, John & Melba Sims, Jimmy Smithson, Dave Sweeney, Bobbie Wilhoite, Bert Woodroof, George Page, Kathy Malon


Our Shut-ins: Patricia Marsh

## Sympathy

Sharon Broome's sister, Betsy, is having 4 chemo treatments in 4 weeks. This is to try to put her autoimmune disease in remission. Please pray that it works and the side effects are minimal.

## Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Linda Hayes on the passing of her sister, Tammy Keller.

**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. 

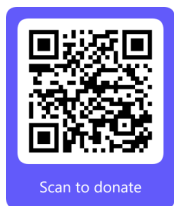
## Online Giving Instructions

### **Online:**

<https://donate.stripe.com/6oEcQKqAla0HczS000>

### **App:**

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## THOSE TO SERVE

### TODAY - SUNDAY

**Ushers:** Jon Ferrie, Trey Burns

**Song Leader:** Matt Lyndoe

**Reader and Opening Prayer:** David Cost

**Scripture:** Act 2:42-47

**Preside at Lord's Table:** Marv Sowell

**Serve the Lord's Supper:** David Pence, Jeff Rhodes, Joe Burns, Blake McDaniel

**Closing Prayer:** Cy Warren

**Nursery Attendants:** Linda Cottrell, Pat Kempf

### TODAY'S EVENING SERVICE

**Song Leader:** Singing

**Opening Prayer:** Ryan Haedge

**P.M. Preside Lord's Supper:** Bryan Breedan

**Closing Prayer:** Marshall Post

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2026

**Devotional Speaker:** Freddie Klein

**Song Leader:** Kyle Richardson

**Opening Prayer:** Blake McDaniel

**Closing Prayer:** David Broome

**Sound for 3/29 Week:** John Cottrell

**Projector for 3/29 Week:** Noah Oppermann

## THE RECORD

Last Sunday (3/29/2026)	
Morning Worship	130
Sunday School	96
Evening Worship	NC
Wednesday Night (4/1/2026)	62
Contribution Last Sunday:	\$9,459.00
Contribution YTD: Contribution	\$127,568.00
Goal YTD:	\$136,500.00

## PREPARE COMMUNION - APRIL

Sissi Osborne & Susan McMilan

## COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS - APRIL

Alley Family

## BUILDING LOCK-UP - APRIL

Deacons

## MONTHLY ELDER CHAIRMAN - APRIL

Clint Oppermann

# ANNOUNCEMENTS and UPCOMING EVENTS

**Please contact the church office to schedule an event.**

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Church Wide**

**April 12** - County Area Wide Devo at North View Church of Christ

**April 23** - Share Group Outing to Chapel Hill Creamery

**April 26** - John Rhodes' Wedding Shower

**May 3** - County Area Wide Devo at South Gate Church of Christ

**May 10** - SOS MESH Potluck

**May 17** - Graduate's Reception

**May 24-29** - WKYC

### **Wedding Shower**

A wedding shower and luncheon honoring John Rhodes and his bride-elect, Kathryn Harrison, will be held on April 26 after class. The whole congregation is invited to attend. They are registered on Zola.com.

### **Magi Boxes**

For the month of March, the Dorcas Ladies are requesting donations of the following items: Crayons, Colored Pencils, Pens, Children's Scissors, Rulers, Coloring Books(ages 2-7), Spiral Notebooks(ages 8+)

### **Share Group Outing**

Our Share Group is planning an outing to Chapel Hill Creamery April 23rd at 10:30am. A sign up sheet has been placed in the foyer.

## **MISSIONS MEMO...**

**Paul & Hettie Gerber • Somerset West,  
Cape Town, South Africa**

Dear Loved Ones,

We write with heavy hearts during this season of loss and transition. Our beloved Elder Jankel Friedman passed away on January 1, 2026, after declining health in December. Brother Stephen, our interim pulpit preacher, and evangelist lost his wife in November. These losses have had a profoundly negative impact on our congregation.

With only two elders, Jankel's passing has brought our eldership to an end, placing Somerset West in a period of significant transition. Both Brother Stephen and Sister Stef (Jankel's wife) are receiving the support they need as they grieve.

Despite our sorrow, we remain committed to the work Paul Gerber and Jankel Friedman established. Our 2026 theme, A Hope Built On Nothing Less, reflects our determination to rebuild.

Theodore Scullard (Theo) has been appointed as our new pulpit preacher and evangelist, effective January 1, 2026. While competent, Theo is new to this role and will need time to settle in fully. We are implementing systems and support structures to ensure his success:

Brother Amon, a long-serving deacon, and School of Preaching graduate, has been seconded to work alongside Theo, introducing him to the homes of our members.

Social and "workday" events at the church building are being organized to create additional contact opportunities for Theo.

Leadership is committed to providing Theo with the help and guidance he needs.

We are grateful for your support during this challenging time. Your partnership enables us to continue the Lord's work as we navigate transition. Thank you, Southern Hills, for your support! Please continue to keep the evangelistic efforts in Cape Town, South Africa in your prayers!



## UPCOMING EVENTS



**April 12** - The next County Area Wide Devo is April 12th at North View Church of Christ. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer for those who wish to attend.

**May 3** - County Area Wide Devo at South Gate Church of Christ.

**May 17** - Graduates Reception

**May 24-29** - WKYC

Mark your calendars for Western Kentucky Youth Camp. More information to follow.



**May 24-29** - WKYC

**May 10** - Mother's Day Service Project

**TBD** - Family Devo and Pinic

## 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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