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### When Parents Become "Inconvenient"

One of the clearest signs of a society's moral health is how it treats the elderly. Scripture teaches that adult children have a continuing responsibility to care for aging parents "as they are able" (1 Timothy 5:4, 8). Yet modern culture increasingly treats elderly parents as burdens, obstacles, or interruptions to personal freedom and financial goals.

The Bible speaks directly against that mindset. Jesus rebuked religious people who gave money to sacred causes while neglecting their own parents (Mark 7:9-13). Outward religion cannot substitute for basic family responsibility. God expects children to "make some return" to those who sacrificed for them (1 Timothy 5:4).

This command also protects the dignity and independence of parents while they are still living. Proverbs 13:22 praises parents who leave an inheritance, but Scripture warns against the selfish spirit that begins treating a parent's possessions as though they already belong to the children. The prodigal son dishonored his father by demanding his inheritance early (Luke 15:12). Absalom dishonored David by seeking his father's kingdom before his death (2 Samuel 15-18). In both cases, greed weakened love and distorted family loyalty.

At its heart, this issue is about more than money. It reveals whether we see people primarily as image bearers of God or as inconveniences to our plans. Christian ethics insists that human worth does not disappear with age, weakness, or dependency. Honoring parents means recognizing their continuing dignity, even when caring for them becomes costly, tiring, or sacrificial.

- Freddie Klein

AM - The Church Pays the Ultimate Price - Acts 7:58-8:1

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

PM - The Influence of a Woman - Proverbs 19:13-14

### Read the Bible in 1 Year:

**Sunday** - 1 Chronicles 25-27, John 9:1-23; **Monday** - 1 Chronicles 28-29, John 9:24-41; **Tuesday** - 2 Chronicles 1-3, John 10:1-23; **Wednesday** - 2 Chronicles 4-6, John 10:24-42; **Thursday** - 2 Chronicles 7-9, John 11:1-29; **Friday** - 2 Chronicles 10-12, John 11:30-57; **Saturday** - 2 Chronicles 13-14, John 12:1-26

# PRAYER LIST and ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRAYER LIST

**Wilma Davis** had surgery recently. Please pray for her recovery.

Please pray for Sabrena Sowell's friends **Mary and Butch Stinson**.

Please pray for a quick recovery for **Jessica and Joe Burns**.

Please pray for the **McDaniel family** as Blake's grandfather passed away.

Please remember **Billie Rutledge** in your prayers. She is the mother of Beth Rutledge and is in long-term care.

### 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, Kyle Labore

Our Shut-ins: Patricia Marsh

## Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the Anglin family on the passing of William Anglin, husband of former member Martha Anglin. His funeral will be held at Williamson Memorial in Franklin on May 26 at 3:00 p.m. Visitation will be from 2:00–3:00 p.m. prior to the service.



### VBS Sign Up!

This year's VBS will be July 1–3 from 7:00–8:30 PM. Please use the QR code to register your child. Classes will be available for ages 2 years through 5th grade.

**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.

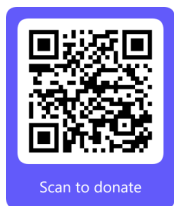
### Online Giving Instructions

**Online:**

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

**App:**

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## THOSE TO SERVE

### TODAY - SUNDAY

**Ushers:** Randy Hunt, Mike Pope  
**Song Leader:** David Broome  
**Reader and Opening Prayer:** Cy Warren  
**Scripture:** Acts 7:58-8:1  
**Preside at Lord's Table:** Mike Pope  
**Serve the Lord's Supper:** John Cottrell, Marv Sowell, Marshall Post, David T. Sweeney  
**Closing Prayer:** Blake McDaniel  
**Nursery Attendants:** Julie McDaniel, Jennifer Waggoner

### TODAY'S EVENING SERVICE

**Song Leader:** David Broome  
**Opening Prayer:** Ryan Haedge  
**P.M. Preside Lord's Supper:** Bryan Breedan  
**Closing Prayer:** Kyle Richardson

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2026

**Devotional Speaker:** Freddie Klein  
**Song Leader:** David Broome  
**Opening Prayer:** Tony Tucker  
**Closing Prayer:** Matt Lyndoe  
**Sound for 5/24 Week:** Jay Cottrell  
**Projector for 5/24 Week:** Noah Oppermann

## THE RECORD

Last Sunday (5/17/2026)	
Morning Worship	139
Sunday School	96
Evening Worship	NC
Wednesday Night (5/20/2026)	72
Contribution Last Sunday:	\$10,858.00
Contribution YTD: Contribution	\$202,031.00
Goal YTD:	\$210,000.00

### PREPARE COMMUNION - MAY

Linda Cottrell

### COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS - MAY

Brooke Pantall & Marshall Post

### BUILDING LOCK-UP - MAY

Deacons

### MONTHLY ELDER CHAIRMAN - MAY

Dan Cottrell

# ANNOUNCEMENTS and UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**southernhillscofc@gmail.com**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Church Wide**

**May 24-29 - WKYC**

**May 31 - Fifth Sunday**

**June 18 - Share Group Outing**

**July 1-3 - VBS**

## **New Members!**

*We are blessed to welcome Gabe & Whitney McDuffee to the Southern Hills family!*

*Their address is:*

*Gabe & Whitney McDuffee  
9048 Headwaters Drive  
Franklin, TN 37064*

Please check our announcement board for thank you notes and local VBS announcements.

## **Fifth Sunday Schedule**

We will have our fifth Sunday schedule on May 31st. Worship and Bible class will be at the normally appointed times of 9:00 am and 10:00 am, respectively. We will enjoy a fellowship potluck meal following Bible class and then have an afternoon worship service at 12:00 pm. There will be no 5:00 pm evening service. We look forward to being together!!

## **Family Cookbook**

We are updating our family cookbook! Even if your recipes were included in past editions, please submit them again so everyone can enjoy them. Share as many recipes as you'd like, and feel free to include where they came from or a story behind them. Be sure to include your name for Molly on each recipe. Submit recipes by placing them in the foyer folder, giving them to Molly Ferrie at services, placing them in Jon's deacon mailbox, or emailing: mollyferrie1@gmail.com. The deadline to submit a recipe is June 14!

## **MISSIONS MEMO...**

**Raja Rao • Vijayawada, South India**

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord has done great things through Churches of Christ India Missions. Thank you, Southern Hills, for contributing to my mission trips to various places. I extend my heartfelt gratitude for support during this challenging time.

We recently started a new School of Preaching in the village of Chatti, and the work was moving forward with great promise, especially among the tribal communities. However, the situation has changed quickly. The state of Chhattisgarh has enforced stricter anti-conversion laws, including requirements such as giving advance notice before someone chooses to follow Christ.

The children at the home recently enjoyed a special art day. They spent time using colors, pencils, sketches, and coloring books, expressing themselves in ways they don't often get the chance to. Art is not always given much importance in our schools, but children need to experience the joy and creativity that come with it.

Over the past two months, I have been traveling and taking part in various gospel meetings and outreach efforts. It has been a blessing to see individuals respond to the message, and I had the privilege of baptizing those who chose to follow Christ.

At the same time, it has been difficult to see a growing negative tone toward Christianity in parts of the media within Andhra Pradesh, where the name of Christ is often met with criticism and misunderstanding. This is not new, and the gospel has always faced opposition. Yet, it reminds us that our focus must remain on Christ, who endured far greater suffering on our behalf. May His name continue to be honored and lifted through all that we do.

May God bless you all!  
Raja Rao Udumula  
Vijayawada, India



## UPCOMING EVENTS



**Today - WKYC. Please Have your camper at the building at 1:30.**

**July 1-3 - VBS**



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**TBD - Family Devo and Picnic**

**June 7-10 - New Lasea VBS**

**July 1-3 - VBS**

## 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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