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The Weighty Calling of Parents

Scripture presents parenting as far more than providing food, shelter, and opportunities. Parents are entrusted with shaping the hearts, character, and spiritual direction of children made in the image of God. The responsibility is enormous because parental influence reaches far beyond childhood and often echoes through generations.

The Bible assumes that parents will genuinely love their children. Abraham loved Isaac (Genesis 22:2), David mourned Absalom (2 Samuel 18:33), and Jesus spoke as though a father's love for his children was obvious and expected (Luke 11:13). Biblical love, however, is not merely emotional affection. It seeks the child's highest good through sacrifice, patience, instruction, correction, and perseverance (1 Corinthians 13:4-7).

Because of this, loving parents do not avoid discipline. Scripture repeatedly connects discipline with wisdom, self-control, and maturity (Proverbs 13:24; 22:15; 29:15-17). Hebrews 12 explains that even God disciplines His children for their good. Discipline should never be cruel or abusive, but its absence is not loving either. Children often become more frustrated, unstable, and defiant when parents refuse to lead.

Parents are also called to teach. Moses instructed parents to continually speak about God's commands in daily life (Deuteronomy 6:6-7). Paul commanded fathers to bring children up "in the discipline and instruction of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4).

Finally, faithful parents pray. Job prayed for his children (Job 1:5), desperate parents brought children to Jesus, and Scripture repeatedly models prayers for wisdom, purity, peace, and spiritual growth. Parenting is not merely a practical task — it is a deeply spiritual stewardship before God.

- Freddie Klein

AM - The Church That Cannot Be Stopped, Bought, or Faked - Acts 8:1 - 4

PM - Set Free - Romans 8

Read the Bible in 1 Year:

Sunday - 2 Chronicles 15-16, John 12:27-50; **Monday** - 2 Chronicles 17-18, John 13:1-20; **Tuesday** - 2 Chronicles 19-20, John 13:21-38; **Wednesday** - 2 Chronicles 21-22, John 14; **Thursday** - 2 Chronicles 23-24, John 15; **Friday** - 2 Chronicles 25-27, John 16; **Saturday** - 2 Chronicles 28-29, John 17

PRAYER LIST and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER LIST

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

Pray for **Fred Hall** as he recovers from a fall.

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, Mary and Butch Stinson

Our Shut-ins: Patricia Marsh

THOSE TO SERVE

TODAY - SUNDAY

Ushers: Randy Hunt, Mike Pope

Song Leader: Kyle Richardson

Reader and Opening Prayer: Bryan Breedan

Scripture: Acts 8:1-4

Preside at Lord's Table: Daniel Winkler

Serve the Lord's Supper: Trey Burns, Mike Pope, Marshall Post, David T. Sweeney

Closing Prayer: Jeff Rhodes

Nursery Attendants: Jean Sweeney, Annabelle Post

TODAY'S EVENING SERVICE

Song Leader: Kyle Richardson

Opening Prayer: Matt Lyndoe

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

Closing Prayer: Josh Oppermann

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2026

Devotional Speaker: Dan Cottrell

Song Leader: Kyle Richardson

Opening Prayer: Jon Ferrie

Closing Prayer: Clint Oppermann

Sound for 5/31 Week: Marv Sowell

Projector for 5/31 Week: Jay Cottrell

THE RECORD

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| Last Sunday (5/24/2026) | |
| Morning Worship | 132 |
| Sunday School | 90 |
| Evening Worship | NC |
| Wednesday Night (5/27/2026) | 50 |
| Contribution Last Sunday: | \$10,841.00 |
| Contribution YTD: | \$212,872.00 |
| Contribution Goal YTD: | \$220,500.00 |

PREPARE COMMUNION - JUNE

Warren Family

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS - JUNE

Warren Family

BUILDING LOCK-UP - JUNE

Deacons

MONTHLY ELDER CHAIRMAN - JUNE


Dan Cottrell

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.



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

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:

Lightpost App



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ANNOUNCEMENTS and UPCOMING EVENTS

Please contact the church office to schedule an event.

southernhillscofc@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

Church Wide

Today - Fifth Sunday

June 18 - Share Group Outing to

Legends in Columbia

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 3706*

Our Dorcus Group was able to complete 50 Magi boxes! Thank you to everyone who donated!

Fifth Sunday Schedule

We will have our fifth Sunday schedule today! 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



June 4 - SYS at Concord Road the bus will leave at 6:30.

July 1-3 - VBS



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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