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A Blueprint for Justice?

Should governments today look to the Old Testament for a blueprint of how civil government should function? We need to be careful. God gave Israel a unique covenant and established Israel as a nation under His direct rule. The laws given through Moses governed that particular people and covenant. They were not given as a political system for every nation to reproduce. Psalm 147:19–20 says that God had made His statutes known specifically to Jacob, and Galatians 3:23–25 and Hebrews 8:13 remind us that the Mosaic covenant had a temporary, preparatory role.

That does not mean these laws have nothing to teach us.

Israel's laws reveal principles of justice that remain valuable. They required impartial judgment, protected the vulnerable, addressed property damage, regulated dangerous situations, and held leaders accountable. Even where the specific law belonged to Israel, the principle behind it can help us understand what righteous government looks like.

This becomes especially important when we consider the purpose of government. Romans 13:4 calls the civil ruler "God's servant for your good." Government therefore exists to serve the people, not to enrich those who hold power. Samuel could ask Israel, "Whom have I defrauded?" (1 Samuel 12:3). By contrast, Samuel warned that a king could use his authority to take their sons, daughters, servants, and possessions for himself (1 Samuel 8:11–17).

The biblical concern is not simply whether a government has power. It is what that power is used for. Justice is distorted when rulers accept bribes, favor the powerful, or use public authority for private gain (Deuteronomy 16:19).

God gives government authority, but He gives it for the good of those governed.

- Freddie Klein

AM - How the Church Handles Friction - Acts 15:1-3

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

PM - Joseph: A holy man in an unholy world - Genesis 39:1-4

Read the Bible in 1 Year:

Sunday - Proverbs 19-21, 2 Corinthians 7; **Monday** - Proverbs 22-24, 2 Corinthians 8; **Tuesday** - Proverbs 25-26, 2 Corinthians 9; **Wednesday** - Proverbs 27-29, 2 Corinthians 10; **Thursday** - Proverbs 30-31, 2 Corinthians 11:1-15; **Friday** - Ecclesiastes 1-3, 2 Corinthians 11:16-33; **Saturday** - Ecclesiastes 4-6, 2 Corinthians 12

PRAYER LIST and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for the **Cottrell family**, in the passing of Joe Cottrell. Pray for their comfort and peace in this hard time.

Inge Klein has requested prayers for **her brother and his family**, as they go through a difficult period.

Please pray for **Joe Sessions**. He is a neighbor of John and Julie Cottrell who recently donated a kidney.

Pray for **Nathan McRady**. He went to the hospital recently to be tested for some medical problems.

Continue to Remember:

Ralph Hogg, Dave Sweeney, Bill & Wilma Davis, Jim Duty, Joanne Hallford, Beverly Jenkins, Tina Kelso, Richard King, Janice Martin, John & Melba Sims, Jimmy Smithson, Bobbie Wilhoite, Bert Woodroof, Mickey Petty, Kyle Labore, Margret Douglass, Meagan Luczak, Katy Wall and Billie Rutledge

Our Shut-ins: Patricia Marsh

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/6oEcQKgAla0HczS000>

App:

Lightpost App



THOSE TO SERVE

TODAY - SUNDAY

Ushers: Steve Ellis, Trey Burns

Song Leader: Cy Warren

Reader and Opening Prayer: Bryan Breeden

Scripture: Waiting

Preside at Lord's Table: David Broome

Serve the Lord's Supper: Daniel Winkler, David T. Sweeney, Clint Oppermann, Randy Hunt

Closing Prayer: Jon Ferrie

Nursery Attendants: Jean Sweeney, Sunshine Post

TODAY'S EVENING SERVICE

Song Leader: Cy Warren

Opening Prayer: Mike Pope

Preside at Lord's Table: Matt Lyndoe

Closing Prayer: Jeff Rhodes

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2026

Devotional Speaker: Matt Lyndoe

Song Leader: Cy Warren

Opening Prayer: Marshall Post

Closing Prayer: Marv Sowell

Sound for 9/13 Week: Trey Burns

Projector for 9/13 Week: Blake McDaniel

THE RECORD

Last Sunday (9/6/2026)

Morning Worship: 135

Sunday School: 96

Contribution Last Sunday: \$16,661.00

Contribution YTD: \$383,505.00

Contribution Goal YTD: \$378,000.00

PREPARE COMMUNION - SEPTEMBER

David & Sharon Broome

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS - SEPTEMBER

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BUILDING LOCK-UP - SEPTEMBER

Deacons

MONTHLY ELDER CHAIRMAN - SEPTEMBER

John Cottrell

ANNOUNCEMENTS and UPCOMING EVENTS

Please contact the church office to schedule an event.
office@southernhills.net

UPCOMING EVENTS

Church Wide

Today - New Movers training
Sep 19 - Ladies Day
Sep 20 - Fall Festival planning
Oct 11 - SOS MESH
Oct 24 - Fall Festival, Trunk-or-Treat

New Movers

Today Freddie Klein is hosting a New Movers training after morning services. See Freddie for details.

Ladies Day

This years Ladies Day will be September 19th at 9am. Brunch will be served. Please RSVP by using the sign up sheet in the foyer, or by contacting the church office or Linda Cottrell.

Fall Festival Planning

September 20th after morning services we will have a meeting to plan this years Trunk-or-Treat and Fall Festival.

Adult Bible Classes

Sunday

Auditorium: The Gospel of John - Dan Cottrell
Fellowship Hall: A Shepherd For Broken Sheep Like Me - Daniel Winkler

Wednesday

Auditorium: 1 Corinthians - Dan Cottrell
Fellowship Hall: Christian Ethics - Freddie Klein

Franktown

A sign-up sheet for Franktown is available in the foyer. We invite you to consider signing up for this meaningful opportunity to serve our community.

MISSIONS MEMO...

Michael and Diane Richardson • Lamoni, Iowa

Dear Brethren, this summer has been so fantastic we want to share everything! This is a long overdue picture of our 49 years together. Not often do we take the time to do pictures of us. This one taken at our first granddaughter, Madison's, wedding in August, to Scott Sims. We are so excited for them and love them dearly.

The summer started early in May for us. Diane left for Tanzania with Brian Horner, Nashville, TN. for 15 days. It is a long way and I always wish we could stay longer. The brethren who are students and the directors of the preaching school in Moshi take such good care of us. The towns of Moshi, Arusha, and Mosquito River are far apart. A lot of bad roads to maneuver. We worked in USA River, Kwa Mrombo, Mosquito River, and a couple more congregations. Plans are to go back in October of 2027. They are very welcoming and much work to be done.

Michael went with Wayne Brewer to Zapata, Baja California, Mexico. They have worked down there for a few years. A new congregation is needing help with some building but also evangelism. The old congregation is also growing and needing help.

In July we both went to Costa Rica to three congregations in the northern part. Many studies, many more kids in classes than we have seen in recent years. Especially teens! Which is ideal. Each place is growing and working hard. They all encourage us and show us much love while there.

Our congregation held the annual All Day Meeting in August which has happened for over 100 years. . It was well attended. We have had many visitors to the worship service this summer and hope to get some studies going. Levi, a Christian member, went on his first mission trip to C.R. and loved it. Him and his brother hope to go next year.

This October Diane will go to Torreon, Mexico with a group with Wayne. Michael plans on making rounds to do reports to our supporters. The farm needs us to catch up this fall. But gardens and crops look very good. Each of you is very special to help us keep busy for the Lord. Bless you all!

In Christian Love,
Michael and Diane Richardson



UPCOMING EVENTS



**Sep 30 - Super Smash Bros
Tournament**

**Oct 2 - Lock-Out with Concord
Road**



TBD - Family Devo and Picnic

**Sep 30 - Super Smash Bros
Tournament**

**Oct 16 - Outing to Nashville
Creamery**

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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