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Government and the Value of Liberty

Liberty is not merely a political preference. It is connected to what it means to be human. When God gave Israel the Ten Commandments, He began by reminding them, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery" (Exodus 20:2). Israel knew firsthand what oppression meant. When they later turned away from God, He repeatedly allowed them to fall under oppressive rulers (Judges 2:16–19; Deuteronomy 28:28–29, 33). Loss of freedom was a judgment, not a blessing.

The freedom to choose is also repeatedly recognized in Scripture. Moses said, "Choose life" (Deuteronomy 30:19). Joshua said, "Choose for yourselves today whom you will serve" (Joshua 24:15). Jesus invited people to come to Him (Matthew 11:28), and Revelation ends with the invitation, "Let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost" (Revelation 22:17).

Yet liberty is not absolute. God has given civil government authority to punish evil, approve what is good, and protect people (Romans 13:3–4; 1 Peter 2:13–14). A government may therefore restrict someone's freedom when doing so is necessary to fulfill those responsibilities. It may imprison a criminal, seize property as a lawful penalty, or even administer capital punishment where God has authorized it.

But this establishes an important principle: government does not have unlimited authority simply because it possesses power. Every restriction removes some measure of human choice, property, time, movement, or opportunity. Therefore, every restriction requires a legitimate governmental purpose.

The question is not whether government may ever restrict liberty. It certainly may. The question is whether the restriction serves the work God gave government to do. Liberty should not be surrendered casually, because every unnecessary restriction takes something from human beings that God has given them.

- Freddie Klein

AM - The Church of faith and conversion Acts 16:1-5

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

PM - Holiness in our Life - Hebrews 12:14

Read the Bible in 1 Year:

Sunday - Isaiah 5-6, Ephesians 1; **Monday** - Isaiah 7-8, Ephesians 2; **Tuesday** - Isaiah 9-10, Ephesians 3; **Wednesday** - Isaiah 11-13, Ephesians 4; **Thursday** - Isaiah 14-16, Ephesians 5:1-16; **Friday** - Isaiah 17-19, Ephesians 5:17-33; **Saturday** - Isaiah 20-22, Ephesians 6

PRAYER LIST and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER LIST

Please keep **Ralph Hogg** in your prayers following a recent fall. He was evaluated and cleared at the hospital. Pray for his continued recovery.

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

Pray for **David and Kate Tripp**, friends of the Ferrie family. They have lost both parents in the last year.

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

Please check our announcement board for thank-you notes and local events.

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 AM

Ushers: Steve Ellis, Trey Burns

Song Leader: Matt Lyndoe

Reader and Opening Prayer: Bryan Breeden

Scripture: Acts 16:1-5

Preside at Lord's Table: Jon Ferrie

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

Closing Prayer: Kyle Richardson

Nursery Attendants: Jennifer Waggoner, Sophia Haedge

TODAY - SUNDAY PM

Song Leader: Matt Lyndoe

Reader and Opening Prayer: Joe Burns

Scripture: Hebrews 12:14

Preside at Lord's Table: Marv Sowell

Closing Prayer: Clint Oppermann

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

Devotional Speaker: Freddie Klein

Song Leader: Matt Lyndoe

Opening Prayer: Cy Warren

Closing Prayer: Ryan Haedge

Sound for 9/27 Week: Marshall Post

Projector for 9/27 Week: David Broome

THE RECORD

Last Sunday (9/20/2026)

Morning Worship: 121

Sunday School: 74

Contribution Last Sunday: \$11,314.00

Contribution YTD: \$401,712.00

Contribution Goal YTD: \$399,000.00

PREPARE COMMUNION - SEPTEMBER

David & Sharon Broome

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS - SEPTEMBER

David & Sharon Broome

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

Oct. 9 - KFC family outing to

Nash Family Creamery

Oct. 11 - SOS MESH, Area

wide at Sandy Hook Church of
Christ

Oct. 24 - Fall Festival, Trunk-or-
Treat

Jimmy Lincoln has made a donation to
the Franktown Meals Fund in honor of Joe
Cottrell Sr.

PTP365 Subscription

Southern Hills has a PTP365 subscription available to
our members! To receive the church's login
information, please contact the church office.

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. He 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 church of Christ**

**Oct 11- Area Wide Devo at
Sandy Hook Church of Christ**

The bus will leave the church
building at 4:00 pm and meet at
4:10-4:15 at Food Lion in Spring
Hill.



**Sep. 30 - Super Smash
Bros Tournament**

**Oct. 9 - Outing to Nash
Family 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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