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When Should Christians Disobey Government?

Christians are commanded to submit to civil government. Romans 13:1–4 teaches that governmental authority comes from God and that rulers are intended to restrain evil and promote what is good. Peter makes the same point: governors are sent “to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good” (1 Peter 2:13–14). Submission to government, then, is not optional simply because we dislike a particular law or leader. But government is not the highest authority.

When human government commands us to disobey God, our responsibility changes. The apostles were ordered by the Jewish authorities to stop preaching about Jesus. Their answer was simple: “We must obey God rather than men” (Acts 5:29; cf. Acts 4:19–20). Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused Nebuchadnezzar’s command to worship his image (Daniel 3:16–18). Daniel continued praying to God even when the king’s decree made it illegal (Daniel 6:10). The Hebrew midwives refused Pharaoh’s command to murder Hebrew children, and God approved their actions (Exodus 1:17, 20–21).

This gives us an important distinction. Christians do not disobey government merely because a law is inconvenient, unwise, or unfair. But neither do we obey government when obedience would require sin. Our citizenship on earth requires submission to legitimate authority. Our citizenship in heaven establishes the limit of that submission. Government has real authority—but God has greater authority. When the two come into direct conflict, the Christian must obey God.

- Freddie Klein

OUR ELDERS:

Dan Cottrell

John Cottrell

Clint Oppermann

Jeff Rhodes

OUR DEACONS:

Joe Burns

Steve Ellis

Jon Ferrie

Ryan Haedge

Matt Lyndoe

Blake McDaniel

Mike Pope

Trey Post

Marv Sowell

Tony Tucker

Thomas Waggoner

Daniel Winkler

OUR STAFF:

Freddie Klein - Minister

Cy Warren - Youth

Mary Grace Warren - Office

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AM - What the Gospel Builds - Acts 14:21-23

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

PM - Singing

Read the Bible in 1 Year:

Sunday - Proverbs 1-2, 1 Corinthians 16; **Monday** - Proverbs 3-5, 2 Corinthians 1;

Tuesday - Proverbs 6-7, 2 Corinthians 2; **Wednesday** - Proverbs 8-9, 2 Corinthians 3; **Thursday** - Proverbs 10-12, 2 Corinthians 4;

Friday - Proverbs 13-15, 2 Corinthians 5; **Saturday** - Proverbs 16-18, 2 Corinthians 6

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 **LaNelle Bufford** who had to go to the hospital recently.

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

Dear Church Family,
Our hearts are filled with gratitude for the incredible love and support you have shown our family during this difficult time. Thank you for every prayer, call, text, visit, offer of help, beautiful flowers, and every other expression of love and kindness.

Your prayers and encouragement have brought us comfort and strength when we needed them most. We have truly felt the love of our church family surrounding us, and we are deeply thankful to God for blessing us with each of you.

Thank you for caring for us, praying for us, and walking alongside us through these difficult days. We love you all and are so grateful for the blessing you are to our family.

With much love and gratitude,
Jewel, Jay, John, and the entire Cottrell family

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

Ushers: Steve Ellis, Trey Burns

Song Leader: David Broome

Reader and Opening Prayer: Cy Warren

Scripture: Acts 14:21-23

Preside at Lord's Table: Steve Ellis

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

Closing Prayer: David Cost

Nursery Attendants: Brooke Pantall, Jessica Burns

TODAY'S EVENING SERVICE

Song Leader: Singing

Opening Prayer: Jon Ferrie

Preside at Lord's Table: Matt Lyndoe

Closing Prayer: Ryan Haedge

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

Devotional Speaker: Freddie Klein

Song Leader: David Broome

Opening Prayer: Mike Pope

Closing Prayer: Tony Tucker

Sound for 9/6 Week: Kyle Richardson

Projector for 9/6 Week: Blake McDaniel

THE RECORD

Last Sunday (8/30/2026)

Morning Worship: 132

Sunday School: 100

Contribution Last Sunday: \$6,968.00

Contribution YTD: \$366,844.00

Contribution Goal YTD: \$367,500.00

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.
Church Office will be closed this Monday for Labor Day
office@southernhills.net**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Church Wide

Sep 12 - Bible Bowl

Sep 13 - New Movers training

Sep 19 - Ladies Day

Sep 20 - Fall Festival planning

Oct 24 - Fall Festival, Trunk-or-Treat

New Movers

September 13th 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 Shepard 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



September 12 - Bible Bowl

We are very excited for Bible Bowl this year! The theme this year is Genesis 26 - 50. Let Cy Warren or Beth Lincoln know if you are interested in participating this year.

Sep 30 - Super Smash Bros Tournament

October 2 - Lock-Out with Concord Road

Bible Bowl Practice Schedule

09/06 - Review for Bible Bowl

09/09 - Full review for Bible Bowl



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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