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Authority Under Authority

Every relationship involving authority carries a moral responsibility. Scripture commands Christians to submit to those who lead them: “Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls” (Hebrews 13:17). This submission requires more than outward compliance. It calls for humility, respect, and a willingness to work together for the good of the congregation. Our attitude toward those who lead us matters because it affects the work they have been entrusted to do.

But biblical authority is never permission to dominate others. Peter instructs elders to shepherd the flock willingly and eagerly, “nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock” (1 Peter 5:2–3). Jesus taught that greatness is demonstrated through service, not by exercising power over others (Matthew 20:25–28).

This places a serious responsibility on elders. They must lead with integrity, gentleness, and self-control, remembering that they will give an account to God (Hebrews 13:17). Their authority is not excluded from examination. Scripture even provides safeguards for addressing accusations and confronting persistent sin (1 Timothy 5:19–20).

Members, however, must distinguish between a leader's sinful demand and a disagreement over judgment or method. We must obey God rather than men when obedience to human authority would require disobedience to God (Acts 5:29). But differences of opinion do not automatically justify resistance or division. In the church, authority is real, submission is required, and accountability is essential. Neither leaders nor members are above the Lord they serve. A healthy congregation develops when elders lead as servants, members respond with humility, and everyone recognizes Christ as the highest authority.

- Freddie Klein

AM - The Church That Belongs to the Lord - Acts 18:9-10

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

PM - Singing

Read the Bible in 1 Year:

Sunday - Jeremiah 27-29, Titus 3; **Monday -** Jeremiah 30-31, Philemon; **Tuesday -** Jeremiah 32-33, Hebrews 1; **Wednesday -** Jeremiah 34-36, Hebrews 2; **Thursday** - Jeremiah 37-39, Hebrews 3; **Friday** - Jeremiah 40-42, Hebrews 4; **Saturday** - Jeremiah 43-45, Hebrews 5

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:

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PRAYER LIST and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for the family of **Jackie Fry**, a relation of Dan and Linda's daughter. Jackie passed away from stomach cancer earlier this week.

Please Pray for **Rodney Wright**, Jimmy Lincoln's nephew. He had heart surgery and is still having problems. He is now facing a second surgery. Beth Lincoln has his address for those who wish to send cards

Jimmy Lincoln's nephew, **Mike Wilson**, had knee surgery recently. He was able to go home Friday. Please pray for his recovery. Beth Lincoln has his address for those who wish to send cards

Please pray for **Bryan Breeden** as his report was not good. He is having a follow up PET scan.

BJ Davis had surgery this week. It went well. Please pray for a quick recovery.

Continue to Remember:

Ralph Hogg, Dave Sweeney, Bill & Wilma Davis, Jim Duty, 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

THOSE TO SERVE

TODAY - SUNDAY AM

Ushers:	Steve Ellis, David Cost
Song Leader:	Kyle Richardson
Reader and Opening Prayer:	Clint Oppermann
Scripture:	Acts 18:9-10
Preside at Lord's Table:	Mike Pope
Serve the Lord's Supper:	David T. Sweeney, Trey Burns, Randy Hunt, Daniel Winkler
Closing Prayer:	Jeff Rhodes
Nursery Attendants:	

TODAY - SUNDAY PM

Song Leader:	Singing
Reader and Opening Prayer:	Steve Ellis
Scripture:	Singing
Preside at Lord's Table:	Ryan Haedge
Closing Prayer:	Marv Sowell

WEDNESDAY, NOVMEBER 4, 2026

Devotional Speaker:	Matt Lyndoe
Song Leader:	Kyle Richardson
Opening Prayer:	David Broome
Closing Prayer:	Jon Ferrie
Sound for 11/1 Week:	John Cottrell
Projector for 11/1 Week:	Blake McDaniel

THE RECORD

Last Sunday (10/25/2026)	
Morning Worship:	128
Sunday School:	101
Contribution Last Sunday:	$12,420.00
Contribution YTD:	$457,162.00
Contribution Goal YTD:	$451,500.00

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

Scan to donate

PREPARE COMMUNION - NOVEMBER

Oppermann Family

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS - NOVEMBER

McDaniel Family

BUILDING LOCK-UP - NOVEMBER

Deacons

MONTHLY ELDER CHAIRMAN - NOVEMBER

Dan Cottrell

ANNOUNCEMENTS and UPCOMING EVENTS

Please contact the church office to schedule an event.
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Today - Online Bible Study Helper Training
Nov. 8 - GIFT kick off Luncheon
Nov.14&15 - Evangelism Seminar
Nov. 19 - Share Group Outing to Sperry's

Online Bible Study Helper Training

Join us today in Room 109, right after Bible class for a quick training session on our online Bible study ministry. We'll show you step-by-step how the app works, how to adopt students, and how to grade questions. Information sheets on how to sign up to be a study helper are available on the Evangelism table in the foyer, or you can speak with Kyle Richardson for more information.

GIFT kick off Luncheon

November 8th we will be having our GIFT kick off Luncheon. After Morning services. This is a program for our Share Group, KFC, and Youth Group. If you have questions please talk to Cy Warren, Cherie Warren, or Joyce Alley.

Service Opportunity!

We will be collecting food to give out to those in need for the upcoming holiday season again. Bags with shopping lists attached have been placed on the round table in the foyer. Please take a bag (or two) and fill it with the items on the list. After getting the items, place the filled bag in the lobby under the coat hooks. The bags should be returned by Wednesday, November 18th. If you have any questions, please reach out to Thomas Waggoner.

Evangelism Seminar

Keno Shrum will be speaking at our Evangelism Seminar on **November 14–15.**
Saturday: The seminar will run from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

Sunday: The seminar will be incorporated into our regular classes and services, with an additional class following morning worship. Lunch will be provided.

Please plan to attend and take advantage of these classes to learn more about upcoming evangelism opportunities.

If you have any questions, please see Freddie

MISSIONS MEMO...

Velaphi Mlangeni • Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

Greetings from Zimbabwe! We've been very busy these last many months. There is so much work to be done for our Lord! Please review to understand our success & challenges.
We have been focused on Conquering Fear. Scripture clearly tells us that the devil will bring so many hardships in our lives. These hardships must not cause fear in our hearts but should cause us to stay strong in our faith. Fear enters into everyone's life. But we must not allow it to stay. Pray, worship God, rely upon His protection and patiently wait for what is to come.
We thank our Southern Hills Elders and brethren for starting a program of food distribution in Zimbabwe. It's very difficult to preach to hungry people. Our Lord experienced this. You have no idea how many lives you have saved from starvation!
Jacob, Victor, Nqo and I managed to host a Gospel Meeting at your favorite spot Bro. Steve in Mtshabezi. Christians walked from great distances. We preached the Gospel and fortified the faith of believers. 14 souls surrendered their lives to the Lord and were baptized. We praise the Lord! We are so happy that 100 families benefited from food distribution. All who received food said:" Thank you Southern Hills church of Christ for loving us so much!
We've conducted many other campaigns in recent months with numerous other bush churches having similar results. It was a joy to watch four young preachers joining hands and going to preach at Entembeni and Dema. They were Victor, Method, Hailey and Mthokozisi. I have very strong hope that even when the Lord calls me home, the Lord's work will continue to grow in Matebeleland. Please pray for such spirit of unity in the Lord's work to grow. All glory to God!!
Again, we can't stop thanking you so much our loving Brothers and Sisters for your unflinching support. We are committed to continue preaching and teaching the Gospel Truth in Zimbabwe wherever our Lord opens the door.

Proudly in His service - Velaphi





YOUTH NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 4 - Huddle Devo

Nov. 8 - Area Wide Devo to Cathys Creek Church of Christ

Nov. 8 - GIFT Kick Off Luncheon. The luncheon will be held after morning services.

Nov.14&15 - Evangelism Seminar

Nov. 18 - Huddle Devo

Nov. 20 - Fall Get-Together at the Kleins

Nov. 8 - GIFT Kick Off Luncheon. The luncheon will be held after morning services.

Nov.14&15 - Evangelism Seminar

TIMES of 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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