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When Government Becomes the Oppressor

Romans 13 teaches that civil government is “God’s servant for your good” (Romans 13:4). That description raises an important question: What happens when those entrusted with authority become the very people from whom citizens need protection?

Scripture does not treat rulers as possessing unlimited authority. God repeatedly commanded those with power to rescue the weak and defend the helpless (Psalm 82:3–4; Proverbs 24:11–12; 31:8–9). When a higher authority becomes an oppressor, people in positions of lesser authority sometimes act to protect those under their care.

Obadiah hid one hundred prophets from Jezebel (1 Kings 18:3–4). Jonathan protected David from Saul (1 Samuel 19–20). The people rescued Jonathan when Saul’s rash command threatened his life (1 Samuel 14:45). Most dramatically, Jehoiada and the military leaders removed Athaliah after she seized the throne through murder and restored the rightful king (2 Kings 11).

These examples do not establish a simple rule that citizens may overthrow any government they believe is unjust. But they do establish something important: God does not give rulers authority for the purpose of destroying the people entrusted to their care. Rulers remain accountable to God for how they use their authority.

The Bible even describes governments that use law itself to accomplish wickedness: “Woe to those who enact evil statutes” (Isaiah 10:1; see also Psalm 94:20). Government can become an instrument of oppression rather than protection.

Therefore, Christians should never treat Romans 13 as though it means, “Whatever the government does is automatically right.” Government has genuine authority, but that authority belongs ultimately to God. The ruler is God’s servant—not God’s replacement.

- Freddie Klein

AM -The Church That Upsets the World - Acts 17:2-5

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

PM - Noah and Holiness - Hebrews 11:6-7

Read the Bible in 1 Year:

Sunday - Isaiah 39-40, Colossians 4; **Monday** - Isaiah 41-42, 1 Thessalonians 1; **Tuesday** - Isaiah 43-44, 1 Thessalonians 2; **Wednesday** - Isaiah 45-46, 1 Thessalonians 3; **Thursday** - Isaiah 47-49, 1 Thessalonians 4; **Friday** - Isaiah 50-52, 1 Thessalonians 5; **Saturday** - Isaiah 53-55, 2 Thessalonians 1

PRAYER LIST and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER LIST

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

We will have an SOS MESH potluck after morning services.

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. ❤️

Online Giving Instructions

Online:

<https://donate.stripe.com/6oEcQKgAla0HczS000>

App:

Lightpost App



THOSE TO SERVE

TODAY - SUNDAY AM

Ushers: Steve Ellis, Joe Burns
Song Leader: Kyle Richardson
Reader and Opening Prayer: Jeff Rhodes
Scripture: Acts 17:2-5
Preside at Lord's Table: Marv Sowell
Serve the Lord's Supper: Daniel Winkler, David Cost, Mike Pope, Marshall Post

Closing Prayer: Bryan Breeden

Nursery Attendants: Pat Kempf, Julie McDaniel

TODAY - SUNDAY PM

Song Leader: Kyle Richardson
Reader and Opening Prayer: David Cost
Scripture: Hebrews 11:6-7
Preside at Lord's Table: Cy Warren
Closing Prayer: David Broome

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2026

Devotional Speaker: Freddie Klein
Song Leader: Cy Warren
Opening Prayer: Ryan Haedge
Closing Prayer: Tony Tucker

Sound for 10/11 Week: Trey Burns
Projector for 10/11 Week: Blake McDaniel

THE RECORD

Last Sunday (10/4/2026)
Morning Worship: 120
Sunday School: 70

Contribution Last Sunday: \$7,423.00
Contribution YTD: \$424,751.00
Contribution Goal YTD: \$420,000.00

PREPARE COMMUNION - OCTOBER

Warren Family

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS - OCTOBER

Ferrie Family

BUILDING LOCK-UP - OCTOBER

Deacons

MONTHLY ELDER CHAIRMAN - OCTOBER

Clint Oppermann

ANNOUNCEMENTS and UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Today - SOS MESH, Area wide at
Sandy Hook Church of Christ

Oct. 18 - WBS Helper Meeting

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

Oct. 28 - KFC and Youth Group
Service project for TCH

Trunk-or-Treat

Please join Southern Hills Church of Christ for a fun-filled afternoon and evening! Trunk or Treat will begin at 4:00 PM, followed by a costume parade, prizes, festival games, crafts, dinner, and more! We'd love for you to be part of making this event a success! A sign-up sheet is available in the foyer for anyone who would like to volunteer. There are plenty of ways to help, so please consider signing up! We can't wait to enjoy a fun evening together!

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

World Bible School Study Helper Meeting

WBS is one of the tools we are using to study with people in our community and around the world. We need study helpers that can help grade the online questions and be an encouragement to those who sign up to study. Join us on Oct 18 after morning Bible class in room 109 to learn how to sign up and ask any questions. See Kyle Richardson if you have any questions.

MISSIONS MEMO...

The Ferguson Family • Chimala Mission • Tanzania

Greetings from the Chimala Mission, Tanzania! As I mentioned last month, we've kicked off numerous projects recently. While many are already complete, a long list remains—to be expected in a work of this scale, where departments are constantly planning and executing improvements. On another encouraging note, we recently reconnected with the 19 students who were baptized earlier this month. The school administration kindly allowed us to meet with them on campus, even providing a classroom for morning worship.

The students invited their friends, bringing our attendance to nearly 30 that Sunday. Lord willing, during our next visit, we plan to give each of them a new Bible—a resource so easy to take for granted. We pray these young people continue striving to serve the Lord throughout their lives.

We thank God daily for the ongoing work here at the Chimala Mission. I find it increasingly true that the joys of mission work often appear in the most unexpected places. While we may occasionally over-dramatize the experience, the reality of our opportunity remains clear. We are blessed to work with amazing people every day, yet many have never heard the Gospel or have only heard a distorted version of it.

When we consider these needs, let us strive to live out the Great Commission daily—to be the hands and feet of Jesus, a reflection of His character, and His mouthpiece when given the opportunity. As followers of Christ, let us allow nothing to take priority over sharing the Gospel. As always, may God continue to bless you, your families, and your congregations. We can't wait for all the new adventures the upcoming months will bring!

Thank you, Southern Hills, for your support!
Nathan, Kristi, Eden, Emmy, Rowan & Ava



UPCOMING EVENTS



Today - 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.

Oct 24 - Fall Fest & Trunk-or-Treat

Oct 28 - Service Project for TCH



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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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