

NOTES FROM...

March 7, 2010

Good morning South Hills Family!

It's good to be in the "house" of the Lord today with you! What a great joy and privilege it's been for Maureen and me to be with you these past four months now. And I am so grateful to our Lord for calling me here to be your senior pastor.

Speaking of us as South Hills "family" (my favorite term to describe the Church of Jesus Christ), I've wanted to share a particular thought with you for several weeks.

You've seen and heard my love and passion for our children and for our youth, but for those of you in a different age category; I want to say to you—truly and sincerely—that you are equally important to me.

I've never been one to "play favorites" with anyone. Now I'm not writing this in response to any complaints; if I were, I would tell you so (as I will in a moment): no one has said "You talk about the youth too much; what about me?" That's a sign of a healthy church!

My earnest desire is to see us continually become a healthier church. Recently, I have had a handful of complaints about us not singing hymns—and the complaints unfortunately have been anonymous. May I please ask you to feel comfortable enough with me to share your concerns with me personally—or at the very least via email?

The reason I ask that is that to be healthy we need to be able to have free conversations—conversations where we know each other—I can't have a conversation with someone who is anonymous). ☺

Incidentally, I love hymns; they have powerful theology, they're anointed and blessed by God and they establish a bit of a tie between us and believers who have gone before us. And for that reason, we're going to be singing one hymn each week.

Finally, I cannot wait to begin our new series in 1 Thessalonians next week. The series will be entitled "Healthy Lives, Healthy Church."

I don't think I've ever been more excited about a series like this; I'm coming into this series with great, great anticipation. Will you please be in prayer for me and for the entire church that God will use this series greatly in and through us?

With our Lord's affection for you,

Pastor Brad

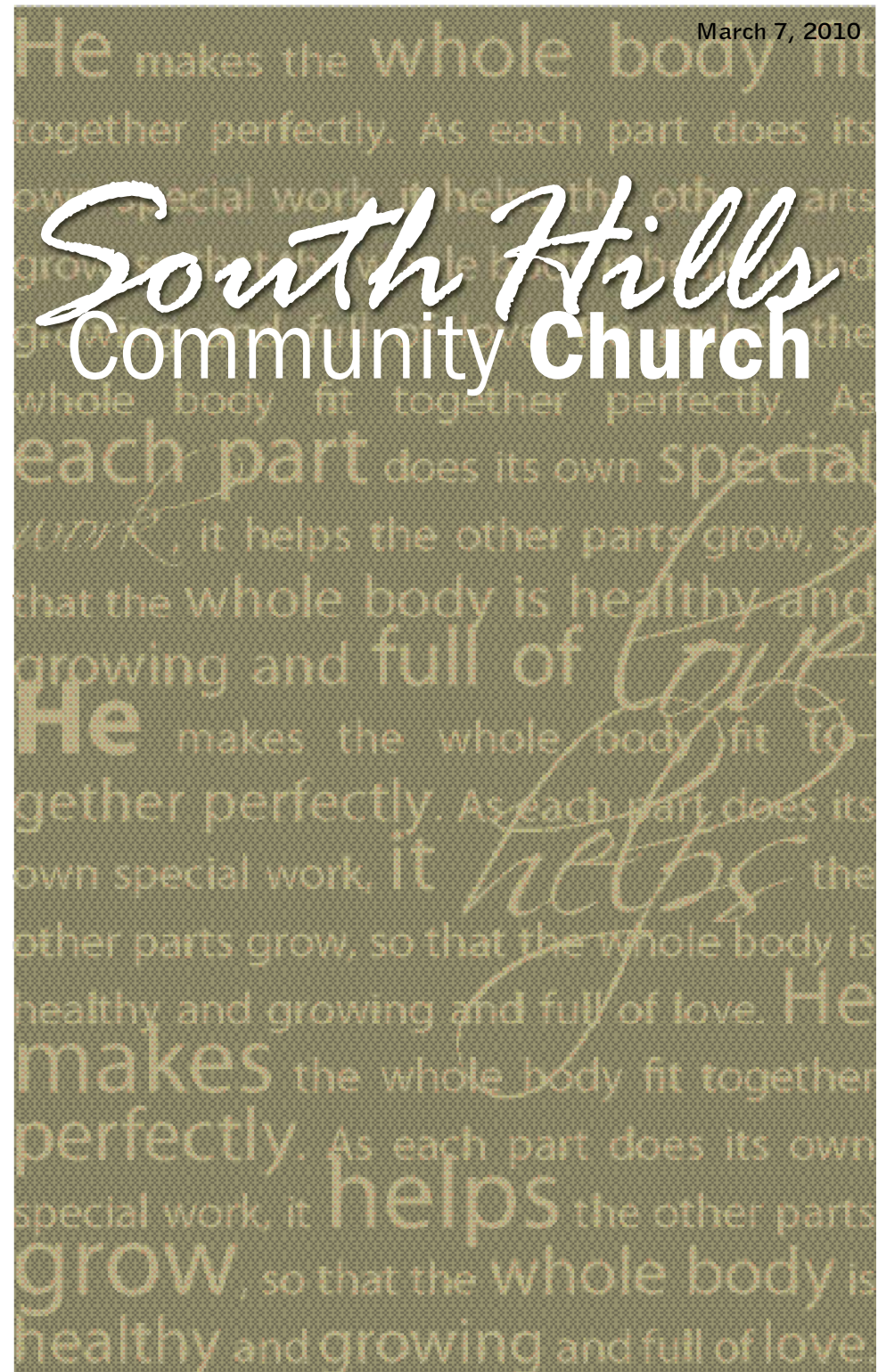
FINANCIALS

General Fund Budget (9/1/09 - 8/31/10) Approved	\$1,200,000
Budget Year-to-Date	612,600
Given Year-to-Date (110.46%)	<u>676,648</u>
Variance	64,048
Missions Budget (4/1/09 - 3/31/10)	\$236,798
Budget Year-to-Date	215,486
Given Year-to-Date (92.33%)	<u>198,961</u>
Variance	(16,525)
Upgrade & Maintenance Fund	
Total Projected Cost	81,000
Funds Available	<u>21,408</u>
Funds Still Needed	59,592

SERMONS

- Mar 07 Missions Festival: B. Lawrence
- 14 Healthy Lives, Healthy Church:
1 Thessalonians
- 21 Healthy Lives, Healthy Church:
1 Thessalonians
- 28 Healthy Lives, Healthy Church:
1 Thessalonians
- Apr 04 The Hope for Humanity

Sermon CD's are available in the Media Center or download www.southhills.cc





WELCOME

Dear Friend,

I want to extend to you our genuine and sincerest welcome to South Hills Community Church!

Within a very short time I trust that you'll discover that we at South Hills are very intentional that we're all about people - people from different backgrounds who have encountered or are in the process of encountering an incredibly real and personal God in Jesus Christ-and thus discovering that He has a purpose and destiny for each of us.

Our chief aim for you – should you become part of the South Hills family – is for you to flourish and to thrive here! Everything that we do is designed toward that end – with you in mind.

I realize that being new to a church can often be difficult: How do you fit in? How do you get to know people? Well, we do have a very wide variety of means for you to be connected with us. You could begin by filling out a Visitor's Card (in the pew in front of you).

You can also visit one of some helpful people in the foyer immediately after the service – located just to the right of the main exit, seated at our tables for visitors and/or for those who are new to our church. These couples have been part of the South Hills family for years, so they have a wealth of knowledge about our church.

We have two classes for those who are new to the Christian faith, or if you've been a believer for some time and would like a small group, we have many small groups meeting throughout the South Bay during the week. The people you meet after the service can help you with that information, or you can meet others at our Welcome Booth in our Courtyard.

You can come and speak to Maureen and me at the end of the service (we're always down at front, just below the podium). You can also visit our website at www.southhills.cc for more information. Furthermore, you can join our community by signing on to our South Hills Social Network at www.southhillsnetwork.ning.com.

The church that I see grows daily in every way, becoming healthy individuals who can in turn share with others the very One all people need – true life and salvation found through faith in Jesus Christ.

Please let us know how we can serve you!

Very sincerely,

Pastor Brad Matthew Abley

SERVICES

PrimeTime	9:00am
Main Service	10:00am
Children	10:00am
Awana	4:00pm
High School	7:00pm

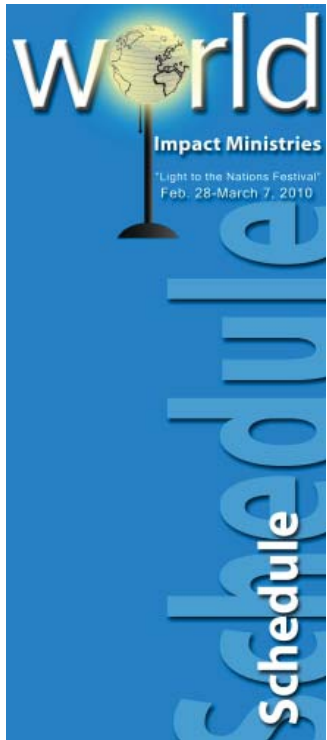
CONNECT

Main Office	268-1676
Children	414.3033
Students	414.3023
Women	414.3032
Men	414.3011

PRAYER

Prayer requests can be picked up at the Information Counter in the Foyer.

MISSIONS



TODAY, 10:00 am

Guest speaker—Dr. Bill Lawrence

Bill is the President of Leader Formation Int'l, Senior Professor Emeritus of Pastoral Ministries and Adjunct Professor of DM in Studies at Dallas Theological Seminary. Bill served 12 years as founding pastor of South Hills. He has ministered in more than 30 nations where his focus is on the transformation of the hearts of leaders. Bill and his wife Lynna live in Dallas, TX and have three married sons.

TODAY 7, 12-2pm

World Impact Lunch "Missionary Speed Dating"
In the Youth Hall. Cost \$4 per person/\$10 per family.

Missionaries in attendance are:

- Andy and Sherri Armstrong
- Dave and Barb Howe
- Jan Orphan
- Frank and Jan Schattner
- Steve Spaulding
- Jim and Leta Van Meter
- Bill and Lynna Lawrence

Sign up tables are in the foyer today for:

- Go Beyond, Mexico (July)
- Go Beyond, Ethiopia (summer)

DEVOTIONAL

I am with you, watching over you constantly. I am Emmanuel (*God with you*); My Presence enfolds you in radiant Love. Nothing, including the brightest blessings and the darkest trials, can separate you from Me. Some of My children find Me more readily during dark times, when difficulties force them to depend on Me. Others feel closer to Me when their lives are filled with good things. They respond with thanksgiving and praise, thus opening wide the door to My Presence.

I know precisely what you need to draw nearer to Me. Go through each day looking for what I have prepared for you. Accept every event as My hand-tailored provision for your needs. When you view your life this way, the most reasonable response is to be thankful. Do not reject any of My gifts; find Me in every situation.

Matthew 1:23; Colossians 2:6-7

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FEATURED ITEMS

HELP

Niola 414.3049

A Christian Support Group for those coping with mental illness and/or supporting a loved one coping with: depression, bipolar disorder, anxiety, schizophrenia and others. Second Thursday of month. 6:30pm-dinner; 7:15pm, sharing & prayer.

Men's Life Skills

Niola 414.3049

New Life Skills men's class beginning this Thursday, Feb 25, 7:00-10:00pm. Life Skills teaches you how to stop unhealthy patterns, enrich your relationships and enjoy a thriving home. Pre-registration is required.

Go Beyond 2010

Doug Case 887.4585 or doug.case@gmail.com

Short-term Ethiopia trip this summer. Ministry with local church planters based on abilities of team members. No specific skills necessary. Informational meeting March 21, 12:00-1:30, rm A112.

LOOKING AHEAD

sun03.07	mon03.08	tues03.09	wed03.10
Missions Festival Prime Time Sunday Service Kids Church World Impact Lunch New Believer's Class Awana/Games Day 7 @ Night	ESL South Hills LifeSkills	LifeSkills Women's Bible Study Talmidim - Day 7	ESL@Cornerstone LifeSkills AXIS Ministries Men's Bible Study Talmidim - Day 7
thurs03.11	fri03.12	sat03.13	sun03.14
ESL Bible Study Women's Bible Study LifeSkills LifeSkills TerraNova Cleansing Stream Grief Share HELP	Bulletin Folding Women's Retreat	Women's Retreat Marketplace Ministries	Women's Retreat Prime Time Sunday Service Kids Church New Believer's Class Awana/Games MOSIAC

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CONNECT & SERVE



Sunday Mornings (nursery–fifth grade): We are excited to be involved in supporting parents as they raise their children to know, love and serve our heavenly Father. Each week we prepare a Bible lesson and varied activities designed to help children grow in understanding God's desire to have a personal relationship with them.

Awana Clubs (3 years old–high school): We meet Sunday afternoons at 4:00 pm to memorize Scripture, complete handbooks, and play games, all designed to nurture kids in their walk with God.

Coming This Summer!: Two weeks of free summer camp for kids entering second through fifth grades. Details to come.

MINISTRIES

Men's Bible Study www.southhills.cc/mens
Peter Wood continues teaching in the book of James. Bring a Bible and a friend 6:45pm, dinner begins 7:00pm in the Youth Hall.

Men's Retreat: May 21-23, 2010 at Missions Springs. Registration begins Mar. 14
Confidential prayer request: Jason Turk 771.4161 or mensprayer@southhills.cc.

For Women **Susan 414.3032 or susanr@southhills.cc**
Women's Bible Studies: Short-term "The Book of Esther" Tues-7pm/Thurs-9:15am. Long-term continues in the Gospel of Mark. Tues-7pm/Thurs-9:15am.

Prayer Meetings **Daniel 414.3029 or danielg@southhills.cc**
Sunday Morning Prayer: 8-10am—Join us in the Prayer Room.
Pray for Missionaries: TODAY, 9:00am, Marilyn's office upstairs, main building.

Jr High (Axis) **Josh 414.3007 or josh@southhills.cc**
Join us Wednesday night at 6:30pm in the top floor of the C Building. Axis is for 6th, 7th & 8th grade students who want to discover who God really is, as well as discovering who you really are as his creation! We do this through CORE Groups, teaching, GAMES and through mentorship with the AXIS leadership Team. Our "L is for Love Series" continues where we focus on how we as Christians can express to God that we LOVE him!! If you are interested in being involved in this ministry please contact Pastor Josh.

High School (MOSAIC) **Chad 414.3039 or chadf@southhills.cc.**
Next week begins MOSAIC, our gospel community for high school students. This new ministry launches next Sunday! We hope your students and their friends will join us then at 7pm for dinner and the first ever gathering of MOSAIC. For more information visit www.wearemosaic.net. Tonight, we say a fond farewell to "Day7."

College & Careers (Terra Nova) **Josh 414.3007 or josh@southhills.cc**
We meet Thursday nights at 7:30pm C603/04. Terra Nova is for college students/young adults and young married couples who are seeking a place where they can connect with God in a personal/intimate way, as well as with others their age! It is a great time to fellowship through discussion, teaching, worship and fun! ALSO we are establishing a Leadership Team (ALL Ages...40's, 50's 60's) for students. We want leaders who have a passion and gifting of leading young adults and assisting them in their relationship with God. Contact Josh if you are interested.

Life Lines **Confidential phone 997.PATH**
We offer classes, groups, seminars and referrals to help you grow toward emotional and relational health, spiritual freedom and healing in Christ. Call for information about Cleansing Stream, HELP, Grief Share, Life Skills or professional referrals.

GriefShare **Lin & Nick MacCrae 997.7884**
Begins Thursday evenings, Feb 25. Receive support from those who understand the deep hurt of losing loved ones. Pick up a brochure at the table in the courtyard for yourself or for anyone you know who could benefit.

Cornerstone Preschool & Kindergarten **Deborah 268.7595**
We offer preschool, kindergarten and extended care for children 3-5 years. Our focus is on social, emotional, physical, intellectual and spiritual development of children. Enroll now for summer and fall sessions. Information and registration forms can be found at www.cornerstoneshcc.com.

Stephen Ministry **Marilyn 414.3022 or marilyn@southhills.cc**
A program that equips lay persons to provide distinctively Christian, one-to-one care to those who are experiencing all kinds of life needs and circumstances.

Marketplace Ministries **hilde.ghesquiere@sbcglobal.net**
Join men and women the 2nd Saturday of each month to share and celebrate the extraordinary miracles God is performing through ordinary people at work, school and in your neighborhood! Everyone is Welcome! March 13, 8:30am Rm B403.

Parental Rights Amendment Petition
Stop by our table in the foyer beginning March 7 to sign a petition and stop government from interfering in our parenting decisions. Protect our families and our ability to raise our children in faith. Contact Karen Llewellyn at www.llewellynbook.blogspot.com for more information.