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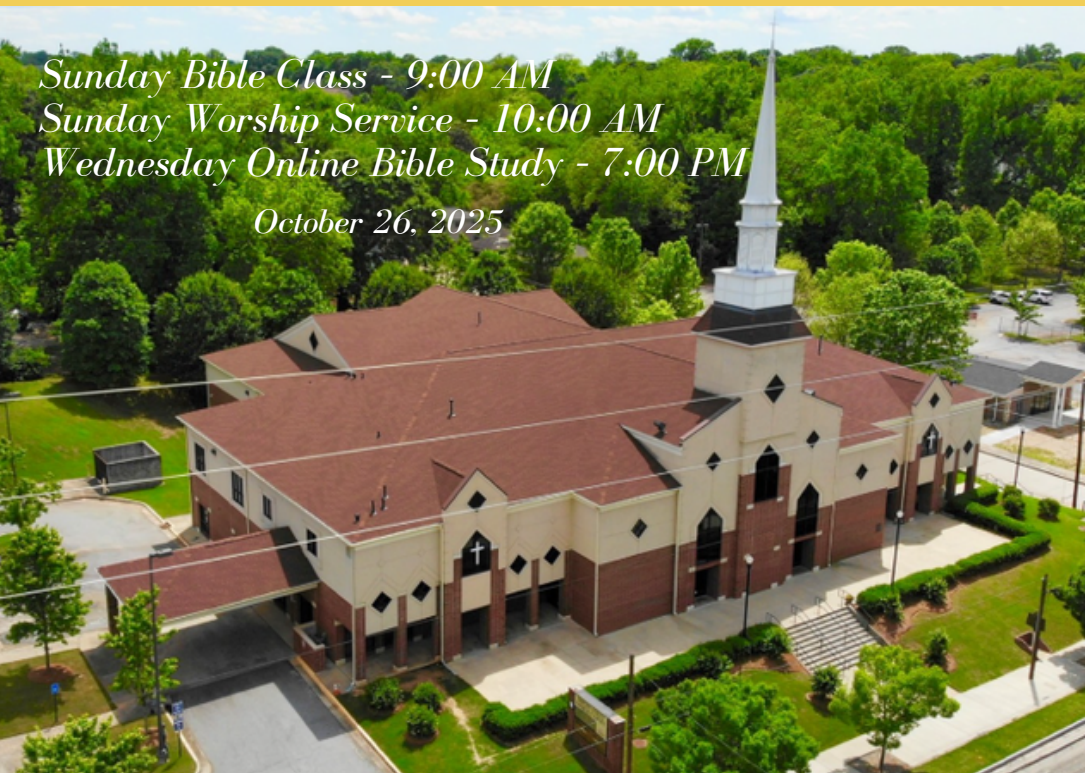
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Sunday Bible Class - 9:00 AM
Sunday Worship Service - 10:00 AM
Wednesday Online Bible Study - 7:00 PM
October 26, 2025



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When Pain Paints the Picture

2 CORINTHIANS 1:3-4
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Key Themes:

- God makes beauty out of brokenness (Kintsugi analogy).
- Pain is not punishment—it's preparation.
- God redeems, not erases, our suffering.
- Worship is the right response to pain.
- We are comforted to comfort others.
- Our greatest purpose often emerges from our greatest pain.
- The dark strokes of life are only the foundation for God's masterpiece.



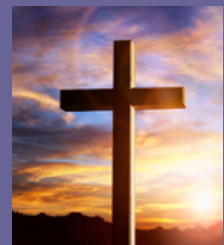
Themes and Reflections:

- Pain is described as an artist who paints with dark colors—sorrow, loss, despair, and anguish—creating what seems like a hopeless picture. But then the Master Artist, God, enters and paints over that darkness with golden strokes of grace, compassion, and glory, transforming the pain into a masterpiece of purpose.
- This message emphasizes that God doesn't erase pain; He redeems it. What looks like the end is only a comma, not a period—a sign that God isn't finished yet. Out of trials will come new joy, laughter, and strength. Pain becomes the backdrop for God's glory.
- Furthermore, God comforts us so that we can comfort others, turning our pain into ministry. This "divine economy of reciprocity" means we are blessed to be a blessing, using our experiences to lift up others.

ATTENDANCE:

Bible Study - 50
Worship Service - 256
Virtual - 205

BAPTISMS / YTD 22



REMINDER: Wednesday Night
Bible Study via Zoom - 7:00PM

REMINDER: The last
Wednesday of each month is
Wednesday Night Prayer
Service via Zoom - 7:00PM

REMINDER: The last Sunday
of each month is *Casual
Sunday*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDER: Daylight Saving Time is coming to end. Remember to set your clock back 11/2.

REMINDER: Sign up for the Men's Study: The Titus 10 and Ladies Bible Class: Bind Us Together (Every 3rd Saturday)

November 1st - SWCC Fall Concert Fundraiser, 3:00PM-5:00PM, at Hillcrest CoC, see Pat Applewhite for details.

November 2nd - Retirement Celebration for Greg Crawford, immediately following Worship Service

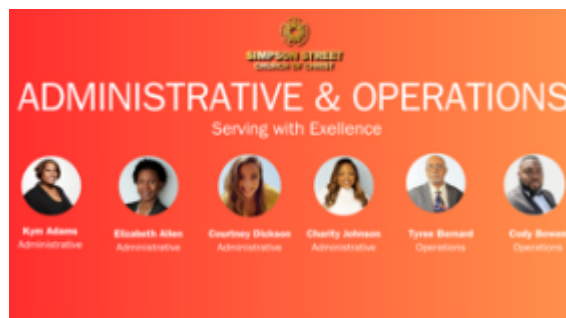
REMINDER: Thanksgiving Food Drive going on now - Please see flyer for items needed. You can start bringing in non-perishable, dry goods and canned good now. Fresh fruits, veggies, breads and meats due the week of Thanksgiving. See Tyree Bernard for details

REMINDER: Christmas Angel Tree Toy Drive - Please brings gifts or unwrapped toys on or before Christmas Eve. See Carolyn Neal, Christina Bernard or Tyree Bernard for details

April 2 - 5, 2026 - 39th Annual CoC Ladies Lectureship Retreat (Houston, TX) Early bird registration now through October 31st. See Pat Applewhite for details

April 10 - 12, 2026 - The 2026 National Association of Celebrated Seniors Conference hosted by Camp Creek CoC (Atlanta, GA), Early bird registration \$125. See Roosevelt and Karen Stripling for details

October 3 - 8, 2026 - Southeastern Regional Lectureship hosted by Simpson Street CoC (Atlanta, GA), Pre-registration \$150



Daylight Saving Time Ends
set your clocks back an hour



Saturday, November 1, 2025
3pm - 5pm
Hillcrest Church of Christ
Decatur, GA

Southwestern Christian College (SWCC)
Fall Concert Fundraiser

Featuring Singing Groups from Local Atlanta Area
Congregations!



Thank you for your continued financial support of
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PRAYER REQUESTS

Donyale Miller - Asking for prayers for friends and family affected by Hurricane Melissa, also Donald just celebrated his 29th birthday and is feeling much better.

Nicole and Lywanda - Please pray for our brother, Craig Gordon, who is having knee surgery, also prayers for traveling grace for our parents who is supporting him through this

Vivian Washington - Please keep Andrew Jones in your prayers as his surgery was a success. Continued prayers for speedy recovery.

Deondra Cotton - Asking for prayers for our neighbors, the Craig Family, who lost their home due to fire, but thank God all lives were saved.

Veronica Spriggs - Please pray for son, Larry Williams, who is in need of a lung transplant and is starting the process to be added to the donor list.

Laina Smith - Asking for prayers for safe travels for parents as they return from their Caribbean cruise.

Natasha Johnson - Please remember her mother in your prayers.

Sarah White - She is currently in a rehab facility. Continued prayers.

Doreen Liking - Please pray for my family and the entire country of Jamaica as they are severely affected by a hurricane.

Tabitha Harris - Please keep Maris Dunn in prayer; her trial is rescheduled for Tuesday, 10/28/25.

Michael Nutter - Please pray for Evelyn's sister, Gwendolyn Hobson, who was recently diagnosed with lung cancer.

Christina Green - Please pray for a friend who has stage 3 colon cancer and for my manager who has breast cancer. Also pray for me as I am applying and interviewing for a new job.