



Sunday – December 17, 2023

The Lakeland Hills Leader

Lakeland Hills church of Christ

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Schedule of Services

Sunday

9:00 AM Bible Study
9:50 AM Worship
6:00 PM Worship

Wednesday

7:00 PM Bible Study

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For Sermon & Class outlines,
Bible Study Materials and
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Elders

Bob Marschall
Leon Miller
Larry Wisdom

Deacons

Bucky Day
Sherman Johnson
Michael Sadler
David Williams

Evangelist

Chuck Kozens



The final Bible Study, Worship service and gathering of the Saints at South End Church of Christ, 4001 Taylor Blvd, Louisville, KY 40215, will take place on SUNDAY, JANUARY 7 2024.

Times of Service will remain the SAME through the final day of Bible Study and Worship to the Lord at South End Church of Christ, with Bible study at 9:30am followed by Worship at 10:30am.

The above information on the closing of the South End congregation in Louisville KY was posted this week. My father-in-law preached at the congregation from 1960 to 1965. During those years it was a vibrant congregation with a membership of about 250 on Sunday morning. Attendance grew to even larger numbers in the years that followed. Four elders and five deacons served the congregation.

I do not know the details that surround the disbanding and closing the doors of the congregation at South End. However, how many times has this been repeated over the years in different congregations across the country. The demographics of neighborhoods change. The congregation ceases to grow. Members grow old and pass away. Children grow up and move away. The result is the disbanding of a congregation that has had strong preaching, has made a difference in the community and in the brotherhood, had strong members that have stood for the Truth, and now will only be a memory in the minds of those who were involved there and will eventually be completely forgotten.

The congregation at Lakeland Hills Boulevard has been in existence for over 50 years. It has had sound preaching, strong leadership, and strong members who have stood for the Truth. It has stood the test of time and has withstood the wiles of the Devil.

To this day, it continues to have sound preaching, a leadership that is active in watching over the congregation, and a strong group of Christians that are faithful, actively involved in the work of the church and in their stand for the Truth. How do we keep Lakeland Hills Boulevard from becoming like South End and other congregations that have ceased to exist?

Each one of us must do our part. We must remain faithful to the Lord and live Godly lives. We must encourage, exhort, and rebuke one another to be faithful, as we strive together in the work of the Lord and the unity of the Faith (*Eph.4:13*).

We must save our Children. We must instill in them a love for God and his Word. We must teach them so that they can understand and know God's Word (*Prov.22:6; Deut.6:7*). We must be willing to say no. We must live as an example before them.

We must be actively involved in evangelism. We cannot grow if we are not involved in teaching the lost. If we do not grow, we will die. Each one must do their part in teaching others and spreading the Gospel (*Acts 8:4*).

We must support the work of the church financially. The church must have the ability to support a preacher of the Gospel, to provide for the spiritual needs of the congregation, and to help spread the Gospel to other places.

We must pray for spiritual strength, spiritual health and for spiritual and numerical growth. God hears the prayers of the righteous (*James 5:16*). We must pray in faith never doubting (*James 1:6-8*). We must believe that God can help this congregation grow. However, we can't sit back, do nothing, and expect God to help us. If we do nothing, we will wither and die just as other congregations have done.

Let us all be diligent to do our part in preserving this congregation for the generations to come. To grow in grace and Knowledge (*2 Pet.3:18*). To teach others (*Rom.15:14*). We will both save our souls, the souls of others, and help this congregation to remain strong and steadfast for the next generation (*1 Tim.4:16*).

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