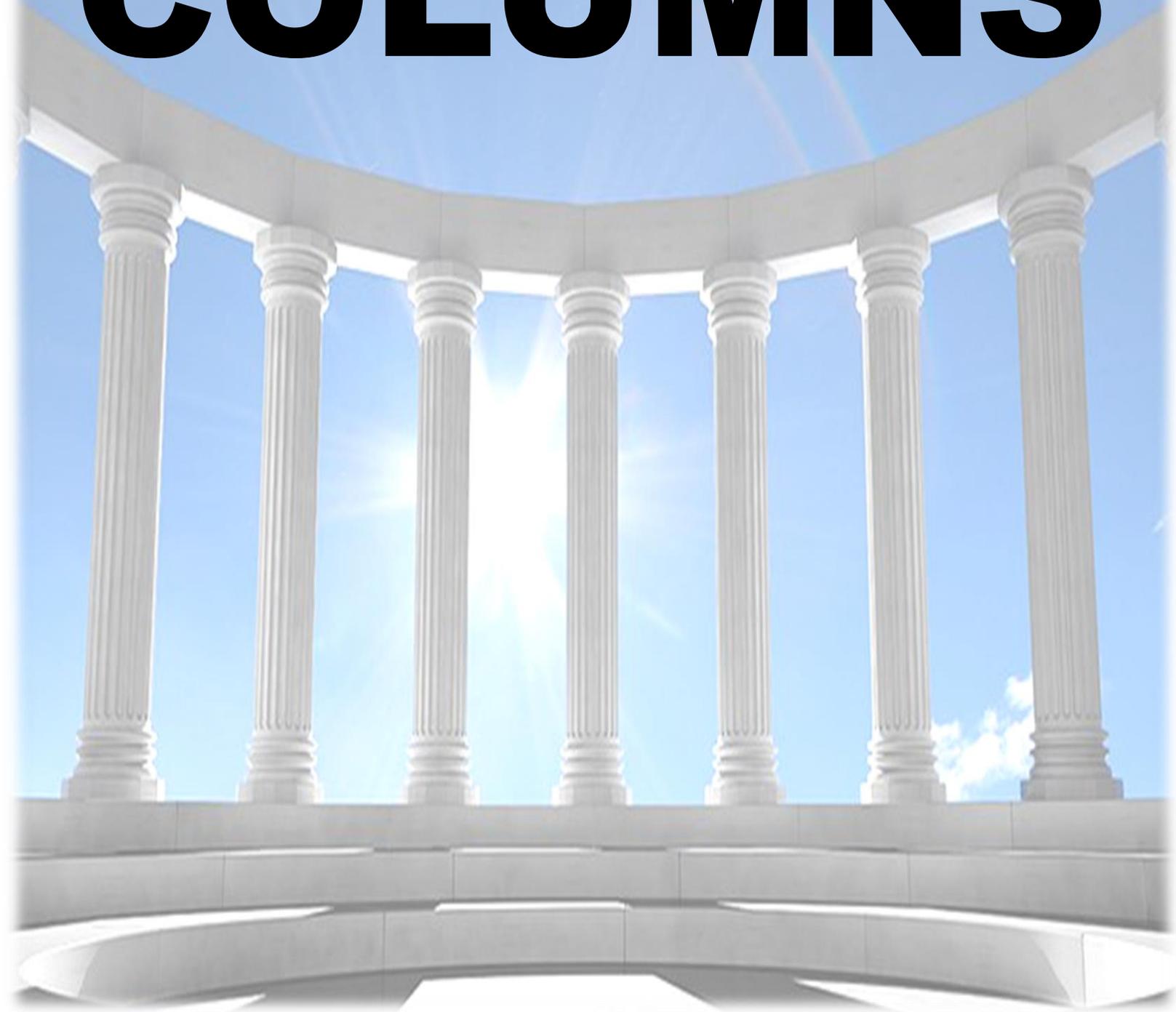


# COLUMNS



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## Involvement is at an All Time High. Faithfulness Required.

Once building programs are completed, the church has to change focus once again, or as I tend to put it, become multi-focused. We must always remain urgent about our main priority commanded by Jesus: “Go into all the world and teach all nations.” (Mark 16: 15, 16) What a powerful mandate! What a timeless command! Teach all nations. The thought occurred to me that it is not just a statement for



missionaries. It is one for all Christians. It is what we are supposed to do, and while not everyone may not literally TEACH per se, everyone can take part and help in the teaching process. It may be your gift to invite, or to assist in the educational program as others teach. Your part in the

process may be making sure that visitors and those who attend our services are welcomed. This goes past even the great job that the Hostess ministry does each week in the foyers. It involves broadening your scope and reach of people “at” the church by seeking out the new faces and getting to know their names, the names of their children and helping to acclimate them to The SouthCentral Church.

Our next special Sunday comes on **March 17<sup>th</sup>**. The Baby blessing service will take place immediately following morning worship. I stress that this is only a baby blessing ceremony and NOT a baptism. (Nowhere in the scriptures is there a command or an example of baptizing infants and children who are not accountable.) This is a time of recognizing and acknowledging young families in our church and welcoming others to pray with us. We will be praying for the safety and protection of our children with a special emphasis on little ones between 0 and 3. The world has always been a challenging place to rear and train children, but the one we live in now is especially challenging and disturbing. We need to pray a special petition over these parents and their children. Let’s all invite those we know with small children to be with us on that Sunday. Encourage them to register using the sheet in the south foyer, or they can go online to our website at [www.sctyler.com](http://www.sctyler.com) and use the “**contact us**” tab at the very bottom of the site. We want to make special presentations to those participating and having the names and correct spelling of

the babies is important. A reception for the families with babies will be held in The Gathering following the Blessing ceremony. A great big thank you goes to those who are helping staff put this together!

There are many ministries and programs at SouthCentral, some that we are redoing and upgrading. One thing we always need are more dedicated workers. In the recent weeks we have begun to see more of our church family members taking on responsibilities. It is a joy for me to observe! Some of these are young people and are serving the Lord like this for the very first time. If you would like to serve in some area, please let me or our assistant minister know. You can also talk to one of the deacons or to the leaders of the ICU (I Care Unit) that you are a part of.