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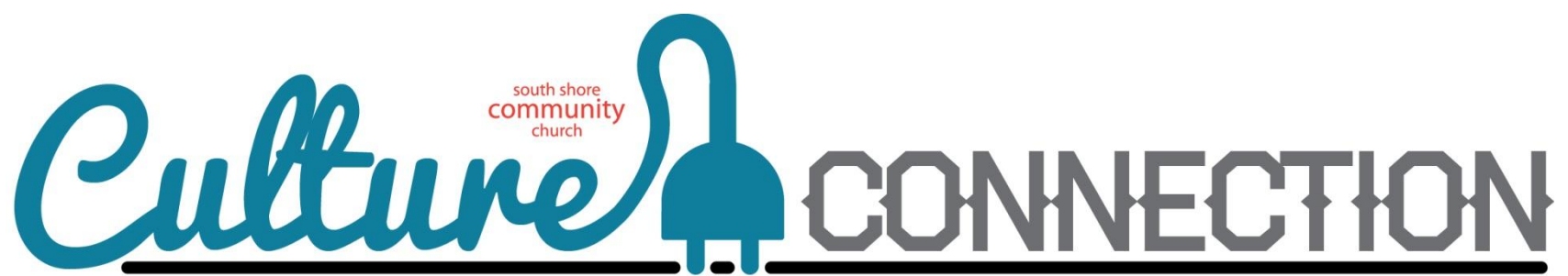
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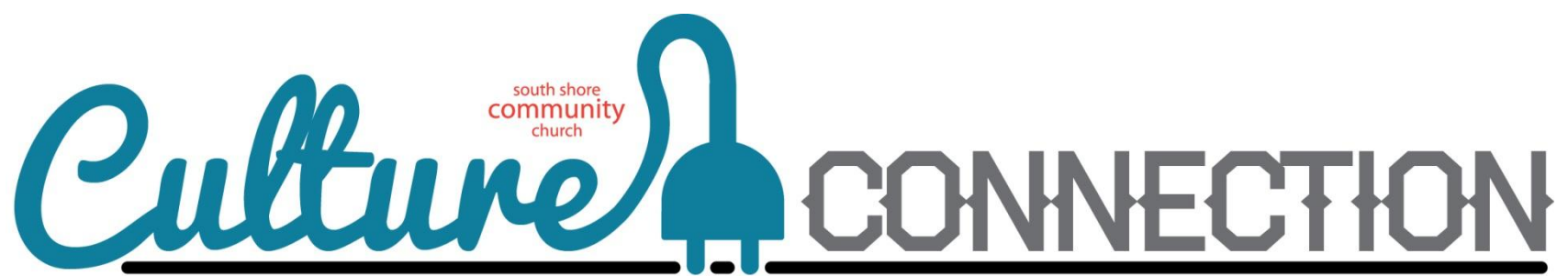
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- Sick – A right to know
- Summary: The church in America is losing ground. If we are going to turn it around & become effective at making disciples we need to pray for an open heaven. We need to love as Jesus loves. We need to GO (as we are going...)
- What is the message we proclaim?

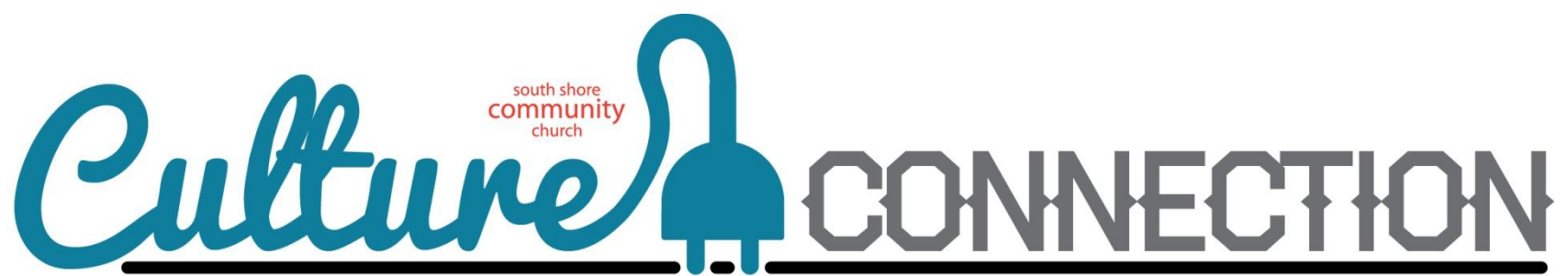
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- 1 Corinthians 2:1-5, “When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ & him crucified. I came to you in weakness with great fear & trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise & persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit’s power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God’s power.”



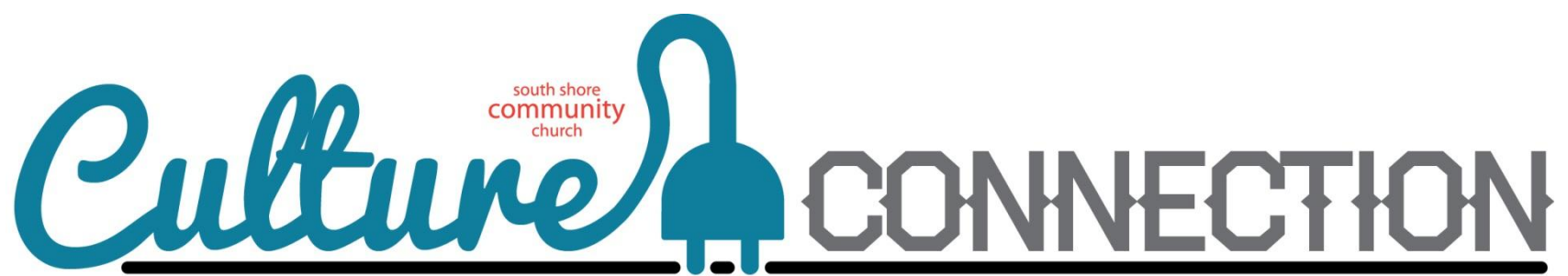
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- First, our message is Jesus and Jesus crucified. Paul said, “When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ & him crucified.” 1 Cor 1:18 – “the message of the Cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”



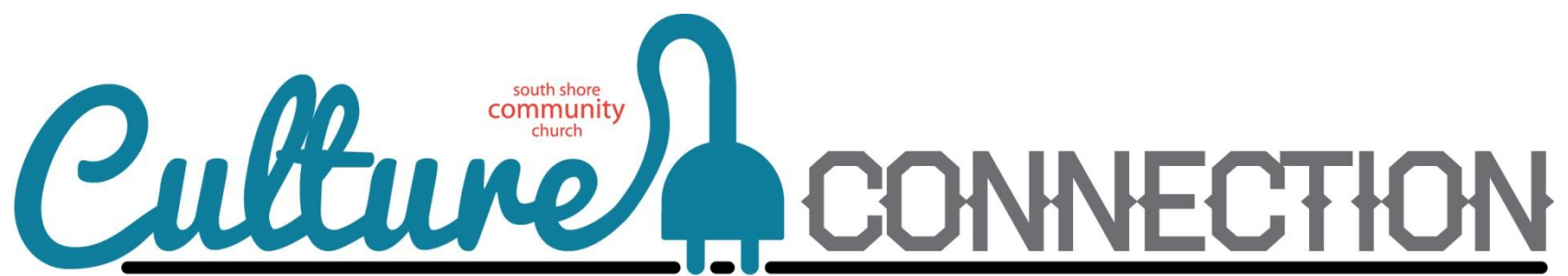
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- First, our message is Jesus and Jesus crucified.
- We preach the message of the cross whether it is accepted or not. That is our message. Paul told Timothy that the church under his pastoral care ought to pray for everyone, “this is good, & pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved & to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God & one mediator between God & people, the man Jesus Christ, who gave himself as a ransom for all people.” (1 Timothy 2:3-6).



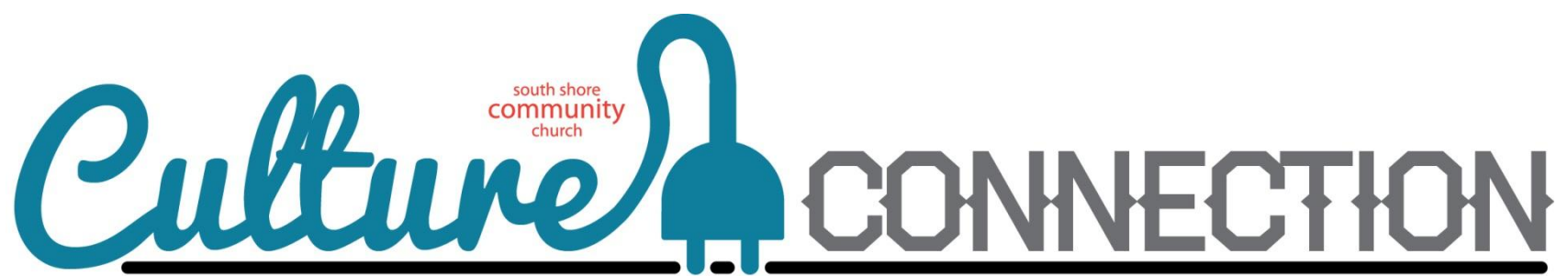
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- First, our message is Jesus and Jesus crucified.
- The problem is sin. The solution is the cross. The problem is death. The solution is the resurrection. Our message is Jesus. (other religion & answer) (when someone comes & confesses – 1 Jn 1:7)



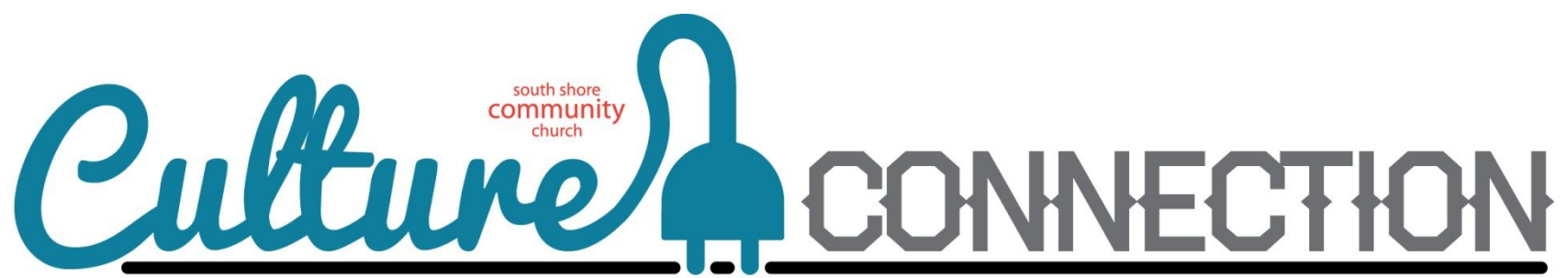
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- Second, our message is Jesus and all of His fullness, all of His sufficiency. Paul said, “My message & my preaching were not with wise & persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit’s power.”
- Jesus Christ is our Savior, Sanctifier, Healer & Coming King. (stuck in sin) (oppressed)



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- Third, our message is Jesus and Jesus only. In a society of pluralism & syncretism, in an age of tolerance, this is not always going to be well received. But, lovingly, we need to proclaim Jesus without apology, & Jesus with exclusivity. It is time for a bold, unashamed, politically incorrect proclamation of Jesus Christ.
- John 14:6, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”



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- Third, our message is Jesus and Jesus only.
- John 3:16-18, “For God so loved the world that he gave his one & only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God’s one & only Son.” (Father’s House) (win hearts, not arguments) (Sammie)