



MISSION GUTHRIE PROJECT 7:16

“They were all filled with awe and praised God. God has come to help his people.” –Luke 7:16

From July 16th to July 20th, many of our youth are going to be helping God’s people at Mission Guthrie. First Christian Church Guthrie is sponsoring this year and they have many great work days and activities planned for our youth and for youth from all over the region. They will be mowing yards, painting houses, building ramps, and much more. They will have lots of fun too at the Block Party, the Drive-in Movie, at their Tacky Tourist Dance, and will wrap up the week with a Luau! They will also be worshipping together, led by the band Stars Go Dim.

Also, please hold this group in your thoughts and prayers:
Morgan Gregory, Kat Marcha, Maycee Fitch, Thaddius Hattendorf, Grace Hellwege, Baylee Smith, Iris Traugher-Hill, Garrett Kerran, Miguel Hellwege, Gillian Marshall, Colby Rankin, Hayden Walls, and Dillon Hattendorf

Sponsors going this year are: Brian White, Amber Marcha, Amber Brooks, and Trenton Willbanks (Junior Sponsor)

Please join us on July 10th to commission these great youth and adults as they go out to be the hands and feet of God.

One Love,
Amber Brooks

REGIONAL FOOD BANK

The Outreach Committee has arranged for SHCC to go to the Regional Food Bank on Saturday, July 9 9:30 to 12:00. We will be packing boxes, filling backpacks or whatever else they need help with. Participants do have to be at least 8 years old and anyone under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. The food bank now requires volunteers



to sign up online ahead of time. That information will be provided by email to everyone who signs up in the gathering area. **The church bus will leave at 8:45am to arrive 15 minutes before our shift.** Questions? Call Laura Pollard at 340-6214. If you want a job where you can stay seated, they have those too!

MISSION JAMAICA 2016

By the time you read this the Southern Hills Christian Church Jamaica Mission Team will be in the middle of our work at Riverside United Church in Hanover, Jamaica. Jean Scott Gauldin will have presented the Children’s Moment during Sunday morning worship where Rev. Delroy Harris serves as pastor. Thursday, July 7th we will gather for the dedication of the kitchen we are building. Thanks to each of you for your support to make this Mission possible – this kitchen and the Vacation Bible School and all the many relationships we have forged. Your donations

of money and of prayers are precious to us. We return the evening of July 10th. Soon after we get back we will be sharing our adventures and our pictures with you during Sunday worship.

May God bless each of you,

Debbie Bohn, Floydette Seal, Thaddius Hattendorf, Marilee Hattendorf, Charles Hattendorf, John Gauldin and Jean Scott Gauldin.

ON THE PATH

I have had several people ask me a great question, so I wanted to share with you my response. I have been asked numerous times why I use the word “kin-dom” in my sermons and prayers instead of “kingdom.” There are several reasons why I use the word “kin-dom.” One is that we don’t have a true sense of what it means to live under a monarchy. King, kingdom, and lordship images are not images with which we are familiar in our daily living. Most of us have not grown up in a feudal, hierarchical system, so using those words to describe the Divine can be difficult for us to understand within the church.

When the Chalice Hymnal was purchased in 1995, Southern Hills made a conscious decision to use inclusive language. When I preach, I try to honor the fact that our congregation has a rich variety of names for God. Some prefer to refer to God as Father, others refer to God as Mother, and some like gender neutral language such as Creator to refer to God. All of these images are beautiful representations of the Divine. I want to encourage each of you to use the language with which you are most comfortable when referring to God. But when I preach, I am preaching to a congregation that holds a wide diversity of language. In honor

of the diversity, I try to use gender neutral language as I refer to God. Using kingdom, implies for some, that God is male and when we speak of God’s kingdom it becomes a kingdom primarily made up of and for males. Ultimately, I strive to keep my words from becoming a hindrance for the congregation as I communicate God’s vision for the world to the congregation.

Ada Maria Isasi Diaz, coined the term “kin-dom” as a way of better communicating the nature of God’s vision for the world. The word kin-dom, she explains, “makes it clear that when the fullness of God becomes a day-to-day reality in the world at large, we will all be sisters and brothers--kin to each other.” The term kin-dom, in many ways, reflects the mission of Acts 2: 44-47a: “All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people.” God’s kin-dom is for all and puts us all on equal footing.

Jenny

YOUTH NEWS

MISSION GUTHRIE

- Mission Guthrie Commissioning will take place in both worship services on Sunday, July 10th. If you or your youth are attending please plan to be in both services that day.
- Mission Guthrie group will leave SHCC at 10am on Saturday July 16th, and will return on Wednesday, July 20 around 2pm.
- Please hold this group in your thoughts and prayers as they go out to be the hands and feet of God in Guthrie.

YOUTH VOLUNTEER SUNDAY

- Sunday, July 17th: any youth not attending Mission Guthrie will be volunteering with Ms. Janee in the children Sunday School classes.
- Report to the Little Kitchen during the Sunday school hour.

FAMILY FUN DAYS

- July 11th: Splash Pad Picnic -5:30 at Barnett Splash Pad
- July 22nd: Drive-in Movie - 8:30 at Beacon Drive-in (Movie TBA)

If you would like to be a part of our youth group, whether it be as a teacher, helper, sponsor, coordinator, youth council, or in any other capacity, please let me know and we will find a place for you!

~One Love,
Amber Brooks

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VAN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our church van mission is looking for a few good van drivers to serve Sunday mornings. We would prefer to have enough van drivers that each driver would serve once every six weeks. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Kurt Sampley at 405-596-1778 or sampleyandsons@att.net.



PRAYER JOURNAL CLASS

Do you like coloring? Have you ever considered a creative prayer journal or Bible journaling? Do you want to be more intentional with your prayer life? Then you are invited to join us on July 23rd at 11:00 am and learn how coloring, journaling, and being creative can enrich your prayer life as we begin our 50 days of prayer for the 50th Anniversary. All ages are welcome.



Bring a journal or a journal bible (or both if you wish) with you. You are also welcome to bring any art supplies that you may wish to use (Washi-Tape, colored pens, pencils, markers, paint, etc.). We will also have art supplies on hand to share. For those who don't wish to make a journal there will be coloring pages available.

REFUGE FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

Our next opportunity to serve at Refuge Fellowship is Monday, August 1st. The church van leaves SHCC at 5:00 pm sharp.

Jan Little and Gayle Hurst are coordinating the Refuge Fellowship for our wayward leader who will be gone on "a fling" to Jamaica and in the mountains of Red River, New Mexico.

In the Gathering Area you will find the sign up sheets for food preparation and for volunteering to go and serve at Refuge Fellowship. Sunday school Classes will have the sign up sheets in their folders.

Thank you and Blessings,
Jan Little and Gayle Hurst

SUMMER FAMILY FUN DAYS

Monday, July 11th, 5:30 pm: Splash Pad Picnic

- Bring your blankets, brown bags, and kiddos for some fun fellowship!
- Location: Barnett Splash Pad on Kelly and Main St.

Friday, July 22nd, 8:00pm: Beacon Theatre Drive-In Movie

- Box Office opens at 7:45, show time is apx. 8:40pm. Movie TBA

Saturday, July 30th, 8:00pm: Upstage Theatre at Mitch Park presents Bye-Bye Birdie

- Come see our very own Carr family in this wonderful musical
- Ticket table opens at 7:00 or available at ticketstorm.com

Saturday, August 13th, 7:30pm: Energy Soccer game

- Seating and prices TBA upon sign-ups



As we rapidly approach Southern Hills' 50th Anniversary, the Planning Committee is busy preparing for the 50th Anniversary Celebration scheduled for the weekend of September 10 - 11.

If you would like to help with the cost of the celebration, please put "50th Anniversary" in the memo line of your check.

VBS 2016 - SURF SHACK

Catch the wave because the "Surf Shack" is coming! I'm directing VBS this summer, the first week of August; Monday the 1st through Thursday the 4th, in the evenings. If you have interest in helping either in big or small ways, please let me know! I'll be contacting some who have helped in the past, but would appreciate any participation, new or returning. Please e-mail brookeplumlee@hotmail.com or sign the VBS interest sheet in the narthex. There's fun in the sun; come join the fun!

Thanks,
Brooke Plumlee

NEEDED ITEMS FOR VBS

- Cereal Boxes - 30
- Clear Contact Paper - 120 sq. feet
- Pool Noodles - various colors
- Curling Ribbon - various colors
- Tissue Paper - various colors
- 12 x 12 patterned scrapbook paper - 30 sheets
- Tempera Paints - red, yellow, orange, blue, green, purple



KID'S CORNER

Summer Schedule:

Journeyland and Faith Travelers are combined in the Little Kitchen for June and July. In June we are talking about Noah and the Ark. Worship & Wonder will resume in September.

VBS 2016 - Surf Shack

August 1 - 4, 6:00 - 8:00pm - 4 years old - completed 5th grade

Family Fun:

- Monday, July 11th, 5:30 pm - Barnett Field Splash pad, Kelly avenue and West Main St. - Join us as the kids and kids at heart splash around and have fun!
- Friday, July 22nd, 8:00 pm -Beacon Drive-In, Guthrie - Box Office opens at 7:45, show time is approx. 8:40pm. Movie TBA

JANEÉ AUSTIN

Office Hours: Mondays, 9:30 am - 1:00 pm

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LEADERSHIP COUNCIL NEWS

Your Leadership Council met on June 26 and made the following consensus decisions:

1. The Council agreed to enter into a "Covenant Partnership" arrangement with the Oklahoma Conference of Churches. (We give an amount each month from outreach to OCC and this formalizes our relationship with them.)
2. The Council agreed to refer the suggestion of funding an OCC endowment in Dr. Gary Byrkit's name to the Memorial, Bequest and Endowment Committee for study and recommendation. (Dr. Bill Tabbernee, executive director of the Oklahoma Conference of Churches made this suggestion because Gary was a strong supporter of the OCC and its work.)
3. The Council agreed to accept the proposed Ministry Covenant amendments and present them to the congregation with a recommendation that they be adopted. (The amendments were discussed at the June 26 Connections Groups,

and while the majority of the input was in favor of the changes, it was determined that before the amendments are presented to the congregation for a vote, we will offer another opportunity for discussion for those who were unable to attend Connections on June 26. This will likely take place in August. The time and place will be announced well in advance.)

4. It was agreed to spend \$600 for a railing for the choir risers. (The railing has been installed and will make stepping up onto the second and third levels of the risers safer for the choir members.)

If you have any questions about the decisions or if you have other questions or concerns, contact Myrna Ranney, Moderator, or Darrin Hill, Vice Moderator. Specific questions regarding the amendments to the Ministry Covenant may be directed to members of the committee that formulated the amendments: Charles Hattendorf, Ann-Clore Duncan, Jarrett Austin, and Jenny Wynn.

PRAYER VIGIL BEGINS 50 DAYS OF PRAYER AND CELEBRATION

The 50th Anniversary of Southern Hills Christian Church is quickly approaching. While we celebrate the dreams of the church founders we will also be dreaming dreams of the future. Congregants are invited and encouraged to engage in 50 days of intentional prayer for the past, present and future of Southern Hills Christian Church.



There will be two twenty-five hour vigil opportunities surrounding the 50 days of celebration. The first will begin July 22 at 3pm and end July 23 at 4pm. The second will begin September 9 at 3pm and end September 10 at 4pm. These round the clock vigils will be held in the chapel with opportunities for individual and/or group participation. All are invited to participate in this 50 hour vigil of prayer and thanksgiving. Our chapel will be transformed into a prayer chamber offering stations of intentional and alternative forms of prayer. You will be seeing sign-up times and instructions in the gathering area over the coming weeks as well as sign-up genius emails for your convenience.

If you are finding your spiritual life needing a moment of solitude or communion in prayer, this may be a wonderful opportunity to surround yourself in spirit. If you have a great interest in participating in the planning, set-up and tear down of these events please email: Shcc50years@gmail.com.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who donated their time and talents to design and build the SHCC float for the Libertyfest Parade. It was quite a challenge to design a float that represents the themes of Independence Day, the Olympics, the "Pumpkin Church", and our 50th Anniversary. As you can see, they nailed it on all counts and took home 4th place in the non-profit category! Congratulations!



HOPE CENTER MONTH

July is SHCC Month to stock the pantry at the HOPE Center.

Most needed items:

- Peanut butter
- canned meats (Tuna, Chicken, etc.)
- boxed meals
- hygiene items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, diapers, etc.)

Any help we can give is appreciated! Look for a collection station in the gathering area soon.



DISCIPLES WOMEN

Activities for July:

- **Book Group** - Monday, July 11th, 11:30 am in the Chapel.
- **WOW Lunch** - Wednesday, June 22nd, 12:30 pm (Location TBA).

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Meetings for July:

- **7/14 - CROP Mtg.** - 7:00 pm in Boka Keene
- **7/24 - Elder's Meeting** - 12:30 pm in the Parlor
- **7/24 - Leadership Council Meeting** - 4:00 pm in the Chapel
- **7/24 - Connections Dinner** - 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall
- **7/26 - Stewardship meeting** - 7:00 in Boka Keene.

STEPHEN MINISTERS

Here in our church family, God's eternal love is active and playing itself out in our relationships. When you express Christ's practical love for others --- whether by sending a card of concern, making a telephone call to a lonely person, collecting food bags for the hungry, transporting someone to the doctor, or visiting in the hospital --- you do it as a member of Jesus' family. When you perform that service, your family resemblance shows.

When you serve in a group, you get to see that resemblance in the other members. Through our Stephens Ministers our congregation can especially experience this new family of Christ. Stephen Ministers give skilled, disciplined care to those who need it for the sake of our Lord Jesus. At least two things happen as they care for others. The first is clear: They meet other people in their pain and need, and they listen to them, pray for them, and encourage them for the sake of Christ.

If you feel a need for this type of family relationship, please do not hesitate to contact Pastor Jenny, or any one of our Stephens Ministers and they will make sure there is someone there for you. Thanks you and God's peace and blessings be upon you.

Sandy Jehle,
Stephen Leader

CONNECTIONS



Dinner

JULY 24, 5:30 - 7:00 PM

BRING A DISH TO SHARE!



CONNECTIONS DINNER

Join us in the Fellowship Hall Sunday, July 24th from 5:30 to 7:00 pm for a light supper and conversation in small groups. This month will be a pot luck, so bring a dish to share that is ready to serve. If you would like to help with set up (tablecloths, drinks, etc.), please

contact Lynda Deibel at 405-401-8418. To RSVP please contact the front office at 405-341-0766 or frontoffice@southernhillschristian.org. Child care will be provided for children under 12.

AMENDMENTS TO MINISTRY COVENANT

Over the past several weeks, articles in the Sharing Tree have been explaining several proposed amendments to our church's Ministry Covenant. An addition to the Covenant allowing absentee balloting is being proposed along with changes in our understanding of who in the church can vote on congregational matters and hold elected positions in the church. Today's article highlights the remaining proposals.

In Article II, Section C, 2 an addition to "participating membership" adds a reference to the denominational yearbook, which provides the only "firm" number that can be used to determine percentages and quorums.

In Article II, Section C, 2 and 4 the phrase "(see Article V)" is added after the word "Cluster" since that term has not been previously referenced in the Covenant.

In Article III, several amendments in wording are suggested to change the "Convener of the Nominating Committee" from a non-voting to a voting participant on the Leadership Council.

In Article III, Section H, a proposal is made to change the word "Professional" to "Program and Support" staff to be consistent with definitions of staff found in Article VII of the Covenant.

Several changes are being proposed in Article IV relating to the Elders and the Diaconate:

- Changes in the wording for qualifications for these positions from "well matured in faith" to "dedicated to nurturing their faith"
- Change in the number of the Diaconate from 48 to 40, reflecting changes in numbers needed to fulfill worship responsibilities
- A change allowing the Diaconate to be elected to one, two or 3 year terms
- Deleting the phrase – "through stewardship of their time, talents and financial resources" – since the phrase just prior – "committed in participation and support" – makes the phrase redundant.

In Article VII, A, 3, c a new sentence is proposed: "All congregants shall maintain confidentiality of the Search Committee's recommendation until permission has been given by the candidate to release his or her name beyond the congregation."

The Ministry Covenant with all suggested amendments highlighted can be found at this link: <http://bit.ly/1sAREB9>. Hard copies can be obtained by calling Charles Hattendorf (478-0070) or the church office.

AMAZON PRIME DAY BENEFITS SHCC

Amazon's second-annual Prime Day is on July 12 and will feature more than 100,000 deals exclusively for Prime members, making it one of the biggest shopping days of the year. Remember to shop at smile.amazon.com, selecting Southern Hills Christian Church as your designated charity, and Amazon will donate to Southern Hills Christian Church.

Here's how it works: AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that lets customers enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping features as on Amazon.com. The difference is that when customers shop on AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organizations selected by customers. There is no cost to charitable organizations or to AmazonSmile customers.

Southern Hills Christian Church is a participating charitable organization eligible to receive donations from the AmazonSmile Foundation. We recently received our first donation of \$19.99 from AmazonSmile, made possible through the purchases made by our SHCC church family.

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IMPORTANT DATES

- **7/09 - Regional Food Bank** - Van leaves SHCC at 8:45 am
- **7/12 - Deadline for July 19th Sharing Tree**
- **7/19 - Next Sharing Tree Published**
- **7/22 - 25 Hour Prayer Vigil** - begins at 3:00 pm in Chapel
- **7/24 - Elder's Meeting** - 12:30 pm in the Parlor
- **7/24 - Leadership Council Mtg** - 4:00 pm in the Chapel
- **7/24 - Connections Dinner** - 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall



SHCC STAFF

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| Senior Minister: | Rev. Jenny Wynn |
| Minister of Congregational Care: | Pastor Jean Scott Gauldin |
| Children's Ministry Director: | Janeé Austin |
| Director of Youth Ministries: | Amber Brooks |
| Choir Director: | Andrea Hanson |
| Contemp. Worship Music Dir: | Jeanise Morton |
| Business Administrator: | Suellen Caywood |
| Dir. of Comm. & Technology: | Chuck Marshall |
| Accompanist: | Bryant Rains |
| Nursery Coordinator: | Valerie White |
| CDC Director: | Carolyn Lamiell |

ATTENDANCE

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| Sunday School 6/26 | 98 |
| 9:00 AM Worship 6/26 | 111 |
| 11:15 AM Worship 6/26 | 70 |
| Total Worship 6/26 | 181 |
| Sunday School 7/03 | 61 |
| 9:00 AM Worship 7/03 | 80 |
| 11:15 AM Worship 7/03 | 42 |
| Total Worship 7/03 | 122 |

PRAYERS

Please hold in your prayers:
 Dorothy Messenger; Mona Baird;
 Ann & Dennie Hall; Ed & Donna
 Huston; Valerie White; Maurice Friot;
 Kelly Johnson, Brandon Swanson
 and daughter Breanna; John Wallace;
 Judy Martin; Don Wiard; Bryant
 Rains' sister, Stephany; Alice Smith;
 Herb Wootten; Evelyn Elliot; Briane
 McClaine; Jenny Wynn