Southern Hills Christian Church (DOC)

The Sharing Tree

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50TH ANNIVERSARY

The day upon us! On Saturday, September 10, 2016 at 6:00 pm, Southern Hills Christian Church will be hosting our 50th Anniversary Celebration Banquet and program, **Honoring our History**.

Rolly Cowperthwaite will be Master of Cermonies for the evening's entertainment. Guest preachers Chuck Shorrow, John Moore and Les Cole will speak about their time at SHCC. Music will be provided by the Men's Quartet, the Women's Quartet and the SHCC Praise Team.

You are also invited to join us Sunday, September 11th for a Unified Service of Worship at 10:45 AM in which we will be **Dreaming of our Future**. Sunday School will be at 9:30.

GET READY FOR PUMPKINS!

Clear your calendar for October, the pumpkins are coming! The first load arrives Sunday, October 2nd, followed by a second load on Sunday October 16th. Gary Wallis will begin making calls this month to schedule Pumpkin Parish volunteers.

ONE MORE CARD MAKER?

We are still in need of one person to create an Alternative Christmas card for Edmond Mobile Meals. This is a wonderful agency that helps many seniors in our community. If you'd like to help, please call Marilee Hattendorf.

PRAYER VIGIL

As we come to the end of our 50 days of intentional prayer for the past, present and future of Southern Hills Christian Church there will be another twenty-five hour vigil of prayer beginning September 9 at 3pm and running through September 10 at 4pm. An around the clock vigil 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 once again 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 this week 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. You may sign up for a time slot at http://bit.ly/shccprayervigil or by using the link below or calling the front office at 341-0766.

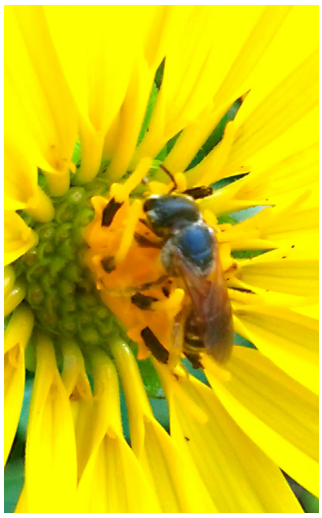
ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

Getting to Know All About Church

September 11 is the kick-off day for a new class designed to learn about "What is this thing we call church?" Also known as **Church 101**. This class will last 5-6 Sundays during the Sunday School hour in room 103 and will explore the basics of church – why do we do the things we do and how we do them? Things such as baptism, communion, liturgical colors. What is behind why we do these things? Things such as history and tradition. What do we as Disciples of Christ do that is different from others and why? Things such as Disciples thought, elements of worship, unity and ministry.

"A Handbook for Today's Disciples" will be our initial guidebook, but any questions you have will be our emphasis. If you are new to the Disciples of Christ and Southern Hills Christian Church, if you have been around a while but want to know more or if you want to contribute to the discussion, we hope to see you on September 11 as we begin this journey into what is the church and why do we do the things we do. Rev. Jenny Wynn and Pastor Jean Scott Gauldin will facilitate this class. If you have questions, please contact one of them.

POLLINATOR GARDEN GOING STRONG!



If you haven't checked out the church garden recently, you might be surprised just how many pollinators are still visiting every day as summer draws to a close! Multiple butterflies, bees and even a hummingbird have been seen feeding on the pretty blooms. Check out these pictures taken by Connie Holiman!
Thanks again to Ted Drab for his skillful selection and lay out of plants and to all who donated last Easter so we all could enjoy the beauty through the summer and help to conserve these beneficial creatures.

DISCIPLES WOMEN

Activities for September:

- **WOW Book Club** - Monday, September 12th, 11:30 am in the Chapel.
- **Disciple Women's Hope Group** - Monday, September 12th, 7:00 pm at the home of Jo Kirtley.
- **Disciple Women's Fidelity Group** - Tuesday, September 20th, 10:30 am, at the home of Floydette Seal
- **Disciple Women's Charity Group** - Tuesday, September 20th, 1:30 pm in the chapel.
- **WOW Lunch** - Wednesday, September 28th, 12:30 pm (TBA).

YOUTH NEWS

Fun & Fellowship, Pastor's Class, and CHAOS are back in session! 5 year olds through 5th grade will meet from 5:15 - 6:30 pm for Recreation, Music, Bible Class, and more followed by our intergenerational meal from 6:30-7:00. Youth will begin their night with the meal, and will then meet from 7:00-8:00. If you have not yet registered your child or youth you may fill out their form and bring your registration fee to our first meeting (early registration is $35 per child/youth. Registration fee after 9/7 is $40 per child/youth).

Registration forms are available at southernhillschristian.org as well as on the Youth and Children's Information Wall located outside of Amber's office. Scholarship forms are available upon request.

VOLUNTEERS: We are still in need of adult volunteers in both our Youth and Children's programs. We have weekly teaching spots, places for once a year event coordinators, and everything in between! We are also looking for individuals willing to serve on our Family Life Council (formerly the separate Youth and Children's Councils). Also, we are looking for someone to serve as the Youth Chair to lead alongside Pam Camp, our Children's Chair. We simply cannot do this without your support! Please let Amber know in which area you are interested in helping!

DRAMA TEAM: Youth Drama Team rehearsals will begin on October 2nd, 2-4pm in the Sanctuary. Janna Carr is once again lending her talent as Director. We will begin the process of working towards our Christmas performance. Drama Team is open for any 4th graders and up.

~One Love,
Amber Brooks

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On Sunday September 11, Southern Hills will be celebrating it's 50th anniversary. There are lots of things to look forward to as we approach the anniversary.

Ongoing Activities

- You are invited to bring your "50"—pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, half dollars, and dollar bills (we like dollars) and place your multiplies of 50 in the big orange bucket to help with the cost of the anniversary.

- On the south wall of the Gathering Area we have put up a **timeline** on which you can add important dates for your family in the life of the church. Some of those dates may include: the date you joined the church, married in the church, sang in the choir, you were an elder, Stephen Minister or other important events. You may even want to share a photo or two on the time line.
- Make sure to stop by the Random Act of Kindness Tree in the hallway near Jenny's office. You can honor the work of the church by spreading kindness in the community. The leaves of the tree offer suggestions of ways to show kindness to others.
- SHCC T-shirts are for sale. Also there are still plenty of SHCC cook books for sale if you haven't picked one up yet.
- Of course the 50 days of prayer is still on going. If you haven't picked up a prayer sheet, those are available in the gathering area. Don't forget we will have another 25 hour prayer vigil starting Sept. 9th at 3 p.m. in the chapel. Be watching for the sign up in the gathering area. We will need individuals who would be willing to help chaperon the event as well.

Honoring our History

- Banquet and Program on Saturday Night, September 10 at 6:00 pm

Dreaming of our Future

- Sunday, September 11
- 9:30 Sunday School
- 10:20 Fellowship in the Gathering Area with cake
- 10:45 Worship
- 12:00 All Church Photo

STEPHEN MINISTERS REUNION

The Southern Hills Christian Church Stephen Ministry will host our first reunion in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary. The Stephen Ministry began in 1992. The reunion will be a reception held on Friday evening September 9th at 7PM in the church parlor/conference room.

All past and present Stephen Ministers, spouses or guests are invited. Our congregation has trained as well as included 13 Stephen Leaders and 65 Stephen Ministers. We have said good-by to 2 Stephen Leaders and 11 Stephen Ministers who have passed on and who will be memorialized during the reunion.

All participants and families who are able are encouraged to attend the Anniversary service and sit together as a group. The Anniversary service is planned at 10:45 Sunday September 11th. Contact Art Christie (478-5284) or Sandy Jehle (330-1783) for further information.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY

You are invited to join us for a Ropes Course Day, Saturday, October 1st, at Central Christian Camp in Guthrie from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. We will meet at the camp. The cost is $12 per person (exact change or check, please).

The goal is personal development, but there will also be an optional team climbing wall. There will be no child care provided. Some bottled water will be available, but feel free to bring your own water. Comfortable clothing and close-toed shoes are required. This is for any and all ability levels. Facilitators will be on hand to coordinate and assist with the course.

Contact Alysha Dailey with any questions at 405-706-6683 or lysh27@gmail.com.

CAREGIVERS' SUPPORT

Stephen Ministers at Southern Hills will be offering the service of a support group for caregivers. The first meeting will be Tuesday, September 20th, 7:00 pm in the Parlor. Caregivers may be any person who is currently providing care, has done so in the past, seems likely to in the future or is interested in helping a care giver.

The Stephen Ministers visualize this as an on-going group with the capacity to welcome any length of needed support. The group will be supportive for those who have lost a loved one they were caring for, as well as those in a current care giving role. The point of contact is Art Christie, 405-478-5284.

RECONCILIATION

Beginning September 25th and running through October 2nd, we receive our Reconciliation Offering. There will be an opportunity to continue the work of Reconciliation by addressing the problem of fear and hate via various studies and conversations through February, which is Black History Month. We will end on Race and Reconciliation Sunday, February 12th. This will lead us into Week of Compassion which begins on February 19th.

Your Reconciliation gift will go to grants throughout our General Church that will be used to end violence through education and other programs. Please be watching here at SHCC for different learning venues to end hate, bigotry and racism in our world. LOVE WINS!

KIDS CORNER

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Volunteers

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LEADERSHIP COUNCIL NEWS

Your Leadership Council met on August 28th. Darrin Hill reported for the Personnel Committee that Amber Brooks will add interim Children's Ministry Director to her responsibilities after approval by an email vote of the Leadership Council.

Karl Hirsch gave the financial report—we are still doing well—and indicated that the Stewardship Campaign will begin September 18th. Kurt Sampley reported that as Property chair he is taking bids for parking lot and sidewalk repairs. (Some of the places in need of repair represent tripping hazards.) A committee will be formed to inventory our storage space and recommend whether or not to pursue finding or creating space for additional storage.

Charles Hattendorf reported that the committee working on the revisions to the Ministry Covenant will be meeting with several members for further discussions regarding those revisions. If you have questions or would like to meet with committee members regarding the revisions, contact Charles by email maydorf@cox.net or by phone 478-0070.

Myrna Ranney reported for the Memorials Bequests and Endowment Committee that SHCC has received a bequest from Squire Luttrell's estate and the committee is determining how those funds should be used. It was voted to use some of the funds to provide the sound baffling for the fellowship hall to improve the sound quality in that space and some of the funds may be used for the parking lot and sidewalk repairs.

We are looking forward to the 50th Anniversary Celebration and the various events associated with that.

As we celebrate where we have been and look forward to the future, be thinking of additional ways that Southern Hills can minister in the community. Under the new Ministry Covenant, each of us is empowered to suggest and put in place new ministries and ways of serving. If you have an idea you'd like to implement, visit with Jenny or one of the Ministry Covenant Conveners: Sue Dowler, Koinonia; Yonni Mobley, Worship; Patsy Drab, Deepening Spirituality; Debbie Bohn or Pat Fennell, Service to Others.

The next Council meeting will be September 25th at 4:00 in the Chapel and as always, anyone who wants to is welcome to attend. Also, all the Council meeting minutes are available in the church office if you wish to review those.

Blessings,
Your Leadership Council

THANK YOU, SHCC!!

Once again you came to the aid of our neighbors in a time of emergency! $1,315 was given by our SHCC family to help those affected by the Louisiana flooding and other recent disasters. Thank you so much for your generosity!

BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

Wednesday Morning Bible Study resumes September 14th at 10:00 am in the Boka Keene Room. The Book of Acts will be the topic, using the Life Change series. All are welcome to attend.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Come celebrate Jean Ball's 90th Birthday! All of SHCC is invited to join with Jean's family at a come and go reception honoring Jean on Saturday, September 24 from 2:00 to 4:00 in the Southern Hills parlor. Please feel free to bring a card or note for Jean, but no gifts please.

NOTES OF THANKS

Southern Hills Friends,
Thank you for journeying with me in prayer and expressions of caring at the time of my mom's death. Even though I live far away, you remain a remarkably loving church family. I am so grateful for you.

Love,
Kayla McClurg

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Service Times

Sunday 9:00 am - Traditional Service
Sunday 10:15 am - Sunday School
Sunday 11:15 am - Contemporary Service
Sunday 3:30 pm - Communion at Bradford Village

IMPORTANT DATES

- **9/09 - 25 Hour Prayer Vigil -** begins at 3:00 pm in Chapel
- **9/10 - 50th Anniversary Banquet**
- **9/11 - 50th Anniversary Unified Service** - Sunday School at 9:30 am, Worship at 10:45 am
- **9/13 - Sharing Tree Article Deadline**
- **9/17 - Disciple Men's Breakfast meeting -** The men will set up the tent to prepare for pumpkins to arrive.
- **9/20 - Next Sharing Tree Published**
- **9/25 - Elder's Meeting** - 12:30 pm in the Parlor
- **9/25 - Leadership Council** – 4:00 pm in the Chapel
- **9/25 - Connections Potluck Dinner** - 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall

SHCC STAFF

Senior Minister:	Rev. Jenny Wynn
Minister of Congregational Care:	Pastor Jean Scott Gauldin
Interrim Dir. Children's Ministries:	Amber Brooks
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

Sunday School 8/28	95
9:00 AM Worship 8/28	162
11:15 AM Worship 8/28	58
Total Worship 8/28	210
Sunday School 9/04	81
9:00 AM Worship 9/04	135
11:15 AM Worship 9/04	64
Total Worship 9/04	199

PRAYERS

Please hold in your prayers:
Dorothy Messenger; Mona Baird; Ann & Dennie Hall; Ed & Donna Huston; Barb Livingston; Valerie White; Maurice Friot; Kelly Johnson, Brandon Swanson and daughter Breanna; John Wallace; Bryant Rains' sister, Stephany; Alice Smith; Herb Wootten; Evelyn Elliot; Briane McClaine; Maureen Stickel; Kim Brown; Randy Park; Rod Marcha; Dave Whelan; Jeanne Parson; Patsy Drab; Carmen Larger; John Hunteman; Brittany Lawson; Gail MacClain