



## THE YOUTH BAKE SALE IS COMING!

On Sunday, February, 12th the youth will be hosting our annual Valentine's Day Bake Sale! We will sell our goodies during the gathering times and during Sunday school.

If you are a cook/baker/crafter, please bring your wrapped, pre-priced goodies for us to sell! Please price everything to the whole dollar. If you are an eater, or would like to grab some goodies for your valentine, please bring your dollar to spend!

All of the proceeds from this event go to support the youth that attend the International Affairs Seminar. Our only senior this year, Grace Hellwege is representing SHCC on this incredible and life-changing trip. Jenny Wynn will be a sponsor this year as well!



The theme for this year's IAS trip is "COEXIST: Who is My Neighbor? Interfaith Dialogue is a Christian Practice." These trips through Washington D.C. and New York City, really help our emerging young adults to get a glimpse of life outside of Oklahoma, and really challenge them to see the world in a new light. They also get the chance to visit some amazing historical sites and museums.



## LITURGISTS NEEDED

Sunday morning Liturgists are needed for March and April to read scripture and lead the Call to Worship. There is a sign up sheet in the Gathering Area near the front office window.

## IMPORTANT DATES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2/11 - Disciples Men's Breakfast - 8:00 am in the Conference Room
- 2/12 - Youth Bake Sale - Funding IAS and other Youth programs
- 2/15 - Wednesday Night Programming for Children and Youth Resumes
- 2/19 & 26 - Week of Compassion Special Offering
- 2/21 - Caregiver's Support Group - 7:00 pm in the Parlor
- 2/26 - SimpleChurch Tutorial - 10:30 am in the Gathering Area
- 2/26 - Elder's Meeting - 12:30 pm in the Conference Room
- 2/26 - Leadership Council Meeting - 4:00 pm in the Chapel
- 2/26 - Connections Dinner - Meet your Elder - 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall
- 3/01 - Ash Wednesday Service - 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary
- 3/25 - Memorial Service for Dennis Evans - 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary
- 3/26 - Unified Service at 10:45 am - Newell Williams preaching
- 3/30 - Youth Volunteering at Regional Food Bank - Van Leaves SHCC at 5:15 pm

## CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY EVENTS

**Fun & Fellowship, CHAOS, and Pastor's Class** will be resuming on February 15th! Early registration is \$35 per child/youth, which helps to cover the cost of our meal and curriculum. Early registration is due with your registration form by Sunday, February 12th. Registrations fees after that date are \$40 per youth/child. Forms are available on our social media sites as well as hard copies on the Youth and Children's bulletin board.

**The Youth and Children's Events Board** is located directly outside Amber's office. There is a monthly calendar up which will be updated with events for youth and children, as well as all-church events. On the bulletin board will be posters for events, the Worship & Wonder schedule, and any fun creations our youth and children come up with! Next to the board is a column of file folders. Here you will find forms for all our events, Food Bank releases, Camp registration forms, our nursery guidelines, and other helpful info. Stop by and take a peek!

### CAMPS

Camp registration opens 2/13. The deadline for Region Camp registration to Amber is April 9th, but camps fill up quickly so let's get our kiddos regis-

tered as soon as possible! please let Amber know which camp experience you are choosing so that we can make sure everything gets taken care of accordingly. All cost info and registration instructions will be put out as soon as it becomes available!

- Junior Camp (completed 4th&5th grades) is June 19-23 @ Central
- Discovery Camp (completed 2nd&3rd grades) is June 23-25 @ Central
- Chi Rho Camp is June 5-9 @ Oakridge
- CYF Conference is June 26-30 @ Central

**Volunteer Opportunities are still available.** Open spots that still need to be filled can be found on our social media pages and via emails. There is a sign-up genius page online for your convenience as well. [www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d48aaaf28a5f58-children](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d48aaaf28a5f58-children)

### February save-the-dates

- 2/12 Youth Bake Sale
- 2/13 Regional Camp registration opens
- 2/15 Fun & Fellowship, Pastor's Class, and CHAOS resume
- 2/19 Week of Compassion banks go home
- 2/26 Leadership Council Meeting

## KIDS CORNER

### BAKE SALE

Although the Youth Bake Sale is run by the youth group, that does not mean that you can't help out as well! Please bring your baked goods to be sold, pre-priced to the whole dollar (don't worry to much about the price, our congregation is always very generous at this event), or bring your dollars to buy you and yours some fun holiday treaties! On Feb. 12th, during the Sunday school hour, a cart with goodies to sell will go around to all the Sunday school classes. If you would like to send your child with a couple of dollars to donate that would be great (but we will

make sure everyone gets a treat!).

### Week of Compassion

Week of Compassion offering will be collected on Sunday, February 19th & 26th. As in years past, we will have WoC banks go home with all our children to collect their dollars and change to give to this wonderful cause. Please take some time to talk with your child about why we give to Week of Compassion. They are free to bring their banks on the 19th or on the 26th to put in the offering baskets or they can give them to their Sunday school teachers.

## YOUTH NEWS

### BAKE SALE

Although the Youth Bake Sale proceeds go to the IAS junior and/or seniors that attend that trip, we ask that all youth come and help with the sale. IAS is such a wonderful trip and we hope that each of our youth get to experience when they are juniors and seniors. We have a saying in youth, "what happens to one of us, happens to all of us." That way we can all share in our joys and our sadness, so we can truly be

there for each other, so we can truly hold each other accountable. And too, in this instance, we can help each other achieve our goals!

### YOUTH COUNCIL

We are still lacking a chair for the Youth Council. If you are interested in finding out about this position please contact Jenny or Amber for more information.

## CONNECTIONS DINNER

Connections Dinner resumes Sunday, February 26, 2017. Join us for dinner from 5:30 to 7:00 in Fellowship hall as we get to know each other better

over the breaking of bread. Look for more details in the next issue of the Sharing Tree Newsletter.

## WHAT IS IAS AND HOW CAN I HELP?

I'm so glad you asked! IAS stand for International Affairs Seminar and is a study trip for youth in grades 11 and 12. It is an opportunity to experience Washington DC and New York City, to study a topic that is relevant to being a citizen and a person that claims Christian faith, and to create friendships with Disciples youth. Youth return from IAS with an informed perspective on the study topic and a life experience that can help shape their view of the world and their practice of Christianity.

This year's topic is "Coexist: Who is My Neighbor? Interfaith Dialogue is a Christian Practice." Grace Hellwege and Jenny Wynn will be going on the trip this year. Grace is a senior and will be gaining experiences and information that will serve her greatly as she ventures forth into the world of adulthood. Jenny Wynn, who has had the opportunity to lead this trip before, will be offering

direction and guidance to all the youth on the trip.

There are several ways you can help our youth experience IAS. There is a "Take Stock in SHCC Youth" brochure that is available for you to become a "stockholder" in this program, or you can help with the Youth Bake Sale on February 12th by bringing baked goods/crafts to sell and/or by purchasing items as the Bake Sale, or you may simply make a donation and place it in the offering basket in worship. Please make sure that all checks have "IAS" in the memo line and that loose cash is in an envelope marked the same.

Once again, we thank you, our wonderful SHCC congregation for all of the love and support that you show our children and youth! We simply could not make this happen without you!

## CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

We invite you to be a part of our Caregiver's Support Group at Southern Hills Christian Church. We meet every third Tuesday of the month at 7 pm in the Parlor/Conference room. The group includes Stephen Ministers and Leaders in a "Care and Share" experience, emphasizing a listening ear to provide whatever support you need.

This group is focusing on a broad range of caregiver needs. If you are caring for a loved one, have done so in the past or anticipate doing this in the future, this is for you. We wish to include those who have cared for a loved one now deceased; those caring for the elderly; those caring for a loved one with special needs; or any other care

needs.

Our next gathering will be at 7 pm, February 21st. We hope you will join us. There are no requirements for attendance. Come by and check out the group. If the days and times need to be changed, we will do that. This is for you.

Your Stephen Ministry team.

## MISSION JAMAICA

Southern Hills Christian Church will be returning to Jamaica for our 2017 Mission in December. The plans are underway to work with Riverside United Church and Rev. Delroy Harris for a week of hands on work and relationship building. Experience the Real Jamaica and work side-by-side with Jamaicans in mission. Fund-raising will begin in March. Begin to

think about your place on this Mission Team – going to Jamaica, donating money, helping raise funds, helping promote the Mission Trip. Information will be in each future issue of The Sharing Tree as this Mission Trip to Jamaica, 2017 begins the planning. For more information, contact Jean Scott Gaudin (405) 209-4783 or jandjs@cox.net.

## SOULTENDING

We have recently received some questions about the ongoing SoulTending prayer group, a prayer group that is aimed at helping to deepen spirituality. This contemplative group started out learning about different prayer practices and now meets once a month for contemplative prayer. The group spends 20 minutes in silence, which is followed by a time of

reflection and sharing.

If there is enough interest in the contemplative prayer and meditation of SoulTending we will start another group. Contact the front office at 341-0766 to let us know if you would like to be a part of a newly forming group!

## NOTE OF THANKS

During my recent stay at the hospital, I felt surrounded by love and care from the SHCC congregation. Visits, flowers, errands made, cards, phone calls, emails and texts all brought a message of love and hope from you. We are known as "The Pumpkin Patch Church" but we should also be known as "The Church of Love." I am more than ever certain that whatever challenges come our way, there is enough love in our faith community that we will always be able to arrive at a positive solution. Thank you, SHCC, for your kindness and care.

Pat Fennell

## DINNER FOR 8

"Dinner for Eight" is a Southern Hills tradition in which a group of eight (or more) people come together monthly for a shared meal and fellowship. This is a great way to get to know people in our church. New Dinner for 8 groups will soon be forming. Watch for sign ups coming soon in the Gathering Area, and look for an upcoming Sharing Tree article for more info.

## WELCOME HOME

Susie Park's son, Randy Park, will be returning to the US from Iraq as a full Colonel on February 7, 2017. Thank you for your prayers for Randy's safe return while he was overseas.

## DISCIPLE WOMEN

Activities for January:

- **Book Group** - Monday, February 13, 11:30 am in the Chapel. Book Selection Home by Harlan Coben. Bring your lunch and join us for a lively discussion.
- **Disciple Women Fidelity Group** - Tuesday, February 21 - Marge Cowperthwaite will host.
- **Disciple Women Charity Group** - Tuesday, February 21 at 2:00 pm in the Chapel
- **WOW Lunch** - Wednesday, February 22, 12:30 pm. Location TBA

## NEW ATTIC LIFT INSTALLED

An attic lift has been installed to help with loading and unloading items stored in the attic. Gone are the days of climbing the rickety attic ladder with a box of Christmas ornaments balanced precariously on our heads.

Paul Little Construction Company installed the lift and a new aluminum ladder, as well as a safety railing at the top of the ladder which Paul was kind enough to donate to SHCC..

This project was paid for by The Memorial, Endowment and Bequest Committee, and Cook Book sale profits.

## DISCIPLE MEN

Disciple Men meet for their monthly breakfast on Saturday, February 11, 2017. Join us for good food and good fellowship.



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## WEEK OF COMPASSION OFFERING - FEBRUARY 19 & 26

"Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

(Matthew 25:40)

God is most tangibly present in this world where people hunger, thirst, lack adequate clothing and shelter, and are sick or imprisoned. Christ claims as family members people who suffer.

Christ is so present in them that when you feed the hungry, care for the sick, welcome the stranger – you feed, and care for, and welcome Christ.

When you give through Week of Compassion to those who suffer from natural disasters, war, or systemic poverty, you let them know: You are here.

### What a delight to be fed! What a joy to feed!

Every week, dozens of children gather in a sparse room in Kampong Thom Province. They gather with their parents, grandparents, siblings, and friends to share a meal, to feed and be fed. This is not just any meal. In their bowls, children receive one of the most common foods of southeast Asia--rice porridge, but this version is nutrient-rich. In an effort to address malnutrition and prevent stunting among the children of the province, Week of Compassion helps sponsor these meals.



In rural areas of Cambodia like this village, 41% of children do not receive adequate nutrition. This leads to chronic health problems, delayed development, and educational challenges. By supplementing the diets of children, while also partnering with the community to develop sustainable agriculture, clean water, and relational resilience, Week of Compassion accompanies communities as they create a better future.

In this room filled with the aroma of rice and vegetables, you are here. As a grandmother spoons life-giving food into the eager mouth of her grandchild, you are here. Where people feed and are fed, you are here.

Thank you for your continued support of Week of Compassion.



Save the Date!

**APRIL 1, 2017**



**LEADERSHIP  
TRAINING SCHOOL**

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN OKLAHOMA

At FCC OKC • Registration Coming Soon!



**Keynote Speaker: Laurie Feille**

Rev. Feille graduated with a Masters of Divinity from Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University in December 1996 and was ordained by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in January 1997. Rev. Feille served First Christian Church, Garland, Texas as part time Youth Minister and full time Associate Minister; Arlington Heights Christian Church, Fort Worth, TX as Senior Minister; and Senior Minister of Azle Christian Church, Azle, TX Rev. Feille has a passion for missions and has been on Mission Trips to Bosnia, Mexico, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Kenya and many places in the United States.

Rev. Feille has served as the Chaplain for the Disciples Women Fellowship of the Trinity Brazos

Area Board, Southwest Region of Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); on the Youth Ministry Council for the Trinity Brazos Area; on the Patient Advisory Committee for Texas Health Resources; adjunct teacher at Brite Divinity School in Homiletics; and as a member of the Steering Committee for Rippling Hope a newly formed nonprofit organization. Rev. Feille has been a director/counselor/ keynoter at retreats, camps and conferences in the Trinity Brazos Area, North Texas Area, Central Area, Costal Plains Area and the Northeast Area of the Southwest Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). She currently serves on the Executive Unit of the Commission on Ministry for the Upper Midwest Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and on the board of Church Extension Fund for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

**ODF SEEKING PART-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

The Oklahoma Disciples Foundation is seeking a part-time Administrative Assistant to work approximately 20 hours per week at the Foundation offices located at 301 NW 36th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73118.

The Administrative Assistant reports directly to the Foundation Executive Director and takes direction from and provides assistance to other staff members.

Visit <http://okdfdn.org/about-us/news/> for a more detailed job description

Please email your resume to Eric Gray, Executive Director, [egray@okdfdn.org](mailto:egray@okdfdn.org) or mail it to 301 NW 36th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73118

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# SIMPLECHURCH DATABASE TUTORIAL

Sunday, February 26, at 10:30 am, there will be a SimpleChurch tutorial in the gathering area. This will be an opportunity to learn about the online directory and viewing your giving record.

## What is SimpleChurch?

SimpleChurch is our new database software. It is what we use to keep track of our members' contact information, giving record, and participation in the church.

## What does SimpleChurch do for me?

One of the great things about SimpleChurch is that it allows you, the members of Southern Hills, the ability to access some of the database information, while protecting all of your confidential information. We will be enabling more features over time, but right now you can view the church directory, view your giving record, and update your contact information from your computer or smartphone.

## Why would I need a tutorial?

You may be able to use SimpleChurch effectively without any training. For many it will feel intuitive. If you would like some help learning the features, we are happy to help, however you are welcome to explore SimpleChurch on your own.

## How do I get started?

To log in to SimpleChurch you will need a username and password. Your username is in the format first-name.lastname (i.e. jonathon.smith). If you have a nickname, or go by your middle name, it is possible that you will need to use that in place of your first name (i.e. If Jonathon Smith is known around SHCC as John, he will probably need to log in as john.smith).

To get a password, you have two options. You can tell SimpleChurch that you have forgotten your password, and the software will email you a password. This method will work even if you have never had a password. Another option is to call the front office and we can give you a password.

## Logging on to SimpleChurch from a computer:

Using your computer, open your web browser and navigate to: <http://shcc.simplechurchcrm.com>, which will take you to the login screen, shown in fig. a.

This is where you can click "Forgot Password" if you would like a password emailed to you. Once you have your password, log in to SimpleChurch using your username and password.

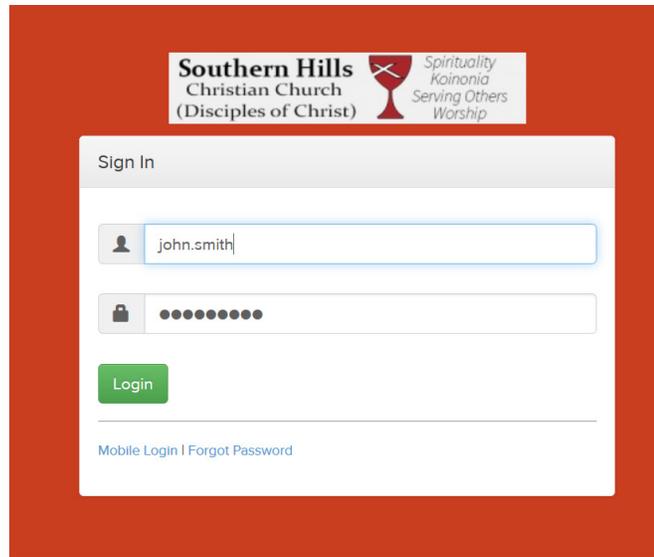


Fig a. SimpleChurch Login Screen (computer)

## Logging on to SimpleChurch from the app:

Download the SimpleChurch app to your smartphone. It is available for iPhone from the App Store or Android from the Google Play Store.

Search the app store for "SimpleChurch" and download the app. You can recognize the correct app by this tree icon.



When you open the app you will be at the login screen. If you do not yet have a password, you may click "Forgot Password" to have one emailed to you.

Where it says: "domain.simplechurchcrm.com" you must edit the word domain to say shcc. It should say: "shcc.simplechurchcrm.com". (Fig. b.) Input username and password, then click the Sign In button.

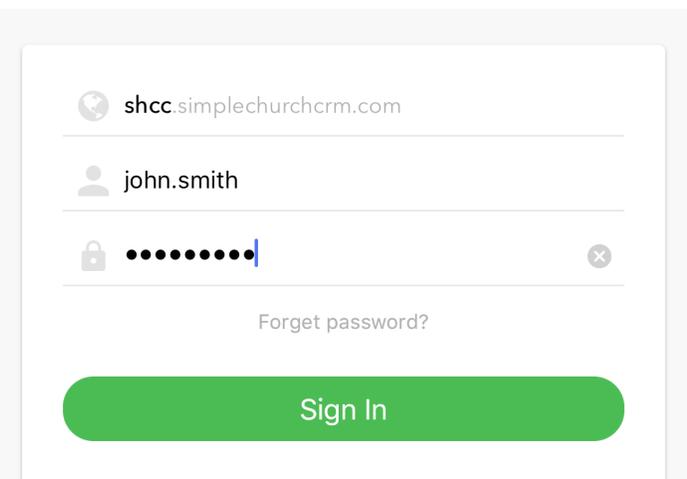


Fig. b. SimpleChurch Login Screen (iPhone)

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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



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## SHCC STAFF

Senior Minister:

Minister of Congregational Care:

Interim Dir. Children's Ministries:

Director of Youth Ministries:

Choir Director:

Contemp. Worship Music Dir:

Business Administrator:

Dir. of Communications & Tech:

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CDC Director:

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## ATTENDANCE

Sunday School 1/29	86
9:00 AM Worship 1/29	107
11:15 AM Worship 1/29	76
Total Worship 1/29	183
Sunday School 2/05	101
9:00 AM Worship 2/05	119
11:15 AM Worship 2/05	71
Total Worship 2/05	190

## PRAYERS

Please hold in your prayers:

Dorothy Messenger; Mona Baird; Barb Livingston; Valerie White; John Wallace; Bryant Rains' sister, Stephany; Maureen Stickel; Carmen Larger; Howard & Nancy Wise; Ann & Dennie Hall; Billie Jo Spleth; Denise Hill; Jo Kirtley; Donna O'Keefe; Joyce Wall; Amy Wright; Karon Gregory; Betty Marcha; Hannah Blew; Renieri Espana