



RE: LENT

A TIME TO REWIND, RESET, RENEW

Come and join us as we begin our Lenten journey with Ash Wednesday on March 1st at 7:00 pm. Lent is a season in the liturgical calendar, lasting forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. The forty days of Lent represent the time that Jesus spent in the wilderness, during which he was tempted, while preparing to begin his public ministry. The Sundays in Lent are considered "mini-Easters." These Sundays serve as reminders of the anticipation of the Resurrection. The word Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word, lencten, which means spring.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. The forty days of Lent offer individuals a time for self-examination and reflection. The early church used the time to prepare those wishing to join the church for baptism, much like our current Pastor's class is doing. Lent has become a time for individuals to focus on their relationship with God. Many will choose to give up

something for Lent. Some will choose to spend the forty days volunteering, while others might choose to take on a new spiritual discipline during the season.

In whatever way you choose to mark the forty days of Lent, we hope that you make the ministries and worship at Southern Hills part of your Lenten journey. You might use this time to explore one of our many Sunday school classes. You might decide to join a Soul Tending group. You might want to volunteer with the children and youth Wednesday night program, or with the choir or praise team. You might want to join us for Refuge Fellowship to feed the homeless in Oklahoma City. You might want to meet with Jenny to talk about getting plugged in with a spiritual director. There will be numerous ways that you can rewind, reset, and renew during these forty days of Lent with us at Southern Hills. Please Jenny or the office if you would like more information on how to enrich your Lenten journey.

WEEK OF COMPASSION SPECIAL OFFERING

Week of Compassion is the relief, refugee and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. Our special offerings to this fund will be received February 19th and 26th. The money is used in the U.S. and worldwide to alleviate water and food shortage, disaster damages, refugee relief, and poverty. When we give to the Week of Compassion, whether now or throughout the year, WE ARE THERE!

To learn more go on-line to : www.weekofcompassion.org. Thank you for sharing with those less fortunate.



CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY EVENTS



WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

Fun & Fellowship, CHAOS, and Pastor's Class resumed last week! Even if your youth or child couldn't come or didn't register, we would still love to have them. Registration forms are available on our social media pages and groups, as well as next to the Youth and Children's Events Board located outside of Amber's office. The cost for the semester is \$40 per youth/child. Scholarships are available upon request, and no one is turned away because of financial difficulties. If you would like to contribute to the scholarship fund, we welcome that as well!

FEBRUARY SAVE-THE-DATES

- 2/15 & 19 - Week of Compassion banks went home
- 2/26 - Week of Compassion banks due
- 2/26 - Leadership Council Meeting
- 2/26 Connections Dinner (childcare is provided)

WEEK OF COMPASSION

We will be collecting Week of Compassion offerings through next Sunday. Your child should have received a bank to collect their donations and offerings. Please have them bring the banks back to church on Sunday, February 26th or on Wednesday, March 1st. If they did not receive a bank please let Amber know or stop by the front office, where they will be available.

CAMPS

Camp registration has been pushed back again. I will have information to you on costs 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

YOUTH NEWS

BAKE SALE

Thank you to all who helped with the Bake Sale, either by baking or buying! We had a great turnout and raised \$564! We are still taking donations for IAS, if you would like to "Take Stock in Youth" please mark your check or envelope with "IAS"

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is March 1st. CHAOS will not meet that night as usual, but we will go to the worship service together at 7pm and then go out to eat at Alfredo's. Parents are responsible for transportation to and from Alfredo's.

YOUTH COUNCIL

We are still in need of a chair for the Youth Council. If you are interested in finding out more about this position please contact Amber.

KIDS CORNER

CHILDREN'S COUNCIL

We are in need of a chair for the Children's Council. If you are interested in finding out more about this position please contact Amber for more information.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is March 1st. Fun and Fellowship will meet as usual at 5:15 pm and have their meal at 6:30. We will then worship together at 7pm.

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YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND

We have vibrant and growing Youth and Children programs here at SHCC. We are seeing more and more visitors at Sunday school, VBS, Fun & Fellowship and more! We work very hard to make sure that each and every child who wants to participate in our activities gets to do so. For our mid-week program, we charge \$35 per youth/child. That goes to cover the cost of the meal we serve, curriculum, supplies, and any activity costs. We make sure that everyone gets to participate in our activities, gets a seat at a table of smiling faces, and a plate of hot food! As part of our hospitality, we welcome visitors to join with us, without a cost, for their first semester. As a church family, we recognize that one of the most important

things we can do is to support and welcome any youth or child who would like to join with us, and in that spirit, we have a scholarship fund. We never turn any child away because of financial issues. The fund is there for any visitor or member that needs financial assistance with the cost of any of our programs.

If you would like to contribute to the Youth and Children's Scholarship Fund, please mark your check or cash envelope as "Fun and Fellowship Fund" and place it in the offering basket on Sunday or put it in Amber or Suellen's mailbox. We appreciate all your love and support of our youth and children.

BAKE SALE THANK YOU

Thank-you to everyone who helped with the Youth Bake Sale on the 12th! Thank-you to those that baked and brought items to sell, and to those of you that purchased items and gave donations! We raised \$564!!! That will go a long way to help with the cost of the International Affairs Seminar.

If you still want to make donations, please mark your cash envelopes or checks with "IAS"

and place them in the offering plate on Sundays or put them in Amber's mailbox during the week. We appreciate your ongoing support of this important event!

Please also keep Grace Hellwege and Jenny Wynn in your prayers as they prepare to go on this trip. Grace flies out on March 10th, and Jenny will follow on the 11th. It will be an amazing experience for all the youth going on the trip,

as well as a rewarding one for the adult sponsors as they lead these young people. Thank-you!



NURSERY AND CHILDCARE

Did you know that Southern Hills has a wonderful nursery and childcare program? For events and programs that happen at the church there is quality childcare available. We have a trained and professional nursery and childcare staff that is dedicated to the well-being of your children and grandchildren. All our staff is CPR certified and we have training and updated procedures that comply with DHS, right alongside our SHCC CDC program. Valerie White is our Childcare and Nursery Coordinator. She works tirelessly to make sure that we have the correct staff, that our children have fun activities to do, and that they have a safe environment when they are in our care.

We have care for infants through 5th grade, depending on the event. We utilize the church nursery and different classrooms as necessary.

If you have any questions about our childcare program, would like a tour to visit our rooms and meet our staff, or would like to see our Staff Handbook, please contact Amber or Valerie, and we would be happy to answer all your questions. We love the children here at SHCC and we are committed to providing them with the best care in a loving, safe environment!

SOUP FOR THE SOUL

Western Oaks Christian Church will be hosting a weekly Lenten series, entitled "Soup for the Soul," exploring who is my neighbor. The community is welcome to attend. Soup for the Soul will be Sunday Evenings during lent, March 19 through April 9. Dinner begins at 6 pm with a lesson and discussion following. \$5.00 suggested donation. Please call to register for the meal at 405-789-8812.

Dates for Soup for the Soul:

- March 19 - Dr. Imam Imad Enchassi
- March 26 - Rev. Lori Walke
- April 2 - Rabbi Vered Harris
- April 9 - Dr. Elaine Robinson

For more information visit www.woccdoc.org

REFUGE FELLOWSHIP

We need you! Our next visit to serve dinner at Refuge Fellowship is Monday, March 6. We need food and monetary donations, help with food preparation, and helpers to go with us to OKC to

worship with the group and serve the meal. If you can participate, please call Marilee Hattendorf to sign up. There will also be a sign up sheet in the gathering area near the office. Thank you!

NOTE OF THANKS

Dear SHCC Friends,

It was so good hearing from many of you after my surgery through the calls, cards, and prayers. They were all truly appreciated and warmed my heart.

May God Bless each of you!

Claudia Moguin

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study group will begin a new study on March 1. The book, which is from the Life Principles Study Series is "Relying on the Holy Spirit," by Charles F. Stanley. The study is expected to continue through May.

The group meets on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am in the Boka Keene Room. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Georgia Shaw.

DISCIPLE WOMEN

Activities for January:

- **Disciple Women Fidelity Group** - Tuesday, March 21 at 10:00 am - Donna McKay will host.
- **Disciple Women Charity Group** - Tuesday, March 21 at 2:00 pm in the Chapel
- **WOW Lunch** - Wednesday, March 22, 12:30 pm. Location TBA
- **Book Group** - Monday, March 13, 11:30 am in the Chapel. Book Selection TBA. Bring your lunch and join us for a lively discussion.

Save the Date!

APRIL 1, 2017



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DISCIPLE MEN

Disciple Men meet for their monthly breakfast on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 8:00 am. Join us for good food and good fellowship.



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Dr. Anna Florence Carter
Speaking at
First Christian Church of Norman
March 4 & 5, 2017



A Part of the Celebration of First Christian Church Norman's 125th Year of Ministry

Saturday March 4 Lecture & Workshop

As part of the 125th Anniversary celebration of First Christian Church of Norman, Dr. Anna Carter Florence, the Peter Marshall Professor of Preaching at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia will lead a lecture and a workshop on Saturday, March 4, 2017.

The 9:30 a.m. lecture is entitled "Reading and Rehearsing the Script in the Scripture", which will be followed by a 10:45 workshop in which participants will have the opportunity to engage and interact with the script in the scripture.

The lecture and the workshop are based on Dr. Carter Florence's new book *Come Back When You've Found Something True: New Ways to Encounter Scripture*. Eerdmans Publishing has written of the book, "How do we read scripture for moments of encounter? Is it possible to do more in a Bible study than fight over what the text means? Can groups really gather around scripture and speak to one another about what they see and hear there?"

Dr. Carter Florence offers a faithful proposal that this is possible. "Reading and rehearsing the verbs" in the text is a way to move through differences into experiences of deep encounter with the God we

meet in scripture. Dr. Carter Florence offers practical guidelines to help groups and individuals including preachers implement reading strategies that are easy to learn and simple to adapt, documenting the process and showing the strategies at work through lively readings of the Biblical texts.

In addition, Dr. Carter Florence will offer a round table discussion with clergy over lunch on Saturday, addressing the challenges and issues of teaching, preaching, and leading in a politically charged and divisive time.

Sunday March 5th Worship Services

Dr. Carter Florence will also preach at the 8:40 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sunday services on March 5th, preaching from Exodus 1: 8 – 14, 22 and 2: 1 – 10 with the sermon entitled "The Girls in the Reeds."

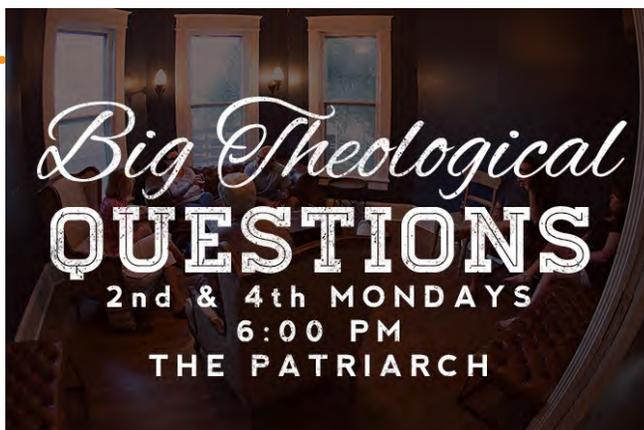
The Saturday workshops and the Sunday worship are free and open to the public.

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For more information or questions, please call Rev. David Spain at 405-329-2192 or email david@fccnorman.org.

MONDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Monday Night Fellowship is a group that meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. Most often we meet at the Patriarch in Edmond (9 E. Edwards) for a discussion called **Big Theological Questions (BTQ)**. This group originally started for young adults, however we have evolved. All are welcome! We gather together to discuss topics that are relevant to Christians in an ever-changing and sometimes difficult world. We ask questions like: what is the Christian response to those who speak hate and violence into the world? We discuss issues of social justice, interfaith issues, and look at blogs and article posts from authors and speakers of various backgrounds. We also have occasional parties and game nights and all other manner of silliness.



MNF and BTQ is open to anyone. This is a group from which anyone can bring a topic or lead the discussion. As a group of individuals, we come from different walks of life and have differing viewpoints, but we welcome all voices.

CONNECTIONS

COME
Join us

Dinner

February 26, 5:30 - 7 PM

COME AND MEET YOUR ELDER



Do you know who your Elder is? This is your chance to meet your Elder and put a name and a face together. It's also an opportunity for your Elder to get to know you.

Come enjoy a potluck dinner with your Elder! Bring an entree or side to share. Desert will be provided. Sunday, February 26, 2017 in Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP by contacting the front office at 341-0766.

DINNER FOR 8

It's Time To Sign Up For Dinner For Eight

Sign up now for Dinner for Eight 2017, a Southern Hills tradition and a great way to get to know other people in the church. **The deadline to sign up is Sunday, March 12.** Registrations forms are available in the Gathering Area. Or you may contact any member of the committee to sign up. Plan to attend the Introductory Luncheon on Sunday, March 19th at 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall to meet your group and make plans for your next meeting. A \$5.00 per person donation is requested for the luncheon to cover expenses.



Questions? Call Cheryl Aspy (341-8159), Carolyn Christie (478-5284), Marilyn Walters (478-3808), Sue Cannon (341-7713)

IT'S PUMPKIN TIME AGAIN!

What's that? "It's only February!" you say? February is when we place our order for pumpkins to arrive in October. The planning starts now!



For the last few years the three man team of John Gauldin, Gary Wallis and Carl Gibson have teamed the operation of the Pumpkin Parish. These gentlemen have done an amazing job! Unfortunately, Gary and Carl aren't able to join John in operating the Pumpkin Parish for 2017.

We are looking for a couple of men (or women) to help john in the day to day operations of the Pumpkin Parish. This is the ministry for which we are known throughout the community. We need your help to continue this ministry into the future. For more information, contact John Gauldin at 250-0903.

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March 2017

Location Key:
 BK Boka Keene
 BV Bradford Village
 C Chapel
 CR Conference Room
 P Parlor
 S Sanctuary
 YR Youth Room
 GA Gathering Area
 FH Fellowship Hall
 TR Toddler Room
 WW Worship & Wonder

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Regular Wednesday Schedule 10:00a Wednesday Bible Study (BK) 11:00 Overeater's Anonymous (C) 5:00p Southern Bells Rehearsal (MR) 5:15 Fun & Fellowship (FH) 5:30 Praise Team Rehearsal (S) 7:00 CHAOS Youth Group (YR) 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (S)			1 Ash Wednesday 10:00a Bible Study (BK) 11:00 Overeater's Anon (C) 5:00p Southern Bells (MR) 5:15 Fun & Fellowship (FH) 5:30 Praise Team (S) 7:00 Ash Wed. Svc (S)	2 3:30p Tai Chi (GA) 6:30 Comm & Tech Committee (BK)	3	4 8:30a Zumba 12:00p Pastor's Class Chalice Painiting
5 First Sunday in Lent 9:00 Traditional Worship (S) 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Contemp Worship (S) 11:15 Worship & Wonder (WW) 12:30p Leadership Council Retreat 2:00 Windsong Rehearsal (S) 3:30 Communion Service (BV)	6 5:30p Refuge Fellowship	7 Newsletter Published 3:30p Tai Chi (GA) 6:30 Soultending (C)	8 Regular Wednesday Schedule	9 3:30p Tai Chi (GA) 7:00 Stephen Min. (CR)	10	11 8:00a Disciple Men's Breakfast (CR) 8:30 Zumba (FH)
12 Don't forget to spring forward! 9:00a Traditional Worship (S) 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Contemp Worship (S) 11:15 Worship & Wonder (WW) 3:30p Communion Service (BV)	13 11:30a WOW Book Club (C) 6:00 MNF-Big Theological Questions (Patriarch)	14 Newsletter Deadline 3:30 Tai Chi (GA)	15 10:00a Bible Study (BK) 11:00 Overeater's Anon (C) 5:00p Southern Bells (MR) 5:30 Praise Team (S)	16 3:30p Tai Chi (GA) 4:30 Food Co-Op (FH)	17	18 8:30a Zumba (FH)
19 9:00a Traditional Worship (S) 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Contemp Worship (S) 11:15 Worship & Wonder (WW) 12:30p Dinner for 8 Kickoff (FH) 3:30 Communion Service (BV)	20 7:00p DW Hope Grp. (Annette Duffy Hosting)	21 Newsletter Published 10:00a DW Fidelity Grp. (Donna McKay Hosting) 2:00p DW Charity (C) 3:30p Tai Chi (GA) 7:00 Caregiver's Support Group (P)	22 Regular Wednesday Schedule	23 3:30p Tai Chi (GA) 7:00 Stephen Min. (CR)	24	25 8:30a Zumba (FH) 3:00 Memorial Svc. Dennis Evans (S)
26 9:30a Sunday School 10:45 Unified Worship 11:45 Quarterly Congregational Mtg. 12:30p Elder's Mtg (P) 2:00 Windsong Rehearsal (S) 3:30 Communion Service (BV) 4:00 Leadership Council Mtg (C) 5:30 Connections Dinner (FH)	27 6:00 MNF-Big Theological Questions (Patriarch)	28 Newsletter Deadline 3:30p Tai Chi (GA)	29 Regular Wednesday Schedule	30 6:00p Youth Group - Regional Food Bank	31	

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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

- 2/26 - Week of Compassion Special Offering
- 2/26 - SimpleChurch Tutorial - 10:30 am in the Gathering Area
- 2/26 - Leadership Council Meeting - 4:00 pm in the Chapel
- 2/26 - Connections Dinner - 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall
- 3/01 - Ash Wednesday Service - 7:00 pm
- 3/05 - Leadership Council Retreat - 12:30 pm in Chapel
- 3/19 - Dinner for 8 Kickoff Luncheon - 12:30 in Fellowship Hall
- 3/26 - Unified service at 10:45, Sunday School at 9:30
- 3/26 - Quarterly Congregational Meeting following Worship

SHCC STAFF

Senior Minister:	Rev. Jenny Wynn
Minister of Congregational Care:	Pastor Jean Scott Gaudin
Interim 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 Communications & Tech:	Chuck Marshall
Nursery Coordinator:	Valerie White
CDC Director:	Carolyn Lamiell

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School 2/12	98
9:00 AM Worship 2/12	119
11:15 AM Worship 2/12	45
Total Worship 2/12	164
Sunday School 2/19	92
9:00 AM Worship 2/19	94
11:15 AM Worship 2/19	60
Total Worship 2/19	154

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; Betty Marcha; Hannah Blew; Reniery Espana, Andrée Leyval; Wayne Jennings