



Southern Hills Christian Church (DOC)

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## FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT WITH OKC ENERGY FC

Join us for a night to celebrate faith as we come together with city & club to cheer on our OKC Energy FC! August 25, 7:30 pm at taft stadium, 2501 N May, OKC. Visit the SHCC Facebook page ([facebook.com/shccedmond](https://www.facebook.com/shccedmond)) for the Energy FC event which has a link to buy tickets, or go directly to: <https://groupmatics.events/Faith4>. Use SHCC Edmond as the church name, and choose section 4, row N or row O so that we can all sit together. Tickets are \$8.00 plus fees which brings the cost to just over \$11 per person. We hope to see you there!



## UPDATE ON VISION TASK FORCE SURVEY

We want to again thank you for the generous outpouring of your hearts in response to our recent survey. We know you are eager to hear about the results and want to know how we are going to proceed with all the information you have given us. This article is the first of multiple ways and opportunities you will have, in the near future, to learn more about the survey results and our next steps together.

You far exceeded our expectations! Ninety-seven surveys were included in the analysis, and the formal report was delivered to the Vision Task Force on 7/30/18. It was then shared in a joint meeting of the Task Force, Leadership Council and Elders on 8/6/18. One topic that was repeated over and over is that we are a church that is passionate about relationships. This theme came through on a number of questions. For example, Question 3 asked why you continue to attend SHCC, and 86% of you said it was because of relationships. Relationships was also a big reason why many have joined SHCC, and relationships (fellowship) was what over 40% of you like most about your Sunday School class.

You also provided great input as to how we can improve in many areas, and one area in particular that kept coming up again, and again was improved communication and more transparency from your leaders. We have heard you. One of our earliest actions will be to hold a special presentation on the

survey results on Sunday, August 26th, in Fellowship Hall, during the Sunday School hour. All ages who participated in the survey are encouraged to attend. A full report of the survey (the same as Leadership Council and the Elders received) will be provided each person during this meeting.

In the meantime, also know that there are activities already happening with the survey results. For example, your great suggestions about how to improve our worship experience have been given to the Worship Convener, your suggestions for how to better market ourselves have been given to the Communications and Technology Convener, and your suggestions for how to be more welcoming were given to the Diaconate Convener. They, along with their respective committees, will be working through your numerous suggestions to see what can be implemented. Please be assured that no one is seeing your actual surveys. Your answers were transcribed into a separate document that removed all demographic data, and were collated by question, so that we could take your comments to heart and respond in action.

If you have any questions before the 8/26 presentation, feel free to contact any member of the Vision Task Force, the Leadership Council or your elder, and, remember to mark your calendars for the special presentation during the Sunday School hour on 8/26.

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## FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES

### YOUTH

CHAOS has begun! Youth in 6-12th grades are invited to join in, Sundays 6-8 pm. (No CHAOS on Labor Day Sunday.) Bring your ideas for a great year together of faith exploration, service, fun and friendship.

### YARD WORK

Thanks to the youth for their hard work clearing the Hirsch's wilderness, especially those who got the bonus of poison sumac! All of them got the bonus of a swim. If you are in need of yard work help, please let Morgan know.

### CHILDREN

A new year of Sunday school has begun, with the promotions that happened on August 12. Journeyland class meets in the little kitchen and is for ages K-2nd grades. Allison Longman is the current teacher. Faith Travelers is a big group of 3rd-5th graders and meets with Karl and Mary Hirsch in Rm112.

### FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHT WITH THE OKC ENERGY August 25 at 7:30 pm

Tickets are \$8 and can be ordered through the SHCC Facebook page. Please select seats in section 4, row N when ordering so that we can sit together, and enter SHCC Edmond when asked for church name.

### UPCOMING CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Fun and Fellowship for children Ages 5-5th grade will resume in mid-September. Many volunteers will be needed to make this program happen. Please talk with Allison about helping.

Also mid-September, we hope to begin Worship and Wonder for our young children, changing the meeting time to the traditional service, when most of them are here. This will require storytellers and other helpers, so if you have helped with this before, and can continue, please talk with Allison. If we are unable to staff this program, there will be childcare available for children through grade 2. The nursery is busting at the seams (a good problem to have!) so it may become two groups, of Nursery-Preschool and K-2nd.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Welcome Knox Sanders Lovinggood, born August 14 to Jessica and Krystal Lovinggood. (Big sister is Reagan.) We're so happy to welcome you into our church family!

### VOLUNTEERS VOLUNTEERS VOLUNTEERS

At the Family Life meeting July 30, there was much interest in maintaining a full and active program for our children and youth. This can only happen with the participation and support of every family, and others whose gifts lie with children. There are many places to volunteer in the life of a busy church, but we're hopeful you will consider giving some time to make these programs a reality. Please see Allison or Morgan.

### INTERFAITH YOUTH TOUR

#### September 16 at 1:00 pm

Traditionally this is a youth event (grades 6th-12th), and the church pays for and registers youth group members. However it is open to all. If you would like to attend, the cost is \$20.00. You can register at [okchurches.org](http://okchurches.org). Please let Morgan know by August 19 if your youth will be attending.

## INTERIM MINISTER OF FAMILY LIFE

As we begin the search for Director of Family Life Ministries, Allison Longman has agreed to serve in the Interim position. Please welcome Allison to this role, and direct any Child or Youth related

questions to her. You may email her at [allison@shccedmond.org](mailto:allison@shccedmond.org). Allison will be capably assisted by Family Life Intern, Morgan Gregory, and Youth Volunteer, Jessica Lackey-Kaplan, who have

both been serving in these roles since spring of this year.

A **BIG THANK YOU** goes out to Jill Hill for serving in this role for the summer!

## WOW LUNCH

WOW Lunch Group will be meeting this month at Kwan's Kitchen, just west of May Ave. at 3031 W Memorial Rd, Oklahoma City, OK 73134. All ladies of the church are invited. Please RSVP to Carolyn Christie, as she needs to confirm the number with the restaurant.

## INTERFAITH YOUTH TOUR

### September 16, 1:00 - 5:30 pm

Each September, the Oklahoma Conference of Church's Annual Interfaith Youth Tour is held on a Sunday afternoon for hundreds of metro students ages 7th – 12th grade. The young people (with adult leaders) visit houses of worship for different faiths to learn more about each religion. Meeting the leaders, witnessing a worship experience, exploring the facility, and participating in a question & answer session of other faiths helps to build bridges of understanding, friendship, and mutual respect. Charter buses transport the youth and their sponsors to three quite different houses of worship

in the Oklahoma City area. This year, all three stops on the tour are in Edmond - **Edmond Baha'i Center, Islamic Society of Edmond, and First Christian Church of Edmond.**

While this is traditionally a youth event, and the church pays for and registers youth group members, it is open to all. Please let Morgan know by August 19 if your youth will be attending. There is a sign-up sheet on the Youth and Children bulletin board near the Family Life Ministries Office. If you would like to attend as an adult, the cost is \$20.00. You can register at [okchurches.org](http://okchurches.org).

## PULPIT SUPPLY IN SEPTEMBER

As we search for an Interim Minister, we continue to have a wonderful group of Ministers and Lay Leaders supplying our pulpit. Thanks to everyone who has shared in worship leadership in the past few weeks. We've heard meaningful messages and the music is always outstanding! Your regular attendance in worship gives care for others, just by you being here! Here is who we have coming up:

- 9/02 - Steve Wynn
- 9/09 - Karl & Mary Hirsch
- 9/16 - Rev. Pam Holt, Oklahoma Regional Minister
- 9/23 - Russ Wagner-Bark
- 9/30 - Rev. Shannon Fleck, Executive Director of Oklahoma Conference of Churches

## THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Once again, the SHCC family stepped up to serve the OKC homeless at Refuge Fellowship Church. We fed about 80 people and filled some take out containers also. We appreciate all those who contributed money, food, t-shirts, snack items and hygiene supplies. Also, those who prepared the fresh salads

and those who went to serve.

There are photos of the last two visits to Refuge Fellowship on the Outreach bulletin board in the hallway. Stop by and take a look at SHCC in action!

## THANK YOU FROM ORVIS RISNER!

Orvis Risner Elementary School received multiple loads of school supplies from Southern Hills. The final count was over 1000 items that were donated and delivered to Orvis Risner. Thank you, Southern Hills, for your generosity!

### **Volunteer Sign-up for the Weekend Free Breakfast**

Look for Breakfast Volunteer sign-ups near the TV in the Gathering Area. We need Shoppers, Cooks, Cookie Bakers, Sandwich Makers, Greeters, and Servers. Help fight hunger in Oklahoma!

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# September 2018

**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
						<b>1</b> 7:30 - 8:15 Free Breakfast
<b>2</b> 9:00a Traditional Worship (S) 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Contemp Worship (S) 3:30p Communion Service (BV)	<b>3</b> Labor Day SHCC Closed	<b>4</b>	<b>5 Newsletter Published</b> 11:00a Overeater's Anon (C) 12:00 PLARN Workshop (BK) 5:30 Praise Team (S) 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (S)	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7:30 - 8:15 Free Breakfast
<b>9</b> 9:00a Traditional Worship (S) 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Contemp Worship (S) 3:30p Communion Service (BV)	<b>10</b> 12:00p WOW Book Club 6:00 Big Theological Questions (The Patriarch) 6:00 Plarn Workshop (BK) 6:30 The People (P)	<b>11</b> 6:30p Lectio Divina	<b>12</b> 10:00a Bible Study (BK) 11:00 Overeater's Anon (C) 5:30p Fun & Fellowship (FH) 5:30 Praise Team (S) 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (S)	<b>13</b> 2:00p DW Hope Group (Annette Duffy) 7:00 Stephen Min. (P)	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 7:30 - 8:15 Free Breakfast
<b>16</b> 9:00a Traditional Worship (S) 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Contemp Worship (S) 12:30p Interfaith Youth Tour 3:30 Communion Service (BV)	<b>17</b> 6:00 Plarn Workshop (BK) 6:30 The People (P)	<b>18</b> 12:30p DW Fidelity/Charity (P) 7:00 Caregiver's Support (P) 7:30 Outreach Committee (C)	<b>19 Newsletter Published</b> 10:00a Bible Study (BK) 11:00 Overeater's Anon (C) 5:30p Fun & Fellowship (FH) 5:30 Praise Team (S) 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (S)	<b>20</b> 4:30p Food Co-Op (FH)	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 7:30 - 8:15 Free Breakfast
<b>23</b> 9:00a Traditional Worship (S) 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Contemp Worship (S) 12:30p Elder's Meeting (CR) 3:30 Communion Service (BV) 4:00 Leadership Council (C)	<b>24</b> 6:00p Big Theological Questions (The Patriarch) 6:00 Plarn Workshop (BK) 6:30 The People (P)	<b>25</b> 6:30p Lectio Divina 6:30 Qigong (S)	<b>26</b> 10:00a Bible Study (BK) 11:00 Overeater's Anon (C) 5:30p Fun & Fellowship (FH) 5:30 Praise Team (S) 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (S)	<b>27</b> 7:00p Stephen Min. (P)	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 7:30 - 8:15 Free Breakfast
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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

## Office Hours

Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm



## IMPORTANT DATES

- 8/26 - Elder's meeting - 12:30 in the Conference Room
- 8/26 - Leadership Council - 4:00 pm in the Chapel
- 9/01 - Weekend Breakfast begins - 7:5 am in Fellowship Hall
- 9/12 - Wednesday Bible Study - 10:00 am in Boka Keene
- 9/12 - Fun & Fellowship - 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall
- 9/13 - DW Hope Group - 2:00 pm at Annette Duffy's home
- 9/18 - DW Charity/Fidelity Group- 12:30 pm in the Parlor

## PRAYERS

Marie Byrkit; Mona Baird; Susie Park; Elsie Knight; Alice Smith; Joe Jones; Suzanne Ray, Mary Lou Pendleton

## SHCC STAFF

Interim Minister of Family Life:	Allison Longman
Family Life Intern:	Morgan Gregory
Interim Traditional Music Director:	Lacie Bowlware
Interim Contemp Music Directors:	Ben Bowlware
Dir. of Communications & Tech:	Chuck Marshall
Church Office Coordinator:	John Greer
Child Development Center Director:	Suzanne Ray

## ATTENDANCE

Sunday School 8/12	70
10:45 Combined Svc. 8/12	121
3:30 PM Bradford 8/12	16
<b>Total Worship 8/12</b>	<b>136</b>

Sunday School 8/19	83
9:00 AM Traditional 8/19	96
11:15 AM Contemp. 8/19	42
3:30 PM Bradford 8/19	17
<b>Total Worship 8/19</b>	<b>155</b>

## Assistance Needed

A need has been identified for ladies' professional clothing for a woman in her mid thirties who is returning to the work force as a hair stylist. Dress size 8-10, shoe size 9-1/2. If you have clothing to donate that would be suitable for work of that nature, please drop it off with John in the front office.