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BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

Sunday, February 10, is Scout Sunday. Scout Troop 79 will host its annual Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale that morning in Fellowship Hall. Serving will begin by 8 am and continue until 11 am. Come and support our Scout Troop and enjoy some great Boy Scout pancakes!



"ABIDE IN ME" - LEADERSHIP TRAINING SCHOOL 2019



"Abide in Me" is the theme of our 2019 Regional Leadership Training School. It will be held February 23, 2019! This popular annual event will offer education, worship, fellowship, and renewal for those in ministry in Oklahoma congregations.

Guest Speaker: DOC General Minister & President Rev Terri Hord Owens

Our preacher for the day is Rev. Teresa "Terri" Hord Owens, the General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). She will speak on the theme "Abide in Me", based on John 15:4-5.

⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

Topics: Justice • Disciples Roots • Inclusivity

There will be three opportunities for workshops, with participants choosing from the topics of justice, Disciples roots, and inclusivity. Presenters are from local, regional, and general church ministry organizations, providing a full and vibrant day of learning options.

Registration

The cost for the event is \$35 per person. If you attend, SHCC will reimburse you for this cost. Childcare will be provided free for those in 5th grade and below; please indicate your childcare needs when you pre-register. Youth in grades 6-12 are encouraged to participate in the event.

<https://okdisciples.org/lts-2019/>

FCC Edmond Hosting

First Christian Church in downtown Edmond (201 E. 2nd St. • Edmond, OK 73034) is hosting the 2019 Leadership Training School from 9 am - 4:15 pm. You are encouraged to enjoy lunch on your own at one of Edmond's many great restaurants during the 2-hour lunch break. Parking AT FCC is available north and east of the building.

Schedule of Events

9:00 am Welcome & Hospitalitea
9:30-10:30 Block A Workshops
10:30-10:45 Transition to Sanctuary
10:45-12:00 Worship (Sanctuary)
12:00-2:00 pm Lunch on Your Own
2:00-3:00 Block B Workshops
3:00-3:15 Transition
3:15-4:15 Block C Workshops
4:15 Traveling Mercies

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES

Get ready! We're gearing up for a reboot of **Fun and Fellowship, beginning Feb 13, 5:30 – 7:00.** Pastor Rob and Morgan will be taking the lead until we have hired a new Children's Director. Other adults are still very much needed, as cooks, clean up, and helpers. Please see the sign up on the Christian Education Bulletin Board, or talk to Morgan. As you are able, you are invited to support our program financially. The recommended donation per week is about \$5.00, or \$40 for all 10 weeks. If this is a hardship for anyone, just come. Payment is not required.

Journeyland (K-2) Teacher and Helper needed:

Beginning February 3. Allison will be leaving. Children this age learn most about God through the relationships they form in the church. It would be great if someone would make an ongoing commitment to these bright, fun loving, not-yet-reading children. Easy to follow curriculum is available.

Worship and Wonder could use more storytellers and greeters, even if you can only commit to one or two times. Please talk with Janee or Morgan. If you would to learn how to be a Storyteller, please talk to Janee.

Church Camp information has been published, and

registration will open on line February 1 at: <http://www.okdisciples.org>. The church will once again provide scholarships for up to half the cost for one camp per child. Again, if this is a hardship for anyone, please talk to Pastor Rob. Cost information will be available when registration opens. Adults, would you like to serve as a counselor?! Or camp nurse? If so, talk to Michael Davidson with the region about opportunities. Dates are:

Camp	Grade Completed	Dates	Where
Discovery	2-3	June 21-23	Central
Junior	4-5	June 17-21	Central
Chi Rho	6-8	June 3-7	Oakridge
CYF Conference	9-12	June 24-28	Central
Mission Camp	8-12	July 7-13	Texas
Grand Camp	K-5 and Grandparents	July 9-11	Camp Christian

There will be a Camp Sunday later this Spring to collect everything necessary to go, and to get you excited!! Watch for details.

The Annual Youth Bake Sale is coming soon! Be on the lookout for info on how you can get involved.

CHAOS! The CHAOS Youth program start date is to be determined and will be released as soon as possible.

2019 DAY AT THE LEGISLATURE

#1 We live in the most incarcerated country in the world and Oklahoma ranks 1st in the country for incarceration rates.

#49 We live in an incredibly educated nation, yet Oklahoma's public schools are ranked 49th in the nation for education.

What does it mean to be 1st and 49th? How does it impact the people of the state? How can the faith community unite together to improve these stark numbers?

Join us for the 36th Annual Oklahoma Conference of Churches Day at the Legislature **Monday, February 25th, 2019, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm** at the Oklahoma State Capitol Building in the 4th Floor Rotunda.

Check-in and registration opens at 8:30 am
Register online at okchurches.org

Volunteer Sign-up for the Weekend Free Breakfast

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

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

OUR NEEDS ARE GOD'S OPPORTUNITY

Whenever we follow God's lead, our obedience opens the door to Him to do something great in our lives. Yet, how often do we resist obeying God because His instructions seem to appear to be impossible or at least, impractical and unreasonable and, so we doubt His intentions for us.

In 2 Kings the story of Naaman he could not understand why the Lord would tell him to go and wash seven times in the Jordan River. He thought he had done good enough in exercising his faith by coming to the prophet Elisha. He had hoped for a magnificent supernatural healing of his disease not some crazy sounding instructions to go on a fool's mission. The great Syrian leader didn't see anyone else bathing in the muddy waters and being healed. But, God's instructions were just for him and no one else.

If you decide to do what God tells you do to just because you see others doing this, you will miss out on His best for you. What if Naaman had decided he just couldn't do something that seemed so crazy. He would have died a leper. Likewise, when you hold out on obeying God completely, you will never know what



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wonderful things He would have done in your life if only you had trusted Him.

Our needs are God's opportunities for God to transform the lives of His children. We need to learn to believe and act on His trustworthiness.

When we face a challenge, you have two choices. One is to focus on what you lack and how God doesn't appear to be responding the way you want. The other option is to recognize that your need indicates His desire to teach you something. Then you can rejoice over all that He plans to accomplish.

'til next time, God's peace and blessings upon you,

Sandy J.

LITURGISTS NEEDED

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



IN THE EVENT OF BAD WEATHER

If bad weather on a Sunday morning threatens cancellation of the worship services, a decision will be made by 7:30 am and the word will go out in several ways. Information on church closings will be reported on the local news stations. The information will be posted on the SHCC website, Facebook page, and Twitter account as well.

If bad weather is in the forecast, look to one of these sources to see if we will have services as scheduled. If it is determined that worship will occur as scheduled, please use your own good judgment about attending, taking into account the weather conditions and your own mobility.



A WORD FROM OUR INTERIM MINISTER

I love serving the church. For real: most days I do. I am especially proud to serve at Southern Hills Christian Church right now. This coming Monday I will be getting on a plane and flying to Arizona, where I will meet with other pastors that serve the church too. They bring such joy and wisdom. I often find myself looking around the room in awe of these people who are some of the brightest clergy I've ever known. Their secret? They are all grounded in prayer. I am grateful to be in community with these people and am grateful to serve a church that affords me the time to be with them. Thank you SHCC.

At this retreat, we will be spending at least 36 hours in silence. We will be praying, we will be reflecting, we will be spending time in solitude. While there, I will be praying for you. Please pray for me too, and for our church. This Sunday in worship, you will be invited to write a prayer for the people in your lives. You will also be invited to write prayers for your church. I will carry those prayers with me to the retreat, and pray them with you, one by one; again and again. Prayer is no magic wand and prayer surely manifests itself in different ways. However, I believe that there is power in prayer and that praying is a critical spiritual discipline.

Murray Bodo's writing in *Landscape of Prayer*, informs how I understand and talk about prayer: "...prayer is the search for authenticity, identity and security that transcends and exposes all false securities.

Prayer is a return to listening, a return to the soul, from which all identity derives, a return to God, who is the source of everything, the One in whom all mere appearance and falsehood are exposed. We come to prayer, then, to learn to listen, to find our soul, to find God (who is the One we listen to in the depths of our soul)."

Bodo, a Franciscan priest, who dedicated much of his life to understanding prayer, also wrote, "*Prayer is often a struggle, a wrestling with ourselves to quiet down, to focus, to listen. A wrestling with faith to believe we're not just talking to ourselves but are in fact in dialogue with a God we cannot hear. A wrestling with the God we do hear deep inside those insights and convictions that invite us to change, to begin moving out of our self-preoccupation into charity, other-centeredness motivated by God's love for us.*"

I look forward to talking with you about prayer, but in the meantime, will you please join me in praying for our church, for each other, and for our neighbors? God is calling us to be conduits of grace, and co-creators of new life in our often-fragmented world. We can't do this on our own, or of our own accord. However, as we pray for and with each other, the path ahead will be illuminated. May it be so?!

Shalom,
Pastor Rob

DISCIPLE WOMEN

Activities for January:

- **Book Group** - Monday, February 11, 12:00 pm in the Chapel. Bring your lunch and join us for a lively discussion.
- **Disciple Women Fidelity/Charity Group** - Tuesday, February 19, 1:30 pm
- **WOW Lunch** - Wednesday, February 27, 12:30 pm. Location TBA

2018 GIVING REPORTS

The 2018 giving reports for gifts made to Southern Hills Christian Church will be mailed soon. Look for reports to arrive the last week of January or first week of February. If you have questions about your report, please contact Chuck via email at chuck@shccedmond.org or call the office at 405-341-0766, Monday-Thursday.

Thank you,
Chuck Marshall

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February 2019

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
					1 2:00p food prep	2 7:30 - 8:15 Free Breakfast
3 9:00 Traditional Worship (S) 9:15 Worship & Wonder 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Contemp Worship (S) 3:30 Communion Service (BV)	4 9:00a Tai Chi (GA) 6:00p Plarn Workshop (BK) 6:30 Cub Scouts	5 Newsletter Published 7:00 Boy Scouts	6 10:00a Bible Study (BK) 11:00 Overeater's Anon (C) 5:30 p Praise Team (S) 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (S)	7 3:15p Tai Chi (GA) 5:30 Intercessory Prayer Group (C)	8 2:00p food prep	9 7:30 - 8:15 Free Breakfast
10 Scout Sunday 8:00a Pancake Breakfast (FH) 9:00 Traditional Worship (S) 9:15 Worship & Wonder 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Contemp Worship (S) 3:30 Communion Service (BV)	11 9:00a Tai Chi (GA) 12:00p WOW Book Club 6:00 Big Theological Questions (The Patriarch) 6:00 Plarn Workshop (BK) 6:30 Cub Scouts 6:30 CDC Meeting (S)	12 Newsletter Deadline 6:00p Lectio Divina (C) 7:00 Boy Scouts	13 10:00a Bible Study (BK) 11:00 Overeater's Anon (C) 5:30p Fun & Fellowship (FH) 5:30 p Praise Team (S) 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (S) 7:00 Outreach (BK)	14 Staff In-service Day 3:15p Tai Chi (GA) 5:30 Intercessory Prayer Group (C) 6:00p Girl Scouts (P) 7:00 Stephen Min. (P)	15 2:00p food prep	16 7:30 - 8:15 Free Breakfast
17 Week of Compassion Offering 9:00a Traditional Worship (S) 9:15 Worship & Wonder 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Contemp Worship (S) 3:30 Communion Service (BV)	18 9:00a Tai Chi (GA) 6:00p Plarn Workshop (BK) 6:30 Cub Scouts	19 Newsletter Published 12:30p DW Fidelity/Charity (P) 6:00 Lectio Divina (C) 7:00 Caregiver's Support (P) 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Breakfast Planning Committee (BK)	20 10:00a Bible Study (BK) 11:00 Overeater's Anon (C) 12:00 Plarn Workshop (BK) 5:30 Praise Team (S) 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (S)	21 3:15p Tai Chi (GA) 5:30 Intercessory Prayer Group (C)	25 22:00p food prep	23 7:30 - 8:15 Free Breakfast Leadership Training School (FCC Edmond) 7:00 Boy Scouts Blue & Gold Banquet
24 Week of Compassion Offering 9:00a Traditional Worship (S) 9:15 Worship & Wonder 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Contemp Worship (S) 12:30p Elder's Meeting (P) 3:30 Communion Service (BV) 4:00 Leadership Council (C)	25 OCC Day at the Legislature 9:00a Tai Chi (GA) 6:00 Big Theological Questions (The Patriarch) 6:00 Plarn Workshop (BK) 6:30 Cub Scouts	26 Newsletter Deadline 7:00p Boy Scouts	27 10:00a Bible Study (BK) 11:00 Overeater's Anon (C) 12:30p WOW Lunch Group (TBA) 5:30p Praise Team (S) 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (S)	28 3:15p Tai Chi (GA) 5:30 Intercessory Prayer Group (C) 6:00p Girl Scouts (P) 7:00 Stephen Min. (P)		

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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

- 1/24 - Intercessory Prayer Group - 5:30 pm in the Chapel
- 1/27 - Elder's Meeting - 12:30 in the Conference Room
- 1/27 - Vision Task Force - 12:30 pm in Boka Keene
- 1/27 - Leadership council Meeting - 4:00 in the Chapel
- 1/28 - PLARN Workshop - 6:00 pm in the Boka Keene Room
- 1/28 - Big Theological Questions - 6:00 pm at the Patriarch
- 2/10 - Scout Sunday & Pancake Breakfast
- 2/23 - Leadership Training School - 9:00 am at FCC Edmond
- 2/25 - OCC Day at the Legislature

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School 1/13	80
9:00 AM Traditional 1/13	94
11:15 AM Contemp. 1/13	53
3:30 PM Bradford 1/13	13
Total Worship 1/13	160

Sunday School 1/20	72
9:00 AM Traditional 1/20	96
11:15 AM Contemp. 1/20	42
3:30 PM Bradford 1/20	14
Total Worship 1/20	152

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PRAYERS

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