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## ORDINARY PEOPLE - EXTRAORDINARY LIVES

### #thestoriesofjesus

Beginning March 6th at 7 pm, Southern Hills Christian Church will take our first steps into the wilderness of Lent as we observe Ash Wednesday. Receiving the sign of ashes on our forehead we will hear these words: "From Ashes We Come To Ashes We Return, Repent and Live the Gospel." Ideally we pray to God daily, as Psalm 90 instructs, to help us number each day we live, that we may have a wise heart. Or to put it another way, as my grandmother would often tell me, "Nobody's tomorrow is guaranteed." Pure and simple, life is a gift. During the season of Lent, we are asked to use approximately 6 weeks (some like to say 40 days) preparing for Easter.

This year as we explore what it means to prepare for Easter, our theme for worship, as well as the Fun and Fellowship activities, will be: **Ordinary People – Extraordinary Lives #thestoriesofjesus**. Jesus was telling stories all the time. They most generally involved ordinary people living extraordinary lives. Jesus used these stories to discuss what the Kingdom of God is like. An example, from a recent Sunday morning scripture reading, found in Matthew 13 is: Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." There is a great deal to unpack

in that one sentence. Jesus was as shrewd as he was wise. A part of our call as followers of The Ways of Jesus, is to contemplate what ushering in the kingdom of God means; once we figure that out, ours is that call to work to make it happen. It may be different for each of us. What Jesus tells us, and what we will be exploring this Lenten season, is that God uses ordinary people who live extraordinarily (if only for a moment; if only for a day; if only for a lifetime) to usher in the kingdom of God. #thestoriesofjesus tell us that God wants to use our seemingly ordinary selves, to live extraordinary lives.

ORDINARY  
EXTRAORDINARY



**Ordinary People  
Extraordinary Lives**

**The Stories of Jesus**  
#thestoriesofjesus

of our neighbors. Jesus calls us to search out God's vision for our world; and to make it a part of our own. To do that, we need to have our eyes, ears, and hearts open! God needs each of us to help prepare the way for a world where the risen Jesus defends the vulnerable, defeats despair, and defies death.

Invite a friend to join us in worship as we explore: Ordinary People – Extraordinary Lives #thestoriesofjesus.

Most of us think that we live simple, ordinary lives. Jesus teaches us that the Kingdom of God is like... ordinary people, making extraordinary choices. As followers of the ways of Jesus, we don't see the world the same; nor do we see it like many

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# CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

## FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES



**Church Camp information** has been published, and registration is open at: <http://www.okdisciples.org>. Southern Hills will once again provide scholarships for up to half the cost for one camp per child. If this is a hardship, 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 Davison with the region about opportunities.

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 City, TX
Grand Camp	K-5 and Grandparents	July 9-11	Camp Christian

## PLEASE WELCOME SARAH COMBS



We are pleased to announce that Southern Hills Christian church has called Rev. Sarah Combs as our new Director of Family Life Ministries. Sarah is an ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). A lifelong Disciple, she grew up as an active member of FCC Edmond, thoroughly enjoying the fun and fellowship of our region's camp programs. After receiving her Bachelor of Arts in sociology and religion from Texas Christian University in 2007, she received her Masters of Divinity degree from Vanderbilt Divinity School in Nashville. While in school, Sarah served as a ministerial intern at Western Oaks Christian Church in Oklahoma City and later at Vine Street Christian Church in Nashville, TN. She leaves her current role as a volunteer youth minister at Edmond Trinity Christian Church to accept this call to ministry with Southern Hills. Sarah is also finishing her final year of service to the council of the Disciples LGBTQ+ Alliance (AllianceQ).

Sarah also works in higher education administration doing institutional assessment for the University of Central Oklahoma. She lives with her wife, Lauren, who she first met at 3rd grade Discovery Camp. They have two sons, Emerson (4 in March) and Everett (2 in March), and a sweet 100 lb lab lap dog named Eleanor (after Eleanor Roosevelt, of course). In her spare time, Sarah enjoys hiking and travel.

### Save the Date - March 17, 2019

(Rescheduled from March 3, due to weather)

Please save the date for a wedding shower for Thaddius and Tia Hattendorf on Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 2:00 pm in the Parlor. They are registered at Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

## GOD'S GOOD BOUNDARIES

Lord, you have assigned me my portion and my cup; you have made my lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for me in a pleasant place. Psalm 16: 5-6

God created you and me at this appointed time in history and put each of us in our unique situation and circumstances for a reason. Your experiences have not only shaped your personality and values, but they affect how you serve God and to whom you are able to minister.

Right now your life may be difficult, it is not a mistake or by chance that you are in your present situation. God has set the boundaries of your life not for harm, but for good. Not to cause you pain, but to give you purpose.

You may not understand how God could use your situation, but He will bless you abundantly if you will allow Him to lead you. Therefore, listen to Him and seek His wisdom in all your circumstances. Then rejoice and



*Christ caring for people through people*

**STEPHEN  
MINISTRY**

praise Him as He turns your limitations into wonderful opportunities.

Perhaps you feel guilty for something you have said or done. No matter how serious it may have been, God waits for you with open arms. He stands ready to dry your tears, forgive you, and comfort you. Let Him give you a new beginning.

'Til next time, God's blessings and peace be upon you,

Sandy J.  
Stephen Leader



## REFUGE FELLOWSHIP SIGN UP

We will be serving our OKC homeless friends at Refuge Fellowship on April 1st. We leave SHCC promptly at 5:00 pm. There will be sign up sheets in the Gathering Area if you would like to help furnish food or go with us to serve the meal. There will also be an envelope for monetary donations to defray the cost of the meat and paper goods. If you have never been with us at Refuge Fellowship, we would love to have you fight hunger in Oklahoma with us. Please contact Marilee Hattendorf for more information.

## A WORD FROM PASTOR ROB

Lent is a time to come to God with what weighs us down or gets in the way of life. It's no good when we lie to God or to ourselves. If we are willing to be vulnerable, self-reflecting and honest with God (and ourselves), God will create something anew.

Please help us prepare for Ash Wednesday by considering the following questions. Your responses will be written on stones that you may symbolically "lay down before the Lord," during our worship service. Come Wednesday with your one answer in mind.

In one word, what weighs you down the most?  
In one word, what interferes with relationship the most?





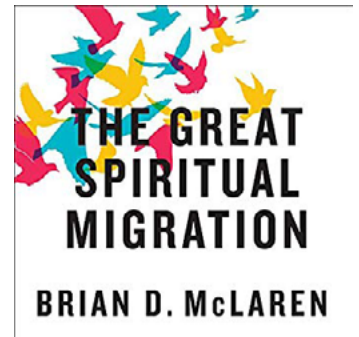
## ONE SERVICE & FELLOWSHIP MEAL - SUNDAY, MARCH 10

The first Sunday in Lent, Sunday, March 10, 2019, there will be **one service of worship at 10:45. Sunday School will be at 9:30.** Please be aware that we "spring forward" that day for Daylight Savings Time. Immediately following the service, join us for

a **Fellowship Meal** in Fellowship Hall. We will be serving baked potatoes with toppings, beef and veggie burgers, or chicken sandwiches, and homemade desserts. You may leave a love offering to help with the cost of the meal if you wish.

## LENTEN JOURNEY SERIES

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, is on March 6. This year we are proposing a 4-week Wednesday night program to accompany you on your Lenten journey. You are invited to participate on **March 13 & 27; and April 3 & 10** in a video and discussion series covering the Great Spiritual Migration based on a book by Brian McLaren. Each session will begin with a light supper for both children and adults at 5:30 and then all programs (children will have their regular classes) will begin at 6:00 and will conclude before 7:00. Choir practice will follow at 7:00 as usual.



## DISCIPLES 101 - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

### Special Lenten Series: A Swing Through Church History and Disciples 101

Ever wondered how the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) started? Ever wonder why "Disciples of Christ" is always in parentheses? Curious about the Church Jesus came to establish and how it evolved after his death? Ever wondered what the Reformation or the Restoration were all about? Then we have a class for you! During five Sundays in Lent (March 10th through April 7th) we will have a special class during the Sunday School hour focused on the following topics:



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|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday March 10th: | Foundations of Faith, from Jesus up to the Reformation        |
| Sunday March 17th: | The Reformation Period                                        |
| Sunday March 24th: | The Restoration Movement and beginnings of the DOC, the 1800s |
| Sunday March 31st: | The formation of a denomination, 1900s through today          |
| Sunday April 7th:  | Women in Disciples History (in Fellowship Hall)               |

This class is for anyone interested in church history, but especially for new members who have never been through an introductory Disciples class, or anyone who is thinking about becoming a member of Southern Hills. The first four classes will be taught by Lisa Wynn (and held in the chapel), and the final class will be a special presentation on Women in Disciples History, taught by Professor Lisa Barnett, PhD, from Phillips Theological Seminary (and held in Fellowship Hall). All ages (including youth) are welcome. We need to have an estimate of class size in order to determine how to set up the room, so please sign up at the table in the gathering area, or speak directly with Lisa Wynn, or email her at [ljwynn@cox.net](mailto:ljwynn@cox.net).

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# March 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
					<b>1</b> 2:00p food prep	<b>2</b> 7:30 - 8:15 <b>Free Breakfast</b> Youth Lock-in
<b>3</b> 9:00 Traditional Worship (S) 9:15 Worship & Wonder 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Contemp Worship (S) 3:30 Communion Service (BV)	<b>4</b> 9:00a Tai Chi (GA) 6:00p Plarn Workshop (BK) 6:30 Cub Scouts	<b>5 Newsletter Published</b> 7:00p Scouting BSA	<b>6 Ash Wednesday</b> 10:00a Bible Study (BK) 11:00 Overeater's Anon (C) 5:30p Fun & Fellowship (FH) 7:00p Ash Wednesday Svc. (S)	<b>7</b> 9:00a Tai Chi (GA) 5:30p Intercessory Prayer Group (C) 6:00p Girl Scouts (P)	<b>8</b> 2:00p food prep	<b>9</b> 7:30 - 8:15 <b>Free Breakfast</b>
<b>10 Spring Forward</b> 9:30a Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service (S) 12:00p <b>Fellowship Lunch (FH)</b> 3:30 Communion Service (BV)	<b>11</b> 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	<b>12 Newsletter Deadline</b> 6:00p Lectio Divina (C) 7:00 Scouting BSA 7:00 Outreach (BK)	<b>13</b> 10:00a Bible Study (BK) 11:00 Overeater's Anon (C) 5:30p Fun & Fellowship (FH) 5:30 <b>Lenten Journey Series</b> 5:30 Praise Team (S) 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (S)	<b>14</b> 9:00a Tai Chi (GA) 5:30p Intercessory Prayer Group (C) 7:00 Stephen Min. (P)	<b>15</b> 2:00p food prep	<b>16</b> 7:30 - 8:15 <b>Free Breakfast</b>
<b>17</b> 9:00a Traditional Worship (S) 9:15 Worship & Wonder 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Contemp Worship (S) 3:30 Communion Service (BV)	<b>18</b> 9:00a Tai Chi (GA) 6:00p Plarn Workshop (BK) 6:30 Cub Scouts	<b>19 Newsletter Published</b> 1:30p DW Fidelity/Charity (P) 6:00 Lectio Divina (C) 7:00 Scouting BSA 7:00 Breakfast Planning Committee (BK)	<b>20</b> 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)	<b>21 Staff In-service Day</b> 9:00a Tai Chi (GA) 5:30p Intercessory Prayer Group (C) 6:00p Girl Scouts (P)	<b>25</b> 2:00p food prep	<b>23</b> 7:30 - 8:15 <b>Free Breakfast</b>
<b>24</b> 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)	<b>25</b> 9:00a Tai Chi (GA) 6:00 Big Theological Questions (The Patriarch) 6:00 Plarn Workshop (BK) 6:30 Cub Scouts	<b>26 Newsletter Deadline</b> 6:00p Lectio Divina (C) 7:00p Scouting BSA	<b>27</b> 10:00a Bible Study (BK) 11:00 Overeater's Anon (C) 12:30p WOW Lunch (TBA) 5:30p Fun & Fellowship (FH) 5:30 <b>Lenten Journey Series</b> 5:30 Praise Team (S) 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (S)	<b>28</b> 9:00a Tai Chi (GA) 5:30p Intercessory Prayer Group (C) 7:00 Stephen Min. (P)	<b>29</b> 2:00p food prep	<b>30</b> 7:30 - 8:15 <b>Free Breakfast</b>
<b>31 Baby Blessings &amp; Camp Sun.</b> 9:00a Traditional Worship (S) 9:15 Worship & Wonder 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Contemp Worship (S) 3:30p Communion Service (BV)						

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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

- 3/06 - Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary
- 3/10 - One service at 10:45 am, Sunday school at 9:30 am
- 3/11 - WOW Book Group - 12:00 pm in the Chapel
- 3/17 - Hattendorf Wedding Shower - 2:00 - 4:00 pm in the Parlor
- 3/21 - **Staff In-Service Work Day**
- 3/24 - Elder's Meeting - 12:30 in the Conference Room
- 3/24 - Leadership council Meeting - 4:00 in the Chapel
- 3/31 - Camp Sunday, and Baby Dedications at both services

## ATTENDANCE

Sunday School 2/24	73
9:00 AM Traditional 2/24	94
11:15 AM Contemp. 2/24	43
3:30 PM Bradford 2/24	13
Total Worship 2/24	151

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## PRAYERS

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