



Southern Hills Christian Church (DOC)

# The Sharing Tree

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## EASTER MEMORIALS

Part of the Easter tradition at SHCC through the years has included honoring loved ones with Easter lilies purchased to decorate our sanctuary. A few years ago, the Worship and Environmental Stewardship Committees made a joint decision to continue the tradition by purchasing plants "with a purpose" instead of lilies. Recognizing that the butterfly, like the lily, is revered as meaningful Easter symbol, the committees decided to dedicate the memorials to create a butterfly garden.



Raised gardens on the south side of our building were designed by our Master Gardener, Ted Drab, and filled with plants that attract and feed a variety of pollinators suffering declines in our state and nationwide. Each year, some new plants are needed to insure a healthy variety.

All summer and fall, different plants bloom as butterflies, bees and even dragonflies come to feed. Children from CDC and SHCC Sunday School classes enjoy visiting the beds to learn about the importance of pollinators and see all the beautiful flowers.

Beginning March 31, we invite you to consider honoring loved ones this Easter by filling out the order form and returning it to the SHCC office. And then, be sure to take time to stop by the garden to see the amazing variety of butterflies and blooms you have made possible in memory of someone special!

## TLC CARDS ARE COMING!

Spring is just around the corner and it will soon be time to work on your yard. TLC garden center has everything you need to make your yard beautiful. They have flowers, shrubs, trees and seeds for your vegetable garden.

The breakfast planning committee will be selling TLC gift cards beginning April 7 until May 12 for \$20.00 each. We make \$4.00 from each card we sell and that money will go to the Weekend Breakfast Fund. Look for Kay Boise and Marilee Hattendorf after the 9:00 am service and Georgia Shaw after the 11:15 am service to buy your cards. Thank you for supporting the breakfast.

## UPCOMING SCRIPTURE

Lent, Easter and beyond...

March 24	Matthew 22: 1-14
March 31	Matthew 25: 14-30
April 7	Matthew 25:31-46
April 14	Matthew 21:1-17 & Matthew 26:6-13
April 21	Matthew 28:1-10
April 28	Matthew 28:16-20

## Baby Dedications

Due to weather closing on March 3, Baby Dedications will be Sunday, March 31.

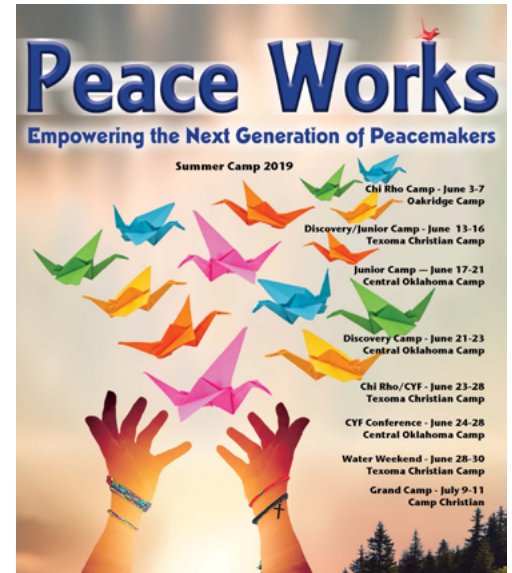
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# FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES

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**Summer Camp!** Can you believe summer is almost here?!? That means it's time to get your child or youth registered for camp. Our region offers a number of great camping opportunities and our church helps offset the cost of these fantastic fellowships. Camp Sunday is March 31. You can register this Sunday or you can register at [www.okdisciples.org](http://www.okdisciples.org) and then turn in your registration and check to Pastor Sarah to get the discount. The church will pay ½ of one discount rate registration to one camp for each child in your family. To receive the discount you must turn in registration and a check by April 24. More information can be found in the camping folders outside Pastor Sarah's office. Here are the dates for each age group.

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



## Children ages 5 through 5th grade

Fun and Fellowship, Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00 pm. Join us as we explore the stories of Jesus and what it means when ordinary people take on extraordinary lives. We meet on March 13 & 27, and April 3 & 10. Dinner is provided at no cost, love offerings are appreciated.

## CHAOS Youth grades 6-12

Sunday mornings during Lent, youth are encouraged to join the Disciples 101 course happening in the chapel.

On Sunday evenings CHAOS will explore spiritual practices. Join us as we gather for fellowship and snacks, and then explore with us what it means to walk the Lenten journey. We will meet Sunday evenings in the youth room from 6-8 pm. Join us March 24, & 31, and April 7, 14, & 28.

## Leader Training Available

Oklahoma Conference of Churches has partnered with a number of organizations to help train anyone who works with children and youth in recognizing and responding to Adverse Childhood Experiences. This training takes place on April 2 from 8:30am-4:30pm at MetroTech Business Conference Center. The cost is \$25. Registration can be done at <https://www.okchurches.org>.

## Help Needed

Easter Egg Hunt. We are planning an egg hunt for children during Sunday School on Easter morning. To make this happen we need donations of egg stuffable goodies and hands to stuff the eggs to make this happen. Donations of individually wrapped candy and non-edible goodies to fit inside eggs can be dropped off in the basket outside Pastor Sarah's office. Keep in mind that candy must be individually wrapped to be placed in the eggs, and it is preferred if this candy is not a choking hazard. If you'd like to volunteer to stuff eggs, a sign-up sheet is on the family life board.



## General Assembly

July 20-24 in Des Moines, IA. Did you know youth have a place at General Assembly? Find out more and register at <https://ga.disciples.org/>. The last day for the early bird discount is March 31.

## GOD'S OFFER OF LOVE

This past Wednesday I attended our Ash Wednesday service. It was so beautiful and quite moving, you could really feel the love of God and the purpose of His being.

When do you most need the assurance of God's love? Most often it is when we are experiencing the deepest pain. If you are suffering rejection, failure, or any other circumstance that is testing your faith, you need to know the Lord still cares and will never stop loving you. Believe me, I will be one of the first in line for this grace from God. This is exactly what we see in the parable in Jesus' interaction with the Samaritan woman.

Much to the dismay of His disciples, Jesus traveled through Samaria to meet this woman. In that day, Jews did not associate with Samaritans and even avoided going into that region. But God does not follow man's rules or prejudices. He reaches out with a message of hope and new life to anyone who will listen and believe.

How worthless and unloved she must have felt after being abandoned or divorced by five husbands. All of us have "baggage" that weighs us down and causes pain, this is often what God uses to draw us to Himself.



*Christ caring for people through people*

**STEPHEN  
MINISTRY**

Jesus told her of the details of her situation so she could recognize her need for the Savior and accept His offer of forgiveness. He understood she lacked love, acceptance, and a sense of value. A relationship with the Lord was the only way to fulfill that need.

God sees through us as clearly as He did the Samaritan woman. He knows our sins and hurts and wants to bring us forgiveness and restore us. As we accept His salvation and submit to the Holy Spirit's transforming work, we will have assurance of His love and care for us.

Try it, I guarantee you will like it, till next time...

Sandy Jehle,  
Stephens Leader

## OUR NEW SUNDAY BULLETIN FORMAT

SHCC has recently had the first major bulletin redesign in our 52 year history. As part of this Lenten season, a season of renewal, the SHCC Staff has taken great care to redesign and implement this new Sunday bulletin. For the past year we have looked at other church's bulletins, and done some research into how they are used. Our new bulletin is designed to be informative, while at the same time showing good stewardship of our resources by saving money, ink and paper (after all, we are a Green Chalice Church). This new format will also provide congregants and visitors means to better communicate with the SHCC Staff.

In case you haven't yet seen the new bulletin, it incorporates the orders of worship from the 9:00 am and the 11:15 am services in a single bulletin. At the far right edge of the bulletin is a perforated strip. This Connection Form will allow visitors to leave contact info, and regular attendees/members to update contact information, submit a prayer request, or leave a note for the staff (communication and prayer requests will be handled Monday morning, so if it is urgent please tell Pastor Rob or another church leader). As needed, large print versions of the bulletin will be available as well.

As a Green Chalice church, we take "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" seriously. Our new bulletins **reduce** our paper use by an estimated 4500 - 5000 sheets of paper per year. Bulletins that are still usable will be collected after the 9:00 am service to be **reused** in the 11:15 service. By **reusing**, we can print 20 percent fewer bulletins. After the 11:15 am service, there will be a **recycling** bin right outside the center Sanctuary doors.

Beyond enhancing communication and minimizing our environmental impact, the new bulletin is designed to convey a sense of unity. The new format will inform parishioners about what is happening in all of the worship services taking place at SHCC. Although you may never attend 'the other' worship service, seeing 'their' order of worship next to 'your' order of worship is a helpful reminder that though we may worship in different ways, at different times, with different music, we are one church.

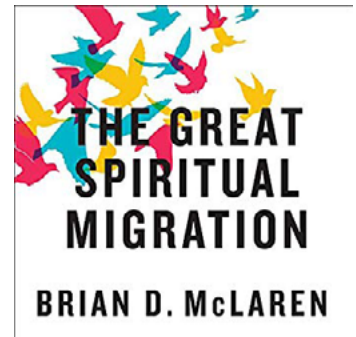
## REFUGE FELLOWSHIP SIGN UP TIME!

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.

## LENTEN JOURNEY SERIES

This year during Lent, we are proposing a 4-week Wednesday night program to accompany you on your Lenten journey. You are invited to participate in the 3 remaining sessions on **March 13 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:



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)

If you missed a class, don't fret. The audio and the handouts from previous sessions are available from our website at [www.shccedmond.org](http://www.shccedmond.org), and you may still come to any of the upcoming classes. 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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# April 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 &amp; Wonder

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 9:00a Tai Chi (GA)  6:00p Plarn Workshop (BK) 6:30 Cub Scouts	<b>2 Newsletter Published</b>  7:00p Scouting BSA	<b>3</b> 10:00a Bible Study (BK) 11:00 Overeater's Anon (C) 5:30p Fun & Fellowship (FH) 5:30 Lenten Journey Series (P) 5:30 Praise Team (S) 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (S)	<b>4</b> 3:15p Tai Chi (GA)  5:30p Intercessory Prayer Group (C) 6:00p Girl Scouts (P)	<b>5</b> 2:30p food prep	<b>6</b> <b>7:30 - 8:15 Free Breakfast</b>
<b>7</b> 9:00a Traditional Worship (S) 9:15 Worship & Wonder 10:15 Sunday School 10:15 SS w/Lisa Barnett (FH) 11:15 Contemp Worship (S) 3:30p Communion Service (BV)	<b>8</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>9 Newsletter Deadline</b>  6:00p Lectio Divina (C) 7:00 Scouting BSA 7:00 Outreach (BK)	<b>10</b> 10:00a Bible Study (BK) 11:00 Overeater's Anon (C) 5:30p Fun & Fellowship (FH) 5:30 Lenten Journey Series (P) 5:30 Praise Team (S) 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (S)	<b>11</b> 3:15p Tai Chi (GA)  5:30p Intercessory Prayer Group (C) 7:00 Stephen Min. (P)	<b>12</b> 2:30p food prep	<b>13</b> <b>7:30 - 8:15 Free Breakfast</b>
<b>14 Palm Sunday</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>15</b> 9:00a Tai Chi (GA)  6:00p Plarn Workshop (BK) 6:30 Cub Scouts	<b>16 Newsletter Published</b>  1:30p DW Fidelity/Charity (P) 7:00 Scouting BSA 7:00 Breakfast Planning Committee (BK)	<b>17</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>18</b> 3:15p Tai Chi (GA)  5:30 Intercessory Prayer Group (C) 6:00 Girl Scouts (P) <b>7:00 Maundy Thursday Service (S)</b>	<b>19</b> 2:30p food prep	<b>20</b> <b>7:30 - 8:15 Free Breakfast</b>
<b>21 Easter Sunday</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>22</b> 9:00a Tai Chi (GA) 6:00p Big Theological Questions (The Patriarch) 6:00 Plarn Workshop (BK) 6:30 Cub Scouts	<b>23 Newsletter Deadline</b>  6:00p Lectio Divina (C) 7:00p Scouting BSA	<b>24</b> 10:00a Bible Study (BK) 11:00 Overeater's Anon (C) 12:30p WOW Lunch (TBA) 5:30p Fun & Fellowship (FH) 5:30 Praise Team (S) 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (S)	<b>25</b> 3:15p Tai Chi (GA) 5:30p Intercessory Prayer Group (C) 7:00 Stephen Min. (P)	<b>26</b> 2:30p food prep	<b>27</b> <b>7:30 - 8:15 Free Breakfast</b>
<b>28</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>29</b> 9:00a Tai Chi (GA)  6:00p Plarn Workshop (BK) 6:30 Cub Scouts	<b>30</b>  7:00p Scouting BSA				

# Southern Hills Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)



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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

- 3/24 - Elder's Meeting - 12:30 in the Conference Room
- 3/24 - Leadership council Meeting - 4:00 in the Chapel
- 3/31 - Camp Sunday
- 3/31 - Baby Dedications at both services

## ATTENDANCE

Sunday School 3/10	63
10:45AM Combined 3/10	139
3:30 PM Bradford 3/10	12
Total Worship 3/10	151

Sunday School 3/17	73
9:00 AM Traditional 3/17	100
11:15 AM Contemp. 3/17	37
3:30 PM Bradford 3/17	13
Total Worship 3/17	150

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