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PENTECOST SUNDAY IS JUNE 9

We will have a combined worship service at 10:45. Following worship there will be a Ministry Fair & Fellowship meal featuring a Taco bar and Cupcakes.

This summer SHCC will have one Sunday each month in which we have a single service of worship at 10:45 am. Look for those special service times on:

June 9th (Pentecost/Ministry Fair Sunday),
July 21st (Vacations Bible School Sunday), and
August 11th (Promotion Sunday).

SAVE THE DATE - ALL CHURCH INDOOR GARAGE SALE



This year, the All Church Garage Sale will be an indoor event in Fellowship Hall on August 9th and 10th. Proceeds will benefit the Weekend Breakfast program. We will bring items to the Fellowship Hall Thursday, August 8. The sale will be all day Friday, August 9. and one half day Saturday, August 10.

EVERYONE is encouraged to bring items to sell and EVERYONE is encouraged to help work the sale, set up and clean up. It will be inside, so it will be cool and comfy, come rain or shine. For more information, contact Georgia Shaw.

OUTDOOR CONCERT

Folksongs and Fellowship

Save the date for the 6th Annual Folksongs and Fellowship Outdoor Concert, an evening of live acoustic music, Saturday, June 8, 2019, 6-8 pm featuring the One Shoe String Band. This free event will take place on the SHCC South Lawn. Bring your own chairs and blankets, and prepare to be entertained. Invite friends!

Food and Drinks

Food and drinks will be available for purchase, with the money going to support the Weekend Free Breakfast Program. The menu will be grilled hotdogs with all the fixin's, bottled water and cookies/brownies.



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FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES

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FAMILY LIFE EVENTS THIS SUMMER

Families of all ages, shapes, and sizes are invited to join children, youth, and their families this summer as they gather each week. Download a calendar from either the children or youth ministries webpages at www.shccedmond.org. Here's a list of the events in June:

- June 5, 9 am -12 pm - **OKC Zoo**, meet at 9 am at the Jungle Gym
- June 12, 19, 26, and 28 - **Toy Story**. Leading up to an outing on the evening of June 28th to see the new movie, we'll spend 3 Wednesdays watching the series. Join us at 6pm in the gym to get caught up.
- June 15, 8pm **FC Energy Game**. Come join us as we cheer on the Energy. We have a group of tickets reserved for purchase at <https://groupmatics.events/event/SHCC>
- June 22, 9a-2p, **Volunteer at Homeless Alliance Garden**, located on the Chesapeake Campus we will spend the morning gardening. For ages 8 and older.
- June 22, 2p-8p, **Church Booth at OKC Pride**, we will be providing a photobooth in the family zone area. All ages of volunteers are needed.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

ReNew: The Green VBS, July 15-19

Mark your calendars. Children ages 4 through 5th grade are invited to join us as we explore the Parable of the Sower, digging into the story from the perspectives of Self, Community, and World. Sign up your child(ren), volunteer to help, and look at the list of needed items at:

<http://www.southernhillschristian.org/wordpress/ministries/children/vbs/>

GOD'S GRACE IS SUFFICIENT

How would you rate your faith? Is it up one day and down the next? In the book of James we read practical advice for those of us whose faith fluctuates because of difficult circumstances. When we start doubting God and His Word, we're driven and tossed around like a small boat on a stormy sea.

James tells us that a double-minded man is unstable in all his ways and should not expect to receive anything from our Lord. To be double-minded is to go back and forth in our thinking. We may begin with strong confidence in God, but as time goes by and difficult situations present themselves and continue, we may start to doubt what the Lord will do and what He has promised.

Doubting and questioning are two different things. Questioning is seeking to gain further information in order to better understand what God has said. Doubting on the other hand, involves believing in what we think, see, or feel rather than what we know He has said.

It is only a natural thing for us to question when we are



Christ caring for people through people

**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

suddenly overcome by distressing situations. God does understand our struggle and wants us to come to Him with our pain and confusion. There are times when He has to sift our thinking by reminding us of His truth and His past faithfulness to us in other situations.

Even when we might not always understand all that God is doing through our trials, we can stand fast and rely on what He has revealed. The testing of our faith produces endurance and spiritual maturity, and it supplies what we lack. Knowing this, we can trust the Lord to accomplish His good and perfect will through any situation, and rejoice in how He will transform us.

Well this is the thought the Lord has given me for today, till next time, may He bless you and keep you,

Sandy Jehle,
Stephen Leader

A WORD FROM PASTOR ROB

Hello Church family! I give thanks to God for our relationship and for Southern Hills Christian Church. In all things, let us begin with a sense of gratitude. As we give thanks to what we see, experience and understand, our eyes will be opened to the many other blessings which are a part of our lives. You've probably noticed that some of the times, I write theologically reflective pieces in this space. Often the content of my theological reflections are me floating a trial balloon, of sorts (this is a better venue to do that, than say... the pulpit!). At other times I have written poetic prayers or tried to be creative in other ways. Writing on a regular basis takes time and thought, because I do not want to waste your time anymore than mine. It's not something I take lightly, our time is precious, and I want whatever I write to be reflective of that fact. Please feel free to share insights, questions or feedback you may have! I'd be more than happy to do so over a cup of coffee or tea, just give me a call!

The past two weeks I served the church as a leader of the Bethany Fellowship, returned to preach, and then spent the better part of a week with about 1500 other ministers in Minneapolis listening to some of the nation's best preachers do what they do at the Festival of Homiletics. Blessings abound! Both of these trips were intense, each in their own way. At the first, I did a lot of listening, and I mean A LOT! It's such a gift to sit with recently ordained clergy and hear them share from the depths of their authentic selves. I shared a bit about this in church during the sermon on May 12th, when we reflected on the many names of God, and the beauty of God's diverse creation.

My mom was in worship with us that morning, so I was especially nervous to preach a sermon that challenged all of us to be mindful of the privileges we assume based on aspects of our identity (i.e. being cis gender). Conversations of

this nature are not new around here but to many, including my mother, it was a new concept to discuss such issues in terms of faith. For most of us such conversations are difficult as we try to be intentional about good listening and thoughtful regarding how we respond. SHCC is ahead of the curve as it comes to talking about difficult issues and how they affect our faith, or how our faith impacts our conversations about issues of identity. This is not easy work, but what in life worth having comes easy? Thanks be to God for this place where Love is the order of the day (every day).

The week spent in Minneapolis was fruitful in its own way as well. Averaging 5 sermons or lectures a day for the better part of the work week, added up to so Many WORDS! I continue to process what Rev. William Barber, Brian McClaren, Rev. Traci Blackmon, Pastor Will Willimon and so many others shared. I look forward to sharing with you some of the highlights from the pulpit. The quote that stood out the most, was from Rev. Blackmon quoting another scholar with these words, "Justice is what love looks like out loud."

Returning home after the Festival of Homiletics, it was a true joy Sunday morning to be led in worship by our youth. They demonstrated for us what it is that God asks of each of us: that we offer our sincerest, most authentic selves in prayer and in worship. The feeling conveyed in worship was spot on; from beginning to end. I pray that each of us would, from their example, remember our call to serve our church and our world with our God given voices. Some of the times that may be challenging; but the things in life worth having, require work. May we continue to be blessed with the overflowing joy we know and experience in relationship with each other, our communities, and our God.

~Pastor Rob



Sarah Combs, Lauren Love, Emerson, and Everett



Rob Crawford, Jason, Eli and Olivia Holder

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

SHCC is growing! We have several new members, some of whom you may already know.

On March 24, Sarah Combs and Lauren Love placed their membership with Southern Hills. Their children are Emerson and Everett, ages 4 and 2. This young family comes to SHCC from Edmond Trinity Christian Church.

On April 28, Lisa Whitesell and Rita Vickery came forward during the traditional service join our church family. Rita comes to us from First Baptist of Midwest City, and Lisa from Hinton Christian Church. Both are retired teachers.

On May 5, Rev. Keith Spaulding placed his membership at Southern Hills, having served most recently at West Point Christian Church.

On May 12, Rob Crawford, and Jason Holder, along with their daughter, Olivia Holder, came forward during the Traditional service to transfer membership to SHCC. Their son, Eli Holder continues to worship and hold membership at Bethany Christian Church in Bethany, WV where he is attending college.

Please make these new members welcome among us!



Rev. Keith Spaulding



Rita Vickery (left) and Lisa Whitesell

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June 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 7:30 - 8:15 Free Breakfast
2 9:00a Traditional Worship (S) 9:15 Worship & Wonder 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Contemp Worship (S) 12:30 Elder's Meeting 3:30 Communion Service (BV) 4:00 Leadership Council (C)	3 9:00a Tai Chi (GA) 6:00p Plarn Workshop (BK) 6:30 Cub Scouts	4 Newsletter Published 7:00 Scouting BSA	5 9:00a Zoo Day (OKC Zoo) 10:00a Bible Study (BK) 11:00 Overeater's Anon (C) 5:30p Praise Team (S) 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (S)	6 3:15p Tai Chi (GA) 7:00 Stephen Min. (P)	7 2:30p food prep	8 7:30 - 8:15 am Free Breakfast 6:00 - 8:00 pm Outdoor Concert
9 Pentecost Sunday - Wear Red! 9:30a Sunday School 10:45 Combined Worship (S) 12:00p Fellowship Meal (FH) 3:30 Communion Service (BV)	10 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	11 6:00p Lectio Divina (C) 7:00 Scouting BSA 7:00 Outreach (BK)	12 10:00a Bible Study (BK) 11:00 Overeater's Anon (C) 5:30 Praise Team (S) 6:00p Toy Story (FH)	13 3:15p Tai Chi (GA) 6:00 Girl Scouts (P)	14 2:30p food prep	15 7:30 - 8:15 am Free Breakfast 8:00 pm FC Energy Game
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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

- 5/27 - Church office closed for Memorial Day
- 6/02 - Elder's Meeting - 12:30 in the Conference Room
- 6/02 - Leadership council Meeting - 4:00 in the Chapel
- 6/05 - OKC Zoo Day - 9 am to 12 pm. Meet at 9 am at the Jungle Gym
- 6/08 - Folksongs and Fellowship outdoor concert - SHCC South Lawn, 6-8 pm
- 6/09 - Pentecost Sunday - One service at 10:45 am, Sunday School at 9:30 am - Wear Red!
- 6/15 - FC Energy Game - Purchase tickets at: <https://groupmatics.events/event/SHCC>

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School 5/12	77
9:00 AM Traditional 5/12	122
11:15 AM Contemp. 5/12	44
3:30 PM Bradford 5/12	11
Total Worship 5/12	177

Sunday School 5/19	60
10:45 Combined Svc. 5/19	165
3:30 PM Bradford 5/19	11
Total Worship 5/19	176

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PRAYERS

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Beth Gerardy's family friend, Darby;
Pamela Cline; Derek Ball, Roger Dale
Holiman