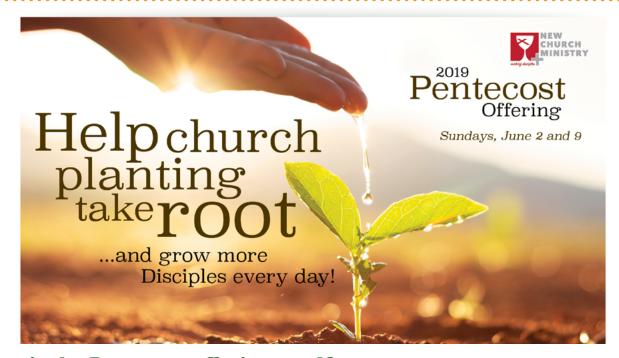


# Southern Hills Christian Church (DOC) The Sharing Tree

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#### PENTECOST SUNDAY - ONE SERVICE AT 10:45



# How is the Pentecost offering used?

The 2019 Pentecost offering will be held June 2 and 9. Your donations are used to help start and uphold new churches. Half of this offering stays in the local region. The remaining half is used across the United States and Canada to support the recruiting, assessing, training and coaching of new church leaders at events like Leadership Academy. Please give generously to this year's Pentecost offering to plant new churches and grow more disciples.

## **OUTDOOR CONCERT - THIS SATURDAY!**

#### Folksongs and Fellowship - This Saturday

Join us 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.



# **FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES**

REV. SARAH COMBS 341-0766 (OFFICE) 513-1316 (CELL) SARAH@SHCCEDMOND.ORG

#### 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 <a href="https://www.shc-cedmond.org">www.shc-cedmond.org</a>. Here's a list of the events in June:

- 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. . If you're interested, visit <a href="https://tinyurl.com/shccpride">https://tinyurl.com/shccpride</a>
- July 10, 6p-Hike at Martin Nature Park, meet at the playground
- July 26, Once Upon a Mattress @ Upstage Theatre
- July 31, time TBD, Volunteer at Regional Food Bank



#### **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/

### **PRAYER CHAIN**

Did you know Southern Hills has an active Prayer Chain? All that attend Southern Hills are invited to be a part of this ministry. We have two ways to get the prayer request to you. Prayer Concerns can be sent to you by email or phone call. You are asked to pray daily for our church and for the specific concerns that have been sent. Chuck Marshall sends out the email notifications and Jeanne Parson starts the phone calls.

Once you receive a Prayer Chain request, by email, you are asked to pray for those mentioned.

Each person on the Phone Prayer Chain will receive a letter listing all that are a part of the phone chain. When there is a prayer concern, you will be asked to call the next person on your list to advise them of that prayer concern. Each person will call the next on the list. That way the Prayer Chain will not be broken.

If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please contact Chuck (chuck@shccedmond.org or 341-0766), or Jeanne, by phone at 405-833-8118. Your name will be added to the appropriate list to be notified.

If you have a prayer concern and would like the Prayer Chains started, please contact the church office with the information, either by phone or emailing Chuck.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of being a part of this ministry of Southern Hills Christian Church.

# **GOD'S GRACE IS SUFFICIENT**

Have you been seeking the Lord's guidance on a particular matter but you can't quite understand what it is He would have you do?

Quite often it is hard to understand. We don't always know why God doesn't make it clear when we ask for His help. However, there are certain things that we can do to prepare us to hear his direction.

There are times when we need to ask the Lord if there is anything in our life that is hindering our prayers. Then, when He brings something to mind, we can receive His cleansing through our confession.

If we have not completely yielded ourselves to the Lord, our heart will remain set on our own desires. When this is the case, we will have trouble perceiving His will.

Ask Him wisely. God is committed to answering our prayers if we ask according to His will. Therefore, we should carefully consider if our requests are in alignment with His desires as revealed in the Scriptures. (1 John 5:14-15).



Since God's word is a light unto our path, the more we think about the Scriptures, the clearer it will become to us.

Also, and this is the hard one, we must wait. God promises to act on the behalf of those who wait. (Isa. 64:4). We must learn to resist the urge to run ahead of Him by trying to fix the situation ourselves or manipulate circumstances to get your desired outcome.

Instead of letting uncertainty cause you to become anxious or fearful, think about these steps. Then begin to look at your situation as an opportunity to trust our God who always works everything for your good (Romans 8:28).

Till next time peace, understanding and blessings,

Sandy Jehle, Stephens Leader

#### A WORD FROM PASTOR ROB

This coming Sunday is the day we celebrate Pentecost! At our combined worship service we will hear the first 4 verses of Acts read in different languages and we will also see the passage 'spoken,' in sign language. Following worship we will join together for a fellowship meal and ministry fair, where we can break bread with one another as we try to discern where it is the Spirit is calling us as individuals to serve SHCC. Moreover, as the gathered congregation, we will continue to listen for the Spirit's movement in our midst as we seek to serve, shape and lead the many communities of which we are a part.

At the 10:45 a.m. service, red will be the order of the day. Symbolic of the, "Divided tongues, as of fire," (from Acts 2:3) red is the color of Pentecost. Pentecost, in our tradition, celebrates the birth of the early church. So, in that spirit, Pentecost has been characterized as the birthday of the church. As we will remember in our combined worship service this Sunday, on that first Pentecost, those

gathered were able to hear and understand one another, even though they were speaking in their native tongues (which their cohorts had not learned).

Our scripture for worship this Sunday, s a good illustration of the difficulties people have communicating. This is so in all aspects of our lives. Relationships are our greatest gifts, and because this is so, they are simultaneously the source of our greatest struggles. Such is the way of a life of faith. Sunday's scripture asks that we trust in the Holy Spirit in order to understand our faith partners perspectives. Understanding other perspectives is particularly hard, especially if we have already decided the truth of the matter.

I hope you can join us this Sunday at 10:45 as we worship together. SHCC has so many gifts to offer our communities. May it be that we come together this weekend, trusting the Spirit's prodding, as we seek to be the church, in all of her different manifestations.

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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**

- 6/08 Folksongs and Fellowship outdoor concert SHCC South Lawn, 6-8 pm
- 6/09 Pentecost 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
- 6/22 Volunteer at Homeless Alliance Garden, located on the Chesapeake Campus we will spend the morning gardening. For ages 8 and older.
- 6/22 Church Booth at OKC Pride, we will be providing a photobooth in the family zone area. All ages of volunteers are needed. Interested? Visit <a href="https://tinyurl.com/shccpride">https://tinyurl.com/shccpride</a>
- 6/23 Elders meeting 12:30 pm in the Conference Room
- 6/23 Leadership Council Meeting 4:00 pm in the Chapel. Open to all.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Sunday School 5/26	77
9:00 AM Traditional 5/26	81
11:15 AM Contemp. 5/26	38
3:30 PM Bradford 5/26	11
Total Worship 5/26	130

Sunday School 6/02	70
9:00 AM Traditional 6/02	87
11:15 AM Contemp. 6/02	40
3:30 PM Bradford 6/02	11
Total Worship 6/02	138

### **SHCC STAFF**

Interim Minister:
Director of Family Life Ministries:
Family Life Intern:
Director of Traditional Music:
Director of Choir and Bells:
Director of Contemporary Music:
Director of Communications & Tech:
Church Office Coordinator:
Child Development Center Director:

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#### **PRAYERS**

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