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ReNew: The Green VBS



Register now for Vacation Bible School! Kids can lead the way as stewards of the earth. This summer, they will participate in ReNew: The Green VBS. ReNew is about hope, opportunity, and service – kids will serve their community and demonstrate that being green can be easy, faithful, and fun!

ReNew VBS focuses on one story: Jesus' Parable of the Sower. Digging into the story from the perspectives of Self, Community, and World invites kids to relate to the text and build a relationship with the Bible and the world around them.

When: July 15-18, 2019, from 6 to 8pm

Where: Southern Hills Christian Church of Edmond

Who: 4 yrs old* through 5th grade

(*4 year olds must be toilet-independent and a guardian should remain on-site)

To register, volunteer, and see needed donations, visit shccedmond.org

Volunteer: Volunteers are still needed to help with most aspects of VBS: shopper, set design and setup, group leaders, site leaders, game leaders, and drama help. Contact Rev. Sarah Combs if you're available to help.

Supplies Needed: We still need donations of toilet paper tubes (clean and dry); potting soil; old tarps or painters plastic that is "mostly" clean, or old top sheets; unused paint (VOC free); still usable paintbrushes of all sizes; recycled cardboard boxes, size 3'x3' or larger; seeds: tomatoes, peppers, basil, onions, oregano; large seeds (pumpkin, sunflower, navy beans, etc.); clean recycled plastic bottles; old globes or world maps; gardening spades (can be returned after VBS); birdseed; clean and dry cereal boxes; recycled printer paper with one side still blank; clean and dry aluminum cans; clean, light-colored tube socks (a few holes okay); large sticky notes.

THE HOPE CENTER OF EDMOND

Edmond's HOPE center was started in 1984 to 'Help Our People in Emergencies'. They provide food, clothing, rent and utility assistance and a prenatal clinic to Edmond residents. Each July Southern Hills has a food drive to help. Please bring your offerings of food and supplies to the Church during the month of

July. Here are items that are needed:

Non perishable food items

- canned meat,
- canned vegetables
- Canned fruit
- peanut butter
- cereals
- baby food

Personal hygiene items

- dental care items
- shaving supplies
- hair care supplies
- womens sanitary care supplies
- baby diapers
- baby wipes
- kleenex
- skin care items

Southern Hills will be closed on Thursday, July 4, 2019 in observance of Independence Day.



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 28, Toy Story 4. Time and theater TBD
- July 10, 6p-Hike at Martin Nature Park, meet at the playground
- July 26, Once Upon a Mattress @ Upstage Theatre
- July 31, 1:30-4pm, Volunteer at Regional Food Bank
- August 2-3, Prep and serve Saturday breakfast
- August 8-10, Help with the Saturday breakfast Garage Sale

CHAOS Pool Meetups are July 18 and August 15 from 2-4 pm at Karl and Mary Hirsch's house.

Interfaith Youth Tour is coming up September 15 from 12:30-6pm. Registration is a hot ticket so we will register our group early. To register, bring your \$25 registration fee to Rev. Sarah Combs by August 1. For more information about the event, visit <https://www.okchurches.org/calendar>

International Affairs Seminar for Junior and Senior students opens the application process on August 1. Please speak with Sarah if your youth is interested in attending this coming Spring.

Orvis Risner School Supply Drive: A school supply drive lasting through VBS is now up and accepting donations. Please grab a list next to the yellow school bus in The Gathering Area.

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.

VISION TASK FORCE UPDATE

The question has been asked: Is the Vision Task Force still meeting? If so, what are they working on? The Vision Task Force is still meeting. Last year, it completed its initial tasks of 1) researching, evaluating, and reworking funding for the 2018 budget; 2) evaluating staffing and making recommendations to the Leadership Council for changes and/or reconfiguring; 3) visioning about possibilities for Southern Hills' future direction and ministries by distributing a congregational survey, tabulating and distributing the results, holding listening sessions, and giving the resulting

suggestions and ideas to the pertinent ministries and committees.

Pastor Rob was told about the Vision Task Force and the work it had done when he was called as our interim. He asked if he could utilize the Task Force as a sounding board for some of the ideas he would like to implement during his ministry at Southern Hills. The Leadership Council agreed and the members of the Task Force were asked to continue in that capacity. They meet once every 4-6 weeks.

DEEPENING SPIRITUALITY

THE RIVER OF LIVING WATER

For a period of time in my life my family and I lived in Yuma, Arizona. If you have ever lived in a desert or had a long-term drought, you understand how essential water is. Without it, plants dry up, crops die, animals suffer with thirst, and before you know it the ground begins to crack and the dust starts blowing as in the days of the “dust bowl”. There are times when our lives feel this way also, dry, futile, unsatisfying and fruitless.

This should not be the case for believers. Even when the externals of life are like a drought, inside we have the ever-flowing living water of the Holy Spirit. Of all the word pictures in the Bible that talk about the Spirit, a river of living water is among the most powerful descriptions. He is seen as the source of vitality and abundance in our lives. Like a continually flowing stream, He flows through us, performing His sanctifying work of transforming us into a Christ like image.

Getting to know the Spirit is a lifelong process. As we walk in obedience to Him, we experience His quiet



Christ caring for people through people

STEPHEN MINISTRY

guidance through life's challenges and His power displayed in our weakness. We marvel when He brings to light a passage of Scripture and find such comfort when we are hurting. His convictions guide us to repent so we can be cleansed with living water. His warnings keep us from going down the wrong path.

Because of this life-giving Spirit dwelling within us, no Christian has to live a dry, fruitless life. But, if we opt to live as we please and indulge in sin, we will quench Him. But the more we learn from Him in the Scriptures and walk with Him in obedience, the more His life will flow through us. Well, guess that's it for now hoping and praying your life is filled with living water, till next time,

Sandy Jehle,
Stephen Leader

DISCIPLES WOMEN INTER-REGIONAL EVENT IN SEPTEMBER

Oklahoma, Southwest & Great River Regions to Gather

The Disciples Women ROSES Event will take place on September 13 – 14, 2019 in Tulsa. Women from the Oklahoma, Southwest and Great River Regions comprise ROSES, which is the acronym for Regions of the Sun, Equipping and Serving. It will be held at First Christian Church Tulsa, 913 S. Boulder.

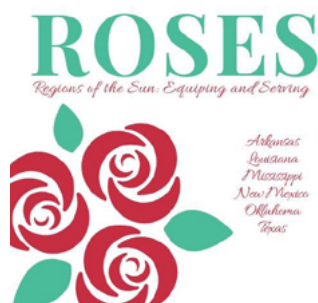
The event theme is “ROSES Everywhere: Empowering Women for God's Call”. There will be opportunities for fellowship, learning and worshipping together.

The event opens Friday, September 13th at 7 pm with guest speaker Rev. Terri Hord Owens, General Minister &

President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the US & Canada.

Guest speakers for Saturday include Phillips Theological Seminary professors Dr. Bernard Brandon Scott and Rev. Dr. Lisa Davison. Aliye Shimi, the 2016 Oklahoma Muslim of the Year and co-founder of the Peace Project will also speak. Saturday's event will conclude with “The Bible Women's Project”, a play that explores the women of the Old and New Testaments as seen through the eyes of female Eastern Nazarene College students.

Registration is \$40. Please visit the Regional website at www.okdisciples.org for information on registration and hotel accommodations.



SEPTEMBER 13-14, 2019

FRIDAY 7:00 pm
Rev. Terri Hord Owens

SATURDAY

9:15 am Bernard Brandon Scott, PTS
10:30 am Rev. Dr. Lisa Davison, PTS
1:30 pm Aliye Shimi
3:00 pm The Bible Women's Project

Disciples Women ROSES Event

First Christian Church Tulsa
913 S. Boulder, Tulsa, OK 74119

Hotel Accommodations

Holiday Inn: Tulsa City Center
17 W 7th St., Tulsa, OK
(855) 914-1748

COMMUNITY AND OUTREACH

REFUGE FELLOWSHIP

We received this nice thank you note from Pastor Noel Gray of Refuge Fellowship:

Thank you for all you do for Refuge. I don't know if you know the magnitude of these gifts. It's equivalent to giving a bed. May God Strengthen and Bless your team.

Deepest gratitude,
Pastor Noel

WAY TO GO, SHCC!

Southern Hills raised \$810.00 for the 2019 Pentecost offering!

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.

DISCIPLE WOMEN ACTIVITIES

Book Group - Monday, July 8, 12:00 pm in the Chapel. Bring your lunch and join us for a lively discussion.

Wow Lunch - Wednesday, July 24, 12:30 pm. Location to be announced. All ladies of the church are invited.

A WORD FROM PASTOR ROB

Summer is officially here. So many of us are going hither and yonder; what a delight it has been to hear of or about your adventures. Being a part of this community means being in community with people who, 'have a life.' That is to say, people around here enjoy being connected to other communities and especially delight in taking time away during the summer to be more fully part of those communities. How delightful! Or as, God said after completing 6 days of works, just before resting on the seventh, "How Especially delightful!" Taking time aside from all the doings we do, is important. It is in fact a commandment of the Lord's. We are not created to do, we are created to be. Thanks be to God for the time and resources to have vacation and to take time to simply be. To truly be with family and friends is to be with and see God in our daily living.

Taking time away from our routines and making time for relationships that are important gives us life. It also, often gives us time to re-think or re-orient our world view. Ideally, it reminds us that there are different

ways of seeing the world than our own. In her book, *Stitches: A Handbook of Meaning, Hope and Repair*, Anne Lamont writes, "When we agree to (or get tricked into) being part of something bigger than our own wired, fixated minds, **we are saved**. When we search for something larger than our own selves to hook into, we can come through whatever life throws at us." Anne Lamont is no degree carrying Theologian, but what a profound statement about the salvific power of communities.

God created us to be in life-giving relationships, with our family, with our friends, with our church, with all of our neighbors; as we do so, we honor God even as we are with God.

At SHCC this is a season of tending, nourishing and perhaps rekindling relationships that are God given blessings. Thanks be to God! As you are going to and from your places of renewal, remember your SHCC family and know that we bless you as you go; even as you are a blessing to us!

~Pastor Rob

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July 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 9:00a Tai Chi (GA) 6:00p Plarn Workshop (BK) 6:30 Cub Scouts	2 Newsletter Deadline 10:30a Plarn Workshop (BK) 7:00 Scouting BSA	3 10:00a Bible Study (BK) 11:00 Overeater's Anon (C) 5:30p Praise Team (S)	4 Independence Day Church Closed	5 2:30p food prep	6 7:30 - 8:15 am Free Breakfast
7 9:00a Traditional Worship (S) 9:15 Worship & Wonder 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Contemp Worship (S) 3:30p Communion Service (BV) 5:00 Presentation on Galatians Sermons (C)	8 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	9 Newsletter Published 10:30a Plarn Workshop (BK) 6:00p Lectio Divina (C) 6:30 Search Comm. (BK) 7:00 Scouting BSA 7:00 Outreach (BK)	10 10:00a Bible Study (BK) 11:00 Overeater's Anon (C) 5:30 Praise Team (S) 6:00 Hike at Martin Nature Park	11 3:15p Tai Chi (GA) 6:00 Girl Scouts (P)	12 2:30p food prep	13 7:30 - 8:15 am Free Breakfast
14 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)	15 9:00a Tai Chi (GA) 6:00p Plarn Workshop (BK) 6:30 Cub Scouts 6:00 VBS	16 Newsletter Deadline 10:30a Plarn Workshop (BK) 7:00p Scouting BSA 7:00 Breakfast Planning Committee (BK) 6:00 VBS	17 10:00a Bible Study (BK) 11:00 Overeater's Anon (C) 5:30p Praise Team (S) 6:00 VBS	18 3:15p Tai Chi (GA) 7:00 Stephen Min. (P) 6:00 VBS	19 2:30p food prep	20 7:30 - 8:15 Free Breakfast
21 9:30a Sunday School 10:45 Combined Worship (S) 12:00p Fellowship Meal (FH) 3:30 Communion Service (BV)	22 9:00a Tai Chi (GA) 6:00 Big Theological Questions (The Patriarch) 6:00 Plarn Workshop (BK) 6:30 Cub Scouts	23 Newsletter Published 10:30a Plarn Workshop (BK) 6:00p Lectio Divina (C) 7:00p Scouting BSA	24 10:00a Bible Study (BK) 11:00 Overeater's Anon (C) 12:30p WOW Lunch (TBA) 5:30 Praise Team (S)	25 3:15p Tai Chi (GA) 6:00 Girl Scouts (P)	26 2:30p food prep Once Upon a Mattress @Upstage Theater Time - TBA	27 7:30 - 8:15 Free Breakfast
28 9:00a Traditional Worship (S) 9:15 Worship & Wonder 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Contemp Worship (S) 3:30 Communion Service (BV) 4:00 Leadership Council (C)	29 9:00a Tai Chi (GA) 6:00 Plarn Workshop (BK) 6:30 Cub Scouts	30 10:30a Plarn Workshop (BK) 6:00p Lectio Divina (C) 7:00p Scouting BSA	31 10:00a Bible Study (BK) 11:00 Overeater's Anon (C) 1:30p Regional Food Bank 5:30 Praise Team (S)			

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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

- 7/07 - Presentation on Galations Sermons w/examples of art - 5pm in Chapel
- 7/10 - Family Life Hike - 6:00 pm at Martin Nature Park - Meet at the Playground
- 7/14 - Elders meeting - 12:30 pm in the Conference Room
- 7/15 - ReNew VBS Begins - Monday thru Thursday 6:00-8:00 pm
- 7/21 - **One service at 10:45 am, Sunday School at 9:30 am**
- 7/28 - Leadership Council Meeting - 4:00 pm in the Chapel. Open to all.
- 7/31 - Regional Food Bank - 1:30-4:00 pm

SHCC STAFF

Interim Minister:	Rev. Dr. Rob Crawford	rob@shccedmond.org
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ATTENDANCE

Sunday School 6/09	38
10:45 Combined Svc. 6/09	118
3:30 PM Bradford 6/09	10
Total Worship 6/09	128

Sunday School 6/16	51
9:00 AM Traditional 6/16	90
11:15 AM Contemp. 6/16	25
3:30 PM Bradford 6/16	10
Total Worship 6/16	125

Sunday School 6/23	57
9:00 AM Traditional 6/23	72
11:15 AM Contemp. 6/23	32
3:30 PM Bradford 6/23	10
Total Worship 6/23	114

PRAYERS

Marie Byrkit; Elsie Knight; Alice Smith;
Joe Jones; Verna Manning; Michael
Bohn, Ruth Harness; Bud Kahmar; Julie
Kruse; Amber Marcha; Tim Francis;
Pamela Cline; Valerie White