



Southern Hills Christian Church (DOC)

The Sharing Tree

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ALL HANDS ON DECK!

Join us July 31, 2019 for a 1:30 - 4:40 pm Shift

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



We need volunteers year-round
to help fulfill our mission of
"Fighting Hunger...Feeding Hope."[™]

Outreach and Family Life invite you to help address hunger in Oklahoma with your church family by volunteering at the Regional Food Bank on Wednesday, July 31. Our shift is from 1:30 to 4:00 pm. Participants have to be at least 8 years old and anyone under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. **The church bus will leave at 12:45 to arrive 15 minutes before our shift time.**

Please sign up in the gathering area. If we have more than the bus can hold, we can carpool or meet you there but still sign up so we know you are coming. If you want a job where you can stay seated, they have those too!

Thank You!

Just wanted to send a thank you and send my appreciation for all the positive thoughts and prayers. Whatever it is you are doing, please don't stop. My Doctors have given words of encouragement that things are going well with the treatment. Dennis, Katalina, and I appreciate everyone's support!

Amber Marcha

REFUGE FELLOWSHIP COMING SOON

Our next time to serve dinner at Refuge Fellowship is Monday, August 12. We need volunteers to go with us to serve the meal, money for food purchases, and folks to donate desserts and other items for the dinner. Sign up sheets will be available in the Gathering Area if you can help out. Please contact Marilee Hattendorf for more information. Thank you!



FAMILY LIFE EVENTS THIS SUMMER

Thank you for all your help making ReNew VBS a success!

VBS was so much fun this year as 26 kids learned how to grow in faith, have fun, and change the world. It would not have been possible without everyone's help. Thank you for donating supplies, helping designs sets, shopping for supplies, making food, leading sites, corralling kids, helping with songs and production, and checking in to see if there was anything else that was needed. In its entirety, VBS was a living example of how God plants seeds in each of us, with roots of love interconnected, and that the kin-dom is fully alive when we all work together as one creation. Thank you!

Special thanks to these volunteers who spent count-

less hours making VBS happen: Georgia Shaw; Rick Strikclin; Brayden Somers; Cathy Schmidt; Carolyn and Russ Wagner-Bark; Donna Combs; Kaden Austin; Janee Austin; Suzanne Ray; Mia Ray; Mary Hirsch; Alysha and Jesse Dailey; Ben and Lacie Bowlware; Kat Marcha; Amber Brooks; Morgan Gregory; Pam Camp; Carolyn Lamiell; Alison Rash; Marilyn Walters; Jason Holder and Rob Crawford; Brooke Plumlee; Chuck Marshall; Kara Gregory; Cheryl Aspy. Now, please stop bringing me trash!

Peace,
Sarah

Family Life Events This Summer

- July 26, 8p, Once Upon a Mattress @ Upstage Theatre. Buy tickets at: <http://bit.ly/1nceuponamattress>
- July 31, 1:30-4pm, Volunteer at Regional Food Bank. Bus leaves at 12:45pm; please let Sarah know if you are planning on being there.
- August 2-3, Prep and serve Saturday breakfast. Let Sarah know which day(s) you'd like to help.
- August 8-10, Help with the Saturday breakfast Garage Sale

CHAOS Pool Meetup - August 15, from 2 - 4 pm at Karl and Mary Hirsch's house.

Interfaith Youth Tour is coming up September 15 from 12:30-6:00 pm. 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.

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE FOR ORVIS RISNER



It's that time of year when kids and parents are realizing how quickly summer is ending. For many families it is the realization that with the start of new school year is the need for school supplies that they can't afford. Every year we try to help by partnering with our neighborhood elementary school, Orvis Risner. Did you know that 48% of students at Orvis Risner receive free or reduced lunch? This number also means that for nearly half of families, purchasing

school supplies is a burden as well. But, we can help! In the Gathering Space you'll see a yellow school bus. This bus is ready to take a journey across Boulevard stuffed with needed supplies. On the easel next to the bus are student supply lists; pick up a list and donate what you can. Donations can be made through August 16th. Let's fill this bus!

HOW GOD CAN USE OUR SUFFERING

In Genesis we learn the story of Joseph and how he was betrayed by his brothers. They sold him into slavery, he was unjustly imprisoned, and forgotten. But, when God's plan was revealed, Joseph said that it was good.

The Bible tells us that the Lord has many purposes for the pain we go through. One is to develop personal righteousness. He desires that we walk in holiness before Him, God uses discipline to keep us away from unholiness and to increase our fruitfulness. He uses difficult people and circumstances to "prune" away any deadwood--- attitudes, behavior and relationships that do not fit the child of God. Such pruning is not a pleasant experience, it can effectively train us to lead a godly life.

For this to happen, we must learn to depend on Him for everything we do and say. If situations did not press in on us, we would probably go on our merry



Christ caring for people through people

**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

way. But, we are to be like Jesus, who relied on His Father no matter what the situation. This may mean forgiving our enemies, bearing our burdens with patience, or finding joy in the midst of our sorrows, just as He did. Our witness will not be a perfect one, but we should display a growing resemblance to the Lord.

Life is full of trouble. But in the hands of our loving God, our suffering is being used for eternal purposes. Till next time, God bless you and may angels surround and protect you,

Sandy Jehle
Stephen Leader

SAVE THE DATE - ALL CHURCH INDOOR GARAGE SALE



Please make plans to help as you are able with the SHCC Indoor Garage Sale, taking place in Fellowship Hall on Friday, August 9, and Saturday, August 10. Set up and prep day will be Thursday, August 8.

Lunch will be served on Friday at noon. Please bring your donation items to the fellowship hall on Thursday, Aug. 8 for pricing. Volunteers are needed for all three days. We need help sorting, displaying, pricing, selling, making lunch, cleaning the kitchen and cleaning up after the sale. We also need some pickup trucks or trailers and helpers to help clean up and remove all the

left over items. Please sign up to help in the gathering area. For questions, contact Georgia Shaw.

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

A WORD FROM PASTOR ROB

What a blessing it is to be a part of the community at SHCC. I hope that you were able to be a part of the VBS experience last week! Our theme was Renew. Beyond touching the lives of the children, youth and adults that were a part of this ministry, we tried to live more deeply into our identity as a Green Chalice church. You will be hearing more about that in time. Suffice it to say, we are trying to double down on our recycling efforts, including the possibility of beginning to compost church wide; again, stayed tuned for more details. Thank you to Rev. Combs for her superior leadership and to the countless volunteers who were present before, after and during VBS. Mr. Curtis and the CDC team were incredibly helpful as well, going above and beyond in terms of team work and flexibility. Truly we are blessed to be in community here!

In the weeks ahead, as the summer draws to a close, there will be a 6-week sermon series in worship titled, "Drinking Deeply from the Psalms." Theologian Rolf Jacobson proposed the idea, based loosely on Walter Brueggemann's "typology that in life we move through a pattern of ups and downs: Orientation: When life is stable and the world seems trustworthy (Psalm 1 - 7/28 and Psalm 113 - 8/4), to Disorientation: When the bottom drops out and the tradition feels like a lie (Psalm 69 - 8/11), to Re-Orientation: When faith in a trustworthy God and creation are found again, but the 3experience of disorientation is not forgotten (Psalm 27 - 8/18,

Psalm 40 - 8/25, and Psalm 146 - 9/1)." If you can, please read the assigned Psalm at least a couple of times before you arrive to worship. As we explore these 6 Psalms we will explore how God journeys with us through different seasons of life. As always, I look forward to your input and feedback.

General Assembly will be winding down by the time you receive this newsletter. I can assure you it was a treat to represent SHCC at G.A.. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is much more diverse on a national level than we are here in Edmond. However, I think we are ahead of the curve in some ways, particularly for a predominantly white affluent congregation. Our vision states that, "Jesus Christ calls us to be a faith community that nurtures ALL people in spiritually transforming relationships with God, others, and all creation." No doubt, we probed the depth this week as a denomination regarding what "ALL" means. Just as we continue to do that around here. It has been a part of our journey since the inception of our faith, in that way, it is in keeping with who we are. The big question seems to be, "What if "All," includes people I find on the other side of the line from me regarding political, polity, or theological issues, etc.?" It's one thing to say we will nurture "All," it's an entirely different thing to do so. Do you have any idea about how to do so, or if we should? I'd love to hear your thoughts!

~Pastor Rob

RECYCLING YOUR ELECTRONICS

When looking for a place to responsibly recycle electronic waste, I discovered AfterTech Electronics Recycling, Inc. in Oklahoma City, a family-owned business with a Zero Land Fill Policy.

AfterTech recycles via re-use and/or remanufacturing and donating or reselling at reduced prices for those less fortunate. If a product is completely unusable, it is broken down and the materials are transferred to appropriate local refineries. AfterTech is also a computer and technology resource for schools, colleges, vo-techs and many Oklahoma businesses.

Free drop off is available 24/7 in or near the recycling box at the front door of AfterTech at:

1429 N Rockwell Avenue, Ste A
Oklahoma City, OK 73127
Phone: 405-658-6404.

For more information, refer to their web page at: www.aftertech.net



SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR A SETTLED PASTOR

Greetings from the Search Committee for a Settled Pastor.

Southern Hills, we need your input!!! The Search committee wants to know which areas of ministry are the most important for the person we choose as our settled pastor. On August 11, 2019, we will ask you to participate in a poll to determine which of 20 specific areas of ministry are the most critical in a future pastor of SHCC. So, we are providing a list of those 20 areas of ministry for you to think about, to discuss with your family and to talk about with your Sunday School class. Please be ready to pick your top 3 in each of the three categories, listed below.

Your voice is central to our process. When we receive applicant profiles, these individuals will also state their skills in each of these areas. Knowing exactly what you want will help us make a choice to recommend to you. We want our recommendation to reflect exactly what you believe SHCC needs in a minister at this time. We greatly appreciate your participation and will be happy to answer any of your questions.

Co-Chairs: Les Harness and Cheryl Aspy

Members: Cole Abbott, Janee Austin, Robyn Cowperthwaite, Jill Hill, Brooke Plumlee, Janella Tears, Silas Traugher-Hill

The 20 Ministry Skills are classified into 3 separate categories:

- **Outreach/Teaching Ministries**
- **Pastoral/Worship Ministries**
- **Membership Development/Administrative.**

On Sunday, August 11, you will be asked to choose the top three skills for each section that you believe are most important for the senior minister at Southern Hills Christian Church.

Outreach/Teaching Ministries

1. Interfaith Activities - Pastor participates actively in ecumenical relationships and activities; encourages the congregation to do likewise; and encourages a united Christian community witness.
2. Educational Program - Pastor identifies the educational needs of persons and develops programs to meet those needs; helps to set educational goals for the congregation; works with youth, children and adults.
3. Evangelism - Pastor emphasizes bringing new members into the congregation regularly; helps to develop commitment to evangelism in other people.
4. Involvement in Mission Beyond the Local Community - Pastor understands and interprets the mission of the church from a global perspective and encourages support of Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) outreach.
5. Mission in the Local Community - Pastor helps persons understand and act upon social and justice issues; becomes informed and involved in the community; and, organizes persons for community action.
6. Responsibilities and Relationships with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), both Regional & General - Pastor is involved in the life of the church beyond the congregation; has a strong personal commitment to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and helps the congregation to know and be involved in the work of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).
7. Teaching - Pastor has a strong commitment to the teaching ministry; interprets and teaches the Scriptures, theological concepts, church history, etc; provides instruction for church leaders, members, etc.

SEARCH COMMITTEE - CONTINUED

Pastoral & Worship Ministries

1. Congregational Home Visitation - Pastor makes pastoral calls on people in their homes.
2. Corporate Worship - Pastor plans and leads worship; works with the congregation to develop a rich life of devotion and praise.
3. Counseling - Pastor maintains confidentiality; is compassionate and sensitive to other's needs; helps persons develop emotional maturity; knows when to refer.
4. Hospital and Emergency Visitation - Pastor makes pastoral calls on persons in hospitals and nursing homes; ministers to persons in crisis situations.
5. Proclamation of the Word - Pastor is an effective preacher; can articulate personal faith; illumines, inspires and motivates persons to be active Christians in the world.
6. Spiritual Development of Members - Pastor models life of prayer and study; helps persons develop their spiritual life; encourages persons to relate their faith to their daily lives.

Membership Development/Administrative Ministries

1. Administrative Leadership - Pastor accepts responsibility for administrative leadership; encourages shared leadership; helps others to develop leadership abilities; encourages others to assume leadership roles.
2. Congregational Communication - Pastor encourages two-way communication in the congregation; shares information, and encourages shared problem-solving.
3. Evaluation of Program & Staff - Pastor plans and implements evaluation of programs; establishes procedures to evaluate staff performance in accord with goals and objectives.
4. Minister's Personal Creativity and Resourcefulness - Pastor plans and leads program activities; is imaginative and innovative; utilizes fresh and stimulating resources.
5. Planning Congregational Life - Pastor understands long-range planning and goal setting; helps leaders work together; works with committees/ officers; works effectively on a team.
6. Stewardship & Commitment Program - Pastor is committed to stewardship education; encourages regular stewardship growth; challenges the congregation to commitment to the church's work.
7. Congregational Fellowship - Pastor builds a sense of fellowship and community; reaches out to inactive members; accepts persons with divergent background and traditions.

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August 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 3:15p Tai Chi (GA) 6:00 Girl Scouts (P)	2 2:30p food prep	3 7:30 - 8:15 am Free Breakfast
4 9:00a Traditional Worship (S) 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Contemp Worship (S) 3:30p Communion Service (BV)	5 9:00a Tai Chi (GA) 6:00p Plarn Workshop (BK)	6 Newsletter Deadline 10:30a Plarn Workshop (BK) 7:00 Scouting BSA	7 11:00 Overeater's Anon (C) 5:30p Praise Team (S)	8 Garage Sale Setup 3:15p Tai Chi (GA) 6:00 Pub Ministry 7:00 Stephen Min. (P)	9 Garage Sale All Day (FH) 2:30p food prep	10 Garage Sale 1/2 Day (FH) 7:30 - 8:15 am Free Breakfast
11 Promotion Sunday 9:30a Sunday School 10:45 Combined Worship (S) 3:30 Communion Service 12:30 Fellowship Meal (FH) 12:30 Elder's Meeting 3:30 Communion Service (BV)	12 9:00a Tai Chi (GA) 12:00p WOW Book Club 5:00 Rafuge Fellowship 6:00 Big Theological Questions (The Patriarch) 6:00 Plarn Workshop (BK)	13 Newsletter Published 10:30a Plarn Workshop (BK) 6:00p Lectio Divina 7:00 Scouting BSA 7:00 Outreach (BK)	14 11:00a Overeater's Anon (C) 5:30p Praise Team (S)	15 3:15p Tai Chi (GA) 6:00 Girl Scouts (P) 6:00 VBS	16 2:30p food prep	17 7:30 - 8:15 Free Breakfast
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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

- 7/28 - Leadership Council Meeting - 4:00 pm in the Chapel. Open to all.
- 7/31 - Regional Food Bank - 1:30-4:00 pm. Church van leaves SHCC at 12:45.
- 8/11 - Elders meeting - 12:30 pm in the Conference Room
- **8/11 - One service at 10:45 am, Sunday School at 9:30 am**
- **8/11 - Fellowship Meal following the 10:45 Service**
- 8/12 - Refuge Fellowship - Church van leaves SHCC at 5:00 pm

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School 7/14	63
9:00 AM Traditional 7/14	82
11:15 AM Contemp. 7/14	49
3:30 PM Bradford 7/14	11
Total Worship 7/14	142

Sunday School 7/21	59
10:45 Combined Svc. 7/21	129
3:30 PM Bradford 7/21	10
Total Worship 7/21	139

SHCC STAFF

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PRAYERS

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Joe Jones; Verna Manning; Michael
Bohn, Ruth Harness; Bud Kahmar; Julie
Kruse; Amber Marcha; Tim Francis;
Pamela Cline; Valerie White; Shirley
Bibb; Bryant Rains and Family