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AUGUST 9-10

SOUTHERN HILLS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bring your items to fellowship hall Thursday, August 8th and come join us for the sale on Friday and Saturday. Come have a salad lunch with us on Friday. We need lots of donations.

We need lots of help. All proceeds go to the weekend breakfast fund. Sign up sheets are in the gathering area. Sign up!

ONE SERVICE AT 10:45 ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES

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FUN & FELLOWSHIP STARTS AUGUST 21!

All children and youth are invited for Wednesday evening programming as we share a meal, have some fellowship, and converse about faith. In addition to the newness of adding youth back to Wednesdays, we also have some volunteers who want to help by offering van rides for children and youth who need a ride to be able to join the fun and fellowship. To help with material preparation and let us know if a ride is needed, please register your students at <http://bit.ly/2OEHPiX>.

Promotion Sunday

August 11- We "officially" welcome Britton Brooks to Faith Travelers, and welcome Aidan Hellwege, Jude Rake, and Christian Millsbaugh to youth!

Camp Share Sunday, August 18

During Sunday School on August 18, children and youth who participated in summer church and mission camps will share about their experiences. All other children, youth, and adults are invited to listen. Sunday School will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

Youth CHAOS

August 11-after Fellowship Meal, CHAOS will meet in the youth room. We will welcome new youth, play some games, and get the youth room in shape

Pool Meetup-There's one left on August 15 from 2:00 - 4:00 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, visit <https://www.okchurches.org/calendar>. Registration fee is \$25.00.

Children

Acolyte Training, August 25 from 12:30-1:15pm

If your child would like to help as an acolyte in either the 1st or 2nd service, we are holding an acolyte training following the second service. We will show the acolytes what the expectations are for this role, as well as give them the opportunity to practice. For children ages 5 through 5th grade.

DISCIPLES WOMEN MEETING

This year the former Charity, Hope and Fidelity Disciple Women groups will combine and meet together the 3rd Monday of each month from September - May.

The first meeting will be a pot-luck salad luncheon **in the home of Patsy Drab, 208 Hanover Drive, Monday, September 16, 12:30 PM.**

The Disciples Women Planning Commission agreed to have 3 study meetings and 3 service or field trip meetings and dates have been set as such. On Sept. 16 we will plan in more detail for the coming year.

All SHCC women are invited to attend.



LEARNING TO TRUST GOD THROUGH PRAYER

Prayer is one area in our christian walk where we all realize a need for improvement. I have had so many people tell me that they become totally unraveled if they are asked to pray out loud in public. They say that they do not know how to say a "frilly" or flamboyant prayer that goes on and on, and on. That isn't what God wants. All He asks of us is that it comes from our heart with true sincerity. A simple "Thank you Father" is just as important as a 25 minute knockdown drag out dissertation that is not sincere but very showy.

When in prayer we do battle with distractions, but we are also tempted to give up if we don't see results immediately. Yet, the Lord wants us to keep coming to Him with our concerns because in the process we are learning to develop a close relationship with Him. Of course this is not to say that He will give us everything we request, as we don't always make petitions according to His will. But even when He says no, God's fatherly concern for His children is obvious. Have you ever looked back at past prayer requests and been grateful the Lord didn't give the answer you had hoped for? I know I have. Sometimes a maturing perspective reveals that getting what you had hoped for would have been disastrous.



Christ caring for people through people

**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

In Matthew 7:7-11 God draws a comparison between earthly fathers and our heavenly Father. If a human father can offer good things to his children, then it only makes sense that the heavenly Father who is all-powerful and all-knowing will give His children superior gifts.

Therefore, we can trust that even if we don't receive exactly what we have requested, our loving heavenly Father is giving us something even better. Peace and confidence in prayer come when we humbly accept that we are like children with a very limited perspective on life, but our Father sees eternally. We can always trust Him to answer our prayers wisely.

'til next time, peace and blessings,
Sandy Jehle
Stephen Leader

**Join us on Sunday, August 11, 2019 for one service at 10:45.
Sunday School will be at 9:30. Please stay for a fellowship
meal following the service.**

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE FOR ORVIS RISNER

**Stuff
The
Bus**



School Supply Drive

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!

A WORD FROM PASTOR ROB

The last 2 weeks in our Psalm series we have been considering what Walter Bruegemann categorizes as orientation Psalms. These Psalms depict an understanding of our faith based upon a stable world, when and where God's steadfast presence is without doubt. The problem is the last couple of weeks have grown increasingly disorienting with each day. Finally, this coming Sunday is the one week (out of 6) we take a look at a disorienting Psalm. The kind of Psalm that captures those times when the bottom drops out and our faith tradition feels like a lie. Certainly we have all had times like that in our lives. One might say, that for our nation, such an exploration is apropos, as these are disorienting times in our country.

The work before us as a country, as a church, and as individuals is messy stuff. It's the kind of stuff, we would just as soon not think about, let alone talk about in 'mixed company.' All of us are at different places on naming and claiming the gunk of our nation, our church, our lives. As your pastor, I try to be mindful and sensitive to that situation, while at the same time, nudging all of us to take a peek around the corner, or underneath a rock or two, particularly as it pertains to how our relationship with God affects our daily living. How else do we grow, if not by being challenged? Why else do we come to church, if not to grow in faith?

In his book, Song of the Sparrow: New Poems and Meditations, Murray Bodo writes, "There are

times when the Interior Journey is impeded by the refusal or inability to make an external journey. The outward journey may be the move toward another person to seek forgiveness or offer forgiveness; or the journey may be toward some inner place you are afraid to enter or reenter that is closing down your world and keeping you from surrendering to God's Providence and care. The outer journey is inexplicably entwined with the inner journey and vice versa." Inevitably how we feel on the inside makes its way to the outside, affecting how we understand our relationships with God, human beings and the world. This is true as a country, as a church, and as individuals.

Hard truths are as difficult to accept at times as they are to speak. Murray Bodo helped me get a little bit better at this with another book of his, "Landscape of Prayer." In that book, Bodo's writing captured my heart and affected my understanding of faith with these words, "The truest face of God is love. That is the ultimate knowledge that prayer imparts... If I repent (change my point of view, my heart, my orientation), I will see that the kingdom of God is indeed near. It is all around and within me when I understand at last what it means that God is simply --love." This truth is not difficult to accept, but some days it is hard to live. If we pray daily, working to integrate how we live with what we believe, God, Love, should take care of the rest. May it be so?

~Pastor Rob

REFUGE FELLOWSHIP - MONDAY, AUGUST 12

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!

NEW MEMBER

Please welcome Jo Pigg, who came forward during the 9:00 am service on August 4 to place her membership with Southern Hills. Jo grew up in Edmond, attending First Christian Church until moving to McAlester, OK.

Having returned to Edmond, Jo transfers her membership from Trinity Lutheran Church of McAlester. Please make Jo welcome among her new church family!

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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 Published 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 Refuge Fellowship 6:00 Big Theological Questions (The Patriarch) 6:00 Plarn Workshop (BK)	13 Newsletter Deadline 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) 6:00 Stewardship Mtg (BK)	15 3:15p Tai Chi (GA) 6:00 Girl Scouts (P)	16 2:30p food prep	17 7:30 - 8:15 Free Breakfast
18 9:00a Traditional Worship (S) 10:15 Camp Share (FH) 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Contemp Worship (S) 12:30p Worship Committee (BK) 3:30p Communion Service (BV)	19 9:00a Tai Chi (GA) 6:00 Plarn Workshop (BK)	20 Newsletter Published 10:30a Plarn Workshop (BK) 7:00p Scouting BSA 7:00 Breakfast Planning Committee (BK)	21 11:00 Overeater's Anon (C) 5:30p Praise Team (S) 5:30 Fun & Fellowship (FH)	22 3:15p Tai Chi (GA) 7:00 Stephen Min. (P)	23 2:30p food prep	24 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.
- 8/09 and 8/10 - Garage Sale in Fellowship Hall
- 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**
- 8/11 - CHAOS Youth Group meets following the Fellowship Meal
- 8/12 - WOW Book Group - 12:30 pm in the chapel
- 8/12 - Refuge Fellowship - Church van leaves SHCC at 5:00 pm
- 8/18 - Camp Share Sunday - 10:15 in Fellowship Hall
- 8/20 - Breakfast Planning Committee - 7:00 pm in Boka Keene
- 8/25 - Acolyte Training - 12:30 - 1:15 pm in the sanctuary
- 8/25 - Leadership Council Meeting - 4:00 pm in the Chapel. Open to all.

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School 7/28	63
9:00 AM Traditional 7/28	72
11:15 AM Contemp. 7/28	51
3:30 PM Bradford 7/28	11
Total Worship 7/28	134

Sunday School 8/04	60
9:00 AM Traditional 8/04	72
11:15 AM Contemp. 8/04	43
3:30 PM Bradford 8/04	11
Total Worship 8/04	126

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PRAYERS

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