



Southern Hills Christian Church (DOC)

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## 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 potluck 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.



## 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](http://www.okdisciples.org) for information on registration and hotel accommodations.

**ROSES**  
*Regions of the Sun, Equipping and Serving*



*Arkansas  
Louisiana  
Mississippi  
New Mexico  
Oklahoma  
Texas*

### 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

**Choir rehearsal resumes Wednesday,  
August 28 at the usual time of 7:00 pm.**



## 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>.

## Children

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

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.

## Youth CHAOS

**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.

**Team Work Sunday** is September 29th. Save the date to unload pumpkins after church!



## LITURGISTS NEEDED



Sunday morning Liturgists are needed for August & September. In traditional service the role of the Liturgist is to read scripture and lead the Call to Worship. For Contemporary Service the Liturgist reads the scripture. There is a sign up sheet in the Gathering Area near the front office window.

## WOW LADIES LUNCH

Our WOW lunch group will meet on August 28, 12:30 at Simply Falafel, 343 S. Blackwelder, Edmond. It is just northwest of the Target store on 2nd street. All SHCC women are invited to attend.

## WOW BOOK GROUP

Our WOW lunch group will meet on Monday, September 9, 12:00 pm in the Chapel. All SHCC women are invited to attend.

## I CAN DO IT MYSELF

How many times have we said this and then totally failed? No one likes to fail at anything, and a spiritual failure is particularly hard. The word failure immediately drums up uncomfortable feelings and thoughts of a black mark on our walk with God. Try as we might, however, we simply find it impossible to go through life without missing the mark from time to time.

I find it most troubling for believers, myself included, when we know the right thing to do but don't do it. If you recall from Deuteronomy, the Israelites, who refused to enter the land God had said to conquer and possess, allowed fear to short-circuit their obedience to the heavenly Father. But the ultimate reason for their disobedience was a lack of trust in God.

Think about a time when you failed to follow one of the Lord's commands. Did you look at the circumstances around you and decide it was too risky to do what God had said? Maybe your way simply seemed like a better approach. In both cases, the temptation began with doubts about God. Often our



*Christ caring for people through people*

# STEPHEN MINISTRY

thoughts were that I'm not sure He knows what is best for me.

I guarantee that every time we trust ourselves and doubt God's wisdom, power, and goodness, we are surely headed for failure and it's aftermath. Even though He always forgives us when we come to Him with a repentant heart, we may still have to have the consequences of our self-willed rebellion.

God wants us to have enough confidence in Him that we choose to follow His directions and thereby avoid the pitfalls of self-reliance. Just remember that the God who calls us empowers us to obey whatever He commands.

Till next time, peace and blessings,

Sandy Jehle  
Stephens Leader

## RECORD NUMBERS (AND TEMPS) AT REFUGE FELLOWSHIP!

Thirteen SHCC folks traveled to OKC on August 12, the hottest day of summer, to serve dinner at Refuge Fellowship. Approximately 80 people came in after having been on the street most of the day. They were greeted by a Refuge volunteer with iced water and iced tea.

Thanks to your generous donations and support, we were able to serve a meal of chicken salad, croissants, macaroni and cheddar pasta salad, a beautiful fresh fruit salad, and the cakes that we seem to be known for. Several Plarn mats were given out, and also goody bags donated by

James and Melissa Powers.

A big thank you to all who went to serve and to those who donated food and other supplies. A special thank you to Don and Gayle Hurst and Carolyn Lamiell for furnishing the pasta and fruit salads, and to Brian White for driving our van!

## WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday Bible Study Resumes on September 4. Meeting time is from 10:00 to 11:00 am. The book of Exodus will be the topic of the study. Please contact Georgia Shaw with any questions.



## SCHEDULE OF COMBINED SERVICES

For all those who like to plan ahead, here are the remaining combined worship services for the year of 2019: September 29th, November 17 and December 29th. January 5th, 2020 will be a combined service as well. On Combined service days Sunday School is at 9:30 and the combined worship service is at 10:45.

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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

- 8/21 - Fun & Fellowship Resumes - 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall
- 8/25 - Acolyte Training - 12:30 - 1:15 pm in the sanctuary
- 8/25 - Environmental Stewardship Committee - 12:30 in Boka Keene
- 8/25 - Leadership Council Meeting - 4:00 pm in the Chapel. Open to all.
- 8/28 - Choir Rehearsal Resumes - 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary
- 9/04 - Wednesday Bible Study resumes - 10:00 am in Boka Keene
- 9/09 - WOW Book Group - 12:30 pm in the chapel
- 9/15 - Elders meeting - 12:30 pm in the Conference Room
- **9/29 - One Service at 10:45 am. Sunday School at 9:30 am.**
- **9/29 - Pumpkins Arrive following the service.**

## ATTENDANCE

Sunday School 8/11	51
10:45 Combined Svc. 8/11	112
3:30 PM Bradford 8/11	10
<b>Total Worship 8/11</b>	<b>122</b>

Sunday School 8/18	65
9:00 AM Traditional 8/18	81
11:15 AM Contemp. 8/18	53
3:30 PM Bradford 8/18	11
<b>Total Worship 8/18</b>	<b>145</b>

## SHCC STAFF

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## PRAYERS

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Pamela Cline; Valerie White; Shirley  
Bibb; Kay Boies; The Marcha Family