



The Sharing Tree

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A WORD FROM PASTOR ROB

Greetings Church! Over the next 7 weeks we will be exploring the question, **"Why Church?"** As you know, people come to church for a variety of reasons - community, obligation, or even for the coffee (When's the last time you thanked Janey for that---she goes above and beyond with the coffee). But those are surface level reasons. When we really look deep into the "why" of church, it's all about what God does in our hearts: transformation. And, that's what people are seeking, to be transformed!

We have two services every Sunday morning (9:00 & 11:15) where you can explore the question, **"Why Church?"**. However, we also

have a 3rd type of worship in formation. It is also a form of service. On Sunday mornings, down in the kitchen around 7 a.m. there we will be an opportunity to practice being the church. Last year our Free Breakfast ministry took place every Saturday, this year under the capable leadership of Georgia Shaw we are expanding the Free Breakfast time to include Sunday mornings. If this sounds intriguing to you, please contact Georgia Shaw or sign up in the Gathering area to serve.

Shalom,
Pastor Rob

TAKE STOCK IN MISSIONS

Take Stock in Missions is a chance for you to "invest" in our Youth who will journey on the International Affairs Seminar. Your return isn't monetary, it is the satisfaction that you have provided a life-changing experience, and that you have invested in the lives of Youth, by sponsoring them to learn about God's word and its need.

These trips through Washington D.C. and New York City, really help our emerging young adults to get a glimpse of life outside of Oklahoma, and challenge them to see the world in a new light. They also get the chance to visit some amazing historical sites and museums.

Our hope is to make the trip as affordable as possible for our two students, Miguel Hellwege and Gillian Marshall. So far, Take Stock has raised \$1,545 to support Gillian and Miguel on the International Affairs Seminar. Thank you to

all who have pledged their support so far! For any who would still like to support this mission and to help make this a low cost trip for these families, please make sure you do so in the next few weeks; Miguel and Gillian will need to send their payments in by February 1st.

And mark your calendars for March 29th, when Gillian and Miguel will host a stockholder appreciation during Sunday School. They will share all about their experiences on IAS. It is wonderful to serve a church that intentionally and graciously supports children and youth ministries and mission.

We thank-you in advance for your continued support of our youth!

With Gratitude,
Pastor Sarah

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Summer Camp Dates Announced!

Put up your sweaters, and get those shorts ready, because summer camp will be here before you know it. The church will pay ½ of the early bird rate for 1 camp per child or youth.

Camp Dates:

June 8-12: Chi Rho Camp @ Oakridge (Youth completing grades 6-8)

June 15-19: Junior Camp @ Central Oklahoma Camp (children completing grades 4-5)

June 19-21: Discovery Camp @ Central Oklahoma Camp (children completing grades 2-3)

June 22-26: CYF Conference @ Central Oklahoma Camp (youth completing grades 9-12)

July 19-25: Mission Camp Road Show, Albuquerque

Dates to Remember:

February 1, registration opens for Mission Camp Road Show

February 3, registration opens for summer camps

March 8, Camp Sunday

March 29, All registrations and payments due

* More information to come in January

Fun & Fellowship Begins January 8th

All children and youth, grades K-12 are invited back on Wednesday evenings. We meet each week from 5:30 - 7:00 pm for dinner, games, crafts, and small group study.

Youth Laser Tag January 19th

Eat prior or bring a lunch
Meet in the Gathering Space at 12:45pm
We will return to the church at 3:30pm
Cost: \$10

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU!

Congratulations to our Chili cook off winners! Georgia Shaw took 1st place, and Jarrett Austin was the 2nd place winner. The competition was fierce, as all the chilis were outstanding! A big thank you goes out to Lynda Deibel and Patsy Drab for all the hard work they put in on this event. Thanks also to our fabulous judges, bingo callers, and all who volunteered to put on this fun fellowship event.



MATS FOR THE HOMELESS - TWO YEAR REPORT

Making sleeping mats for the homeless is a service project at Southern Hills Church, started in November 2017. We repurpose plastic shopping bags, creating mats that offer protection from the elements for our homeless friends. Plastic yarn (called PLARN) is made by cutting and joining strips, and then crocheting 6' x 3' mats.

Here are some (approximate) statistics on the project – since November 2017:

Delivered 59 mats for Refuge Fellowship (Church in downtown OKC)

- Collected and processed between 35,000 and 36,000 plastic bags
- Held over 160 workshops to sort, cut, and joint strips to produce the PLARN
- People spent an estimated 2,500-3,000 hours of service
- Dozens of people (ages 7-101) worked on the project
- Many prayers were offered, and personal notes were written, for our homeless friends.



Jo Pigg, pictured above, holds a mat she crocheted, thanks to lots of other hands helping prepare the plarn.

At right, four mats on the altar of Refuge Fellowship, dedicated to the homeless persons in need of them.

If you want to join the project, here are things to know:

You can donate clean, used, plastic bags at any time (bring to the church).

- You can volunteer to work on your own at home, or join a workshop at any time.
- Workshops are held at SHCC on Mondays at 6:00 pm and Tuesdays at 10:30 am most weeks.
- No special skills are needed, just willingness to spend some time and use your hands. (We need sorters, cutters, joiners to process the donated bags and make the PLARN.)
- For people wanting to crochet, a workshop will be held soon. (Not everyone crochets.)
- Anyone is welcome to participate at any time.

Contact Beth Gerardy (405-824-2543) for more information.



Christian Millspaugh, pictured above, helps to deliver mats to Refuge Fellowship in OKC



IN THE EVENT OF BAD WEATHER

If bad weather on a Sunday morning threatens cancellation of the worship services, a decision will be made by 7:30 am and the word will go out in several ways. Information on church closings will be reported on the local news stations. The information will be posted on the SHCC website, Facebook, and Twitter. We have also begun using an automated system to send out recorded phone messages.

If bad weather is in the forecast, look to one of these sources to see if we will have services as scheduled. If it is determined that worship will occur, please use your own good judgment about attending, taking into account the weather conditions and your own mobility.



AN OPEN LETTER TO SOUTHERN HILLS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

By now, many of you will have heard that I (Lisa) have been called to pastor a small, rural DOC congregation in Yukon, called West Point Christian Church. My first Sunday there will be January 12th. Steve will be going with me. By the time you receive this newsletter we will have shared our last Sunday at Southern Hills. So, I wanted to write a brief note in case we missed saying goodbye to some of you last Sunday. Southern Hills was a healing place for us when we first came in 2008 and will always hold a special place in our hearts. We will look forward to running into many of you at various DOC events, and Steve will still be available to help you with your

computer issues as he loves doing that and cherishes the friendships he has made with several of you. And, we covet your prayers as we embark on a new life journey. Like many of our small rural congregations, West Point is struggling, so the task ahead is challenging. We remain hopeful that, with God's help, we will be able to make a difference in the life of this little congregation. Our prayers are also with you all as you move into God's calling in this place.

Many blessings,
Lisa and Steve Wynn

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS UPDATE

Southern Hills, you have done it again! After Alternative Christmas was over, we continued to have people calling asking to purchase cards, and we gladly obliged. The outreach committee and all the groups that received your donations are very grateful for your generosity! **Thank you!**

The final figures for your very generous Alternative Christmas giving are as follows:

Cards for Agencies	\$ 3,346
Fair Trade Gifts (benefiting Pambe Ghana) (benefiting Pambe Ghana)	1,313
Brunch for Refuge Fellowship	461
Bake Sale for Weekend Breakfast	294
Total	\$ 5,414

LOST & FOUND

A cold night in OKC was warmed up by an industrious group of 13 from SHCC who served frito chili pie, salad, oranges and dessert to our homeless friends at Refuge Fellowship on Jan. 6th. Our own Maddie Money lifted everyone's spirits with her beautiful solo, and the meal and clothing items we delivered were greatly appreciated by approximately 70 people. We thank each and every one of you for your donations of money, food, time and energy to make this outreach ministry happen. Special thanks to Roger Harms for driving the van!

Elder's Retreat

Save the Date

All current and incoming Elders

Saturday, February 1st

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

More info to follow

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January 2020

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 New Year's Day Church Office Closed	2 12:00p Overeater's Anon (C) 3:15 Tai Chi (GA) 6:00 Girl Scouts (P)	3 2:00p food prep	4 7:30a Free Breakfast
5 Epiphany Sunday 7:30a Free Breakfast (FH) 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship (S) 3:30 Communion Service (BV) 6:00 Epiphany Party (S)	6 9:00a Tai Chi (GA) 6:00p Plarn Workshop (BK)	7 Newsletter Published 10:30a Plarn Workshop (BK) 7:00p Scouting BSA	8 10:00a Bible Study (BK) 5:30p Fun & Fellowship (FH) 5:30 Praise Team (S) 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (S)	9 12:00p Overeater's Anon (C) 3:15 Tai Chi (GA) 7:00 Stephen Min. (P)	10 2:00p food prep	11 7:30a 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

- 01/20 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Church Office closed
- 01/20 - Disciple Women Meeting - 1:00 pm (Location TBA)
- 01/22 - WOW Lunch - 12:30 pm (Location TBA)
- 02/01 - Elder's Retreat - 8:30 am - 4:00 pm at SHCC

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School 12/22	62
9:00 AM Traditional 12/22	98
11:15 AM Contemp. 12/22	63
3:30 PM Bradford 12/22	8
Total Worship 12/22	169

10:45 Combined Svc. 12/29	121
3:30 PM Bradford 12/29	7
Total Worship 12/29	128

Sunday School 1/05	62
10:45 Combined Svc. 1/05	131
3:30 PM Bradford 1/05	8
Total Worship 8/25	139

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