

The Shepherd's Watch



GOOD STEWARDSHIP

This month, find out about some of the stewards of God's blessings here at SHPC — they may not have STEWARD tattooed on their foreheads, but you can probably figure out who they are!

As we continue reaching up and reaching out, prayerfully consider your position as God's steward — perhaps you'll find a new vineyard to help cultivate here at SHPC.



Reaching

What a month we have had! As a nation, we have all felt the effects of the hurricane that changed the lives of millions overnight. As a congregation, we not only saw on TV the images of devastated buildings, we also saw firsthand the effects of lives upended as displaced people came to Austin looking for shelter and food. **And the response of the people of SHPC was tremendous.** Within hours our mission committee was on the ground, assessing needs and providing citywide leadership to organize an unprecedented response to the human need that presented itself. As a congregation, we made a commitment to care for four families. But that was just the tip of the iceberg. Story after story crossed my desk as individuals took their faith to the streets. They volunteered, delivered food and water, and actively cared for many in the shelters. Many of our folks simply got in their cars with gas and chainsaws and headed into the Gulf Coast to clear roads and yards. Our congregation reached out.

One of the most rewarding parts of this whole crisis was to see not only the physical comfort that was extended during this time but also the spiritual comfort that was evident. Buildings and possessions can be replaced, but hope is an intangible that only God can provide. And our congregation was there to offer that hope. Not a manufactured hope but a natural expression of lives lived with Christ. Our congregation reached up.

Even while the hurricane response was going on, our congregation had to make important decisions about our own future. **On September 18th we voted to purchase 69 acres on Highway 290 about three miles from the Y in Oak Hill.** This vote launched us into a new adventure as we follow God's leading into the future. In October we will begin our capital campaign, designed to provide the resources necessary to make the dream of this land a reality.

We are in this for the long haul. The response to Hurricane Katrina was immediate but our care must be extended throughout the recovery. Not only that, but the land purchase is a witness to our commitment to be a beacon of Christ's love and compassion to Southwest Austin now and in the years ahead. I am excited to be a part of this congregation as we continue to reach up and reach out.

See you Sunday!

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Sermons for October

Sermon Series: Encountering Jesus

October 2
The Healing at Bethesda
John 5:1-24

October 9
Raising of Lazarus
John 11:1-44

October 16
Pilate
John: 18:28 – 19:16

Sermon Series: Stories of the Faithful

October 23
The story of Ruth
How God Blesses Faithful Living

October 30
The story of Abraham
How God Blesses
Adventurous Living



The 3 Ts

Growing up Presbyterian in the East, October meant stewardship season. And stewardship season meant hearing all about our “three Ts” — our time, our talent, and our tithes, or money. Thankfully, we’re all moving away from jargon, and we’re certainly moving away from routine (!), but I find myself thinking about the “Ts” again this October.

In this issue, we read about programs in our church that rejoice in the time and talents of the folks who help them succeed. At the same time, those programs’ very success means those leaders are praying for **more** gifts of time and talent — more folks to reach out to meet the needs within our church, just as we reach out to meet the needs of our world.

Prayerfully consider how you can best give — time, talents, and tithe — as we both begin our capital campaign and move into stewardship season.



EVERLAST
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT MINISTRY



evermore
mid-high student ministry
shepherd of the hills presbyterian church

SMELLS LIKE TEEN SPIRIT

Did you know that if all our children and active students in our youth ministry showed up at at one time we would have over 200 kiddos on the church’s property? On any given Sunday there are about 80-100 children

below grade five in attendance and between 25-50 mid- and high-school students in the youth portables! Imagine the whole center section of the sanctuary filled with kids and students. On a recent Wednesday evening over 45 Mid high students showed up for our Evermore Youth Group. Forget what that looks like, imagine what that **SMELLS LIKE!**

We are busting down the walls of the portable buildings with kids coming and bringing their friends. How cool is that? We built the Student Lounge to hold about fifty students at any given time ... and with all the growth we are having to reconsider if that is the maximum number we can effectively minister to. We have been blessed incredibly with the number of kids and students who come through our doors here at SHPC. The biggest struggle we have in children’s and student ministry is the same one our church has on a larger scale. We are bumping into each other all

the time just because there is not much more room to stretch out.

We want to be good stewards of what God has given us in his most precious gift of children & youth. We want to provide ministry where kids and students are connected to people and the word of God! In order for that to happen we need about 1 adult for every 5-7 kids. In our student ministry right now we have about 1 adult per 15 kids on a regular youth group night. Yep, that’s right — 1 to 15. Jesus Himself only worked with a 1 to 12 ratio!

We really need your help. What I am looking for is 8 adults who are young at heart, love Jesus passionately and love kids. If this is you, come see me **right now**. If you know someone who fits this bill, pray that God would be moving them into ministry. I am also sure that Children’s Ministry has the same needs, not just for teachers but adults who will simply love the kids at SHPC with the same heart that Jesus did.

The harvest is plentiful, but the workers in the fields are too few. Pray then that the Lord would send more workers.
Matthew 9:37-38

Peace in Christ
Rev. Mike Killeen

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Children's Ministry



Look What God Is Doing!

My daughter is 2 years old. You would know this if you were next to her for 3 minutes, as you would get front row seating to some first-rate selfish behavior. "I don't"... "I can't"... "I won't"... or, my personal favorite, "Don't have to!" may as well be her mantras. When her baby brother starts moving in on one of her toys (even one that she hasn't looked at or touched in months), she will body-slam him like a pro wrestler shouting "NO baby – NO touch — MY toy!" Fortunately, most of us do grow out of the "no's" and the "me/mine" stage, at least by the time we graduate from college.

As Christians, "mine" is no longer our mantra. We are instead commanded by the Great Commission to focus outward — *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you* (Matthew 28:19-20). I have long felt that teaching children in church settings is one of the best ways to follow the Great Commission. Kids are often hearing about our Lord and His amazing works for the first time, and are inspired to follow his teachings in their everyday lives.

Unfortunately, we've reached a point in these last few years where our teachers at SHPC are hampered in their efforts to grow young disciples of Christ. Overcrowding is pulling on the reins:

With 20 kindergarteners attending on Rally Sunday, I had to move that class to a larger classroom. The teacher thanked me for the change, but asked, "Where can I get more chairs?" I had to tell her, "There aren't any." Not because we can't buy more (we could), but because there is no place to put them and still have a functioning classroom for our Preschool.

When our Bright Lights gather in Room 7 at the start of the Sunday School hour, it has become so crowded that many — even kids who have been coming for sev-

eral years — decide not to come in. The crowd of kids is overwhelming. "Where can I sit?" they wonder.

At Vacation Bible School this past summer, we had 115 in attendance...70 between the ages of 3 and 5 years old. This is a huge bubble of young disciples that we have rising at Shepherd of the Hills and we don't want to see it pop. We want to keep that bubble rising as long as possible...and for that to happen we need more than volunteers — we need to make room for the throng of preschoolers heading our way! I know that, with God's help, this challenge will be met with a solution. As we've been singing in Room 7,

Take a living Gospel, mix it with some love, add a little action and see what our God does!

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Faced with my daughter's temporary state of negative being, I remind myself to be the positive person that I am as an adult. I focus outward, and remember that, as I'm worrying about limited classroom space, there are thousands of evacuees who have no space at all to call their own. We definitely

have a challenge at SHPC, but it pales in comparison to the challenges facing our Louisiana neighbors as they rebuild their homes, and their lives. I praise God for the work He is doing in our church and in our world. After all, having kids inundate our Children's Ministry program is a good problem to have! It means that God is actively at work in our church, firing up kids and volunteers alike with the Holy Spirit.

Despite the growing pains, we will continue to serve our mission to grow as many disciples as we can within the parameters God gives us. For as we sang in Sunday School today,

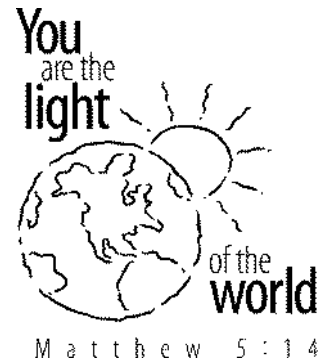
Look what God is doing, all across the land...see His Spirit moving, feel His mighty hand...breaking chains of darkness, setting captives free...look what God is doing for those who do believe.

In Christ,
Liz Boyce, Director of Children's Ministries



Children's Ministry Fall Calendar

- October** No special events for October
- Nov. 6** 4th-5th grade **Bulletin Cover Contest** (during the Sunday School hour)
- Nov. 26** **Angel Tree Decorating** (Saturday afternoon event)
- Dec. 3** **Family Advent Craft Day** (Saturday morning event)
- Dec. 18** **Christmas Pageant** (5:00-6:00 p.m.)



To teach a child compassion

On Sunday afternoon, September 11th, our family — and some of our church family — participated in volunteer work for the evacuees of New Orleans. Bill & I went down to Palmer Auditorium with our son Andrew, John Addison, Mark Greathouse, and August Budde (a friend of Andrew's who has visited several times at our church). We signed in and they put us right to work.

We spent 4 hours sorting food and cases of disposable diapers, and we were impressed at the energy and focus of the boys. At one point, Mark and John actually had to climb into a large, 5' high box of baby food and baby formula just so we could unload and sort it out. We welcomed one of the evacuees, Rodney, who asked us if he could help us while he was waiting to hear news of his family. His wife and 2 teenage boys had apparently made it out of New Orleans and were safe, but he had no idea where they were, and wanted to keep busy — and talk — while he waited. The boys accepted him immediately, and we all worked together to make a mountain of assorted food donations accessible to the volunteers so it could be distributed easily to those who needed it.

One of the main reasons Bill and I joined SHPC back in the mid-90's was for its mission commitment. **We felt very strongly that our children should see the example given to us by Christ to live in service to others.** We have participated in various mission projects through the years, and always SHPC has welcomed and encouraged children and young adults to help in mission — while other organizations are so fearful of lawsuits that they no longer welcome children under the age of 18.

The example that the members of SHPC have always set for my children is one of hard work, fellowship, and friendship, and our children have learned these traits from our family at SHPC. **We were proud to see the boys working so willingly that Sunday afternoon, showing the love of Christ to those in need.**

Madeline Brock

UP 2 SPEED

All of the latest news on upcoming Student Ministry events

Date	Event Name & Description	Cost
10/1	EVERMORE Middle School Austin Park N Pizza, Mid High Mixer Event 1-5 pm	\$20
10/22	EVERLAST High School Fright Night at Six Flags Fiesta Texas & Scare Fest trip (payment due 10/1)	\$35.00
10/28	EVERLAST High School and EVERMORE Middle School Scary Movie Night	FREE
11/27	TURKEY BOWL!	FREE

Children's Ministry



Children's Ministry Volunteers of the Year

There are volunteers, and there are voluntary "slaves" – those special volunteers who literally give their life over to a cause, a purpose, a mission. I would like to recognize the voluntary slaves of Children's Ministry who have wholeheartedly given themselves up to the ministry of growing young disciples of Christ. Thank you. We quite literally could not have done it without you.

Kerrie Schneider – the go-to girl for everything Children's Ministry, from acting as interim Director of Children's Ministry, to directing VBS, to team leading Sunday School, to working the Angel Tree mission, she's done it all, and always has a smile and so much energy she gives the pink bunny a run for its money. Thank you Kerrie.

Words just cannot express the gratitude – you're my hero!

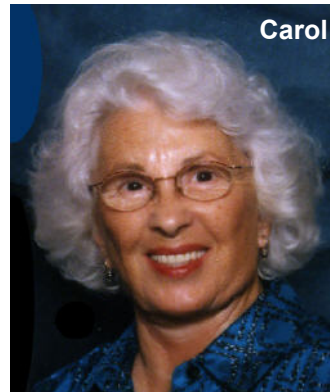


Kerrie, Liz and Kristin

Kristin Aardema – this summer's VBS Preschool Director – I can't imagine a more challenging job! Capping the group of 3s and 4s at 40, we had a wait list going for weeks! She managed kids, volunteers, schedules, craziness, and never seemed to break a sweat. She also is a tireless Sunday School teacher volunteer, and goes about her duties quietly and dependably. Kristin...you have meant so much to this ministry!

Cindy Baschnagel – a Jill of many trades – she's been a Children's Pageant director, a VBS director, she's now a children's Choir Director (for the K-2nd graders), and teaches Sunday School – is there anything she won't do? I haven't found it. Cindy, you are so good at so many things – thank you for giving your gifts to Children's Ministry!

Carol Gilchrist – our Craft Supplies Guru...she makes sure we've got what we need, and that it's in its place in the supplies closets. Every year, she and Jack donate their pool for us to splash in at Club H2O and other Children's Ministry parties, and every year she basically runs Craft Day, and the kitchen at VBS. She knows everything, and I hope that she never stops doing what she does best – ORGANIZE! You're awesome, Carol!



Carol

Kim Arthur – our new Director of Nursery Ministries was doing the job long before the job was created. She wrote the curriculum for kids in nursery care during this summer's MYC devotional. She created permanent nametags for all kids in the Children's Ministry program (over 150 tags, and counting!). She donated countless hours to Children's Ministry well before she assumed her position, and she continues to work beyond the call of duty for our church nursery. Your devotion is unparalleled, Kim.



Kim



Toko

Toko Sato and Carol Cunningham – our fantastic Children's Choir Director and her lovely piano accompanist. They fill kids with the Holy Spirit each week and give them musical confidence. Between weekly practices, Christmas Pageant rehearsals and VBS, you'd think they were paid to do what they do. And they should be! Thank you ladies!

children's ministry volunteers of the year, continued

Ann McDaniel, Ruth and Paul Stein, Marty Starkjohann Jim Immitt, and Steve Crawford – along with many others they teach Sunday School. But these are no ordinary Sunday



Jim

School teachers. Ann comes in costume and speaks through a puppet to convey her lesson to the Kindergarten class she teaches. Ruth and Paul fill a bulletin board with

pictures of the 3-year-old children in their class. Marty, seeing that curriculum currently in use was not reaching her 2-year-old class, created her own. All provide a comfortable consistency to their classrooms, volunteering to be in the classroom far more often than their requested commitment of one Sunday a month. The children in your classes love you, and your dedication is inspirational. Thank you!

Mike Darden – our musical giant in Room 7. Mike drives all the way from Round Rock to play his guitar for 10 minutes in Room 7 – many times playing the same songs (“Pharoah,, Pharoah” and “Light the Fire” are frequent requests) for our 1st – 5th graders. He never complains about the drive and he is there almost every week. Mike, you have made Room 7 so much fun for the kids! Thank you for donating your creativity, your energy, and your time. You're the greatest!



Ann



Paul and Ruth

If you see any of these wonderful folks in the hall, please thank them!

Meet our new intern!



Darendia Keil

comes to us from Fuller Theological Seminary with a call to prepare for preaching. Although for 28 years she taught in a variety of settings — many of them religious — she never imagined she would become a

pastor!

While in college some friends shared the beauty of the grace of God in Jesus Christ and the joy and excitement of living a Spirit-filled life. They invited her to join a Bible study with them and she has been passionate about the Gospel and making disciples ever since.

Darendia and her husband, Stuart, are Austin residents of 25 years — except for the years they were ministering in Turkey. They enjoy telling

anyone who will listen about the wonderful and powerful ways God is moving among Muslims.

Darendia and Stuart have three young adult children, all in their early twenties and pursuing their careers. Christie, 24, is a medical student at the University of Houston interested in medical missions and Natalie, 22, just graduated pre-med from the University of Texas. She recently decided to pursue teaching high school science here in Austin along with ministering to troubled youth and families. Natalie is active in her college ministry as a youth leader and leads a Bible study for Bible study leaders. Joseph is a marine transportation major at Texas A&M University in Galveston and is involved in his church and the campus ministry there at A&M.

Darendia wanted me to be sure and thank y'all for graciously welcoming her and her family into the life of SHPC. She told me she feels very grateful for this opportunity to work in such a fine and sweet church and is excited to see God at work here at SHPC!

Reaching Up, Reaching Out Profile: Nita Snyder



In a rapidly-growing congregation, it can sometimes seem as if the church's work is done by magic — or the breath of the Holy Spirit, if you prefer. Nita Snyder is one of those magical people who works behind the scenes to make things happen. You may have had the pleasure of working with her to present the 2005 Mission Presbytery Women's Gathering, or perhaps you planned the SHPC 25th Anniversary celebration with her. This fall she's serving as the campaign manager for *Reaching Up, Reaching Out*. We caught up with her by email last week.

Q: Tell me about your family.

A: My husband, Tary, is the Disaster Relief Coordinator for Mission Presbytery — he's been very busy lately! My daughter, Shana Greene, and her husband Mike worship at SHPC with their boys, Chance and Cooper. Shana worked as SHPC's Nursery Supervisor for a while. My son Jay Snyder or Singletary, Jr. (Singletary is a family name on Tary's mother's side of the family) has a daughter, Grace. They also live here in Austin and worship at SHPC.

Q: What brought you to Texas? How long have you lived here?

A: We came to Texas in the early 1980's because Tary's work as an executive for a large real estate firm in Hudson, Ohio was greatly affected by the severe downturn in the late '70's. We were interested in coming specifically to Texas because Tary had fond memories of visiting his relatives in Texas as a child. We were also interested because the climate was much more agreeable year round, and Austin was starting to literally boom — especially when compared to northern Ohio.

Q: What brought you to SHPC? How long have you been a member?

A: Our first Sunday to attend was the day of the afternoon dedication of the original church building.

When we saw a sign on McCarty Lane about SHPC's construction, I knew that my family and I

would want to try this one first, before the other Presbyterian churches I found in the area. When our family voted after our first worship service here to choose which church to try

next, someone said, "Let's go back to this church!" We never did visit any of the others on the list.

It was exciting to join a new church, too. Immediately before we left Ohio, Tary and I had helped start a new church in Hudson. We were a church with a mission — to reach out to others who longed to find a purpose in their lives, to those who wanted a place to which to bring their children to learn about living a faith-based life, and to join with other traditional Presbyterians and other denominational church members who simply wanted to find each other and felt called to being in community with this new Presbyterian congregation. It was neat to walk in the door in Texas and find something so very similar!

Q: What do you do when you're not helping the campaign move forward?

A: I enjoy reading, shopping, visiting historical places — especially castles and cathedrals —, as well as driving with my trusty old Miata (*Ed. note: it's purple!*) with the top down just about anywhere that offers us a new adventure. I'm considering returning my volunteer job as a docent at the LBJ Library Museum when I finish working on the campaign. Shana tells me if I really get bored, I could go to work at Wal-Mart!

Q: What made you decide to take on this responsibility?

A: The Campaign Manager role offers many opportunities near and dear to my heart. When I was asked to take on this challenge, I knew I'd want to be involved for at least three reasons.

One, I've been involved in the fundraising business for almost twenty years, and the minute someone said, "capital campaign," I knew I wanted to participate on the team that was going to make it happen. I am very dedicated to the idea of doing what we need to do to keep our doors wide open to those who are seeking a church home, just as those early members did

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Out of Chaos

Our God is a great God! I am amazed more and more by the capacity he has placed in us to love. Just when you think the world is going to hell in a hand-basket, humanity's God-given gift of compassion comes into play.

People have responded greatly to the needs of those who have lost so much in the Gulf Coast disaster. My heart breaks when I see the devastation to lives and property that Katrina caused. The chaos is unimaginable. The pain seems unbearable for just one person.

But then the stories of hope begin to emerge. Stories of sacrificial love and of heroic action begin to surface. The chaos is being replaced by order brought through God's grace and mercy. Many people don't even know why they are responding — they just are. They feel they need

to reach out in love. They let their heart lead. It is who God programmed us to be. It is our God-given center — our spiritual DNA, if you will.

I want to applaud you for all that has been done and all that will be done. Your support has made all difference in the world. Keep it up.

People have asked me, "How can we move forward on growing the church when so many people are lost and hurting?" I respond by saying that is why we are building the church, *because* so many people are lost and hurting. We follow all imperatives God has given us. We Worship. We Serve. We Grow. We Connect. As we do all of these we become better able to reach out with the love of Christ.

Peace In Christ,
Mike

Reaching Up, Reaching Out

PRESENTATION SUNDAY — October 16, 2005 after each worship service



JOIN us in "Answering God's Call" for Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian. **WE** are about to embark on a journey of discernment-individually, as a family, and as a congregation. **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16th each family and individual will be given "tools" to help you or your family reach up to discern God's call,** as well as join together with the entire congregation to reach out in order to discern God's call for the future of Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian Church.

Nita Snyder, continued

for my family. I wouldn't want to do less.

Two, little brings me more satisfaction than being involved in the process of helping a person find tangible and reasonable ways to leave a personal legacy that will continue to fulfill their dreams and hopes far beyond their own lifetime.

Three, it's challenging and fun to try to keep all the balls bouncing in a project like this. It allows me to work with wonderful persons, many of whom I did not know before I got involved in the campaign planning. It's exciting to watch them take their job description and turn those into successful plans that will support the rest of larger team effectively and efficiently.

Q: What's your favorite snack? Do you find yourself stocking up on more of it these days?

A: I have three. Big Red, dark chocolate and celery. I stay relatively stocked all the time — no more, no less, regardless of circumstances.

Q: Anything else I should toss in?

A: I love red, hate routine, am never moody — just dull, and enjoy opportunities to laugh with my friends and family.

So the next time you see a petite woman in a fire-engine red blazer, peek at the nametag ... it's probably Nita, and she'd be delighted if you said hello!



"I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures." 1 Cor. 15:3

submitted by Sherry Smith

Adult Ministry

When Paul went to a synagogue in Antioch, he taught about Jesus by talking about the law of Moses (Acts 13:13-43). When he spoke at the marketplace in Athens he began by telling them he had noticed how religious they are with so many gods and then told them about the "Unknown God" (Acts 17:16-34). Each place he went in his travels he shared the gospel message he had received but he adapted the format of his telling to the situation and background of the audience.

To some extent, that is what we try to do at SHPC in Adult Education. We have seekers and brand new Christians, so we offer Alpha (though it's also a great refresher course for long-time Christians). We have some life-long students of the Bible who are ready for deep study and so we offer *Jesus in the Gospels*, an upper level Disciple course which requires 45 to 60 minutes of reading and study per day. We have classes for senior adults and for mothers of young children. We have groups that covenant to meet together each week for several months and classes that

anyone can just walk into at any time. We have Sunday morning classes and weekday evening classes. We have studies about theology, creeds, and prayer. We have daily life studies about money and parenting. We try to offer enough options so that every adult can find some place to learn and grow in the midst of Christian fellowship.

Classes are also sometimes offered according to the church season such as at Advent and Lent. Now, we are about to initiate classes which have to do with a large step in the life of our church. In conjunction with our plan to purchase land for our future growth, the Capital Campaign leaders have requested that **we offer some special stewardship lifestyle classes called *Reaching Up, Reaching Out Bible Study*. You'll be seeing information about the dates and details of these classes elsewhere in newsletters and bulletins.**

I hope that many of you will be able to attend this four-session series that goes along with our Reach Up - Reach Out theme for this autumn.

Sweet Hour of Prayer

**Reaching Up, Reaching Out Evening Prayer Service -
October 30 at 7 p.m.**

God has truly blessed SHPC throughout its history. As members of One body, we come together for an evening of praise and thanksgiving for all God's benefits. It is the triune God who creates, redeems and sustains us in the ministry of reconciliation, "Reaching Up and Reaching Out."

You are invited to join us for an evening of intentional prayer calling upon the power of the Holy Spirit in Jesus' name with prayers for guidance, discernment, courage, and steadfastness in seeking God's will for our future as we move into the next phase of our journey together. Guided by music and scripture readings, this Prayer Service will reflect on God's extravagant grace and love. **So mark your calendar today, Sunday Oct. 30 at 7 p.m. for a sweet hour of prayer.**



Reaching Up, Reaching Out: Special Activities

- ◆ Presentation Sunday
- ◆ Sweet Hour of Prayer: Evening Prayer Service
- ◆ Reaching Up, Reaching Out Small Group Bible Study
- ◆ Prayer Vigil

HOW can we Reach Up and Reach Out together?

Find out by joining a small group for a Reaching Up, Reaching Out Bible study!

We will **learn** what the Bible teaches us about using the gifts that God has blessed us with. **Attend** as a couple or an individual. Participating in a small group is a great way to get to know other members and friends of Shepherd of the Hills!

This four-week series will be offered in a variety of formats. Read further and find the format that best fits you!

Sunday School:

Oct. 16th, 23rd, 30th, & Nov. 6th

Sunday 9:45 am – 10:45 am – 1 Class

Sunday 11:00 am – Noon - 3 Classes
(during 11 am Worship)

One-Day Retreat:

Saturday, Oct. 22nd, 9 am – 1 pm

Registration for these events:

Sign up in the narthex beginning Sunday, September 25th between and after worship



services. Child care will be provided as requested.

Foundations Class Bible Study:

Sundays, 5 pm – 6:30 pm, Portable B
Oct. 16th & Oct. 23rd, and Nov. 6th

The Foundations Class is based on Fellowship, Bible Study and Prayer.

Come join us Sunday at 5 p.m. Child-care is provided. Questions? John & Lynette Gillis, 453-7866

SAM Bible Study:

Tuesdays, 11 am – Noon, Portable B
Oct. 18th & 25th and Nov. 1st & 8th

SAM stands for Senior Adult Ministry. If you are new to the church, please join us for fellowship, fun, and service. (Note: November 8th is election day. Voting will take place in narthex but that will not affect the class in portable B.)

Please be in prayer to discern which session best fits you or the needs of your family.

Prayer Vigil

WHAT? A vigil (or watch) is a day or night spent in continuous prayer before a church festival. It has its roots in Jesus' request for the disciples to "watch and pray" with him in the Garden of Gethsemane.

WHY? All who worship at SHPC are being asked to participate in the Prayer Vigil asking God for discerning direction regarding personal commitment to the Capital Campaign; for the success of the Campaign; and for continued commitment in the ministry of reconciliation and to the building up of Christ's Church.

WHEN? The 24-hr Prayer Vigil will be held between the hours of **9 am Friday, Nov. 11 and 9 am Saturday, Nov. 12.** Each congregate will be asked to commit 30

minutes of the 24-hr Prayer Vigil to a time of intentional prayer for our church.

WHERE? Participants may come to the church and pray in the sanctuary on Friday, Nov. 11th from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. A sign up board will be made available in the church narthex Sunday Oct. 30th, for people to sign up to pray in 30 minute increments. **You may also remain in your home or work place** and pray at an arranged time. If people pray at locations remote from the church we encourage you to plan an environment where you will not be interrupted for 30 minutes. Whether you choose to pray at the church or in another location, **prayer reminders, prayers and devotional literature, and will be provided to guide you** in praying for our church.

Senior Adult Ministry

The Second Commandment

submitted by Carol Cunningham

Times of trouble have been overpowering us recently as we have seen many people lose their homes and loved ones. Some of the images in the news may be assaulting our consciousness with memories of real loss that we have experienced ourselves. This can cause us to feel angry or sad or just numb. We are all affected by the grief of losing someone dear to us whether it is a friend, a neighbor or someone we deeply cherish. In times like these, it is often easy to think so much more about our loss or the duties that must be performed, that we neglect our own needs.

How can loving ourselves serve Christ? We are commanded to love our neighbor as ourselves. When we take care of our needs, it enables us to then care for others. What are some ways that we can care for ourselves?

The Senior Adult Ministry (SAM) has invited **Shannon Nay** to speak to us on **Tuesday morning, October 11th from 10 a.m. until noon** about **caring for ourselves during times of grief**. She is an experienced professional currently serving as the bereavement coordinator for Vista Care Hospice working closely with family members and friends of those who are terminally ill.

Shannon has prepared a presentation to help us work through the stages of the grief process and help us discover how we can stay healthy during each of these stages. She has prepared a set of handouts to enhance her presentation that can be taken home to study at a later time. In order to provide enough materials, we ask that you let us know if you plan to attend. Please RSVP to Carol Cunningham at 441-8563 or email to TLCCUN@att.net.

**REMEMBER - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

Mary-Martha Circle will meet the first Thursday in October – the 6th – at 10 a.m. in room 7. Lydia Ellison will present lesson 1, "The Source of it All," from our study guide *Spiritual Gifts*. For more information call Martha Meador at 288-3341.

The **Golden Years Lunch Bunch** for October will meet at **11:30 am on Saturday, October 8th, at the Dynasty Buffet**, 7101 Hwy. 71 West. (They are in the same shopping center as Jim's Dinner, across the street from HEB at the Y in Oak Hill.) You may choose the buffet or order from the regular menu. Please contact Jim Black at 892-2982 not later than Thursday, October 6th if you plan to attend.

Jesus taught us, "Love one another."

At Shepherd of the Hills we strive to love our neighbors in many ways. We have set aside many projects to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina. We have partnered with a congregation in Malawi. We share our time with families during IHN. We serve as teachers of Sunday School or serve as elders or help get the church ready for weekly services. All of these are ways that we live a life of stewardship of our love.

Since the first job God gave humanity was a job of management, mankind has sought his guidance in managing or stewardship of all that is given to us. As we at SHPC have accepted this call to care for others, we have increased our membership. Realizing that to properly manage what God has given us, we have planned to purchase land for future growth.

As part of that plan, we are offering some special Bible study classes called "**Reaching Up, Reaching Out**" which will take the place of some of our regular activities on **Tuesday mornings from 11 a.m. to 12 from October 18th through November 8th** to help us reflect on God's priorities as we take this step. We will be led through a set of four lessons selected by our Capital Campaign leaders. There are free study booklets that will be provided. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend with your usual SAM friends. If you cannot attend all classes, just come to the ones you can.

Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself." All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." Matthew 22:37-40 NIV

Senior Adult Ministry

The Fellowship Bridge Group will play the 2nd Friday in October — the 14th — at 7 p.m. Hosting in October will be Sybil Brady.

Please call Virginia McNutt at 288-7187 or Martha Meador at 288-3341 by Tuesday, October 11th if you would like to play.

The September winner was Bill Ellison.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- October 4
1st Tuesday **"Groan"-Ups Game Day**
10 am - noon
Our Written Legacy (OWL)
1:30 pm - 4:30 pm
- October 11
2nd Tuesday **Health Seminar**
Shannon Nay -
Bereavement Counselor
Vista Care Hospice - speaker
"Caring for yourself
during times of grief"
OWL class
1:30 pm - 4:30 pm
- October 18
3rd Tuesday **"Reaching Up, Reaching Out"**
Capital Campaign
Bible Study
11 a.m. – noon
OWL class
1:30 pm - 4:30 pm
- October 25
4th Tuesday **"Reaching Up, Reaching Out"**
Capital Campaign
Bible Study
11 a.m. – noon
OWL class
1:30 pm - 4:30 pm
- November 1
1st Tuesday NO GAME DAY
"Reaching Up, Reaching Out"
Capital Campaign
Bible Study
11 a.m. – noon
- November 8
2nd Tuesday **"Reaching Up, Reaching Out"**
Capital Campaign
Bible Study
11 a.m. – noon

The Men's Breakfast Fellowship will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 15th in the narthex. To RSVP, call Jim Black at 892-2982. *All men are welcome!*

The Foundations Class had fun with our summer activities and is now covering *Growing Together in Christ* this fall — along with our usual service projects, social gatherings, guest speakers, and book reviews.

Foundations

We are most excited to welcome the newest member to our church, Camden, as Joe & Stacie Tracy have a wonderful new baby! (The diaper & wipe shower in August doubled as a pool party!)

The Foundations Class is based on Fellowship, Bible Study and Prayer. Come join us Sunday at 5 p.m. Childcare is provided. Questions? John & Lynette Gillis 453-7866

October Calendar:

- October 2, 5 p.m.
"The Guidebook for Growth" from *Growing Together in Christ*
- October 9, 5 p.m.
Guest Speaker: Kim Coulter
- October 16, 5 p.m.
Reaching Up, Reaching Out Bible Study
- October 23, 5 p.m.
Reaching Up, Reaching Out Bible Study
- October 30
Halloween Party
- November 6, 5 p.m.
Reaching Up, Reaching Out Bible Study
- November 13, 5 p.m.
Book Review: *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*

AUTUMN YEARS HUMOR

The reporter was interviewing a 104 year-old woman:

"And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?"

She simply replied, "No peer pressure."

Alpha is Here!

Our Fall **Alpha** course started **September 11th** and is going strong! If you missed signing up, don't worry — we will offer more courses each year. Specific dates will be announced in future newsletters and bulletins. **Alpha** is a short, practical introduction to the Christian faith and can be a great way to help us succeed in our mission at SHPC to worship, grow, connect and serve. **But this course isn't only for church members.** We encourage you to spread the word to family and friends who you think may benefit from having a safe place to ask questions about the Christian faith and the meaning of life.

"... it was very enjoyable to explore [spiritual questions] with the other people in our group. It was a catalyst to make us more active in our faith and more involved in the church. Alpha is truly a point of beginning on a spiritual walk no matter where you are in your beliefs." - **Julie Teague**

"Alpha was a wonderful program...we had very meaningful and heartfelt discussions. We didn't want to end it ...so we continued our journey with 'Beta' and met all summer to discuss a book that we picked." - **Jody Barrett**

"[Alpha] really helped me begin my spiritual journey. I had questions; still do, but not as many as I did before Alpha." - **Deb Ballew**



The Marriage Course is Coming!

Alpha International promotes several valuable ministries besides the Alpha Course. The SHPC Alpha Team is pleased to announce that **we will be offering The Marriage Course beginning in January!** The series of eight sessions is designed to help any married couple strengthen their relationship. It's a great opportunity to spend time together as a couple looking at the important issues in your marriage. Each week you are given the opportunity to enjoy a special meal together and listen to a talk. Then there is plenty of time to discuss the topic as a couple. There is no group work involved at any stage of the course. **Registration for The Marriage Course will begin in November!**

For More Information

Specific dates for upcoming courses will be announced in future newsletters and bulletins. Please contact any of the following Alpha team members for more information or to sign up for an upcoming course: **Diana Gill** (892-2910), **Joyce Davis** (263-1456), **Lauren Tarrant** (809-7810), or **Leslye Womack** (288-6118). You can also visit [SHPC's Alpha webpage](http://www.shpc.org/adult/adult.html) (linked from www.shpc.org/adult/adult.html) for a short presentation on Alpha.



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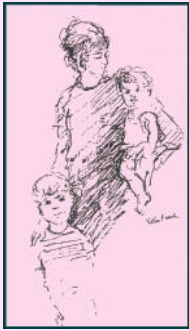
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Mary Hurd is taking up residence in McKinney, TX.
We will share her new address with you when we receive it!

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IHN guests are coming!

IHN (Interfaith Hospitality Network) guests are families with children who, because of a crisis situation in their lives, have lost their homes. The program provides for them to live at Austin area churches while they find housing and get back on their feet.

During the week of **Oct 9-16**, four IHN families will live at our church and will be fed and sheltered by volunteers at our Church. This is your opportunity to help these families through this time of crisis. Tasks performed by hosts (church members and members of Faith Presbyterian Church and Abiding Love Lutheran Church) include:

Move-in: Sunday 12:30 – move guest's belongings and bedding into rooms and set-up

Breakfast Servers: 5:45 a.m. to 7:15 a.m.

Dinner Preparers: 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Overnight Host: 8:00 p.m. to 7:15 a.m.

Evening Host: 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Saturday Hosts and lunch: several shifts

Supply Donors: all week

Transportation Volunteers and Linen Washers.

Move-out: Sunday 6:30 am – load guest's belongings on trailer, cleanup and straighten up church, transport guests to Day Center, and take trailer to next church

Young children make excellent hosts, because the guests are mostly young children. Sign up in the narthex for this volunteer opportunity or contact Sarah Stranahan at 264-2319, sstranahan@austin.rr.com

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Medical Benevolence Foundation

SHPC provides financial support to Medical Benevolence Foundation. When these contributions arrive at MBF, it is like a pebble thrown into a pond. The "ripples" created by the pebbles provide support to:

- ✦ small hospitals in developing countries that have a critical need for basic medical supplies
- ✦ rural clinics, located a day's journey from a hospital
- ✦ medical missionaries

These "ripples" go a long way. Smiles shine from the faces of those whose pain is alleviated and who now know there is hope for a healthy and better life. Thank you SHPC, from MBF.

HOPE CHILD SPONSORSHIP

SHPC families are sponsoring 76 children in Malawi, Africa around the village of Manyamula! Your commitment as a World Vision sponsor helps provide your child with love, hope, and opportunities for a healthy, productive future — all in the name of Jesus Christ. May God bless you as you make a lasting difference in the life of this special child.



It's never too late — if you would like to sponsor a child, contact Sarah Stranahan, 217-0870, or Tom O'Meara, 892-5390.

Balance and Rotate

Do you ever balance and rotate your tires? Have you tried that with your spending??

I balance my checkbook! Well I did once, anyway...I think... And some-times I buy Coke® and sometimes I buy Pepsi®, and sometimes I buy Sprite®. Does that count?

Not exactly what I had in mind. By “balance your spending” I mean what you spend on your basic needs, what you spend on stuff you want, and what you save. In the book *All Your Worth*, Elizabeth Warren and Amelia Warren Tyagi suggest that your spending is in balance if you spend 50% on basic needs, 30% on whatever you want, and you save 20%.

I was with you, dude, until you got to the savings part. I mean, 50% seems like plenty for food, a roof over my head, some decent clothes... And 30% for whatever I want? Man, I can live with that! But save 20%? No way, José!

Really? If you've got the 50% and 30% working, then the 20% takes care of itself! Shouldn't be a problem.

Yeah, well, I guess maybe I must be spending a little more than I thought on my needs and wants. Sure seems like 50% and 30% should be enough, though. You'd better fill me in on how this really works.

It's pretty simple. Make three lists – one for all of the things you spend money on that you need to live, a second for the things you buy just because you want them, and a third list for amounts you're saving. Put down the monthly amounts for each, add them up and divide by your monthly after-tax income.

Seems simple enough...

It is. Here are some guidelines that will help.

To get your after-tax income, take your gross income and subtract out the amounts withheld for income taxes, FICA, HI – all of the mandatory withholding. DON'T subtract amounts withheld for benefits (those go on your "Needs" list) or 401(k) or 403(b) contributions (those go under "Savings").

Your needs list will obviously include things like your house or rent payments, utilities, the benefits you're buying at work, car payments, gas and insurance, etc. But DON'T include your payments on any old credit card balances – those go in the "Savings" column. That's because they're actually negative savings – if your spending had been in balance all along, you wouldn't have those payments.

Want a worksheet to help you see if *your* spending is in balance? How about one for balancing your checkbook?

Send an email to BudgetGuy@SHPC.org or call Allen Gunter at 292-4035.

Obvious wants are things like that jet ski you got this summer, the four-wheel drive option for your SUV that never leaves the pavement or the home theater system with 108" plasmodal screen and quintuplex surreal sound. You really enjoy them, but when push comes to shove, you don't really *need* them.

And of course that's the tricky part – finding the fine line between "need" and "want." Basic cable might be a need because it gives you access to news, weather and some basic entertainment. But do you really need all those premium channels? (On the other hand, the golf channel may be the one thing that helps you unwind at the end of the day so that you're fit to live with!) Your call – just be honest with yourself.

For more information on financial issues and how the Bible tells us to manage our money:

- ✚ Check out one of the Crown Financial Ministries study groups (call Margaret Fetty, 288-9034, for more info).
- ✚ Come to the Finding Financial Peace classes at 11 a.m. Sunday mornings this fall.
- ✚ Get personal budget counseling - free and confidential (call Allen Gunter at 292-4035 or BudgetGuy@shpc.org)

Christian Happenings

Center for Spiritual Growth, 230 East Travis Street, San Antonio

October 6–December 15 (Part I) –

Creating and Leading Small Groups in Faith Settings –
This two-part course offers an opportunity to look in a detailed and systematic way at the nature of faith-based groups and their inner dynamics. Thursday evenings, 6:30-9:00 \$250 for each part
www.SpiritualitySA.org

November 11-12, 9 a.m. -4 p.m. –

Creating and Giving Contemplative Retreats –
A two-day seminar focusing on the tradition of making retreats leading to prayer and discernment. \$200, registration by November 4.

Centering Prayer Outreach

October 15 – Saturday workshop to establish a practice of centering prayer, with six Wednesday evening follow-up sessions. For details and registration, call Lisa at 347-9673.

Eremos, 6210 Adel Cove (near our church), 891-9948

Second Saturdays, 10:00-11:30 Sisters of Diversity –
An opportunity for women: silence, sharing, and a teaching on contemplation. Lunch is potluck. \$20

Fourth Saturdays, 10 a.m. -1 p.m. A Gathering of Women –
An hour of contemplative silence leads into sharing, oral prayers, and bag lunches. The second hour focuses on an exploration of various spiritual practices. \$20

For more information, visit the website at www.eremos.org

Seton Cove, 3708 Crawford Avenue, 451-0272

October 27, 7-8:30 p.m. –
The Rhythm of Honest Leadership, lecture presented by Wayne Muller, \$35
Jones Auditorium, Ragsdale Center, St. Edwards U.

October 28, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. –
workshop presented by Wayne Muller, \$225
Mabee Ballroom, Ragsdale Center, St. Edwards U.

Seton Cove offers a wide variety of programs on spirituality and faith in action, including two brown-bag luncheon series. For a complete listing and more details, call or visit the website at www.seton.net/setoncove.

Joys – Camden Pettit Tracy, son of **Stacie & Joe**, was born Sunday September 18th — **Chase Breed**, son of **Debbie & Rollin Breed**, returned to the States from Iraq on September 17th — **Christina Miller**, daughter of **Sherry Smith**, recently graduated from Texas State University —

Sorrows – Clara Adams, aunt of **Carol Cunningham**, passed away recently



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Please pray for — residents of the Gulf Coast threatened by Hurricane Rita — the victims of Hurricane Katrina — those volunteering in hurricane-stricken areas — **Benjamin Arthur**, son of **Kim & Matt**, appendectomy — **Jim Black**, recovering from cataract surgery — leaders and loved ones in the war zone, including **Dennis Low**, working in Kuwait & Iraq for the Department of Defense — **Patti**, the wife of **Joyce Stewart's** cousin, advanced cancer — **Lennie Lai**, member of the **Gilchrist family**, awaiting diagnosis for a heart problem — **Rita Paschak's granddaughter-in-law Stephanie** — **Tony Franzolino**, recovering from a broken arm — **Christine Lai**, young niece of the **Gilchrists' daughter**, melanoma recently found — **Ben Steadman**, young friend of

the **Gilchrists'**, critically ill with a brain tumor, and his parents **Dean & Melinda** — **Chris McNelley**, son of **Michael & Tom McNelley**, apparent heart attack — **Jim McNutt**, continued healing — **Norma Burchard**, recovering at home with a broken arm — former member **Peggy Platt**, very ill with lymphoma radiation therapy — **Mary Shamberger**, a friend of **Bruce Albertson**, heart problems and diabetic complications — **Kathy Britch**, sister of **Don Nowakowski**, open-heart surgery — **Ada Engler's relatives**, of St. Bernard Parish, New Orleans, have lost everything — **Sharon Skinner**, cousin of **Carol Cunningham**, the death of her mother and the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina — **Jeanne Thompson's family**, of New Orleans and Gulfport MS, safe but lost everything in the hurricane — **Lakeview Presbyterian Church in New Orleans**, at one point under 8 to 10 feet of water — **Lakeview Presbyterian pastor Neale Miller**, in Michigan — **Lakeview Presbyterian members**, many of whom have lost everything

Please pray for Members of the Armed Forces and all world leaders involved in war zone crises including:

Stephen Hartman, nephew of **Karla and Richard Snell**... **John Steele**, nephew of **Martha Meador**... **Ryan Moeller**, friend of **Carol Ideker**... **Ron Fore**, nephew of **Joy and Esso Essary**... **John Sanchez**, son of **Birdie Lindsey**... **Jason Addison**, son of **Al and Jai Leigh Addison**... **Clay Narey**, cousin of **Aimee Killeen** ... **David B. Craig**, son of **Linda Kimmons**... **Kenneth McKinney**, friend of **Carlen Floyd**... **Jason Mills**, son-in-law of **Gaston and Junie Broyles**... **John Paul Hipolito**, son of neighbor of **Bill Stokes**... **Eric Wesley**, friend of the **Gilchrists**



- 3 Oct Jens & Marylou Busch
Gordon & Marsha Holt
- 5 Oct Billy & Cindy Baschnagel
Kevin & Debbie Saul
- 8 Oct Tony & Gabrielle Adams
- 10 Oct David & Paula Boatright
Steve & Sharon Peurrung
- 12 Oct Mike & Abby Brady
Brenda & Albert Gonzales
- 19 Oct Paul & Ruth Stein
- 20 Oct David & Vanessa Erps
- 21 Oct Larance & Barbara Coleman
Joel & Sarah Silva
- 23 Oct Bryan & Renee Philips



- 22 Oct Bob & Carolyn Beardslee



- 1 Oct Jackson Fowler
John Moehlman
Karmen Miller
Steve White
Emily Brown
Robin Ward
Mason Hyde
- 2 Oct Callie Low
- 3 Oct Marvine Sass
Jim Immitt
- 4 Oct Ruth Budic
Andie Kruczowski



- 5 Oct Faries McDaniel
Jeff Whitmire
Kendall Ort
Desiree Waugh
Hayden Murphy
- 6 Oct Terre Thomas
Tom VanOsselaer
Dan Brinks
Morgan Gray
Andrew Lewis
- 7 Oct Richard Chase
Kelly Melnyk
Emma Kolesnik
- 8 Oct Cindy Breed
Laura Morales
Heidi Gensler
Sho Sato
- 9 Oct Richard Snell
Jason Singhurst
Kendall Adams
- 11 Oct Gaston Broyles
Rick Lewis
Gabe Aardema
Sharon Conner
Euna Faye Pryor
Jai Leigh Addison
Alice Lineberry
Vanessa Erps
Amy Gross
- 13 Oct Dallas Scott
- 14 Oct Stefan Haag
Ryan Wilkins
- 15 Oct Jane Hall
Tiffany Hardwick
- 16 Oct Rob Johnson
- 17 Oct Alexis Valdes
- 18 Oct Margaret Nakamura
Todd Wingler
Sarah Scott
Aimee Killeen
Tracy Kuper
Brian Gollither
- 19 Oct Andrew Brock
- 20 Oct Dan Lawler
Robert Hicks
Kim Arthur
Tyler Chambers
Aidan Rooke

- 21 Oct Jeff Alexander
Leah Wheeler
Alexandra Buffler
Kate Buffler
Rachel Bode
- 22 Oct Johann Louw
Thomas Lane
Kevin Saul
Clay Perrin
- 23 Oct Grant Walker
Martha Meador
Dan Mudgett
Pat Scoggins
Jacob Bullock
- 24 Oct Bill Richardson
- 25 Oct Karen Johnson
Andy Moore
Kristin Moore
Kristi Dickinson
Gabriel Moore
- 26 Oct Dinah Strayhorn
Barbara Christenson
Marty Starkjohann
Scot Evans
Susan Manzello
Christopher McManus
Joanna Peters
Hannah Kuse
Emily Geyer
- 27 Oct Jessica Wade
Ethan Cole
Miranda Beard
- 28 Oct Chris Gordon
- 29 Oct Howard Bonebrake
Ralph Peters
Mary Parsons
Tim Coolman
Jessica Litteaur
Liana Green
Katie Johnson
Ben Bell
Paul Sharpe
Andrew Erps
- 30 Oct Greg Guernsey
Dustin McManus
Olivia Paniagua
- 31 Oct Bob Barry
Tary Snyder
Roz Seiler
Gary Stroud
Don Nowakowski
Kyle Chambless

You are Cordially Invited
 to Attend a Service of Ordination as a
 Minister of Word and Sacrament
 for
Bo Burgener
 At First Presbyterian Church
 1802 15th Street
 Boulder, CO
 in the Chapel on Sunday,
 November 6th, 2005 at 3:00 p.m.

October

1 Saturday

1 p.m. Evermore Park-N-Pizza

2 Sunday

9:45 a.m. Bright Lights Sunday School
 11 a.m. Finding Financial Peace, portable A*
 5 p.m. Foundations, portable A
 5 p.m. Systematic Training for Effective Parenting
 5 p.m. Alpha
 6:30 p.m. Everlast Evening Fellowship

4 Tuesday

10 a.m. "Groan"-Ups Game Day

5 Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Evermore Fellowship
 6:30 p.m. *Living Free*: Women's Wed.. Devotional
 8 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

6 Thursday

9:30 a.m. MYC (Mothers of Young Children) Devotional
 10 a.m. Mary-Martha Circle

8 Saturday

9 a.m. Nursery Teacher Training
 11:30 a.m. Golden Years Lunch Bunch

9 Sunday IHN BEGINS

9:45 a.m. Bright Lights Sunday School
 11 a.m. Finding Financial Peace, portable A*
 5 p.m. Foundations, portable A
 5 p.m. Systematic Training for Effective Parenting
 5:30 p.m. Alpha
 6:30 p.m. Everlast Evening Fellowship

11 Tuesday

10 a.m. Shannon Nye for SAM
 1:30 p.m. OWL (Our Written Legacy) Class

12 Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Evermore Fellowship
 6:30 p.m. *Living Free*: Women's Wed. Devotional
 7 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

13 Thursday

9:30 a.m. MYC (Mothers of Young Children) Devotional
 7 p.m. Book Club

14 Friday

7 p.m. Fellowship Bridge Group

15 Saturday

Alpha Day Away
 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Fellowship

* Adult Sunday School Class

16 Sunday IHN ENDS

9:45 a.m. Bright Lights Sunday School
 9:30, 11 RU/RO Sunday School begins
 11 a.m. Finding Financial Peace, portable A*
 5 p.m. Foundations RU/RO, portable A
 5 p.m. Systematic Training for Effective Parenting
 5:30 p.m. Alpha
 6:30 p.m. Everlast Evening Fellowship
11:59 p.m. November Newsletter deadline

18 Tuesday

11 a.m. SAM RU/RO class
 1:30 p.m. OWL class
 6 p.m. Stephen Ministry group meeting, room 7
 7 p.m. Beta

19 Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Evermore Fellowship
 6:30 p.m. *Living Free*: Women's Wed. Devotional
 7 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

20 Thursday

9:30 a.m. MYC Devotional

22 Saturday

9 a.m. RU/RO One-Day Retreat, ends 1 p.m..
 Everlast Fright Night

23 Sunday

9:45 a.m. Bright Lights Sunday School
 11 a.m. Finding Financial Peace, portable A*
 5 p.m. Foundations RU/RO, portable A
 5 p.m. Systematic Training for Effective Parenting
 5:30 p.m. Alpha
 6:30 p.m. Everlast Evening Fellowship

25 Tuesday

11 a.m. SAM RU/RO class

26 Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Babysitting Co-Op
 6:30 p.m. Evermore Fellowship
 6:30 p.m. *Living Free*: Women's Wed. Devotional
 7 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

29 Thursday

9:30 a.m. MYC Devotional

30 Sunday

9:45 a.m. Bright Lights Sunday School
 11 a.m. Finding Financial Peace, portable A*
 5 p.m. Foundations, portable A
 5 p.m. Systematic Training for Effective Parenting
 5:30 p.m. Alpha
 6:30 p.m. Everlast Evening Fellowship
 7 p.m. RU/RO Evening Prayer Service

Feel free to tear off and save this page to help you keep on top of everything that's happening at Shepherd of the Hills!

Library News

Some new materials have been added to our library:

Gordon H. Clark

What do Presbyterians believe?

In 1643 the religious leaders of the British Isles gathered in London to create the Westminster Confession of Faith, still recognized as the basic foundation for Presbyterian churches world-wide. The author provides an informal, but encompassing, commentary on that Confession.

George Martin

Reading Scripture as the Word of God; practical approaches and attitudes



Martin provides three major emphases in this book: reading Scripture, the Word of God, and abiding in the Word. The book is sound, down-to-earth and appealing.

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J. Ellsworth Kalas

The grand sweep

Having trouble fitting daily Bible reading into a busy life? This set of cassette tapes offers the entire Bible in four sets with interpretation of the Scriptures.

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Use the easy self-service check-out system in the library to borrow books and media.

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