

# The Shepherd's Watch



Reach out to Summer!

The SHPC Children and Student programs are already gearing up for summertime! Vacation Bible School, Club H2O, Great Escape, Fun in the Sun ... So many exciting things await the young people of SHPC this summer. Check them out!

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# A word from our Director of Children's Ministry —

Great News on every page...

School hallways will soon be quieting into their deep summer slumber. Thinking back to my own elementary years, I'm guessing that it would be right about now in the academic cycle that I would begin my countdown to freedom. At any given point from this time forward, I could tell you exactly how many days—maybe even *hours*—remained to be spent in the classroom. I did this not because I didn't like school. In fact, I loved school, but what I loved even more was the *potential* that summer possessed.

To me, it seemed like the perfect three-month window to grow in some new way, whether that was conquering a back walkover at gymnastic camp, selling my entire shoebox full of handcrafted potholders door-to-door, or maturing into the person I wanted myself to be upon entering into the next grade. In some way or other, I expected to be changed during this special, homework-free season.

I admit that I was a pretty goal-oriented kid, so I'm not sure if these are feelings that a majority of folk share with me or not. Regardless of that, though, I think most of us could conjure up our own fond memories of summer vacation, whether it was afternoons at the swimming pool, the song of the snow cone truck, Little League tournaments or later bed times. This is definitely a time long-remembered in most of our lives.

So why not also use this time set apart from school activities and agendas as a time set apart for spiritual growth? Intentionally setting apart time aimed at getting to know God better so that we deepen our relationship with our Creator transforms regular time into holy time. Holy, by definition, is that which is set apart for God's will or use, so consider carving out some calendar space for your family and God to be together.

Imagine a great case scenario of this playing out well would be to have our SHPC children answer the end-of-August question "How did you spend your summer?" with an honest reply of "I spent my summer getting closer to God." It may sound a bit far-fetched, but when I look at members of our congregation and the level of commitment we have to be better disciples, I really think it's possible!

**F**irst, we've been learning how to live the commandments — a perfect foundation for spiritual growth since all ten focus on the importance of relationships and how we can get closer to both God and each other by practicing them. **Use these slower-paced months to build relationships!**

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YOUTH & EDUCATION

## Sermons for April

- April 2 Hungry for Truth
- April 9 **Palm Sunday**  
Breaking Down the Wall  
Ephesians 2: 10-22
- April 16 **Easter Sunday**  
**Commandment 9:**  
Hold to the Truth  
Exodus 20:16
- April 23  
God's Greatest Pleasure  
Ephesians 1:1-14
- April 30 Life Song

**S**econd, we have an exciting family retreat planned that focuses directly on the topic of Bringing God Home (see page 4). We all need help modeling the Christian faith for our children, so what better way to spend a weekend than discussing and learning with our brothers and sisters in Christ various ways to equip both ourselves and each other to do so? **Use these slower-paced months to build community!**

**T**hird, we've got an amazing summer program planned, complete with SonTreasure Island Vacation Bible School, Club H2O, Great Escape, the Mexico mission trip, and summer Sunday school. (See pages 7 - 11.) **Use these slower-paced months to get involved!**

**F**ourth, we'd like to suggest using some of the gotta-stay-inside-in-the-air-conditioning hours to **exercise the brain reading quality books**. Keeping the mind in shape is important, so we've put together a list of great summer reads for each age group to enjoy (page 5). We also plan to offer a workshop for parents on how to engage your children to read in ways that encourage reflection and deeper thinking. **Use these slower-paced months to engage the mind!**

**F**ifth, it's crucial to remember that both the Bible and prayer are foundational. For many, we've not gotten into the habit of reading scripture together as a family or even praying together regularly. Consequently, the thought of doing so may seem awkward or overwhelming. Chances are it only feels that way because it's not in our regular routine. Why not start this

summer by talking to God together as a group, sharing aloud your thankfulness for the blessings God has given, your joys for loved ones in your life, your concerns for those who are marginalized... The first few times may feel a bit strange, but as the practice becomes more comfortable, it is sure to make a difference in your family's spiritual journey. The same holds true for reading and discussing God's Word together.

**O**n a similar note, I encourage you to sit down and have meals together as a family. Jesus models this in Scripture by regularly breaking bread and sharing meals with his disciples. Many important exchanges and eye-opening revelations took place around the table, and I don't think the importance of this setting should be overlooked today.

**G**athering around the table is significant. Often, the nourishment we receive during our sit-down time together is more than the intake of essential vitamins and minerals—it is the nourishment of our souls as we unveil the events of our day and feel listened to and loved, no matter whether we're celebrating an accomplishment or overcoming a failure. We know we are in the presence of the people who love and cherish us most. So, of course, Christ is there with us, too. Each and every time, he'll pull up a chair and join you, knowing full well that important exchanges and eye-opening revelations take place around the table.

**I**n *Living the Resurrection* by Eugene Peterson, he urges us to take the meal table seriously, saying this: *continued, next page*

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**SHPC Youth In the News:** It was called to our attention that Kevin Greathouse was recently recognized in the *Austin-American Statesman* for earning his Eagle Scout award. Further research turned up the following Eagle Scout awardees from Troop 385 from the past few years — all of whom should be congratulated when you see them next!

Robert Abel; Michael Aldridge; Jonathan Baker; Brandon Bibeau; Peter Bourell; Christopher Bourell; John Bowman; Dana Brandt; Daniel Dagian; David Dagian; David Dawson; Daniel Dawson; Trevor DeMartini; Brooks Doepner; Stephen Eisler; David Eskew; Lawrence Faulks; Barton Faulks; William Faulks, III; Michael Files; Brandon Flournoy; Jason Ford; George Foster Ryan Huebinger; Aaron Johnson; John Kuhar; Christopher Lee; Michael Mansfield; Travis Mathis; William Natale, Jr.; Patrick O'Connor; Rob Perrone; Thomas Pizarek; David Racino; Bradley Scoggins; Mitchell Scoggins; David Stooksberry; Mark Strickland; Andrew Thomas; Paul Trujillo; Todd Trujillo; Dane Vaclavik; William "Chip" Welte; Corey Wilcox; Wesley Wittig; Jeffrey Wittig

While SHPC sponsors Troop 385, we wish to honor **all our Eagle Scouts and Gold Award recipients**. If you are not in Boy Scout Troop 385 and have achieved these challenging awards, please let us know at [comm@shpc.org](mailto:comm@shpc.org) so that we can get the word out!

## Bringing God Home

### An SHPC Family Retreat

You don't *have* to go to the T bar M Ranch to find God, but sometimes it helps to get away from the day-to-day pressures and responsibilities. Especially when you're trying to bring God into the lives of your children.

So come to the SHPC Family Retreat on April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> at the T-bar-M Ranch in New Braunfels. We'll find God in all kinds of expected - and unexpected - places, all while having a great time with our kids.

The T-bar-M is in a beautiful setting and has a swimming pool, miniature golf course, playground, tennis courts, hiking trails, basketball court, pool tables, volleyball, putting green, ping pong and who knows what else! And to all of that, we're adding our own special touch, including talks for moms and dads about Christian education in the home led by Monty Page.

We're delighted that Monty is coming from Dallas with his family to join us for the weekend. Monty was the first to graduate from Dallas Theologic Seminary with a Masters of Arts in Biblical Counseling. A high school/college life pastor for 10 years, he leads "The Coffee House" ministry at Stonebriar Community Church when he's not running a company that manufactures and distributes memory for computers.

*Space is limited*, so pick up a registration form in the narthex as soon as you can, fill it out and turn it in by Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> along with your check for the cost. What is the cost?

That depends on how many people are in your family that are at least three years old

Number of people age 3 or older in a room	Cost for each adult and child over 11	Cost for each child age 3 through 11
2	87.00	43.50
3	78.00	39.00
4 to 6	72.00	36.00

(children under three are free):

For example, the cost for mom, dad and two kids ages 4 and 7 is \$216.00 (\$72.00 + \$72.00 + \$36.00 + \$36.00). No matter how many are in your family, though, your cost will not be more than \$250.00 per room.

The cost includes your room, lunch and dinner on Saturday, breakfast on Sunday, use of all of the T bar M facilities (except for the indoor tennis courts) and, of course, all of the special SHPC activities.

Have questions? Need more information?? Just ask Amanda Hyde (301-3272; wanda@io.com). And don't forget to check out the T-bar-M Ranch at [www.tbarm.com](http://www.tbarm.com).

Y'all come now, y'hear?

*continued from page 3* "Christian practice in matters of spiritual formation goes badly astray when it attempts to construct or organize ways of spirituality apart from the ordinariness of life. And there is nothing more ordinary than a meal... Every time we pick up a knife and fork, every time we say, 'Pass the salt, please,' every time we take a second helping of cauliflower, we are in a setting congenial to spiritual formation. Luke and John are telling us to take these meal times seriously. Our Sunday worship is important. The Bible studies we attend are important. The retreats we make are important.

But over a lifetime, the unnoticed and unrecognized presence of the risen Christ at our meals may be more formative of the life in Christ in is."

**Use these slower-paced months to begin forming good habits!**

Indeed, the possibilities and potential for spiritual growth abound – use these slower-paced months to let the Spirit move!

Britta Dukes, Director of Children's Ministry



## Children at the Lord's Table

[Ed: On March 4th we held our Children at the Lord's Table workshop. We thought you'd enjoy hearing from one of the participants.]

Hello, my name is Meredith Warren and I am 8 years old. I am going to tell you about our communion meeting called Children of the Lord's Table.

First, when I got there we talked about what communion means. Then we talked about what baptism means. It means you get water on you and you are a child of God. Then Ms. Britta reviewed about what we talked about, which was communion and baptism. Then we baked

some bread. And Ms. Darendra read us the story 'All You Ever Need' by Max Lucado.

Then we went to Portable A and B. In Portable A I played games with my Dad, my friend Kate and her mom, Mrs. Buffler. And in Portable B we wrote prayers for certain things, like what we thank God for and why we love God. Then we went back to the sanctuary and talked to elderly people (*Ed: elders*) and got an award and cross pin for our shirt.

So now you know all about our communion meeting. I am glad I made my first communion.

Love, Meredith

## Children's Ministry

### Babysitting Co-op at SHPC

submitted by Joanna Farwell

Did you know that it is possible to have a night out, a trip to the grocery store, a doctor's appointment, errands run (or any enjoyable time to yourself) without taking the kids with you? Did you also know that this is possible without spending money on a babysitter? You can actually have some time to yourself without spending a dime!

### You can have this and more when you join the Babysitting Co-op!

The Babysitting Co-op was created for families to exchange babysitting services.

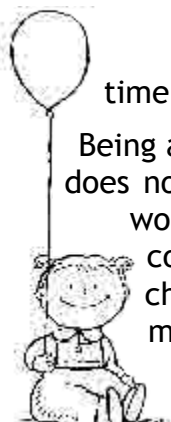
We're parents helping parents get time out, day or night.

Being a member with the Babysitting Co-op does not require a lot of extra time or work. Babysitting helps our kids connect with other kids within our church community. Of course, as a member of the Babysitting Co-op, you are *never* obligated to sit, no questions asked! An exchange of

poker chips is used to pay for babysitting services, so there is no financial obligation! We may babysit in our homes and occasionally babysit in a group setting for other co-op members.

Our group meets on the last Wednesday of every month to catch up on happenings and events with SHPC and the Babysitting Co-op, to plan social events and have some fun times together. Occasionally our meetings are for the entire family and include a meal and play time to keep our children and parents well-acquainted with one other. If you are new to SHPC or have been here a long time, this is a great way to meet new people and make new friends for yourself and your children.

So, you could cancel your plans, take the kids with you and go crazy... or you could join the Babysitting Co-op with friends and enjoy a moment of peace! We sincerely hope you will consider becoming a part of this great ministry. For more information, contact Joanna Farwell at 301-7258 or [jofarwell@swbell.net](mailto:jofarwell@swbell.net)



# STUDENT MINISTRY SUMMER

## P R E V I E W

<b>Mexico Mission Trip</b> <i>Changing lives like an Extreme Makeover: Home Edition</i>	<b>Great Escape</b> <i>Mountains, madness and mayhem all abound in Colorado</i>	<b>Fun in the Son</b> <i>High school students and Jesus take over South Padre Island</i>	<b>VBS &amp; Club H2O</b> <i>Who is sitting at pool's edge? Me and you!</i>
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### TIME FOR “SOMETHING NEW”

Ever get tired of doing the same thing over and over again?

Sit at home... get bored, watch.... TV... Sit at home get bored... call a friend (they are not home).... Sit at home, do chores.... get bored take up basket weaving.

How many summers of the same old boring summer stuff do you need? This summer it is time for “Something New.” The Mexico Mission Trip, Great Escape, and Fun in the Son are all new for 2006 and they are planned just for you. We want every student at SHPC to get a chance to attend these life-changing events. They are just too good to pass up.

#### MORE FUN AND MORE MEMORIES THAN YOU CAN SHAKE A STICK AT!

Sign up now on the web at [www.shpc.org](http://www.shpc.org). Space on all of these events is limited to first come, first serve registration. Some trips are already beginning to fill up. Get your \$100 deposit into the church office soon to hold your spot – pronto! We don't want to hear about another summer of Ultimate basket weaving.

Limited scholarship assistance is available prior to deposit due date!



CAMP IS WHERE LIVES ARE CHANGED

*Most students will tell you it is at camp that they make major leaps of faith. There is just something about being with 500 of your closest friends, hearing about God day and night – while finding time to just be yourself – that God moves in big ways. We do not know why or how but camp is where students grow into “Something New.” We believe in our ministry at SHPC that camp is VITAL to all our students' faith growth. Please consider joining us on one of these adventures.*

# MEXICO FAMILY MISSION TRIP

## Called to love our Neighbors

Serving in the Son! Mexico is the place to be to change lives and have your life changed as we build two homes in Reynosa Mexico. This is a church family event so bring Mom and Dad with you. Every year we travel with about 30-50 SHPC folks on a project of love, discipleship and service. This is a trip that causes students and parents alike to be moved greatly in their faith. May 28th-June 2nd \$100 plus food and travel expenses

## Not just hard work....

Many folks thinks this trip is nothing but hard work....

And, well, they are half right. The work is hard. We will spend our days at the building sites constructing a home from cinder blocks and concrete. By hand we

mix the concrete, sift



Let God use our hands in Mexico

the sand, bend the rebar, and build the forms for the floor and roof. Bucket by bucket of cement we pour and pour. That's only half of the story. During the afternoons we break for a siesta and lunch with the families that we are building for. In the evenings we dine together on authentic Mexican cuisine, and then return to our hotel for an evening of conversation, fellowship and prayer while unwinding by the pool.



Now is the time to serve...

*I know how hard it is to change. I love to keep things like they are. The problem with this type of thinking is that God has called to be his ambassadors in the world. That means when we see a problem that we might be able to help as Christ would have helped we do it. No longer can we say – you are not my neighbor. The world is next door to us and it is hungry, tired, homeless, and thirsty. Will you answer God's call?*

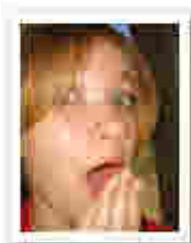


## Come join us in Mexico May 28<sup>th</sup>- June 2<sup>nd</sup>

# G R E A T E S C A P E

## Mid High Great Escape in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado.

### MID HIGH GREAT ESCAPE



The Great Escape takes advantage of its beautiful setting in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado. We

will be rafting on the Taylor River, taking a chair lift ride up to the Continental Divide, shopping in Crested Butte, mountain climbing and getting super close to God and friends. Add on top

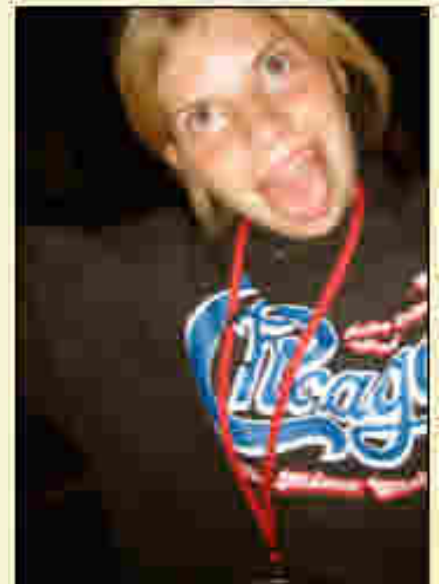
of all that Great teaching, Outstanding worship, Incredible food, Monster shaving

creme war, Intimate small group and Family times where you can dig deeper with your friends and God. The Great Escape is not to be missed. June 24th – July 1st \$485. 6<sup>th</sup> grade thru graduating 8<sup>th</sup>



**I can't wait to go back!**

Every year I am amazed by the quality of proگرام that folks over at The Great Escape put on for our kids. Big name worship leaders, speakers that kids will remember for a lifetime, outrageous games and a spectacular setting can all be expected at a normal Great Escape. This is not just a camp for us — it is a “Road Trip Adventure” as we travel by van or bus all the way to Colorado.



# FUN IN THE SON... SOUTH PADRE

## Sun Sand & Surfing Jesus



The setting for Fun in the Son Padre could not get any better. At Fun in the Son you stay at the incredible Bahia Mar Hotel or Extra Rockin Travel

Lodge, which are both located on the Gulf of Mexico in South Padre Island. You will spend your afternoons enjoying the surf, sand and sights of the beach as well hanging with new friends. Your mornings and evenings will be spent at the South Padre Island Convention center, within walking distance from the hotel, hearing from speakers and worship bands that will challenge and inspire you.

There is also the mystery afternoon where we will leave camp and take our group to explore South Padre Island.



The hope is that this will be a week of fun where students can hear the Gospel, grow in their faith and experience the larger body of Christ. July 9<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> \$400.



### I now know that God is real...

*I do not know if it was the beauty of the place or how tired I was but I came home from the Fun in the Son changed by God. It was as if my faith was in a rut and Fun in the Son helped me see just how much God loves me and how much I love him. I never want to leave Fun in the Son.... A Student*

*This can be you. Join us at Fun in the Son this year.*



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



## V.B.S. ROCKS

*It is like a non stop party just filled with little tiny people! You gotta come help out cause it's da Bomb. These little guys and gals need big friends like you and me. Don't worry about it being too hard. The adult leaders help wherever they can. Peace out... 4 Life*

## Vacation Bible School and Club H2O are such a blast.

Never have I had as much fun as I did when I helped out at VBS. Those little kids are great and I love them. This year we are inviting all of our Mid & High school students to help out in HUGE ways at our VBS. You will sing, you will dance, you have 18 kids climbing on you at the same time and you will be loving every minute of it. Students who sign up to lead in the VBS will also have a chance to be part of the Summer Ministry Madness Team. The Madness team helps create and implement some of our



crazier nights at youth group like Caveman Night and Attack of the Killer Banana as well as our post-V.B.S. Schlitterbahn trip. Sign up now.

## CLUB H2O

### POOL PARTY FOR A WEEK!

At Club H2O our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students get a chance to make a huge splash as we visit all of great water spots in Austin. Barton Springs, Hamilton Pool, San Marcos River and numerous pools around Austin have

been our destination in the past. Sign up and find out where we will be going this year. Bring your towel!

See ya there —  
Pastor Mike

## CAMP INFORMATION

Trip Name	Grades	Date of Trip	Deposit Due Date	Total Cost
Mexico	6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	May 28 <sup>th</sup> — June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	April 16 <sup>th</sup>	\$100
Vacation Bible School Leader	6 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>	June 12 <sup>th</sup> — 16 <sup>th</sup>	None	Free
Great Escape	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	June 24 <sup>th</sup> - July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	May 6 <sup>th</sup>	\$485
Fun in the Sun	9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>	July 9 <sup>th</sup> — 14 <sup>th</sup>	May 21 <sup>st</sup>	\$400
Club H2O - Austin	4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup>	July 24 <sup>th</sup> — 28 <sup>th</sup>	June 4 <sup>th</sup>	\$TBA

## Hurricane Families News

Wondering if we as a church are still personally involved with hurricane Katrina and Rita evacuees? YES! Only two of our folks have gone back to New Orleans for good while the rest are trying either to make Austin their permanent residence or waiting until they are able to return to their previous homes.

**We still need help in several areas.** One couple needs about a three to four month residence starting in late spring in order to complete job training. They are in school on a grant that requires an immense amount of time studying. Two older men are looking for work. Another family needs furniture, household goods and clothes for young boys. Please contact me if you think you can help in any of these areas and I'll give you more details!

As always, gift cards to Wal-Mart, food cards to HEB or Randall's, gas cards, and bus passes are appreciated!

Thank you,  
Cathy Beard –263-9910, beardfamily@direcway.com

*Thank You!*

*Howard and Marion Bonebrake write —*

*Please share our thanks with the congregation for all the prayers, cards — and visits! — during Howard's recent recovery from his hip replacement surgery. We really appreciate it!*



### **Please welcome our newest Austin Seminary intern, Dick Powell!**

Dick is a native of North Carolina as is Lynne, his wife of 28 years. Lynne and Dick are the parents of two children. Richard is a senior at Baylor and Lizzie is a senior at Boerne High School.

Dick holds an undergraduate degree in Philosophy from the University of North Carolina - Wilmington. His previous graduate work was in political theory at North Carolina State University. He and Lynne met at Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina while Lynne was a junior at the

University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill. Lynne is a graduate of UNC with a degree in psychology.

Presently, Dick is enrolled as a Candidate for Ministry of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA) under the care of Mission Presbytery. Dick is an elder and Lynne a deacon (active) and both are members St. Mark Presbyterian Church, Boerne, Texas.

Prior to answering the call to ministry, Dick had a twenty-five year career in industry. His last position was Vice President for manufacturing with an international company whose primary product was women's house shoes.

Lynne is presently employed by Mission Presbytery in San Antonio and works in the area of congregational nurture and care, new church development, and with the stated clerk.

Dick and Lynne make their home in Boerne, Texas.

# Adult Ministry

## Celebrate and Encourage

submitted by Sherry Smith, Director of Adult Ministry

On Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, it will be time to recognize our *Disciple* “graduates” for this year. These adult students have committed themselves to a nine month study that coincides with the regular school year. Almost every day they have read portions of the Bible and have answered study manual questions and also have participated in a weekly discussion class lead by a trained *Disciple* leader.

It is indeed appropriate for them to celebrate a sort of graduation when they complete one year of the study and are ready to move on to the next. It is also appropriate for the whole congregation to share in the joy of their accomplishment and for all of us to encourage one another to continue in various forms of study based on a strong scriptural foundation.

*Disciple* is our most intense form of study but it may not be just the right thing for everyone. That is why we also have *Alpha*, Foundations, Mary-Martha Circle, *Crown Financial Ministries*, Book Club, and *Cursillo*, as well as various other regular classes and special classes such as the current one on relations between Christianity and Islam. Also, beginning in April there will be a nine week mission-

related study called “Just Neighbors.” Even those not taking the actual class will be invited to hear some of the special quest speakers, so look for further announcements about that.

A great blessing for me at about this time of year is that I usually begin to hear stories of how participation in these various classes has affected people's lives. It thrills me to share in someone's “a-ha” moment or hear how a new understanding of Scripture has lead them to change how they relate to their family or encouraged them to get involved in some mission. It is especially gratifying to see the excitement of those who are already looking forward to the next class and asking questions about future plans.

In this newsletter look for more information about *Disciple* sign-up for Fall, as well as other class updates and information. Next month several adults from various classes will share some of their special moments from this year. I hope you will be looking forward to that as much as I am.

Blessings, Sherry

1 Cor. 2:12-12

*“We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words.”*

### Disciple Covenant: I covenant to

- Pray daily for classmates
- Prepare daily by reading and taking notes
- Be present every week if possible but faithful to study even when absent
- Participate in every session both by listening and discussing
- Make a commitment to discipleship

### Hill Country Institute for Contemporary Christianity

The Third Austin C.S. Lewis Conference, April 29,  
at St. Edward's University

The day will include worship, live music, lectures (including Peter Kreeft, prolific writer and entertaining speaker), outdoor lunch, panel discussion, a barbecue dinner, and a performance of An Evening with C.S. Lewis.

Registration is online at [www.hillcountryinstitute.org](http://www.hillcountryinstitute.org). Cost: \$60 through February 28, \$75 though April 25, \$85 beginning April 26. (Online payments are through PayPal which is easy to join.)

### Christian Happenings

Seton Cove, 3708 Crawford Avenue, 451-0272

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](http://www.seton.net/setoncove).

# Library News

## What's New in the Library?

We've added a number of books related to Bible study. These include:

*The Christology of the New Testament* 232 CUL

*Song of the Vineyard; a Guide through the Old Testament* 221.8 NAP

*Introducing the New Testament* 225.6 HUN

*The Authority of the Old Testament* 221.6 BRI

*The Mighty Acts of God* 220.6 RHO



*From Bondage to Freedom* 220.9 SPR

*No Wonder They Call Him the Savior; Chronicles of the Cross*

Max Lucado 232.9 LUC

*Ephesians 4-6* 220.6 BAR

*The Acts of the Apostles* 226.6 MUN

Take a look at these on display in the library throughout April – unless they all get borrowed!

## The Third Austin C. S. Lewis Conference Goodness, Truth, and Beauty: Apologetics and the Winsome Christ

Presented by  
The Hill Country Institute for Contemporary Christianity  
April 29, 2006  
St. Edward's University

Commemorating the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Conversion of C. S. Lewis  
Three internationally known speakers will guide our journey into the “deeper magic” of our journey in Christ:

**Peter Kreeft on Goodness** – “The Only Apologetic Guaranteed to Win the World”

**William Lane Craig on Truth** – “Are There Objective Truths About God?”

**Frederica Mathewes Green on Beauty** – “A Golden Bell and a Pomegranate”

**Joel Heck**, Chief Academic Officer of Concordia University at Austin and a Fellow of the Institute, **will deliver the opening meditation.**

Whether you have read the works of C.S. Lewis for years or never even opened one of his books, this conference will be a fun time. It is named in his honor due to his example as a man who taught we should become, in his words, “birds with two wings”; developing both in our career and our faith. He was not a professional theologian, and wrote for all of us. Lewis will be a friend and quoted source, but our speakers will not focus exclusively on his work. So come join with us as we enjoy a magnificent day with friends on the journey.

More details and REGISTRATION are online at [www.hillcountryinstitute.org](http://www.hillcountryinstitute.org) The cost is \$75 through April 20, and \$85 beginning April 21 if any tickets remain. Seating is limited.

*“If you make my word your home, you will indeed be my disciples.” -John 8:31*

Want to be a better disciple?  
Want a very enriching personal experience? Want to be in the midst of a small family of believers as you study together?

**Become a “Disciple” disciple!**

*Disciple* is a nine-month Bible study that meets for 2 hours each week for thought-provoking group discussions on challenging Scripture readings and study manual questions. Though there is a great deal of study involved, the heart of this program is about transformation rather than just information. Participants learn how to live their lives as disciples.

It is time to start thinking about signing up for the 2006-2007 set of classes. There are four separate studies. The first one is an overview of about 70% of the Bible. It is suggested that you take this *Disciple 1* class before taking any of the other classes.

If you are interested in more information about Disciple please contact Sherry Smith at 892-5303 or shariah@aol.com.

## LEARN HOW FAITH AND INVOLVEMENT IN MISSION GO HAND IN HAND

The Adult Ministry, Evangelism, and Mission programs at SHPC are offering a year-long series of studies in the relationship between faith and involvement in mission activities. There are three units available with an additional one being developed.

***Just Neighbors*** is an interactive, multimedia curriculum offered by Family Promise, the parent organization for Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN). *Just Neighbors* has three goals: to educate the congregation about poverty in the United States, to spur the congregation to greater service to people in poverty, and to send them forth as advocates for neighbors in need. As a part of this program, several local experts on poverty in Central Texas will be guest speakers. *Just Neighbors* will begin April 19<sup>th</sup> and run on Wednesdays through June 14<sup>th</sup>. All of the programs but one will be in Room 7 from 7 to 8:30 pm. Please call the church office and let them know if you are interested in signing up for

the course or contact Tom O'Meara 892-5390 for more information.

***Go For It*** is a tape series about personal evangelism which offers insights into practical biblical arguments for sharing your faith in a straight-forward and humorous way. Its 8 lessons include opportunities for discussion. *Go For It* is available for small group study by contacting David Parmer (512)858-7255.

***Standing in the Margin: How Your Congregation Can Minister with the Poor*** is a program of 12 sessions looking at the idea of a Ministry in the Margins. The class will work through the issues of a call to ministry, the biblical and theological bases of such a ministry, and develop a practical ministry in the margin. This series is tentatively scheduled to be offered as a Sunday School class in the Fall during the 9:45 hour. If you would like to know more about this series, or consider teaching one of the lessons, contact David Parmer (512)858-7255.

**WANTED: A few good Presbyterians who like to laugh, sing, eat, and make new friends** while spending a 3-day weekend worshipping God, sharing the Lord's Supper, enhancing their spiritual relationship with Jesus Christ and enjoying Christian community in a beautiful Hill Country setting.

Austin Presbyterian Cursillo #22 will be held September 28 - October 1 at Camp Buckner near Marble Falls. Spaces are limited so pick up an application (located outside the church office in the Narthex), and send it in a.s.a.p. Questions? Contact Debbie Budd 280-0904 or Roz Seiler 301-1197.



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# Senior Adult Ministry

## Bridging the "Geriatric Gap"

(Adapted from "The Geriatric Gap: Getting the Right Information About Aging" by David Solie, MS, PA in AGenda, A Publication of Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Older Adult Ministries, Vol. 110, February, 2006)

Do "senior adults" and "baby boomers" (soon to be the senior adults) have a communication problem? Did they come from different planets? Even when trying to be helpful, baby boomers often find themselves just as crossways with their parents as they did when they were teenagers. This may be the result of mistaken beliefs about aging. Even if you are a teenager reading this, you may find some insight into being able to communicate with the older generations by becoming aware of certain "truths" about senior adults.

### 1. Older adults have not stopped growing.

They did not plateau at sixty-five. They are not in a holding pattern waiting to die. They are still growing. Modern research has proven that although the body is in decline in old age, the mind is fully armed with a powerful creativity, an intact IQ, exceptional reasoning skills, and sound verbal ability. Aging does slow down the processing time of the brain (Older adults cannot multitask like they use to.), but reflection and wisdom is at an all time high.

### 2. Aging is like nothing they have ever done.

The elderly are in the middle of the last growth phase of their life (called life review), an involuntary and pressing need to make sense of the life they have lived. Life review comes at a time when most of the people who meant the most are gone. The recalling of people and events makes it possible to revisit people and events and witness their profound influence on them.

As if sizing up your entire life isn't enough, the elderly are also faced with fighting for control in a world where all control is slipping away. Changes in health, the death of family members and friends, feeling like a burden instead of an elder, not sustaining a productive role, leaving the family home, and feeling pressure to turn over the control of finances make it clear why older adults need to fight vehemently to keep

what little control they have left. It is almost like going backwards from being an adult to a teenager where control is highly desired but in short supply.

### 3. "Aging is not for 'sissies'."

It is also no place to be alone. The most important thing that older adults need is partnership with their loved ones for this phase of the journey, a willingness to help them maintain control so they can gather up and weigh the events of their life.

### 4. There is a code.

The final growth phase of life has its own language, its own communication code. Learning the right words, how to listen for them, and how to use them is the key to connecting with elders. The key words resonate with the primary tasks of maintaining control and finding a legacy. These are words that a) affirm that the older adult still retains control, b) signal a desire to partner with their choices, c) ask key life review questions, or d) help elders tell their stories.

- a. "This is not a decision you need to make today; let's wait until you are sure how you want to handle this."
- b. "This is your choice. Just tell me how you want me to help with it."
- c. "Mom, what do you remember about your grandparents?"
- d. "So why did the family suddenly pick up and move to California?"

These are just some of the ways this unique code can impact the quality and depth of communication between generations. Words that honor, reaffirm and reassure a person's value amidst an overwhelming period of their life helps to unlock the barrier between generations. This allows a family to draw support from each other and offers the children a way to provide sanctuary and comfort to their parents in the winter of their lives.

## SHARING OUR STORIES

Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>  
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

"On the 18<sup>th</sup> of April in '75, hardly a man is now alive who can remember that day and year..."  
— "Paul Revere's Ride," Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Senior Adult Ministry invites **anyone** who is interested in sharing your stories to come to an engaging workshop led by Sally Jo Elliott. Using stimulating and fresh topics, participants will be prompted to recapture their memories and record them. Please bring a notebook and pencil/pen to the session. Those who wish to stay through lunch and continue sharing stories are invited to bring a sack lunch. Coffee and tea will be provided. **Sally Jo (892-0845)** will provide more information about the workshop, or you can email Carol Cunningham at [tlccun@att.net](mailto:tlccun@att.net) with your questions. There is no

The Men's Breakfast Fellowship will meet at **7:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>** in the narthex. To RSVP, call Jim Black at 892-2982.  
*All men are welcome!*

fee for this session.

## Fun and Fellowship

Do you enjoy getting together with friends to play games? Our "Groan"-Ups Game Day will tickle your funny bone. Come see on April 4<sup>th</sup> if you can challenge the crowd at some kind of domino, card or other game. Ruth Weese will be our hostess in room 7 from 10 a.m. until noon.

## APRIL SAM EVENTS

Tuesday, April 4                    10 a.m. - noon  
    **"Groan"-Ups Game Day**

Thursday, April 6                  10 a.m. - noon  
    **Mary-Martha Circle**

Saturday, April 8                  11:30 a.m.  
    **Golden Years Lunch Bunch**

The Fellowship Bridge Group will play the second Friday in April – the 14<sup>th</sup> – at 7 p. m. in Room 7. Our hostess will be Sue Cowan. Please call Virginia McNutt at 288-7187 or Martha Meador at 288-3341 by Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> if you would like to play.

**Mary-Martha Circle** will meet **Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. in room 7.** Our lesson for April will be number 7, "Called to Be Faithful" from our study *Spiritual Gifts*, and will be presented by our Seminary Intern Darena Keil. Following the meeting, those who wish to stay to cross stitch Christmons should bring a sack lunch. Cross-stitch materials will be furnished. For more information call Martha Meador at 288-3341.

Tuesday, April 18                    9:30-11:30 a.m.  
    **Sharing Our Stories**

## Tribute to a Generation: WWII Remembered

On April 29, the Austin Symphonic Band will present a concert honoring the generation of World War II. This concert might be of interest to veterans and their families. Selections will include music about the European campaign, the Pacific campaign, and music remembered by those who went to war. Admission is free for veterans. (However, seating is limited; veterans are requested to call the band office at 345-7420 to reserve their complimentary tickets.)

### Austin Symphonic Band Concert "Tribute to a Generation: WWII Remembered"

Date: **Saturday, April 29, 2006**

Time: **8 p.m.**

Location: **Reagan High School  
Performing Arts Center  
7104 Berkman Drive, Austin**

**Golden Years Lunch Bunch:** The next luncheon for our growing and robust group will be held at **Macaroni Grill**, 701 Capital of Texas Highway on **April 8, 2006 at 11:30 a.m.** They agreed to provide separate checks, and the gratuity will not be included. So be sure to bring along your calculator! We will order from their standard menu, which, you may be aware, is totally awesome. Please RSVP to Trinkka or Ron Miller @ 892-1862 or [ron.miller1@worldnet.att.net](mailto:ron.miller1@worldnet.att.net). before April 6, 2006.



# Caring Forever 2006 – Honor Your Mother

Submitted by Junie Ledbetter, Endowment Committee

Caring Forever 2006 is now officially underway. Nominations have been submitted for this year’s \$1,000 award, and the task force appointed by the Session is carefully considering each one. The recipient will be announced on Mother’s Day, May 14<sup>th</sup>.

SHPC is once again in a position to offer a full \$1,000 award this year due to your continued support of the Caring Forever Endowment Fund, and we are very grateful for it. Please continue that support by contributing to Caring Forever 2006. On Mother’s Day, there will be a special Caring Forever envelope in the bulletin for any contribution you are able to make. And if you want to make your contribution in honor of your mother, or any other person, just complete the form below and we will send a special note to the appropriate person to let them know of your thoughtfulness and love.

If you are new to the church, you may want to know how the Endowment Fund works. Contributions are invested and earnings only are used to fund special off-budget mission and/or education projects. Your contributions stay in the fund forever, generating other dollars that are spent . . . to expand and enrich the ministry of our church. Think of the power of that! A contribution you make today will still be helping others 25, 50, even 100 years or more from now!

A generous man will prosper;  
he who refreshes others will  
himself be refreshed.  
— Proverbs 11:25

Of course, you don’t have to wait until May 14<sup>th</sup> to contribute. You can put a contribution in the offering any Sunday – just be sure your check includes the note “Endowment Fund.” (If you would like a contribution envelope, there are some in the wall rack in the narthex.) Have questions? Just ask an Endowment Committee member (Sue Frye, Allen Gunter, Gaston Broyles). Help us perpetuate the legacy God has given us through his son

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## Caring Forever 2006 Dedication Form

(Please Print)

This contribution is in  honor  memory of:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ (This  is  is not my mother)

Address (if living) \_\_\_\_\_

If not living, send acknowledgment of this contribution (without the amount) to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

This contribution is being made by: \_\_\_\_\_

## The Forgotten Servant

I'm sure you're familiar with the parable of the talents. You know, the one where the master entrusts three of his servants with some money and then leaves town for a while.

**Yeah, I know that one. When the master comes home, he finds that two of the servants have doubled his money. But the third buried it and only has the original amount to give back.**

Right. And the two faithful servants are invited to share in their master's joy while the third is kicked out. But did you know that in the ancient texts there is a fourth servant?

**Really? What's his story?**

Well, it seems the fourth servant was most anxious to honor his master and do something good with the money he had been given. But while he was thinking about what to do, he began noticing that some of the other servants had things that he didn't...nicer cloaks, larger rooms, better food. He couldn't understand why they had these things and he didn't, and it made him feel a little inadequate and a little jealous. After all, didn't he work just as hard...perhaps even harder...than they did? Didn't his family deserve to have the best?

Then one day the servant saw a beautiful cloak in a merchant's shop. "If I had such a cloak" he thought to himself, "the other servants would respect me more and I would be much happier." Unfortunately, the servant did not have enough money of his own to buy the cloak.

But the merchant knew the servant's master to be very wealthy, and he saw this as an opportunity to gain favor with the master. So he offered to let the servant have the cloak in return for part of the money and the promise to pay the rest later.

The servant's heart quickened. This would only take a small part of the master's money and he could still do something good for his master with the rest. And surely he could replace the money he had used by the time his master returned.

So off the servant went in his fine new cloak. He hadn't gone far when he met a man selling beautiful Persian rugs. "Such a rug would be much more comfortable to sleep on than the straw mats we have now" the servant thought to himself. "We would be the envy of all the other servants. Besides, if I were well rested, I'm sure I could do so much more to please my master."

But again the servant did not have enough money of his own to buy what he wanted. Thinking the servant to be a man of means because of the fine cloak he was wearing, the rug merchant offered to sell the rug to him for a small payment, with the rest to be paid later.

This delighted the servant, who soon found that he could acquire most anything he desired this way. And so he did until he had many fine things for himself and his family.

But as he acquired more, the servant realized that his heart had become burdened with all of the things he had bought. For now the servant worried about how to protect all of his fine new possessions from thieves and moths and rust. He resented the time he had to spend taking care of them, finding places to keep them, moving them around to those few things he still used.

The servant began to realize that the happiness and contentment he had when he bought something new was temporary and unfulfilling. He seldom thought about his master anymore. He knew that one day his master would return and he would have to give an accounting, but that time seemed too distant. Besides, he had to deal with the accountings the merchants presented to him.

And that had become the servant's greatest burden. The merchants, of course, wanted to continue to be paid for what they had sold the servant. The servant truly wanted to pay them, but the small amounts the merchants kept asking for added up to large amounts that the servant found difficult to pay. He worried about how he would pay them, and it caused great strife and tension in his household.

## Ask the Budget Guy, cont'd

**Okay, Budget Guy, stop right there. This isn't from any "ancient text"...you're making this all up!**

Well, yes. I must admit that I have no way of reading the ancient texts. Or any other text not written in English, for that matter!

**So this is just your feeble attempt at being cute!**

Feeble, perhaps, but no intention of being "cute." You see, I believe Jesus' parables are all incomplete. He laid the groundwork for us in each parable, and then left the final "chapter" for us to write based on how we apply that parable to our own lives.

**Hmmm. So in the parable of the talents, you see God as the master and the fourth servant as you or me?**

Right. Isn't the parable really a lesson for us in how God wants us to manage all that He has entrusted to us?

We like to think that what we have is due to our own talents and hard work, but we all know that it really comes from God. That's fundamental to our very belief in God. He's the one who gave us those talents, gave us the desire to work hard.

And Scriptures like the parable of the talents and Luke 16:11 ("If, therefore, you have not been faithful in the use of worldly wealth, who will entrust the true riches to you?") remind us that we are merely stewards of what we have. How we handle that stewardship is a critical measure of our faith.

**So tell me, Budget Guy, how does your new chapter to the parable of the talents end?**

I don't really know. I mean, I could write any ending I want to for the fourth servant, but what's really important is how it ends for you and me. And those endings are still being written.

I will say this, though. I believe that it's okay to want nice things. God means for us to find joy in life, and a certain amount of joy can be found in material things. However, it's *not* okay when the "wanting" and the "having" become our goals

in life, become the standard by which we measure ourselves and our happiness.

Unfortunately, it's too easy to believe that our inalienable rights include life, liberty and the *purchase* of happiness. It's really not surprising - our economy depends on it. Once upon a time, you built a successful business by creating a better mouse trap - finding a need and filling it. Now, there doesn't need to be any real need for your product; you just have to come up with a marketing campaign that makes us *think* there is. And it sure seems like we're easy to convince!

So the ending I'm trying to write for myself is based on three core beliefs:

1. I will be the best steward of the time, talents and material wealth God has given me by investing in God, my family, and my friends.
2. I will find the greatest happiness and contentment by following belief #1.
3. When in doubt, see beliefs #1 and #2.

These beliefs have me sorting through the emotional and physical clutter I've accumulated over the years, discarding what doesn't add value. It takes time, it takes energy, and it can hurt. Even if you don't consciously realize it, when you get rid of something you're taking a loss and you're admitting you made a mistake - two things none of us likes to do.

It's a struggle, but every once in a while I seem to get it right and the feeling is almost overwhelming.

Now if you will excuse me, I have some old model railroad magazines I think I'm finally ready to get rid of. You wouldn't by any chance be interested in them, would you?

Part of my job at SHPC is helping people get out of debt. It's free and it's confidential. Just call the Budget Guy, Allen Gunter, at 292-4035 or send an email to [BudgetGuy@SHPC.org](mailto:BudgetGuy@SHPC.org). And check out the Crown Financial Ministries Small Study Groups - call Margaret Fetty at 288-9034 for more information.



**Are you a Mom? Dad? Grandmother?  
Do you just like to cook?  
How about joining the Meals for Moms part of  
the Newborn Support Ministry Team!**

Many wonderful people signed up in January, when we last asked for help.  
But ...

**We are in the middle of a baby boom!** While we love seeing the rosebuds on the altar and reading the names in the announcements, all these babies have our current crew working overtime!  
What is Meals for Moms again? Our goal is to make things a little easier for parents adjusting to life with a newborn by providing meals. **By joining the team you will be put on a list of people who could occasionally provide dinner for a family.** This is a great way to show support and love to others in our church family. **All ages wanted!** Please contact Kathy Segura with questions or to sign up – 394-9953, katsegura@sbcglobal.net



**Add to  
your  
prayer  
list**

**Joys** - Erica Lynn Wade, daughter of Stan & Jessica Wade and sister of Alicia & Sarah, was born March 6<sup>th</sup> – Sarah Louise Gross, daughter of Danny & Suzanne Gross and sister of Amy & Stephen, was born February 23<sup>rd</sup>  
**Sorrows** - H.H. Bracken Cox, a regular SHPC visitor, died last week – Bruce Brown's brother, George Brown of Dallas, was murdered the week of March 12<sup>th</sup> – Six-year-old George Liebes passed away following a boating accident –

Alma Miller, mother of Ted Miller, passed away suddenly on February 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Please pray for** – Anne Arnecke, a single mom of two teenage boys, who is searching for employment in Fredericksburg – Katie Ramirez, abdominal pain – Ron Izen, Gloria Drake's son-in-law, for a full recovery – Linda Eskelin's sister, Ruthie Boatright, cancer – Mary Bernal, friend of Cyndi Penrod – Buddy Lopez' mother, Lucy Lopez – Juliana Cabello, young daughter of Rhonda & Joelle, recovering from hip surgery – Shana Greene, surgery – Fayette Moore, of the Park at Beckett Meadows, recently moved to hospice care – Philip Mani, Mary Wilson's great-grandson, undergoing surgery – SHPC friend Diane Kleintob, her extended family, and her nephew – those affected by wildfires, especially in the Panhandle – Barbara Challis, recovering from hip surgery – Tom Henry, cancer of the esophagus – David Paniagua, ruptured spinal discs – Danny & Suzanne Gross' infant daughter Sarah, hospitalized for an infection – Doris Peltzman's friend Mae, getting treatment for a rapid heartbeat problem – Beverly and her children – Anthony – Anthonessa – Tammy and her children – Mary & Jerry LeBlanc – James – Rose – Kent – Christina and her children – Christopher and Chris – those in hurricane-

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

Quantrell Blake, friend of Tammy Boehman... Anthony Canas, son-in-law of Linda Brooke and Celestino Mendiola... Dennis Low... D. J. Haney, nephew of Paula Boatright... Stephen Hartman, nephew of Karla and Richard Snell... John Steele, nephew of Martha Meador... Ryan Moeller, friend of Carol Ideker... 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... Michael Sybrant, Sherry Todd's nephew...



- 1 Apr Judy & Wolfgang Behr
- 3 Apr Jim & Virginia McNutt
- Mickey & Tamara Landry Bell
- 5 Apr Bob & Raynell Barry
- Charles & Jane Staton
- 7 Apr Jim & Shelley Garrett
- 8 Apr Julie & Richard Bonnin
- Gaston Broyles & Junie Ledbetter
- 11 Apr Kris & Jennifer Thielemans
- 12 Apr Glenn & Jerry Ouzts
- 14 Apr Doug & Debbie Budd
- Jeff & Jennifer Benner
- 16 Apr Fred & Sharon Rothert
- Susan & Joe Manzello
- 17 Apr Ryan & Julie Teague
- 27 Apr Dennis & Pat Low
- Wade & Paula Pellerin
- 29 Apr Steve & Sue Cozart
- Angela & Jeff Peterson



- 1 Apr Stella Warner
- Jody Barrett
- Angela Peterson
- Jessica Landry
- Bryce Perkins-Jechow
- Whitney Worthington
- 2 Apr Pat Haag
- Jennifer Bullock
- Mark Greathouse
- Danielle Spink
- Ashley DeSantis
- Riley Ruiz

- 2 Apr Cassandra Segura
- 3 Apr Dave Dickinson
- 4 Apr Mike Klotz
- Jennifer DeSantis
- 5 Apr Logan Saari
- Payton Lord
- 6 Apr Melvin Deutsch
- Kim Cline
- 7 Apr Elza Crump
- Will Bonnin
- Greyson Bourgeois
- Isabelle Hanna
- 8 Apr Virginia McNutt
- Kathy Proctor
- Donny Peltier
- Elyse Manzello
- 9 Apr James Petty
- Marian Brock
- 10 Apr Ann McDaniel
- Steve Beard
- Julie Teague
- Tiffany Cunningham Widner
- Drew Cole
- 11 Apr Ruth Cutler
- Steven Pearson
- Taiz Green
- 12 Apr Herk Johnson
- Sandra Mann
- Joyce McLaughlin
- Burkley Pettijohn
- Andrew Loewe
- Leah Humpert
- Michael Bay
- Chris Aardema
- James Cognetti
- Aaron Dawson
- 13 Apr Michaela Teague
- Allison Wade
- 14 Apr Rollin Breed
- Skylar Worthington
- Jack Gillis
- 15 Apr Rebecca Robertson
- Margaret Danz
- Kris Thielemans
- Michael Breed
- William Lovelace
- 16 Apr Laurel Boatright
- Liz Valvano
- 17 Apr Heidi Pugh
- Steve Wade

- Katy Bourgeois
- Adrian Immitt
- 18 Apr Larance Coleman
- Brad Gabbart
- Grant Royer
- 19 Apr Kathy Coolman
- David Paniagua
- Andrea Gerlach
- Blair Streit
- 20 Apr Gayle Grance
- Sam Brinks
- Beth Andrade
- Carmen Johnson
- Madison Hanks
- 21 Apr Steve Calhoun
- Emmie Knox
- David Lovelace
- Max Loos
- Michael Bender
- 22 Apr Kori Eskelin
- Greg Biles
- 23 Apr Paula Kemp
- Andy Rooke
- Michelle Craft
- Dan Valvano
- Mack Ashbaugh
- 24 Apr Barbara Challis
- Nathan Ward
- Wes Collins
- Marianna Floto
- Analise Fields
- 25 Apr Verna Hudson
- Katie Dickinson
- Kaylan Berry
- 26 Apr Ana Rooke
- Michael Killeen
- Susan Sprouse
- Kristen Faurie
- 27 Apr Andrew Franco
- 28 Apr Bob Beardslee
- Bruce Warren
- Elizabeth Buffler
- Erika Bockelman
- Candice Valdes
- 29 Apr Andrea Powers
- 30 Apr Carolyn Beardslee
- Jim Tyree

How many times a day do we say “Thank you”? To me, there are casual “thank yous” to people like the clerk at the grocery store or a person who holds a door for you. Then there are sincere “thank yous” for my grandchild for a hand-make card.

**But I’m trying to find a large enough “thank you” for all the special people that helped me with our new church directory. So –**

To Paula Kemp, Linda Eskelin, Ruth Weese, Mike Killeen, Belva Koerth, Jeanne-Marie Thompson, please know how very much I appreciate you all. Ditto to the many folks that helped as host and hostess and did telephone work.

To all you grateful church members, please know that our directory should be ready for proof in a week or so and then back to us as a finished product by mid-April.

Again, THANK YOU – Harriet Cavness

*Thank You!*

# April

## 1 Saturday

9 a.m. Children's Ministry Coffee and Chat

## 2 Sunday 30-Hour Famine Ends

Youth Sunday

9:45 a.m. Bright Lights Sunday School

11 a.m. Confirmation/Youth New Members class

5 p.m. Journey Group, library  
NO Alpha Marriage Course

6:30 p.m. Everlast Evening Fellowship

## 4 Tuesday

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

## 5 Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Evermore Evening Fellowship

6:30 p.m. *Jesus, the One and Only*: Women's Wed. Bible Study

7 p.m. Understanding Islam

## 6 Thursday

9:30 a.m. Mothers of Young Children (MYC) Devotional

10 a.m. Mary-Martha Circle

7 p.m. Journey Group: Adams'

7 p.m. Crown Financial Ministries Class

## 8 Saturday

11:30 a.m. Golden Years Lunch Bunch

## 9 Palm Sunday One Great Hour of Sharing

9:45 a.m. Bright Lights Sunday School

11 a.m. Confirmation/Youth New Members class

5 p.m. Journey Group, library

5:30 p.m. Alpha Marriage Course

6:30 p.m. Everlast Evening Fellowship

## 12 Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Evermore Evening Fellowship

6:30 p.m. Women's Wed. Bible Study

7 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## 13 Maundy Thursday

9:30 a.m. MYC Devotional

7 p.m. Journey Group: Adams'

7 p.m. Crown Financial Ministries Class

7 p.m. Book Club

7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday worship

## 14 Good Friday

7 p.m. Fellowship Bridge Group

## 16 Easter Sunday

9:45 a.m. Bright Lights Sunday School

5 p.m. Journey Group, library  
NO Alpha Marriage Course

6:30 p.m. Everlast Evening Fellowship

11:59 p.m. APRIL Newsletter deadline

## 18 Tuesday

10 a.m. SAM: Sharing Our Stories, room 7

6 p.m. Stephen Ministry group meeting, room 7

## 19 Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Evermore Evening Fellowship

7 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## 20 Thursday

9:30 a.m. MYC Devotional

7 p.m. Journey Group: Adams'

7 p.m. Crown Ministries Class

## 22 Saturday

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Fellowship

10 a.m. Presbyterian Women

## 23 Sunday

9:45 a.m. Bright Lights Sunday School

5 p.m. Journey Group, library

5:30 p.m. Alpha Marriage Course

6:30 p.m. Inquirers' Class, room 7

6:30 p.m. Everlast Evening Fellowship

## 25 Tuesday

10 a.m. SAM Planning Meeting

6 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 385 Pancake Supper

## 26 Wednesday

5:45 p.m. Babysitting Co-Op

6:30 p.m. Evermore Evening Fellowship

7 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## 27 Thursday

9:30 a.m. MYC Devotional

7 p.m. Journey Group: Adams'

7 p.m. Crown Financial Ministries Class

## 29 Saturday

1:30 p.m. Family Retreat at T-bar-M Ranch

## 30 Sunday

9:45 a.m. Bright Lights Sunday School  
Family Retreat ends

5 p.m. Journey Group, library

5:30 p.m. Alpha Marriage Course

6:30 p.m. Inquirers' Class, room 7

6:30 p.m. Everlast Evening Fellowship

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