

# The Shepherd's Watch



## Sharing Servanthood

Jesus calls us all to lend a hand—to serve each other as He has served us (Luke 22:26-27). Catch the spirit as you read these stories of gifts, hands, and hearts shared in God's service.

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# Treasures

If you live very long, it is easy to see that it is far easier to acquire knowledge than to apply it. Think about all the people who could tell you how an engine runs but have no idea how to fix one. The classic example is the professor of education who, well, can't teach. In fact, we are a culture that has incredible knowledge but so often we see a great breakdown when we try to apply this knowledge to real-world situations.

**The word the Bible uses for applied knowledge is "wisdom."** In particular, wisdom is the ability to take a moral principle or spiritual truth and make it real in our lives. Solomon said it was so important that the acquisition of it should be foremost on our minds. We should seek it like treasures of gold.

The search for any treasure takes time and the search for wisdom is no different. One of the places to start the search is in the book of Proverbs. This summer when your schedule changes and the evenings linger you might consider reading through Proverbs. The chapters are short and can be read in little time. However, don't hurry through them. Just read a chapter a day, take a walk and think about its teaching. Then of course you will want to apply it. That is wisdom.

We talked about it in January, but now it is actually arriving! Last fall we received a special gift that was given for the purchase of a large portable building that will serve as a gathering place for our UpStreet children's program on Sunday morning. The anonymous givers were excited about what God was doing in the lives of our children here and saw this as a way to help expand our outreach to them. In addition, this building will be give us the ability to dream of new programs that will connect and grow us. **The new building will be located in front of our education wing and will be moved in July to its new site.** When we relocate to the new property the building can be moved or it can be sold to help fund the new facility.

The gift for the building was also accompanied by a large gift to our work in Africa. Combined with the whole church's gift we have been able to do life-giving work in Manyamula and the surrounding villages. **On July 1<sup>st</sup> in worship we will dedicate the new manse and grain bank.** The tape of this service will be delivered to Manyamula by Tom O'Meara and will be shown at a great celebration at our sister church. I hope you'll come be a part of this special service.

God is doing great things!



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## Clueless?

by Stacie Tracy, SHPC Student Ministry Volunteer

I love teenagers.

People who have lived through the teenage years or have parented a teen think I'm absolutely nuts to declare this statement. Most adults see teenagers as a spastic mix of child/adult (with perhaps a small amount of alien too). One minute teenagers are playing, the next minute they're instant messaging friends about the cute guy/girl they're currently into, and the next they're praying to do well on tomorrow's test at school. Some find this confusing and crazy. I find it hilarious, fun, and inspiring.

I have been helping with Evermore and Everlast for over 3 years now. My stint began as a clueless volunteer with Everlast—the high school youth group on Sunday evenings. I wanted to see if I could make a difference in these students' lives. Mike agreed to let me try it out for a few weeks to see how I liked the students and, more importantly, if the kids liked me. I stayed on and eventually moved to volunteer on Wednesday nights with the middle school group, Evermore.

I still feel like a clueless volunteer after all this time. Why did I stay on if I still feel clueless? Is it because the group thought the games I made up

were the coolest ever? Is it because my lessons are so riveting that the students talked about it all week long? Is it because the kids accepted me immediately and wanted to hang out all the time? Nope.

I've continued to play Blob Tag, read and help interpret scripture, and pray with and for these students because they have helped me take a giant step forward in my faith (most often without even knowing it). In fact, they've propelled me forward into a leap of faith. I now see that in spite of me wanting to make a difference in their lives, it is they who have made a difference in my life:

They challenge me with their spiritual questions and life questions,

They inspire me with their scripture interpretations (fresh and new thoughts on passages!),

They warm my heart when they share snippets of their daily life with me,

They provide perspective in my world (I know what they encounter each day at school and with their peers is much more difficult than what I face each day),

Call me or email me and I'll continue the list! It's a long one!

When I return home Wednesday evenings I

often report to my husband the evening's events:

"We put grocery bags on top of our heads and shaving cream on top of that. Then we threw Cheetos to see if they would stick in the shaving cream."

"One of the students asked about our child and said a prayer for him!"

"I didn't think they were listening...but their questions showed me they were."

"We played British bulldog and my lip is cut!"

"A student is hurting and I can't share their thoughts, but please say a prayer for him/her."

"I'm sore already from the games. And my stomach hurts from eating too much chocolate from the lounge fridge."

"I see God working in these students."

I am still a clueless volunteer, but have been impacted greatly by these wonderful, God-filled child/adult/aliens. I am blessed and thank God for my time spent with these teenagers. I never realized how much they would enrich my life.



## The Core

So I found myself recently sitting down for some good ol' "Student Ministry Training" presented by Youth Specialties. *Hmmmm*, I thought, *maybe I'll learn some new ice breakers & games; or hear some cool new music; or take away some innovative curriculum that can teach scripture in a hip new way.*

I wasn't prepared, however, to learn that teens that have had unhealthy relationships with parents may live with a distorted view of God that makes it difficult for them to trust Him\*. I also wasn't prepared to learn that the average self-injurer starts at age 14 and continues with increasing severity into his/her late 20's.\* I further grieved to learn that the last ten years have been marked by an astronomical increase in the use of pornography by young teen boys and that the largest consumers of Internet porn are 12-17 year olds.\*

It's no longer only just sex, drugs and rock-n-roll at the core of good and bad decisions facing our young people. When you add in a sky-rocketing divorce rate, mixed with the escalating media saturation of instant gratification; and sprinkle that with always-evolving tech-outlets such as YouTube, MySpace, and IM'ing, a recipe for catastrophic eruptions of teen disasters

simmers with increasingly volatile results.

So how do we respond to teens in family crisis situations? How are we supposed to talk to a teen if we suspect they are self-injuring (such as cutting) or thinking about suicide? How can we effectively share the message of eternal life through steadfast belief in Jesus Christ?

Instead of learning new ice breakers, games or some fresh curriculum, this is what I learned\*—

*In our Student Ministry at SHPC we understand that:*

- Our lives are the most significant ministry tool.
  - We need to ensure the health of our primary relationships.
- Distinguish between experiences in our past that can help our ministry and those that will hinder our effectiveness.
  - Refrain from being so "real" or so authentic that we do not self-censor.
- Establish proactive partnerships.
  - Partner with parents and let them know how committed we are to their family.
  - Cooperate with community agencies that serve hurting kids.
- Kids self-injure for many reasons, but in the end they all boil down to some version

Last month marked the end of years of work for some of our young people, as well as the beginning of new opportunities both in higher education and in the workplace.

We are so glad to announce the graduations from high school of:

**Brittany Baschnagel**  
**Josh Coulter**  
**Will Courtney**  
**Julie Goodrich**  
**Kristen May**  
**Lauren May**  
**Clay Morgan**  
**Madison Roland**  
**Brianna Womack**



Katie Icenhauer-Ramirez is graduating from the University of Texas with a bachelor's degree in sociology.



of one single reason: emotional management.

- If we suspect self-injury and/or suicidal thoughts, we owe it to the child to be direct and ask the question, “Are you hurting yourself or do you plan to commit suicide?”
- Assess the level of risk.
- Cutters (self-injurers) “cut” to live and not to die.
- Refer self-injurers/suicidal thoughts to a qualified professional.
- I am not a licensed, trained professional and recognize, that I am “out of my league” in such serious situations.

How do we bring hope and healing to our students?

- We can actively listen.
- Listen with love.
  - Clarify and repeat what is being said.
- We cannot promise total confidentiality.

- We can, however, promise to acknowledge the seriousness of their situation and affirm their trust for coming to us.
- Share with them that the law and/or our love and concern for him/her might dictate that we are obligated to share their situation with the appropriate person(s).
- Pray without ceasing.
  - Immerse ourselves in His word.
  - *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have new life, and have it to the full.*
  - John 10:10 TNIV

Welcome to today’s student ministry. Is this what I signed up for?

Yes, in fact, I **do** voluntarily engage in youth ministry for one simple reason: the mentors in my life when I was a teen. I cannot recall one single word

those mentors shared with me. I simply remember that they were *there*. I’m not even sure I remember all their names, but I know their presence was a testament to their faith, love, and service to Jesus Christ.

I recently exercised my core. However, my back, oblique, and abdominal muscles were not the recipients of the vigorous activity. Rather, the core of my faith in Christ, through training to reach out to troubled teens, did receive a strenuous workout.

Thanks be to God that Shepherd of the Hills provides Christ-centered training opportunities for lay leaders.

In His Peace,  
Susan White

1 Corinthians 16:14 – *Do everything in love.*

\*Statistics and situational responses provided by Youth Specialties. More information is available at [youthspecialties.com/the-core/resources](http://youthspecialties.com/the-core/resources)

**Thanks to all the volunteers in Faithwalk, A.B.S., Evermore, Everlast, & anyone else who’s lent a hand with the student ministry over the past school year. We literally couldn’t do it without you!**

A huge thank-you to all of you at Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian Church for the wonderful outpouring of love and support for my family and me since Jim passed away. He would have been so pleased.

Special thanks to Larry Coulter, Cy Albertson and Rick Cole for the beautiful memorial service for Jim and to the deacons for the lovely reception following the service. We all appreciate it so very much.

Love, Virginia McNutt & family

# Senior Adult Ministry

## Sharing Service

submitted by Bobbye Barker

My husband and I joined SHPC less than a year ago. Prior to that we were members of several other Presbyterian churches, but none of them nurtured the faith and spiritual growth of their members like SHPC. Our participation in the *Disciple* Bible study, Larry's class on *Prayer*, his sermons, and the committed Christians we have met in your congregation has been a true blessing in our lives.

On the day Ron Miller called and asked if Bob and I would serve on the SAM Council, I felt so tired I just said, "No." The very next Sunday, we were listening to one of Larry's sermons. He talked about participating in the programs that the church offers, but he also talked about giving back by sharing in the work necessary to make those programs available. We called Ron back and told him we had changed our minds. Assisting with the SAM Council is one of our efforts to try and give back to SHPC in gratitude for all the many ways God and this church have changed our lives.

**The Golden Years Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30 a.m. Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Olive Garden Restaurant, 3940 South Lamar (in Brodie Oaks). Please call Tommye Sprotte at 892-7725 by June 7<sup>th</sup> for reservations. Visitors welcome!**

## Do You like Gilbert and Sullivan Operettas ?

The Gilbert and Sullivan Society of Austin is presenting *Ruddigore*, its major production of 2007, in the R. L. Davis Auditorium of the Texas School for the Deaf. Play dates include evening performances at 8 p.m. on 6/7, 6/8, 6/9, 6/15, 6/16, 6/22, and 6/23. Matinees are at 3 p.m. on 6/10, 6/17, and 6/24. Ticket prices will range from \$15 per person to \$20 per person, advance sales. If enough people are interested in attending, groups of 10 or more will be entitled to a discount. Please let Jim Black know (892-2982) if you would be interested in getting a group together.

Fellowship Bridge Group will play the second Friday in June—the 8<sup>th</sup>—at 7 p.m. (hopefully) in Room 7. Our hostess in June will be Jo Doyle. Please call Virginia McNutt at 288-7187 or Martha Meador at 288-3341 by Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> if you would like to play.  
The winner in May was Virginia McNutt.

## “Groan”-Ups Games Day

We are on again for Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> in Room 7 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Last month saw Carol Brandt, one of our players in a game of chicken foot, go out an incredible *six times in a row* to be the champ for the day. Think you can match that? Come and see! Refreshments to be served. RSVP to Jim Black, 892-2982.

Mary-Martha Circle will resume in September. Please join us then!



## Library News

The library has added new titles to its growing collection of fiction with spiritual implications.

### *Listening For God*

FIC LIS

Two volumes of short stories, excerpts, or essays by well-known authors explore contemporary literature and the life of faith. Both volumes were used as the basis of a lively adult Sunday school class in the past.

### *Father Melancholy's Daughter*

FIC GOD

Acclaimed author Gail Godwin explores the relationships of an Episcopalian priest and his devoted daughter, Margaret—and the mother who left home when Margaret was six. A church book club selection.

### *Saints and Villains*

FIC GIA

"Today there are once more saints and villains." So Dietrich Bonhoeffer described the Germany of the 30s and 40s. His life, struggle against Hitler's effort to nationalize the Protestant church, and role in an effort to assassinate Hitler, are detailed in this fictionalized biography by Denise Giardina. A church book club selection.

See these books on display in June as well as other fiction books in the church library. Interested in the church book club? Find out more at [www.shpc.org/adult/fellowship/Book\\_Group.html](http://www.shpc.org/adult/fellowship/Book_Group.html).

*So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.* —Psalm 90:12 RSV

In April, Sally Jo Elliott, Carol Cunningham, and I traveled to the Presbyterian Conference Center located at Zephyr Cove, Lake Tahoe, to attend the annual POAMN (Presbyterian Older Adult Ministry Network) Conference. In his sermon on Senior Adult Sunday, Larry mentioned some of the things we learned about new categories of aging stages and new expectations for the Baby Boomer generation.

We learned that due to much longer life expectancies (that keep getting longer with new scientific and medical advances) sociologists are beginning to use new age and life stage categories. Forget about adulthood beginning at 21. Did you know if you're under 30 you're considered an "Emerging Adult" while 30 to 50 is now considered as "Young Adult"? That leaves the title "Middle Adult" for those 50 to 70 and "Older Adult" for those 70 to 85. The speaker

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wisdom used to assume your "legacy" creating years were your career years but now, due to extended life expectancy (if you're 50 today some now say your average life expectancy is 112), many of us may spend more years "retired" than "working". The question becomes: if you retire at 65, or even 70, and still have more than 40 years left to live, how are you going to use all that health, wealth, and education during all that time?

The good news is that there is going to be a tremendous potential for life blessing ministry in the world. There are all sorts of plans being set in motion by Presbyterians and other denominations to tap into these human resources and figure out how to best use them in ministry to the entire world.

## Wisdom in Ages and Stages

at the conference then reserved the category of "Elderly" to those over 85 but several of the attendees over that age at the conference, still very active in ministries around the world, loudly protested and declared that it was already time to push that limit farther. So we learned that categories, while sometimes helpful in discussing the varying needs at different life stages, are never completely accurate and will keep changing.

We also learned that the Baby Boomer generation is likely to be the first generation ever that will be judged by what they do in their retirement years rather than their career years. As a Boomer myself, beginning to plan for retirement and thinking I would soon be able to relax, that presented me with quite an eye-opening challenge.

It seems that my generation is considered the healthiest, wealthiest, and best educated generation that has ever existed. That part all sounds like pretty good blessings. The challenging part comes when we try to answer the question, "Having all those advantages, what will be our legacy to the world?" Conventional

There are groups that specialize in "Travel with a Purpose" who enable people of any age to become "missionaries" by combining travel with various projects in the US and around the world. Have you always wanted to go to California? While there spend some time making and packaging various nutritional soup mixes to send to Africa. Are you going to visit a foreign country? There's probably an orphanage, retirement care center, or church mission that could use a couple days of your help. You get to travel, do some good, and take part of your trip off as a tax write off!

Have you spent your career in nutrition, water treatment, waste management, or environmental planning? Or have you worked in an international business so that you have business connections around the world? Do you know how to use a computer, write articles, or lick stamps? Or are you good at organizing people after years spent as a leader in a local community, school, or church group? There are many programs now trying to figure out how to connect various life skills with places in the world that need them. Given the right connections and organization, you might be able

to become a "missionary" without ever leaving your own home. Or, in your "old age" or any age, you may travel to far flung places. And along with the physical help that we can give, we then also have opportunities to spread the wisdom of the Good News of Christ with our words and teaching as well as our actions.

It's all very challenging and very exciting! There is some place and some way for everyone to help. What wisdom and life skills do you have? Why let them go to waste after retirement? Begin thinking now about what you may have to offer the world!

*Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good life let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom.* —James 3:13 RSV

Blessings,

*Sherry*

mothers  
of young  
children  
devotional



The Mothers of Young Children Devotional will be reading *Raising Your Children With No Regrets* by Catherine Hickem this summer.

The book focuses on how to become an intentional parent, with God's guidance, by thinking through motherhood decisions and embracing each child's unique creation.

Come join us for reflection, growth and friendship, starting June 14<sup>th</sup>, Thursdays from 9:30-11:30 am. Pre-registered childcare is available for a fee of \$2 per child, not to exceed \$5 per week per mom. Please contact Debbie Saul at [thesauls@austin.rr.com](mailto:thesauls@austin.rr.com) or 892-



**From the Editor**

Some misunderstanding arose from the May 2007 Joys, Sorrows, and Prayers section...

Trish Mudgett, a friend of the Gilchrists' daughter, is *not* the child of Dan and Ramsey Mudgett, SHPC members. We apologize for any confusion.



...is taking a break for the summer. Look for updated info in the Fall Celebration issue of this newsletter!

Started in December 2003, the Foundations Class is built on three principles: Bible Study, Prayer, and

Fellowship. In addition to weekly meetings, we also participate in community service projects and social gatherings together. This class is open to other couples - please come join us! Questions: call John Gillis, 453-7866.

## Adult Ministry

### Summer Adult Sunday School Class

The adult Sunday school class will continue through the summer in the library at 11 a.m. The class will include scripture, a devotional by a guest speaker, group discussion and a time for prayer requests and prayer. Various well-known people from our congregation will bring the devotional each Sunday, and we may even have a guest speaker or two from the pulpit or from outside our church.

The first meeting for this venue will be on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and will include scripture from Christ's Priestly Prayer found in the gospel of John at chapter 17. See you there!



Adult  
Classes

# Children's Ministry News



## THANKS!

We'd like to thank all of these servants, as well as the families who've supported them, for the role they've played in leadership to our SHPC Children's Ministry! This ministry wouldn't be the success it is without all of our volunteers! Thanks for everything!

### The Ark & UpStreet

Kristin Aardema  
Jeff Alexander  
Valerie Aman  
Kim Arthur  
Matt Arthur  
Mary Aversa  
Karen Ayers  
Billy Baschnagel  
Cindy Baschnagel  
Leane Bilberry  
Greg Bourgeois  
Katy Bourgeois  
Abby Brady  
Elizabeth Buffler  
Jennifer Bullock  
Joel Cabello  
Rhonda Cabello  
Amie Chalberg  
Annette Chambers  
Bill Chambers  
Beth Ann Cole  
Lisa Crawford  
Steve Crawford  
Wayne Crawley  
Britta Dukes  
Glenn Dukes  
Hal Elliott  
Sallie Jo Elliott  
Joanna Farwell  
Lesley Fields

## Pick Me! Pick Me!

by Denise Berry (a.k.a. "Sam")

When I saw the posting in the church newsletter looking for actors for the new KidStuf production, I knew right away God was calling me to utilize my before unidentified, unknown, and probably better hidden away, thespian talents. When Britta cast me as Sam, I knew it was the job for me. There were so many striking similarities to the "me from college days" that I knew Sam and I

**We have become a team who is able to have fun and serve at the same time.**



would soon become one.

At the very first rehearsal I met so

many great, fun people along with a few familiar faces. It has been a great opportunity for me to get to know other church members and their families. The cast of KidStuf meets every week and every week is a new adventure. Will we remember our lines? Can we keep a straight face when we lose our place? Will it all come together before we go on stage with the dancers and singers who always do an awesome job? Somehow it all comes together and we

wind up getting through each show, each one better than the last. We have become a team who is able to have fun and serve at the same time.

KidStuf has been a great way for me to become more involved in Shepherd of the Hills while having a really good time doing it. It has also helped me to learn more about scripture and to stay in tune with what Kaylan is learning in Sunday

school. I love running into kids at church who say, "Hi, Sam," and

knowing that for a minute I helped them learn about Jesus and Christian values.

## Getting Up for Up-Street

by Lisa Crawford

Hurry, hurry—I get the kids ready for church early; we need to arrive by 9 a.m. The supplies are all ready in Room 4; I grab my basket and head for the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade room. Stanley and Amelia help carry stuff and ask if there are any doughnuts. Sorry kids, not today. Review the lessons and organize the materials from the basket—perfect, everything I need is here. Take Stanley and Amelia to their rooms, and back for the early kids.

Michele Franklin  
Marcey French  
Andrea Gerlach  
Steve Gerlach  
Bethany Gonzales  
Brenda Gonzales  
Pam Gunter  
Gina Hendrix  
Amanda Hyde  
Warren Hyde  
Lynn Kelley  
Pattie Lawrence  
Kathy Lewis  
Tracy Lord  
Mary Helen MacAllister  
Meredith Mabry  
Melissa Mabry  
Sid MacAllister  
Kristen May  
Laura Morales  
Richard Morales  
Patty O'Leary  
Heather Opiela  
Cecily Oropeza  
Diane Peterson  
Antoinette Pettis  
Eric Prosser  
Jenny Prosser  
Debbie Saul  
Kevin Saul  
Kathy Segura  
Sam Segura  
Frannie Smith  
Kimbol Soques  
Marty Soques  
Troy Spink  
Susan Sprouse  
Paul Stein  
Ruth Stein  
Marisa Stromberg  
Rita Teague  
Alex Valdes  
Candice Valdes  
Bruce Warren  
Evelina Warren  
Jeff Whitmire  
Lori Whitmire  
Dana Wilkes  
Jackie Wilkins  
Lynn Wright

# WISDOM

KNOWING WHAT GOD WANTS YOU TO DO AND CHOOSING TO DO IT

(more thanks!)

## KidStuf Family Productions

- Tamara Bell - Director
- Denise Berry - Actor
- Suzie Bridges - Actor
- Doug Budd - Actor
- Martyn Buffler - Actor
- Bill Chambers - Actor
- Larry Coulter - Good Book Look
- Wayne Crawley - Actor
- Clem Hoffman - Chef
- Warren Hyde - Tech
- Rob Johnson - Director
- Aimee Killeen - Music
- Mike Killeen - Tech
- Sid MacAllister - Chef's Asst.
- Don Nowakowski - Host
- Tom O'Leary - Host
- Tyler Penrod - Tech
- Max Rowland - Tech
- Debbie Saul - Music
- Sherry Todd - Dance Instructor

## Preschool News

It is with great pleasure that the session informs you that Pattie Lawrence has been selected as the Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian Church Preschool Director. Miss Pattie has a “trifecta” of qualities—education, experience, and a loving heart—that our preschool and church community wants, needs, and deserves.

Pattie has a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education from Southwest Texas State University. You may know that for the past year Pattie has served as the floating aide for the four year olds at SHPCPS while also continuing to serve as director at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Tuesdays and Thursday. She is known here to be talented, patient, and kind to everyone she encounters. Pattie has served as a deacon and has been a volunteer in Sunday School and Vacation Bible School at SHPC. Prior to working in preschools, Pattie taught kindergarten for six years in Texas public schools. Pattie has a combined total of 10 years of experience working with young children, their parents, and other professions in the education community since earning her college degree. As you can see, Pattie is highly qualified indeed for the role of director at SHPCPS.

Please join us in welcoming Pattie in her new endeavor.

—Warren Hyde, Lori Whitmire, Sara Schultz, Sarah Peters & Fred Peyton

*Getting Up, continued*

I look forward to seeing the 1<sup>st</sup> graders each week, wondering how they have been doing. We talk about friends, trips, school, and the past week and review the lessons. I enjoy knowing who their friends are and who is giving them problems. Listening to what

went well last week and what was disappointing. Learning what the wise choice is and how it is not always easy to make that choice. Talking about how we are not perfect but God loves us and we can always trust Him. Crafts, games, stories and songs reinforce the message. Some of us are dancers, some are singers, some are artists; all have fun learning about Jesus. There is so much to do; the hour

seems to fly by! I am amazed at how much I learn by teaching the kids—adults have a lot of the same struggles as the children in making the wise choice. This has been a wonderful oppor-



tunity to grow, connect and serve. Hey, three in one—not bad!

## NEWS

The Ark and UpStreet are in great hands this summer while our Director of Children’s Ministry, Britta Dukes, is on maternity leave.

Kim Arthur will be interim director and directly responsible for The Ark and Vacation Bible School. You can contact her at [kim@shpc.org](mailto:kim@shpc.org)

Cody Sandahl will be

## Enough Is Enough Already!

It's one of those lazy Sunday afternoons. You know the kind I mean. You've been to church, had a great lunch, and now it's raining so you're off the hook for that yard work you've been meaning to get to. Seems like a great time to settle back with a book, watch the game, or maybe do a little scrapbooking.

Just when you're really beginning to get into this day of rest thing, one of your kids wants a snack. Okay, no big deal. A couple of minutes later you're right back where you left off. Except that now your other kid can't find her new game. This takes a little longer, but it finally turns up under the couch.

Ah, peace and quiet once again! Or not... Now the kids are complaining about being bored. And your spouse keeps trying to talk to you about something or the other that you couldn't give two hoots about. And now the kids are fighting and somebody hit somebody else but it's not really their fault because somebody was being mean and wouldn't share and then the phone starts ringing and suddenly a loud shout fills the air:

### Stop! Enough is enough already!!

You didn't really mean to yell like that, but, well, how much are you supposed to take? And, frankly, it's not just enough, it's actually quite a bit more than enough!

Been there? Done that? How about with your material life? Do you ever get tired of being assaulted incessantly by ads? Of being told, sometimes subtly but often not, that you need bigger, better, newer, more? Of being bombarded by irresistible "free" offers, great discounts, special sales for "preferred" customers on which you must hurry and act now or...or what? Or you'll turn into a pumpkin? You'll lose all of your friends and maybe even your hair? Your relationship with God will be forever destroyed?? Do you ever turn them off, tune them out and shout "Stop—I have enough already!!"?

It's a war, you know, and we're the enemy. It's us against all of the retailers, manufacturers, advertisers, etc. We have something they want—our money. To get it, they have to con-

vince us that they have something we want. But most of us in this country already have enough. In fact, most of us already have more than enough.

Try this little experiment. For one week, save all of the ads, catalogs, and such that you get and would normally go through. But for this one week, just set them aside without really looking at them even if they're screaming "Three days only!" or "Limited time offer!" At the end of the week, go through them and ask yourself this simple question for each thing that you find yourself thinking you'd like to buy: "Did I miss not having that this past week?"

Have you ever read the book *Catch-22* by Joseph Heller? Someone commented to him at a cocktail party, "Joe, see that guy over there? He's a hedge fund manager, and he made more money yesterday than you have made on all the books you have ever published." Heller reportedly paused and then replied, "Yeah, but I have something he'll never have, enough."

How liberating it must feel to be so content! But how does one get there? I can't speak for Mr. Heller, but for me Philippians 4:12-13 holds the answer. Paul writes: "I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through Him who gives me strength."

There are times when I believe I feel that sense of contentment, of having enough. There are times, though, when I find myself doing battle with the "wants," and many times the "wants" win. But I'll keep on trying, and with God's help I'll be able to win more than I lose.

How about you?

I'm here to help you improve your financial life. It's free and confidential. Just call the Budget Guy, Allen Gunter, at 292-4035, or send an email to [BudgetGuy@shpc.org](mailto:BudgetGuy@shpc.org).

For a wonderful look at what the Bible says about money, check out the Crown Financial Ministries Small Study Groups - call Margaret Fetty at 288-9034 for more information.

# Welcome, New SHPC Members!



Gloria Drake



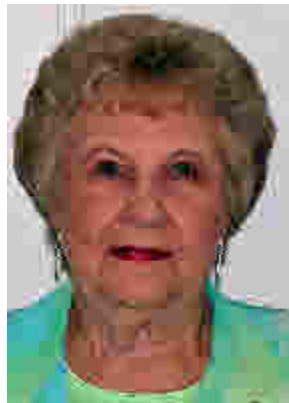
**Andy Hutton** is married with two children. Originally from Lubbock, he recently moved from Round Rock to our area. He works as an attorney.



David & Linda Wheeler



**Clara Oliver** has been married to Bruce for 8 years and has two daughters, Paige & Maggie. She has lived in Austin for 17 years.



**Margaret Roberts** is a widow with two sons, and a stepson and daughter-in-law. She retired from the Texas Comptroller's Office in 1990.



**George & Lisa Simpson** have been married for 6½ years, and have lived the whole time across the street from SHPC! They have two daughters, Alison & Carly, who both love the SHPC preschool.

**Barbara (Durr) Ables** has two wonderful sons John (Buck) and Jeff Ables. She owns a property management company and works in real estate. She writes, "I've found a good church home with Shepherd of the Hills."



Cynthia Hamilton



**Paul Hudspeth & Temple Noble-Hudspeth** have lived in south Austin since they married almost 8 years ago. They're happy to have found a church in their neighborhood that they both like very much. They like to spend time with their 10 nieces and nephews and their wonderful dog, JoJo!



**Karen Garner** is married and has a 1-year-old daughter, Katie. She has lived in Austin for 5 years and works in the retirement plan industry. She enjoys horse-back riding.

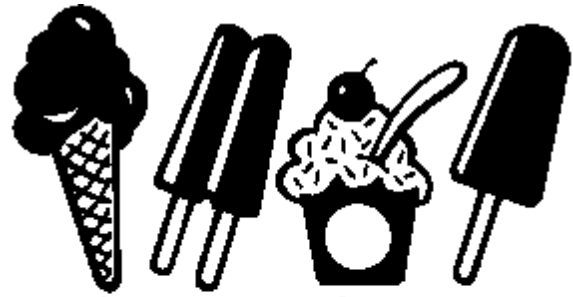
**Tita Maxwell** retired from teaching school after 20 years. Married to Bruce Maxwell, she has 3 adult children, 2 wonderful grandchildren, 2 adorable dogs, and loves to garden and read.



**Tracy Reeves** has two children—Zachary, 13, and Miranda, 10. She has been a pharmacist with Walgreens for 17 years. She has been married to Steve for 16 years and has lived in Austin for 22.



**Randy & Pat Webb**



# ICE CREAM SOCIAL

## Celebrate Life—Eat Dessert Before Dinner

Mark your calendar for July 22<sup>nd</sup> when everyone will meet at Dick Nichols Park to compete in designing unique ice cream dishes—and then take delight in sampling the delicious and fun treats! Everyone is invited to join in the family fun of an old- and new-fashioned ice cream social that is sure to satisfy your sweet tooth along with your appetite for adventure & fun. Watch for more details soon.



# The Bread Project

We pick up and deliver bakery products that are "out of date" and cannot be left on the shelf. HEB employees load the baked goods in grocery baskets and leave the baskets outside on loading docks at the the two HEB stores we collect from. SHPC volunteers load the food into their vehicles and deliver it to the Baptist Community Center in east Austin five days a week and also the the Travis

County West Rural Center (Precinct 3) on two days. At both locations we unload the baked goods with the help of on site volunteers. Distribution of the food to needy clients is made after we leave.

**We wish to recognize our SHPC volunteers who make it possible for us to regularly provide pick up and delivery service five days a week. They are:**

Bruce Albertson, Bob Ball, Jim Black, Steve and Laurel Calhoun, Wayne Crawley, Louree & Dale Eason, Jack

Gilchrist, Nan & Bill Goodman, Griff Griffith, Jane and Bill Hall, Ted Miller, Ramsay Mudgett, Sharon & Fred Rothert, Jim Riggs, Ken Seiler, Anita and Bryant Savage, Richard Snell, Gene Shamburger, Jane and Steve Thompson, Bill Trevillion, Stella & Tommy Warner and Lynn Wright.



# Manos de Cristo Update

It's back to school time at **Manos de Cristo!** While the delivery part of the program runs weekdays from July 23<sup>rd</sup> to August 3<sup>rd</sup>, preparation is already beginning.

If you wish to donate backpacks, new clothing, and school supplies for kinder through 5<sup>th</sup> graders, please take your offerings to the Manos de Cristo office by July 10<sup>th</sup>.

Even better—help sort and organize all the offerings for smooth delivery! **Manos is asking people to volunteer July 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>.** Many hands make light work—teenaged hands are welcome, too! Contact Manos at 477-7454 to schedule your time.

Other ministries that Manos is calling attention to—

The **food pantry** is looking for volunteers from 9-11am weekdays to help fill orders. Manos also publishes a weekly 'highlights' list on the website of key items for the pantry.

The dental clinic is featuring the story of a client whose oral health is preventing him from helping support his family or even living his life — his teeth have semi-dissolved. Manos de Cristo's dental services are a cornerstone of their ministry in Austin—to discover more about this program, read [manosdecristo.org/dental.html](http://manosdecristo.org/dental.html).

Manos de Cristo, based in east Austin, "provide[s] Christian care and nurture for the body, mind and spirit of the poor, the homeless, refugees, immigrants and others who for various reasons lack the resources to



Add to your prayer list

**Joys** - Taiz Green, daughter of Sue Lagerquist, was elected to Who's Who at Bowie HS and will begin study at Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park NY in June – Liana Green, daughter of Sue Lagerquist, is now in good health – John Clapham, graduating from UT – Christopher Clapham, graduating from St. Mary's Law School and preparing to take the bar exam in July – Kristin Grance graduated May 12<sup>th</sup> from Southwestern University

**Sorrows** - Bettye Peters, mother of Deborah Wagner, passed away recently – Nancy Killeen, mother of The Rev. Michael Killeen, passed away Tuesday in Nevada

**Please pray for** – Wilma Burchard, mother of Carolyn Beardslee, very ill with recurring pneumonia – Marilyn Nowakowski, mother of Don, medical testing – Farrah Stowe, daughter of Rebecca Robertson, listed to deploy to Iraq but date not known – Nell Crockett, friend of Gloria Drake, heart problems – Marylou Busch, in rehab following surgery – Judy Behr, continuing treatment – Joan Curry, sister-in-law of the Claphams, terminally ill – Stacey Reynolds' mother Jane Hatfield serious health concerns – Diana Gill, recuperating from several broken bones suffered in a fall – Roger Wade, recovering following heart surgery – Paul Floyd, Beaman's brother, rehab following injury in Iraq – Doug Budd's brother, Bill Budd, heart bypass surgery – Wes Ballew, back trouble – Sherm & Jayne Williams, health concerns – Ross Phillips, friend & co-worker of Mickey Bell, beginning long treatment for leukemia – Grace Albertson, pneumonia & impending tonsillectomy – Missy Wells' grandmother, Olive Coneybeer, surgery for severe back pain – families affected by recent storms in Midwest, including Kathy Segura's grandmother, Esther – the families and friends of those affected by the Virginia Tech tragedy – those in hurricane-stricken areas – Pastor Clement Munthali and the congregation of Manyamula Presbyterian Church – Pastor Chimwemwe Mhango

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

Dennis Low... Jason Addison, son of Al & Jai Leigh Addison... David B. Craig, son of Linda Kimmons... Philip Burns, cousin of Marvine Sass... Alan Robinson, former student of Carol Ideker... Brian Tiede, friend of Sherine Thomas & Tom Nuckols... Jeff Johnson, friend of Angela & Jeff Peterson... Brett Hines, nephew of Georgia Crawley... Nathan Miller, son of Fran & Ted Miller... Clinton Purcell, Doug Budd's co-worker's son...



1 Jun	Terri & Mark Knox, Yoichi & Toko Sato, Tamzin & Mike Darden, Matthias & Jessica Mathaes	28 Jun	Bob & Vicki Brown, Kathy & Brad Gabbart	14 Jun	Lynne Natale, Micah Royer, Ashley Long, Meggie Barnhart, Grace Widner, Kaitlyn Chambers
3 Jun	Shawn & Valerie Ashbaugh	29 Jun	Sue Lagerquist & Derek Green	15 Jun	Arlan Conner, Jim Kennamer, Koger Darden, Andre Farwell
4 Jun	Colin & Alice Lineberry			16 Jun	Gavin Goetchius, Kristin Ponder
6 Jun	Brian & Pamela Walsh, David & Laurie Bender	1 Jun	Marilyn Lawler, Matthew Wright, Jack Benner	17 Jun	Bruce Albertson, Jodie Dunbar Ray, Hannah Guernsey
8 Jun	Clay & Jana Collins	2 Jun	Eliza Morgan, Maddie O'Leary	18 Jun	Paula Cox, Jeremy Chase, Kendall Whitmire
9 Jun	Edwin & Joy Schiller	3 Jun	Yoichi Sato, Sam Ray	19 Jun	Bob Brown, Tim Waugh, Laurel Holland, Emily Skannal
10 Jun	Sharon & Roy Markham	4 Jun	Mike Smith, Jess Domicoli, Amber Weir	20 Jun	Debbie Saul, Fred Deutsch
12 Jun	Bryant & Anita Savage, Micah & Ashley Royer, John & Lynette Gillis	6 Jun	Lexi Slade, Jonathan Manzello	21 Jun	Keith Stewart, Keith Teague
13 Jun	Jack & Carol Gilchrist, Stacey & Linda Eskelin	7 Jun	Dottie Crouse, Ray Moore, Dave Folkers, Celine Padovani	22 Jun	Alissa Davies, Courtney Weir, Noah Killeen, Jason Brady
15 Jun	Sam & Kathy Segura	8 Jun	Tron Womack, Lewis Stewart, Daniel Walsh	23 Jun	Wayne Crawley, Joy Essary, Victoria Johnson, Jacob Gamroth, Corey Callahan, Travis Lineberry, Mitchell Bockelman
17 Jun	Tom & Patty O'Leary	9 Jun	Rusty Ray, Steve Crawford, Lindsay Starkjohann, Nick McDaniel, JC Kruczkowski, Kimberly Bravo, Nicholas Majka, Alex Tyson, Byers Petty	24 Jun	Ken Seiler, Valerie Ashbaugh, Clark McLaughlin
18 Jun	Sarah & Chris Morgan, Elizabeth & Martyn Buffler, Warren & Amanda Hyde	10 Jun	Gordon Holt, Janette Jordan, Daisy Bates, Lesley Fields	25 Jun	Ken Engler, Steve Thompson, Carly Lucas Melanson, Jennifer Grubb
19 Jun	Dale & Louree Eason, Ken & Claudia Lauber	11 Jun	Alexa Tarrant, London Williams	26 Jun	Nancy Harris, Haley Pearson
22 Jun	Sam & Pattie Lawrence, Sean & Stephanie Tyson, Mary L. & Glenn Carnes	12 Jun	Jane Thompson, Linda Eskelin, Buddy Lopez, Alex Valdes, Ana Rosales, Elizabeth Ramirez, Sofia Freed	27 Jun	Amy Holmes, Scott Schiller, Will Courtney, Austin Palrang
24 Jun	Alan Combs & Ofelia Tabora	13 Jun	Austin Meyer, Keegan Callahan, Ryan Cozart	28 Jun	Dale Eason, David Laird
26 Jun	Jeff & Lisa Alexander			29 Jun	Laura Windham, Jacob Blacklock
27 Jun	Rod & Nancy Hines, Luis & Jennifer Franco			30 Jun	Mike Kelley, Gayle Guernsey, Bobby Walsh

# June

## 1 Friday

Mexico Mission Trip returns

## 3 Sunday

9:30 a.m. UpStreet Sunday School, no Faithwalk

11 a.m. Adult Sunday School, library

6:30 p.m. Everlast Evening Fellowship

## 6 Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Something Fishy

Evermore Evening Fellowship

7 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal, room 5

## 8 Friday

7 p.m. Fellowship Bridge Group, room 7

## 9 Saturday

9 a.m. VBS Decorating Party

11:30 a.m. Golden Years Lunch Bunch

12-in-1 Conference departure

## 10 Sunday

9:30 a.m. UpStreet Sunday School, Faithwalk

11 a.m. Adult Sunday School, library

6:30 p.m. Everlast Evening Fellowship

## 11 Monday

10 a.m. SAM Council meeting

## 12 Tuesday

10 a.m. "Groan"-Ups Game Day, room 7

## 13 Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Something Fishy

Evermore Evening Fellowship

7 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

## 14 Thursday

9:30 a.m. Mothers of Young Children (MYC) Devotional, room 5

7 p.m. Book Group

## 15 Friday

12-in-1 Conference return

## 16 Saturday

June Guatemala trip departs

## 17 Sunday

### Father's Day

9:30 a.m. UpStreet Sunday School, Faithwalk

11 a.m. Adult Sunday School, library

6:30 p.m. Everlast Evening Fellowship

## 18 Monday

8:30 a.m. Vacation Bible School begins

7 p.m. Italy: Three Centuries of Christian History

## 20 Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Something Fishy

Evermore Evening Fellowship

8 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

## 21 Thursday

NO MYC Devotional, due to VBS

## 22 Friday

8:30 a.m. Last Day of VBS

Great Escape departs

## 24 Sunday

### VBS Sunday

9:30 a.m. UpStreet Sunday School, Faithwalk

11 a.m. Adult Sunday School, library

6:30 p.m. Everlast Evening Fellowship

**11:59 p.m. JULY newsletter deadline**

## 27 Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Something Fishy

Evermore Evening Fellowship

7 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

## 28 Thursday

9:30 a.m. MYC Devotional, room 5

## 30 Saturday

Great Escape returns

## JULY

### 1 Sunday

### Dedication Sunday

9:30 a.m. UpStreet Sunday School, Faithwalk

11 a.m. Adult Sunday School, library

6:30 p.m. Everlast Evening Fellowship

The office will be open half-days in the mornings for the week of July 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>, except Wednesday July 4<sup>th</sup>, when it will be closed.

### 4 Wednesday

### Independence Day

NO Something Fishy

NO Evermore Evening Fellowship

NO Chancel Choir rehearsal

### 5 Thursday

9:30 a.m. MYC Devotional, room 5

### 7 Saturday

Guatemala trip departs

### 8 Sunday

9:30 a.m. UpStreet Sunday School, Faithwalk

11 a.m. Adult Sunday School, library

NO Everlast Evening Fellowship

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!