



# The Shepherd's Watch

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## More Than Words

**C**hrist Centered, Biblically Focused & Mission Oriented. Did you know those three statements are at the core of all we do here at SHPC? They are great goals for us as a church, and powerful goals for us as individuals. Take a moment and read them again.

Christ Centered, Biblically Focused & Mission Oriented.

**T**hey are deep and powerful words. These words have been the framework on which we measure all that we do here at SHPC. Are we helping people become more Christ Centered, Biblically Focused & Mission Oriented? Are *you* becoming more Christ Centered, more Biblically Focused & more Mission Oriented? Those are hard questions, I know. It is often difficult to reflect on our own spiritual progress. When we begin to ask ourselves these questions regularly, we see where might need to grow a bit.

**F**or what it's worth, we *all* need to grow a bit, so please do not feel bad if when you answered, you said, "I'm not very Christ Centered, Biblically Focused & Mission Oriented. Truthfully? I am *Self-Centered*, *Biblically-Resistant* and *Mission Avoidant*." So you are in good company. So how *do* we become Christ Centered, Biblically Focused & Mission Oriented—and make them more than just words on our website and our letterhead? Pray, then move.

**P**ray then move? Let me make this as simple as I can. **Pray** that God would make you and your heart more like Christ, **then move**. Remember, the word "Christian" is a word that means "Christ-follower," and was coined by people from outside the early church. **Moving** means doing something, anything, just not staying where you are. As you move with God working on your heart, you might see the world in a different way. You might be urged to act in a different way.

**S**o how about—**pray then move, Biblically Focused**. Pray that God would make your reading of Scripture today relevant to what you are experiencing in your life. Move now. Grab your Bible, focus your eyes, move to a comfortable place and read! If you are new to reading the Bible, I recommend reading some of the more popular portions of scripture. I'd start with a Gospel like Matthew, Mark, Luke or John just to get the story of Jesus back in my life. If you want to start with an Old Testament book, dig into Proverbs or Psalms.

**O**r how about—**Mission Oriented, pray then move**. Pray that God would provide opportunities where you can serve, using your gifts and talents. Then move and do something, from random acts of kindness in your neighborhood to serving in a soup kitchen downtown. Do something. I believe that we all are de-

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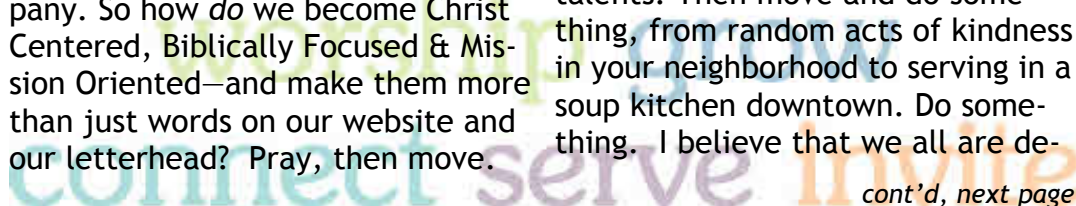
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### Sermons for July

July 4	Jesus, Son of God Matthew 16:13-20
July 11	Matthew 27:32-61 The Hour of Darkness
July 18	Matthew 28:1-15 The Resurrection The Story, Chapter 23
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signed by God and called by God to serve. So move now and serve with that Christ-like heart, with a mind focused on the scriptures, and hands that are serving those in need.

In Christ,



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There are several things that are new this summer at SHPC that I wanted to make sure you didn't miss. First, **worship is a little different this summer.** Instead of having Sunday School for our elementary kids, we have invited our kids into worship with us. We have changed how we communicate and made sure that the elements of worship are illustrated with plays, video and creative songs. Our hope is that your children will learn the flow and the purpose of worship—and that you will have a message that you together can talk about throughout the week.

Second, in order to facilitate the delivery of the video and music, **we have completed the installation of our permanent projectors.** This will save a great deal of wear and tear on the technology and the technology team that make Sundays happen. If you have a skill—or want to learn a skill—in technology, the tech team is looking for more folks. Contact Pastor Mike at [mike@shpc.org](mailto:mike@shpc.org) if you are interested.

Third, the session approved at its June meeting a **part-time business manager position.** This role is designed to help lift some of the administrative, facility and financial responsibilities



## IT'S A DATE! Summer Worship 2010 @ SHPC

Join us this summer as we celebrate in worship, in fellowship, and in service.

**On July 11<sup>th</sup>:**  
Join us for brunch following both services

**On July 25<sup>th</sup>: Kite Flying!**  
Come make —and fly!— a kite to celebrate the winds of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost

**On August 8<sup>th</sup>: Sunday of Service!**  
We are going to live out our call to be mission oriented! We will make lunches and deploy teams of kids & grownups following both services to mission projects all over town. Help SHPC make a difference in Austin! **See you in worship this summer!**

ties from the ordained staff. For 2010 the position is unfunded; we hope to fund it in the 2011 budget. In the meantime, Greg Merrell is stepping into the position this year. Greg has been very helpful in making our computers run together efficiently and he will do a great job as the business manager this year.

Fourth, the session has received the master plan report and the first phase projections for future facilities. While working on this, the session has also established a **multi-site committee** that is looking at alternate ways to help us realize our dream of sharing Christ with the broader community. In August, I will roll out some of the dreams and plans for our future at SHPC.

I hope this summer you are able to rest and be restored. As we study the New Testament in worship, you will notice that whenever Jesus was pushing hard in his ministry he made time to get away from the

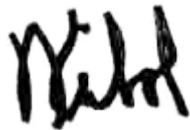
crowds and pray. In 2010 it is easy to *not* build into our lives Jesus' wisdom. Technology connects us to a 24/7 world and down-time is a dream rather than a reality. For Jesus, that was not an option. He understood what it meant to be human and the fact that we need to live with margin in our lives. He not only understood it—he lived it.

This summer offers a great opportunity to readjust your patterns and priorities. To build time into your life to reflect, laugh, think, dream and pray. It starts with your calendar. Grab a highlighter and mark some times that are yours to restore. Then stick with them. If you are type A, and all time must have a purpose, simply think of them as appointments, appointments where you will meet a God who restores and refreshes.



It's been a couple of years since we suggested some summer reading. Back in April it sounded like a *great* idea for this year. So for the July issue I tried to catch the staff and find out what they're reading as they scattered for the summer. Britta said she's reading something, but she doesn't want to talk about it until she finds out how it ends. Kim said, "Books? You mean people get to *sit down*?" Mike called over his shoulder, "*Crazy Love!* It's da bomb!," as he sprinted out the door.

So here are the "summer" books we collected, organized by topic. We hope you try them out!



## Christian Life

*Crazy Love: Overwhelmed by a Relentless God*, by Francis Chan

This summer Mike Killeen is encouraging our high school students to read this fast-paced, thought-provoking book. Chan digs into what God teaches us through the Bible, challenging our habits, our assumptions, and our practices. With online video clips that build on Chan's message, *Crazy Love* is an engaging way to renew and deepen your faith. MK/KS

*A Million Miles in a Thousand Years*, by Donald Miller

Donald Miller, who also wrote *Blue Like Jazz*, has written another exploration of himself, his world, and God. This time Miller tackles "story"—The Story, the screenplay for "Blue Like Jazz: the movie," and his own story. What if a good life needs to have the same elements as a good story? Read and find out! KS

## Theology

*The Reason for God: Belief in God in an Age of Skepticism*, by Timothy Keller

Timothy Keller is worth discovering this summer. We are reading his book *Prodigal God* for the men's backpacking trip. LC

*God Is Great, God Is Good: Why Believing in God Is Reasonable and Responsible*, by William Lane Craig and Chad Meister, editors

A response to Richard Dawkins' and Christopher Hitchens' attacks on Christianity. Timely! LC

## Novels

*Home: A Novel*, by Marilynne Robinson

The follow up to the Pulitzer prize-winning novel *Gilead*. (Read it first!) *Home* takes the story further into the complexities of life and shows there unexpected grace and hope. LC (ed. note: *Home* is one of the librarian's recommended books this month. Coincidence?)

## The Church

*Who Stole My Church?: What to Do When the Church You Love Tries to Enter the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, by Gordon MacDonald

The last 20 years have seen an acceleration in changes in the American Christian church, its worship and its engagement in the world. McDonald writes in story form and helps us understand and negotiate the changes. LC

*No Perfect People Allowed: Creating a Come-as-You-Are Culture in the Church*, by John Burke

John is the pastor of Gateway Church in North Austin (they have a south location as well). John lays out the task of creating an inviting church culture in a changing world. Our pastoral staff read this together in the spring and it sparked great conversations. LC

## It's Not Too Late! Sign-up continues for *Disciple* Classes!

Classes run Sept-May for 2 hours each week. *Disciple 1* should be taken first, but the upper levels may be taken in any order. Click on the *Disciple* link at [members.shpc.org/adult/](http://members.shpc.org/adult/) to get more detail on specific *Disciple* classes and times. Come join us this fall!

## LEAD WHERE YOU ARE

THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT is about stirring up and calling out the VERY BEST in leaders.

Pastors, teachers, business leaders, law enforcement officials, politicians, musicians, athletes, and others are answering the call and choosing to lead where they are to make a lasting difference. Striving to be effective leaders, they are the agents of transformation. They call out what's wrong, set goals, launch initiatives, motivate, challenge, and move people to get on the solution side of solving our worst problems.

**On August 5-6, 2010, over 60,000 leaders will gather for *The Global Leadership Summit*, broadcast live at Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church via satellite from the Willow Creek campus near Chicago to more than 225 satellite sites across North America.**



**THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT**

AUGUST 5-6, 2010 | [willowcreek.com/summit](http://willowcreek.com/summit)

Far more than an annual training seminar, The Global Leadership Summit has become a galvanizing event in this worldwide leadership movement. Leaders representing an amazing diversity of races, cultures, ethnicities, languages, and denominations are coming together to develop their unique leadership gift.

Speakers for 2010 include: Bill Hybels, Jim Collins, T.D. Jakes, Jack Welch (videocast), Andy Stanley, Christine Caine, Tony Dungy, Zhao Xiao, Ph.D., Blake Mycoskie, Terri Kelly (videocast), Daniel H. Pink, Adam Hamilton, Jeff Manion.

**TAKE THE NEXT STEP:** Contact the church office, [church@shpc.org](mailto:church@shpc.org), to find out how to register.

## Summer reading with a purpose

(a.k.a. *Sherry's* summer books!)

There is no required reading before taking any of the Disciple courses. However, for those of you who love to read, the following are some books you may want to consider. Many of them are available in our SHPC Library. They are listed according to the particular focus of each level. However, any of the books actually relate in some way to all of the Disciple classes.

### **Disciple 1**

*The Disciple Story: The Transforming Power of Scripture* by Nancy Kruh with forward by Richard Wilke (The incredible story of how the Disciple program was developed.)

*Reading Scripture as the Word of God* (Second Edition) by George Martin

*Oxford Bible Atlas* (Fourth Edition) edited by Adrian Curtis (This book is so much more than maps! It contains well written infor-

mation on the how and why of archaeology in the Holy Land and on the different historical ages. And this edition contains beautiful color pictures.)

*Violent Sands* by Sean Young (Also a librarian's selection, this story is set in the time shortly after Jesus when Christianity was still a growing sect within Judaism. It is an adventure and love story about a Zealot fighting against the Romans.)

*Teaching the Bible to Adults and Youth* by Dick Murray (This is great for leaders but is also very helpful for any student of the Bible. It teaches you various creative methods for digging into scripture.)

### **Disciple 2**

*Keeping the Sabbath Wholly* by Marva J. Dawn (Learn very practical and specific tips on how you can keep the Sabbath special for you and your family.)

*Abraham* by Bruce Feiler (Three major religions trace their lineage back to Abraham but have very different ideas about who he was and what we learn from him.)

*Walking the Bible: A Journey by Land through the Five Books of*

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*Moses* by Bruce Feiler (This is a travel odyssey of one man's spiritual journey through the greatest stories ever told.)

### **Disciple 3**

*Thus Says the Lord: The Message of the Prophets* by James M. Ward

*In the Steps of the Apostle Paul* by F. F. Bruce (Large "coffee table" style book with beautiful pictures and information on the cities Paul visited.)

*Paul and His Letters* (Second Edition) by Leander E. Keck

### **Disciple 4**

*The Message: The Old Testament Wisdom Books in Contemporary Language* by Eugene H. Peterson

*The Gospel and Letters of John* (IBT series) by R. Alan Culpepper

*Revelation* (Westminster Bible Companion Series) by Catherine Gunsalus Gonzalez and Justo L. Gonzalez

## Church Book Club Reads

Did you know that the church has a book group that meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m.? Do you want to experience a sample of what they have read in the past? Members of the church book group have donated copies of recent selections to the church library. These include:

**FIC PIC** Jodi Picoult addresses religious/moral/ethical decisions in many of her novels. In this provocative one, *Keeping Faith*, a seven-year-old girl with no religious background starts to hear divine voices, recite biblical passages, and develop stigmata. What does it all mean? Read it and decide.

**FIC ROB** *Home*, a sequel to *Gilead*, tells of a wayward son who returns home to be with his aging father, a Presbyterian minister. Woven into the complex family relationships are questions of theology and daily practice. The book occurs within the context of the 60's, when freedom marches are beginning in the South. It's a good read.

**FIC STO** *The Help*, by Kathryn Stockett—Be prepared to meet three unforgettable women. Skeeter, a recent Ole Miss graduate, returns home with a degree but her mother won't be happy until there is a ring of her finger. Aibileen works as a

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black maid/nanny taking care of her seventeenth white child, while suffering with a broken heart from the loss of her own son. Minny also works as a black maid, but can't mind her tongue. These women come together for a clandestine project that will put them all at risk. To find out why, check it out and enjoy.

**FIC YOU** *Violent Sands* by Sean Young is a rare novel that captures the imagination and transports you to another time, another way of life and makes it real. After watching Roman soldiers murder his father, Barabbas, a warrior zealot and sworn protector of the scroll, has become a broken man. His quest for vengeance and Roman blood, his love for a peace-loving woman, and his commitment to the mysterious scroll pull him in vastly different directions. Is he killed or remade? You'll need to read this book to find out.

If these selections sound interesting and you want to find out more about our book group or just find a good read, please come by the library between services... or call Margaret Nakamura 301-2602 or Annie Ward 373-8803.

Don't forget about.... **SHPC's**

**Summer 2010 Film Fest!**



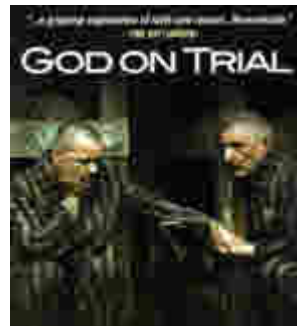
**Wed. Jul 14 & Fri. Jul 23**

*This classic film captures the essence of modern Jewish life, the founding of Israel, assimilation and conflicting family values.*



**Wed. Jun 30 & Fri. Jul 9**

*Not your Mama's Moses! An edgy new script challenges the viewer's preconceptions of this great biblical hero.*



**Wed. Jul 28 & Fri. Aug 13**

*Auschwitz prisoners hold court placing God on trial as they explore the universal question of human suffering.*

"It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings." Hebrews 2:10 NRSV

"It makes good sense that the God who got everything started and keeps everything going now completes the work by making the Salvation Pioneer perfect through suffering as he leads all these people to glory." Hebrews 2:10 The Message

Once, when I was leading a class in a study of the book of Hebrews, we came across a verse that led to quite a bit of controversy and discussion due to the variety of translations we had in our various Bibles. The general idea in scripture is that Jesus as a human being goes through suffering and death in order to be the sacrifice for our sins and then through his resurrection prepares a place for us in eternity.

The discussion arose because class members noticed that the person reading the scripture aloud had a different translation version than them. Jesus was called various things other than pioneer, including captain, author, and perfect leader. Most people are tied to the idea of a pioneer as someone in buckskins and a coon cap traveling west in a covered wagon. Some class members did not like Jesus being called a pioneer. Those used to the King James version much preferred the word "captain," which sounded much more important and less dusty and trail-weary. I must admit that "pioneer" at first sounded a little strange to me too. I was rather partial to the word "author," used in the New International Version. That sounded very

intellectual. However, the more we dug into what the scripture was trying to express, the more I grew to love the idea of Jesus Christ as a pioneer.

**pi·o·neer [pahy-uh-neer]**

**-noun**

1. a person who is among those who first enter or settle a region, thus opening it for occupation by others. 2. one who is first or among the earliest in any field of inquiry, enterprise, or progress

**-verb (used with object)**

to be the first to open or prepare a way

**-adjective**

being the earliest, original, first of a particular kind

Now the descriptiveness of the word "pioneer" has become very meaningful to me. Jesus, though God's eternal Son, came to earth in human form. He got dusty, dirty, and tired. He suffered all sorts of verbal and physical abuse and was eventually executed. Amazingly, it was through that process, all according to His Father's will, that he then became the pioneer of our salvation. He has now gone on ahead to prepare a place for us.

*"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also." John 14:1-3 NRSV*



## Prepare to Explore!

During the summer, sometimes things may seem a little quiet when you stop by the church. Most classes don't continue during the summer. Various staff members are off

on vacations. It could seem like nothing much is going on.

However, July is actually the month when much of the following year gets planned. Larry is deciding on and working on his fall sermon series, Britta

is setting plans for new things in Family Ministry, and Mike is creating more amazing Student Ministry. Meanwhile, I'm working with all of them and with my group of Adult Ministry leaders to plan classes for

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fall and the budget for 2011. This is the time when curriculum gets picked and leaders get trained.

I hope you will be praying about where the Spirit may be leading you this fall. What new areas are you ready to explore? It may be time for you to jump in to *Disciple* Bible Study or find out about joining a fall Journey Group. Maybe this is the year you'll be

really adventurous and plan on going on one of our adult or family retreats. You can learn about the Life of Paul in a new Tuesday night class. You can stretch your body and soul the next time Jessica leads a yoga class. You can go on exciting adventures with The Brotherhood. You can join your spouse on some Great Dates. Many things are in the works.

I hope you will look forward to the August/September issue of the newsletter in which all will be revealed. I hope there will be something offered that makes you want to explore God's Word further as you walk the road of discipleship. Meanwhile, "happy trails" this summer!

Contact Sherry at *sherry@shpc.org* with class suggestions or questions.



## Computer "Support Group" in the Making –

Do you need help with a specific computer problem? Or would you like to learn to send email, use Facebook™, or post your favorite photos?

Do you have the ability to help a SHPC member solve a computer problem or learn a new skill?

Adult Ministry would like to form a group that would help with the "glitches" and questions that come up with normal computer use. If you have some ideas, please give me a call – Laurel Calhoun 892-5530 or *salcalhoun@sbcglobal.net*

# SAM News

(senior adult ministry)

## SAM's heading out again...

**P**LEASE JOIN US AS we visit the **Walter Cronkite exhibit at the LBJ Library on Friday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>**. We will meet at SHPC at 9 a.m. to car pool. The exhibit is free and reviews the life and career of Walter Cronkite. His broadcasts covered virtually every major news story of the last half of the twentieth century. The exhibit brings Cronkite's personal and professional experiences to life, featuring never-before-seen items from the Briscoe Center's collections. Afterwards, enjoy the fellowship of other SAM members in the Under The Oaks Café for lunch. We anticipate that lunch should cost between \$5.00 to \$10.00.

## SAM Groups in July:

**ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED CHRISTIAN MEN: July 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10 a.m. in Portable B.** No reservation needed. Join us for Christian fellowship and stimulating conversation. Questions? Contact Faries McDaniel, 892-9464.

**GOLDEN YEARS LUNCH BUNCH: Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 a.m.** at Jack Allen's Kitchen, 7720 Highway 71 West. (The Sonic Drive-In shares the entrance with Jack Allen's—be sure to turn in there!) Join us at *another* new place in the neighborhood for a great brunch or lunch and Christian fellowship. Reserve your place by phoning Jim Black at 892-2982 or Frances Tomlinson at 899-9244 by Thursday, July 8<sup>th</sup>.

**GROAN-UPS GAME DAY: *third* Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, in room 7 at 10 a.m.** Because IHN will be visiting on July 13<sup>th</sup>, we'll meet one week later than usual. Join us for spinner dominoes or a game of your choice.

**MARY MARTHA CIRCLE** will not meet again until September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

# Children's Ministry News



## Volunteer Needs

Children's Ministry has a zillion different ways you can get involved this coming fall! Take a look at some of these opportunities and let us know if you want to know more about how you can join the team!

**Nursery care** - help look after our babies during both Sunday services and special occasions such as Christmas and Easter when we need extra staff on hand. Training is provided.

### Sunday school teacher for 2s, 3s and 4s in

**The Ark**— Easy-to-use lesson plans and all resources provided so you can walk in and have a blast with the class! We need volunteers for both the 9:30 and 11:00 hour.

**UpStreet shepherds**— small group leaders for our 9:30 elementary program. Training and all materials provided. 9-month commitment required to give kids continuity in their small groups. If weekly seems a

bit too much, consider pairing up with a friend to split the time (ie. every other week, or one-month-on/one-month-off, etc.)

### Other UpStreet needs—

We have lots of opportunities for **storytellers, musicians, singers, and media technicians**. Sign up for the Sundays that work for your schedule, and we'll provide you with the script and instructions, as well as any necessary costumes and props. Give it a try— we promise you'll love every minute!

### Elementary Sunday school teachers for our

**11:00 Live B.I.G. program**— This elementary program is one-room style and includes all Kindergarten-5th grade students together. We schedule 2-3 leaders a week to work together with the group. Training, lesson plans and all necessary materials are provided.

**KidStuf** — Our team is in need of more actors, media and sound technicians, as well as stage designers, musicians, singers, choreographers, stage hands and hospitality. We perform on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 6:30-7:15 and practice on Sunday afternoons from 4:30-5:30. Come have a blast with our cast!

**Wednesday Night Live leaders**— Help kick off this new 6-week ministry that will take place Wednesday evenings from 6:15-7:30 from September to November. We're in need of fun folks to lead team-building games, leaders to help with Scripture study and musicians willing to share their talents with the kids.

**Hospitality Team**— Help welcome visitors and share information with parents as they bring their kiddos to Sunday school. We need both a 9:30 and 11:00 team. Any help you can give is appreciated, so no regular commitment necessary.

**Leader for Mothers of Young Children Devotional**— We're in need of a facilitator for this fall's session that occurs Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:30a.m. Responsibilities include leading weekly discussion on the selected reading, providing fellowship and support for the participants and communicating weekly prayer requests to the group. Child care provided.

**2010 Christmas Pageant**— we need a **director, co-directors** to help participants with their lines, **stage hands, set designers, costume coordinators**, and a **hospitality**

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LENDING a HAND TO HELP SOMEONE ELSE

team to provide refreshments after the program on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

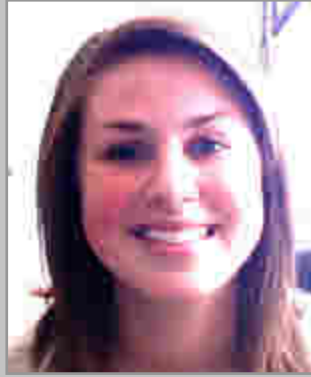
**Fellowship Fun**— Join our fellowship team to help with planning, set-up and clean-up for family game nights and other special events.

**Prep team**— Because we provide all materials for our teachers and small group leaders, we need helpers to fill the boxes with the necessary resources each week (and clean out the unused ones from the previous week). This role is flexible in terms of day and time.

Want more info on any of the above? Call Pastor Britta at 892-3580, ext. 107 or email [britta@shpc.org](mailto:britta@shpc.org).

You may also contact Kim Arthur about any of the nursery/preschool positions at [kim@shpc.org](mailto:kim@shpc.org) or Chris Gordon about any of the elementary roles at [chris@shpc.org](mailto:chris@shpc.org).

Hi! I'm Abbey Patterson and I'm the new summer intern here at SHPC. I



was raised in Lawrence, Kansas and lived there until I went to college in Liberty, Missouri at William Jewell College. There I got my Bachelor of Arts in Religion and was involved with vocal music. During and after college I worked in the Youth Department as a variety of roles for 2.5 years before coming to Austin for seminary. I have been in Austin, now, for three years but will be leaving in August. I will be going back to Lawrence to start a College Ministry and Young Adult program with Lawrence First Presbyterian Church and the University of Kansas. I am really excited to be here this summer to learn from each of you and be a part of your community in Christ.

Blessings & Peace, Abbey

On August 14<sup>th</sup> we are having another all-church workday. Please plan on joining us at 9 a.m. to help get our facility ready to go for fall!

## The Story Reading List: July

The following is a reading guide outlining the chapters that will be used in worship the next Sunday. Follow along and join us as God's story unfolds.

### Readings for the week, beginning with Sunday

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11	Chapter 26	The Hour of Darkness
18	Chapter 27	The Resurrection
25	Chapter 28	New Beginnings

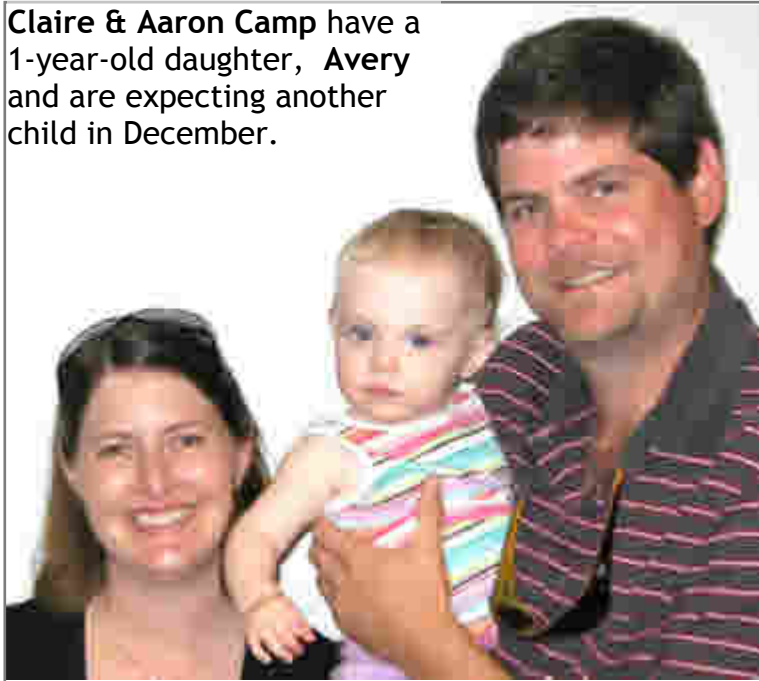
**FELLOWSHIP BRIDGE GROUP** will play the **second Friday in July**— the 9<sup>th</sup>— at 7 p.m. in **Room 7**. Our hosts will be Travis & Lorna Budlong. Please call Virginia McNutt at 288-7187 or Martha Meador at 288-3341 by Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup> if you would like to play.



Bears and books... An unexpectedly quiet moment in the 2-year-old class this spring

# Welcome, New SHPC Members!

**Claire & Aaron Camp** have a 1-year-old daughter, **Avery** and are expecting another child in December.



**Erika Sanders** is a first-grade teacher at Buda Elementary. She's excited to be at SHPC, and excited to be a part of the young adult class, FILO!



**Susan Fields'** greatest hobby is flower gardening, and "since we're finally settled, I can put down roots! We're glad to be back in Texas."

**Christine McLean** moved 3 years ago from L.A. to Austin with her husband Jeff and children Cassidy (6) and Carter (3). She's excited they've found a home at SHPC.

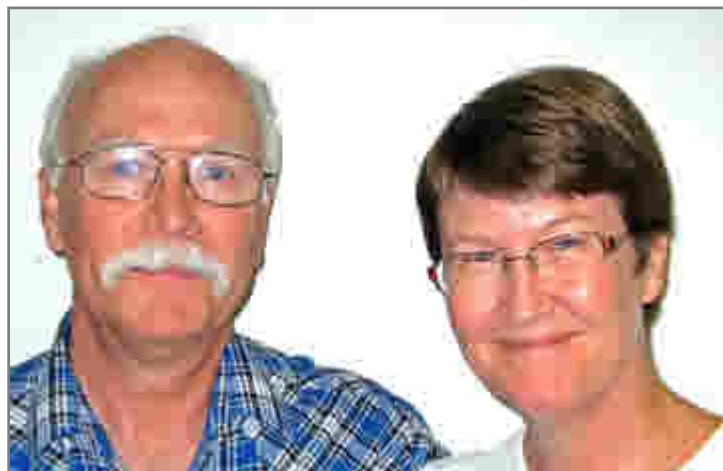


**Jim Abercrombie** is looking forward to being an active member of SHPC. He enjoys outdoor sports, and has a wide range of other hobbies, including traveling.



**Katie Beth Lane** worked at MO-Ranch for nearly 2 years after college, and moved to Austin 6 months ago to work at UT. She's really looking forward to getting "plugged in" at SHPC!

Not pictured here: **Abbey Patterson**



**Temple & Janet Ingram** moved from El Paso several years ago. Temple is an attorney, and Janet a retired portrait photographer. They have 3 grown children & 2 grandsons.



## Crayons for Sale

Please Help Manos!

This year, our goal is to provide 2,000 crayon boxes

We will sell crayons for \$1 per box at the church this year.

Please come and buy some in the narthex after each service or donate money to buy crayons.

For over twenty years, Manos de Cristo has been promoting the importance of academic success, and they have been helping at-risk children to prepare for school through their Back-to-School (BTS) program. During the first two

weeks of every August, Manos holds BTS and distributes a backpack with school supplies and two new school outfits, including socks and underwear, to thousands of children entering Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

### Volunteer Opportunities

Monday - Friday, July 26 - 30  
9 a.m. -12 p.m.

Monday - Friday, August 2 - 6  
and August 9 - 13  
8 a.m. -12 p.m. or 1 p.m. -3 p.m.

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Attention! Parents of 5<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> grade students! I invite you to come and hear all about everything we have planned for our middle school ministry. It is going to be a great year and we want to partner with you in the spiritual formation or your student.

August 25<sup>th</sup>. 6-7 p.m. for parents of 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> -graders, 7-8 p.m. for parents of 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Can't wait to see you there!



## Our guests are coming July 11<sup>th</sup>—18<sup>th</sup>... you can still sign up!

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



Add to your prayer list

**Joys** - John Pflug was ordained and installed as pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Winnsboro, TX on June 27<sup>th</sup>—William Gill, son of Diana Gill, has recovered from his cardiac event and is doing well—Brittany & John Pflug welcome a daughter, Emma Elizabeth, born June 1<sup>st</sup>—Max Roland graduated from Bowie HS on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and will study at UTSA in the fall—Cindy Baschnagel's friend Michelle Pierpoint received an all-clear on her melanoma—Jason & Amanda Hill (and Miriam) are delighted to announce the birth of their son and brother, Truman Pritchard Hill, on May 20<sup>th</sup>

**Sorrows** - Britta Dukes' grandmother passed away June 19<sup>th</sup>—Roy, boyfriend of Tammy Boehman's mother, Teresa Havlick, passed away June 22<sup>nd</sup> after being on life support for 2 days after drowning—Mary Johnston Payne, mother of Jim Payne, passed away on June 17<sup>th</sup>—Mimi Aleks, grandmother of Pam Gonzalez, passed away June 13<sup>th</sup>—The Rev. Linda Reinhardt died at home May 27<sup>th</sup> of complications from cancer; Linda's ministry, The Jeremiah Project, touched many other people nationwide suffering from multiple chemical sensitivities—Jennifer McDaniel's father passed away May 22<sup>nd</sup>—Clint Davis, nephew of Sally Schilstra, passed away unexpectedly on May 24<sup>th</sup>

**Please pray for** — healing for Ralph Philips' knee —peace and comfort for Teresa Havlick, for Roy's family, and for wisdom in determining the best interests of Roy's young children—parole this year for Brenda Gonzales' brother, Arlo Lopez, as he has truly repented—Gene Lunsford, Lynn Wright's father, under hospice care—Ruth Olson, recovering from surgery for a broken hip from a fall—Diana Gill's daughter-in-law Stephanie Gill, peace, comfort and relief from stress—Pat Haag, recovering at home from broken cheekbone following a fall—Gloria Drake, recovering from double pneumonia—Sheryl Hall's husband Michael, on the mend—Sheryl Hall's oldest son Shane, working in Iowa for the summer—Elizabeth Eckstein, worsening MS— Jack & Carol Gilchrist's family friends, Col. Eric Wesley and family; he left for Afghanistan in early June—Mal Hunter, continued recovery—Bill Brock's mom, Charlotte Webb, several strokes since January and currently hospitalized for tests—Ron Olmstead, dear friend of the Drake family, hospitalized in serious condition because of a tick bite—T-Bob Reinhardt—Melissa Lutke's 90-year-old mother, hospitalized for treatment of a broken hip she suffered in a fall—Fred Hoefler, friend of J.W. Cook, serious back problems—Tom & Mike McNelley's friend James Crowder, US Marine, deployed to Afghanistan in May—our friends and mission colleagues in Reynosa, Mexico—the leadership of SHPC as they discern a path for our future—Master Plan Committee as they move through the next phase—Pastor Kenneth Muyira & the congregation of Manyamula Presbyterian Church—Pastor Chimwemwe Mhango and his family

*Please pray for members of the Armed Forces, loved ones, and all world leaders involved in war zone crises including:*

James Crowder, friend of Tom & Mike McNelley... Eric Wesley, Jack & Carol Gilchrist's friend... Benjamin Rogers, brother-in-law of Candice & Alex Valdes... Susan White's friend Karen-Marie Hyland... Larry Roberman, brother of Lori Whitmire... Marco Vasquez, friend of Thure & Shannon Cannon... Darrel Debbish, father of friend of Meredith Warren... Keri Reeves and Jim Reeves, niece and nephew of Deb Erlanson... Eric Huerta, nephew of Michael McNelley's co-workers... Brian Lugo, grandson of Joy Essary and son of Jennifer Sims... Derek & Kristi Fisher's nephew, John Fisher...

**ANNIVERSARIES**

<b>JULY</b>		1 Jul	Darla Thompson, Kimbol Soques, Brianna Womack, Gretchen Bode	3 Aug	Steve Gerlach, Keria Folkers
	Saadat Moaddeb & Mansour Sharif	2 Jul	Clare Branson, Kim Coulter, Drew Chalberg	4 Aug	Jeff Benner
1 Jul	Carol & Larry Cunningham, Cathy & Steve Beard, Bill & Charissa Ellis	3 Jul	Ben Sorrell, Mary Aversa, Suzanne Gross, Liz Boyce, Kristen May, Lauren May, Sam Benner, Olivia Warren	5 Aug	David Bender, Alissa Starkjohann
3 Jul	Anne & Marc Kirsch, Sherry & Dave Smith, Joyce Davis & Mike Hagye, Jeff & Allison Gerold	4 Jul	Alan Combs, Tony Ginko, Maria Ngalamulume	6 Aug	Karen McCoy, Bryan Philips, Brian Saari, Annette Chambers, Wade Carnes
4 Jul	Mary & Pete Aversa	5 Jul	Margaret Roberts, Marian Bonebrake, Lisa Teeple, Madison Taylor, Seth Bates	7 Aug	Marie Kluckhohn, Dave Harnden, Liz Maxfield, Lynn Kelley, Kathleen Abbott, Rich Morales, Joshua Bettridge, Farrah Stowe, Zach Strickland, Ben Newcome, Tommy Joe Ashbaugh, Cameron Rais, Stuart Gollither
5 Jul	Alan & Lisa Teeple, Eric & Kathleen Manchin	6 Jul	Curtis Cline, Laura Towler, Josh Budd	8 Aug	Yogi Behr, Kathy Lewis, Leah Johnson, Madeleine Thielemans, Sydney Stalbaum
6 Jul	Rhonda & Joel Cabello	7 Jul	Rhonda Cabello, Megan Hauck, Lindsey Teague	9 Aug	Louella Walker, Mike VandeGarde, Meredith Warren
16 Jul	Rusty Ray & Jodie Dunbar-Ray, Clinton & Michelle Batte	8 Jul	Dick Moore, Todd Thompson	10 Aug	Bob Merrifield, Charlie Thielemans
18 Jul	Chris & Christine Gordon	9 Jul	Maryellen Albertson, Rory Peterson, Cynthia VandeGarde, Jamie Courtney, Nate Goulding, Madison Young	11 Aug	Rick Smith, Christopher Gordon, Erika Sanders
19 Jul	Mark & Michelle Thompson, Chuck & Alma Moore	10 Jul	Terri Courtney, Tish Pietsch, Courtney Hackett	12 Aug	Karen Wheeler, Alex Soques, Gregory Wade, Andrew Saul
20 Jul	Deborah Rich & Robert Vela, Dave & Jenn Folkers	11 Jul	Don Barrett, Wayne Gonzalez, Karen Cox, Wade Pellerin, Jacob Natale, David Howard	13 Aug	Bill Davis, Judy Behr, Steve Wagner, Stuart Davis
22 Jul	Dick & Gayle Grance, Jeff & Kerry Long, Steve & DeAnne Pearson, Ron & Kim Sellers	12 Jul	Jeff Peterson, Dylan MacAllister, Emily Bell, Miriam Hill	14 Aug	Carol Brandt, Jim Abercrombie, Marc Kirsch, Christina Miller, Robby Ivey, Matt Morgan, Jordan Flynn
24 Jul	Troy & Holly Spink	13 Jul	Linda Hargrove, Becki Breed, Jason Addison	15 Aug	Marisa Stromberg, Mark Bridges, Kevin Greathouse, Luke Fisher
26 Jul	Jim & Martha Meador, Bill & Jane Hall, Chuck & Terri Courtney, Jason & Marcey French	14 Jul	Bailey Folsom, Windsor Hall, Luke Buffer	16 Aug	Ross Pumfrey, Phil Kruczkowski, Albert Gonzales, Carly Ray, Lucas Wright, Spencer Seyfarth, Kristin Hauck, Havia Goulding
27 Jul	Bill & Connie Trevillion, Greg & Rhonda Biles	15 Jul	Laurel Calhoun, Bruce Litteaur, Oscar Erlanson, Joe Tracy, Sarah Gollither, Grace Henderson, Braelyn Stowe	17 Aug	Mark Hanna, Sue Cozart, Katherine Ramirez
31 Jul	Richard & Margaret Nakamura, Marisa & Kent Stromberg	16 Jul	Jack Floyd, Gary Gibbs, Kenneth Lauber, Karen Greathouse, Tamara Bell, Katie Bonnin	18 Aug	Diana Gill, Marsha Holt, Mary Hopkins, Kimberly Sellers, Mark Cognetti, Leslye Womack, Dick Grance, Sarah Swanson, Danny Gross, Christine Simmons, Heaven Gunter, Graham Williford
<b>AUGUST</b>		17 Jul	Steve Riddle, Sue Lagerquist, Brenda Gonzales, David Erps, Julia Domicoli, Zachary Erps	19 Aug	Stephanie Junkin, Barry Kalda, Dana Manuel, Liz Icenhauer-Ramirez, Aidan Torres
	Pam & Jim Immitt	18 Jul	Anita Savage, Allen Gunter, Mike Brady, Tommie Bates, Andrea Macera	20 Aug	Sandi Moehlman, Carol Cunningham, Pamela Gonzalez, Beaman Floyd, Glenn Carnes, Claire Camp, Josh Coulter, John Kennamer, Erin Lugo, Alex Powers, Hannah Berry
1 Aug	David & Jennifer McDaniel, David & Erika Bockelman	19 Jul	Baker Petty, Aidan Garcia, Mollie Hicks	21 Aug	Joy Schiller, Gail Padovani, Jimmy Simmonds, Michelle Batte, Abby Hanna, Maria Forsythe, Aidan Berryman
2 Aug	Danny & Suzanne Gross	20 Jul	Margaret Fetty, Carlen Floyd, David Hauck, Molly Wentworth	22 Aug	Jonathan Snell, Michael Benner, Alex Balke, Cameron French
4 Aug	Mark & Judy Schroeder	21 Jul	Bobbie Barker, Gabriela Proctor, Adrienne Voskamp, Livie Nachman, Andrew Schroeder	23 Aug	Lee Ann Merrifield, Doug Budd, Clay Collins, Michelle Thompson, Zach Knox
6 Aug	Rick & Beth Ann Cole	22 Jul	Judy Litteaur, Amadeo Andrade	24 Aug	Rod Hines, Mike McNelley, Alec Bockelman
7 Aug	Jason & Amanda Hill	23 Jul	Gene Shamburger, George Simpson, Joanna Farwell, Mindy Henderson	25 Aug	Jenn Folkers, Charissa Ellis, Lauren Gabbart
10 Aug	Grady & Thelma Morris, Bruce & Judy Litteaur	24 Jul	Bill Lindsey, Sybil Brady, Chester Wuest, Joyce Stewart, David McDaniel, Gena VanOsselaer, Stan Wade, Jon-Marc Garcia, James McDaniel	26 Aug	Pat Low, David Nachman
12 Aug	Sam & Linda Jones	25 Jul	Al Lepley, Ronnie Davis, \Abbey Hamilton	27 Aug	Bill Kemp, Claudia Lauber, Layde Philips, Kevin Howard
13 Aug	David & Linda Wheeler	26 Jul	Jessica Meyer	28 Aug	Bruce Roberson, Will Petty, Joshua Teague, Raleigh Berryman, Benjamin Arthur, Kyle Stromberg
15 Aug	Ken & Sue Frye, Al & Jai Addison, Derek & Kristi Fisher	27 Jul	Greg Merrell, Ernie Lopez, Cameron Bell	29 Aug	Joyce Lucas, Sam Taylor, Debbie Budd, Darren Stalbaum, Dana Wilkes, Jason Moehlman, Miranda Reeves, Jackson Lord, Savannah Wallace
16 Aug	Bill & Nan Goodman	28 Jul	Jim Garrett, Mary Cognetti, Matt Fletcher	30 Aug	Sean Gollither, Kyle Busse
17 Aug	Ed & Stacey Reynolds, Chris & Rachael Huntley	29 Jul	Bill Ellison, Julie Countess, Mark Lord, Abby Brady, Nicholas Blacklock, Jason Landry	31 Aug	Blanche Hunter, Porky Haberman, Alex Aversa
18 Aug	Muffie & Rory Peterson	30 Jul	Tom McNelley, Chris Morgan, Kristy Ruiz		
19 Aug	Gail & Marc Padovani, Thure & Shannon Cannon	31 Jul	Susan Fields, Alan Teeple, Lauren Laird, Abby Wheeler		
21 Aug	Bob & Lee Ann Merrifield, Ron & Trinka Miller, Gary & Sandra Mann, Paul & Temple Hudspeth	<b>AUGUST</b>			
23 Aug	Mike & Mindy Henderson, Tracy & Paul Kuper Jr.	1 Aug	Tom O'Meara, Caroline Kirsch, C.M. Heinrich		
24 Aug	Peter & Ruth Budic	2 Aug	Nancy Peyton, David Parmer, Rita Nowakowski, Jerry Junkin, Ashley Royer, Brooks Hurley		
25 Aug	Bernard & Shirley Henry, Scott & Marty Starkjohann				
26 Aug	Barry & Kathy Kalda, Aaron & Claire Camp				
27 Aug	Charlie & Amy Balke				
28 Aug	Mike & Cynthia VandeGarde				
30 Aug	Louis & Carol Mize				
31 Aug	Layde & Ralph Philips				
<b>SILVER ANNIVERSARIES</b>					
3 Aug	Dan & Sandra Brinks				
<b>GOLD ANNIVERSARIES</b>					
13 Aug	Tary & Nita Snyder				
19 Aug	Porky & Pat Haberman				
<b>BIRTHDAYS</b>					
<b>JULY</b>					

# July & August

## EVERY WEEK

### Sunday

- 9:30 & 11 a.m. The Ark
  - 10 a.m. Summer Choir rehearsal
- ### Tuesday
- 10 a.m. Icing on the Cake, port. B
  - Deadline for Sunday announcements (yellow pages)

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| <b>1 Thursday</b><br>9:30 a.m. MYC ends, FMC   | <b>10 a.m.</b> SHPC Summer Film Fest.: <i>God On Trial</i> , FMC   |
| <b>5 Monday</b><br>Church office closed  | <b>29 Saturday</b><br>Guatemala mission trip departs   |
| <b>6 Tuesday</b><br>7 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, rm. 7  | <b>30 Friday</b><br>VBS ends   |
| <b>8 Thursday</b><br>10 a.m. Association of Retired Christian Men, port B<br>7 p.m. Book Group, rm 7                 | <b>1 Sunday</b><br>Brunch following both services<br>IHN begins  |
| <b>9 Friday</b><br>7 p.m. Fellowship Bridge Group, rm. 7<br>SHPC Summer Film Fest: <i>The Ten Commandments</i> , FMC | <b>5 Thursday</b><br>Global Leadership Conference (at Westlake Presbyterian) begins<br>Living Waters (Guatemala) mission trip ends |
| <b>10 Saturday</b><br>11:30 a.m. Golden Years Lunch Bunch<br>Fun in the Son (Everlast) departs                       | <b>6 Friday</b><br>Global Leadership Conference (at Westlake Presbyterian) ends  |
| <b>11 Sunday</b><br>Brunch following both services<br>IHN begins   | <b>8 Sunday</b><br>Sunday of Service<br>Back-to-school (August/September) newsletter deadline                                      |
| <b>13 Tuesday</b><br>Deadline for Sunday, July 25 <sup>th</sup> 's announcements (yellow pages)                      | <b>9 Monday</b><br>Club H2O begins   |
| <b>14 Wednesday</b><br>10 a.m. SHPC Summer Film Fest.: <i>The Chosen</i> , FMC                                       | <b>10 Tuesday</b><br>10 a.m. "Groan"-Ups Game Day, rm. 7   |
| <b>17 Thursday</b><br>Living Waters (Guatemala) mission trip departs   | <b>12 Thursday</b><br>10 a.m. Association of Retired Christian Men, port B<br>7 p.m. Book Group, rm 7                              |
| <b>16 Friday</b><br>AUGUST childcare request deadline  | <b>13 Friday</b><br>Club H2O ends<br>7 p.m. Fellowship Bridge Group, rm. 7<br>SHPC Summer Film Fest.: <i>God On Trial</i> , FMC    |
| <b>18 Sunday</b><br>IHN ends<br>Fun in the Son returns   | <b>14 Saturday</b><br>SHPC All-Church Workday<br>11:30 a.m. Golden Years Lunch Bunch   |
| <b>20 Tuesday</b><br>10 a.m. "Groan"-Ups Game Day, rm. 7   | <b>15 Sunday</b><br>9:30 a.m. Kite flying for Pentecost  |
| <b>22 Thursday</b><br>10 a.m. Association of Retired Christian Men, port B   |  |
| <b>23 Friday</b><br>7 p.m. SHPC Summer Film Fest.: <i>The Chosen</i> , FMC   |  |
| <b>25 Sunday</b><br>9:30 a.m. Kite flying for Pentecost  |  |
| <b>26 Monday</b><br>Vacation Bible School begins   |  |
| <b>28 Wednesday</b>  |  |

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!