



The Shepherd's Watch

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Handing Out Invitations

I got a call the other day asking me into a conversation with some other pastors about creating an effective plan for growing a church. When it came my time to talk, I disappointed the group because the advice I had to offer was so simple. It was this. **A church will grow when the members invite.** It's as simple as that.

Surveys by the Barna Group tell us that most people would attend a church if a friend asked them to go. While evangelism plans, good music and preaching, tasty coffee, or effective signage all help, they do not in themselves help grow a church. A church grows both numerically and in health when the members invite. Period.

I love that. It is so... well... gospel-like. Because the gospel begins and ends with relationships. When God wanted to communicate His love... He sent his son to be with us... relationship. And Christ, when he began his ministry, chose twelve to walk closely with him.... relationship. If we want to communicate the gospel we need to take our cues from that same gospel—it is about relationship.

People won't be drawn to consider the claims of Christ because SHPC is in their neighborhood. They will do so because one of our members is a friend and thinks enough of them to share where they have found life.

As we move into the fall, you will be invited in to a deepening walk with God in Christ as you worship, grow, connect with other Christian in friendship, and serve. All of those will fill your soul.

Now take the next step and invite someone else to be a part of what you have found. Try this—when you set down this newsletter, think of one or two names of friends that you might invite this fall. Write their names on a sticky note and put them on your mirror. Then, pray for them. Finally, call them and invite them to come with you. You take the initiative, God will do the rest. See you Sunday.



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Sermons for August & September

Aug 29	Acts 18:1-18
	Church Planting In Corinth
Sept 5	Jeremiah 18:1-11
	Philemon 1-21
	Marred Vessels

The Heart of a Peacemaker

Sept 12	1 Corinthians 1:1-9
	The Heart of a Peacemaker
Sept 19	1 Corinthians 1:10-17
	Getting to the Heart of Conflict
Sept 26	1 Corinthians 1:18-31
	The Attitude of a Peacemaker

worship grow
connect serve invite

In a welcome mood....

With the end of the summer comes a great opportunity, and not just to return your kids to school. No, at the end of the summer old and new faces return to SHPC looking for Home (with a capital "H") and we have the opportunity to welcome them back.. We literally get to be the hands and voice of Christ. So over the next few weeks look for that new face wondering the hall looking for answers, looking for the nursery, looking for connections with other youth or adults or seniors, and just looking for what being a Christian at SHPC is all about. Take that God given opportunity, come along side, smile, and welcome them Home.

To find out more about participating in the Welcoming Ministry of SHPC contact Dale Shumaker at dshumaker@ccc411.com or 358-4044.

Worship
Sacrifice
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invite



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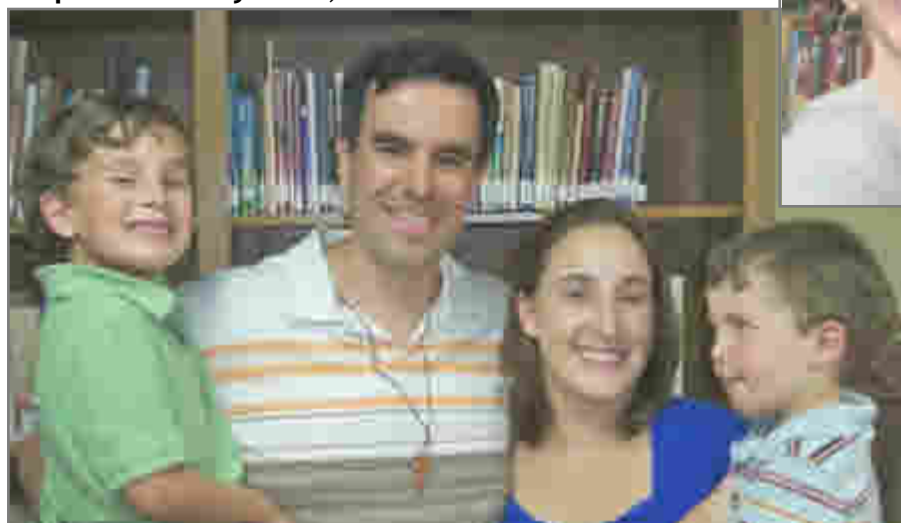
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Stephen & Molly Pont, with James and Ben



Welcome, New SHPC Members!

As you've noticed this summer, we've been doing worship a little differently. Instead of having Sunday School for our elementary kids, we invited our kids into worship with us. We're thrilled about how our summer went—kids engaged in singing with their grown-ups, grownups connecting sermons with video clips... and everyone talking together afterwards!

If you missed our celebration, take a look below at one of our summer Sundays.

To celebrate Pentecost, elementary children gathered to hear a story soaring with meaning, titled *The Flyaway Kite* by Steve Bjorkman. This high-flying parable describes God's love for each and every one of us and our desperate need to stay connected to God. It's a story soaring with meaning that worked very well for our lesson on the Holy Spirit and Pentecost.



For fun, we then enjoyed a kite demonstration and lesson from member and former professional kite flyer, Stacey Reynolds. Unfortunately, the clouds didn't cooperate by blowing any wind, so the kites remained grounded. We crafted our own little flyers, though, and some of the kids did manage to get their hand-crafted creations up in the air. Check out these photos from our Pentecost "Go Fly A Kite" event.



BORN

BREAD

RAISED

As we head towards the fall at SHPC we begin to think of ways that we can be more engaged and involved in the life of the church. A great way to do this is to sing in the choir. It doesn't require much time (no more than a typical Bible study) and the benefits are numerous, but rather than explain all of this myself, I'd like you to hear from some of our current choir members.

"If you are of the opinion that our choir is made up of all trained voices and music majors, let me clear



your thinking! Now, there are a FEW trained voices, but the majority of us are just good ole folks that just love to sing church music. For me, the music on Sunday mornings is one of the most important parts of the service—a very important part of my life for over 50 years. We would love to have you join us in our fun and worship."

—Harriet Cavness - soprano

"You, an engaging, loving, and giving soul, come each Sunday to SHPC to worship God, and to thank Him for his mercy and love for us personified in His son Jesus Christ. Make a joyful noise for the Lord our God and inspire the congregation to follow your example."

—Bill Zuraitis - bass

"I appreciate that we're never made to feel guilty if we miss a rehearsal, and that our goal is not perfection, but rather to glorify the Lord by helping lead worship."

—Joyce Davis - alto

As you can see, Worship Choir is a great way to connect in the life of SHPC. Even if you're not sure you want to commit to every Sunday, you are still welcome to join us for our cantata this Christmas. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings from 7–8:45 (7 - 7:45 for cantata) in the sanctuary. Just remember—*Christ doesn't call the gifted, he gifts the called.*

UP 2 SPEED

F O R E V E R I N C H R I S T S T U D E N T M I N I S T R I E S

Getting Up 2 Speed

WHAT YOU NEED, WHEN YOU NEED IT

One of the biggest issues families with teens face is communication. From a parent's perspective our students tell us next to nothing about what is coming up in their lives other than they need \$55 dollars now and this for m signed two weeks ago!

Our Up 2 Speed quarterly newsletter seeks to solve some (not all) of those issues when it comes to information about SHPC Student Ministry events and programs.

A new look and attitude



faith that will see them well beyond their middle, high school and college years.

We want them to be for EVER in the love of Christ.



Everything that we do, from trips to Lock In's, the student ministry at SHPC is centered on Christ. We are building a for EVER faith in our students. A

Get one of our two shirt designs to continue your Shepherds' collection!



AMAZING TRIPS EVERY YEAR! LAST YEAR WAS DCLA! This year I hear we are heading to, Mo Ranch, Los Angeles, and Guatemala!



HAVING FUN WITH ALBERT EINSTEIN AT THE GRIFFITH PARK OBSERVATORY IN LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA!



SUMMER CAMP WAS AMAZING! GREAT ESCAPE CHANGED MY LIFE AND AT FUN IN THE SON PADRE I GREW DEEPER IN LOVE WITH JESUS!

OUR GROUPS



Faith Walk: Sunday morning Bible with middle school students in mind! Faith Walk meets in the Fabulous Student Lounge Sunday mornings at 9:30

Area Bible Studies: (ABS) is a small group bible study for students who want to go deeper into God's word in a small group setting! Meeting times vary.

DV* 8 Like to shoot or edit video? So does Pastor Mike. Join him this year as we create a whole new video team for 2010. Mondays 5-6 and various shooting times.

forever in Christ



MANY GROUPS ONE GOAL

The student ministry programs at Shepherd of the Hills are all designed to help students and families grow deeper in their relationships with each and other and with God. We are a ministry that fosters relationships between adult mentors and student learners. Our programs, leaders and events provide opportunities for students to ...

1. **Discover** how deep the love of Christ is for them and how to respond to God great love and call for them.
2. **Develop** that relationship with Christ to deeper levels through prayer, Bible study, discipleship, mentoring and worship.
3. **Demonstrate** the gifts and calling that God has placed in their lives at church at school or even at work by living out the love they have received through Christ Jesus.
4. **Duplicate** all that they have learned and encountered by sharing it all, by helping others have the same or better experiences than they did. They learn how to share their faith in confident, compassionate and non-confrontational ways.

STUFF P-RENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT OUR YOUTH MINISTRY

5. WE ARE NOT HERE TO SIMPLY ENTERTAIN YOUR YOUTH.

4. PLAY AND WORSHIP ARE KEY ELEMENTS IN THIS MINISTRY.

3. WE ARE YOUR PARTNERS IN THIS ADVENTURE OF FAITH!

2. WE BELIEVE "FAMILY TIME" IS UBER-IMPORTANT.

1. WE TAKE JESUS SERIOUSLY

Family Matters Negotiating Adolescents

A ministry for parents with teens
Taking the time to develop the tools that we need as parents to help our teenager have a successful launch into the real world.

Starts Wednesdays Night October 20th

Topics we are covering

Social Networks Tech

Oct 20th 6-8

Dating & Love Limits

Jan 12th

Consistency in Parenting

Mar 23rd

Getting Up 2 Speed

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In this issue you will not only find outlines of many of our ministry groups you will also find our **Up 2 Speed** fridge sheet. This is a simple calendar for you to place on your fridge or public area in your home so you can keep up with many of the special event dates and times so you will always be up to speed.

The **Up 2 Speed** calendar page included in this issue is as accurate as we can make it by our press time. You can always find more information online at the Shepherd

MIDDLE SCHOOL WEDNESDAYS



We do a lot of building stuff at Evergreen and Evermore, including building our students' faith

Evergreen is for 5th & 6th grade students at 6-7 pm.
Evermore is for 7th & 8th grade students and meets from 7:15- 8:30 pm



of the Hills members website, *members.shpc.org*
Or you can simply contact Pastor Mike

prior to the event to get as much information as there is available!



TWEEN & MID HIGH THEMES



This Fall is all about **“Placing God First...Seriously”** in the lives of our students. We want them to have a life changing passionate relationship with God that is tangible. We want them to be Placing God First in all that they do. It is gonna be an awesome fall. I hope your student will join us

Tweens are Digital Natives
Tweens know that nagging mom and dad really works
The Tween and Mid High years are when most people make life-changing commitments to Christ
Tween and Mid High Students still REALLY want their parents' attention
Tweens and Mid High Students are a highly sought-after demographic. They have brand loyalty.

High school really is not like we remember it • • •

Welcome to high school! You know it... these are four years in your life where you build relationships that can last a lifetime and is a time when you transition from a young person to a fully responsible adult. Sort of.

Whatever it is you want (or your student wants) to get out of high school, we hope it is more than just a diploma.

We hope you come out of your school with a ton of memories to look back on and laugh at, friendships that held together even when the world didn't, and that you have an amazing relationship with the God who created you that has fully changed your

HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY NIGHTS



EverDeep- High School Super Studies
8:15 pm till way late

EverLast High School
Nights 6-8 pm



outlook on everything in life. We would love to be a part of your journey through high school. Here are just a few of the ways that you can get connected and plugged into our groups. Consider hanging out at our EverLast

group for 9th & 10th grade or EverAfter for 11th & 12th grade students. Also, ABS groups are great places to connect with adults and other students who want to grow with you.

FROSTBITE SKI RETREAT OVER SPRING BREAK!



The Frostbite Ski Retreat is the highlight of the winter. This year we are going to try to go to Santa Fe over Spring Break to find some new snow and enjoy the town. Stay tuned for details



"Mid Winter" is a camp put on by own presbytery at Mo Ranch. This year we head back to Mo for some good old fashioned fun and teaching. Jan 21st-23rd

Kick Off Nite	Aug 29
Main Event	Sep 24-26
Paint Ball Blast	Oct 17
Fright Fest	Oct 30
Turkey Bowl	Nov 15
Possible Youth Family Retreat @ Great Wolf Lodge	Nov 19-21

Up 2 Speed

Our Incredible Volunteers

Trips, events and other cool stuff!

MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENTS

DATE&TIME	EVENT	COST
Sept 24-26th @John Knox	The Main Event Camp	\$90
October 16th	Paintball Blast @Hill 13	\$40
October 30th	Fright Fest @Six Flags	\$35
Nov 19th-21nd	Youth Family Church Retreat	TBA
Nov 28th 1:30- 4:00	Turkey Bowl Youth Vs Adults Football	FREE

HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS

DATE&TIME	EVENTS	COST
Sept 24th-26th	The Main Event @John Knox	\$90
Sept Date TBA	HS One Day Lake Retreat	\$25
October 17th	Paintball Vol 4	\$40
October 30th	Fright Fest @Six Flags	\$35
Nov 20th-22nd	Possible Youth Family Retreat	TBA
Nov 28th 1:30-4:00	The Turkey Bowl Football Game	Free

1. Becca May
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10. Jenny Dietz
11. Davis Brigance
12. Bill Brock
13. Glenn Dukes

FROM THE PASTOR

We know your students are really busy. Sports, School Band, Work, Friends and Family can take up all of their time. Please consider taking some time from some of those so that they might have some time to develop their faith and create a church home beyond Sunday mornings. Every event we present is designed to draw our students closer to God while having as much fun as possible.

Make your notes here

You can doodle here!

On the web, look for the most current student ministry information at the "member site" at members.shpc.org

The following is a listing of Adult Ministry classes, activities, and retreats for this fall. Basic information of times, dates, and meeting places is listed, as well as contact information for someone who can tell you more about the class or event. Other articles in this newsletter may also give you more details. As always, you are encouraged to watch Sunday bulletin announcements for updates and to go to *members.shpc.org* (no www!) and click on Adult Ministry for other information.

SUNDAY

Sunday Evening

5:30 - 7:00 1st Sundays, Library – **Young Adult Bible Study & Fellowship** (other activities as announced) (Wendy Uzzle; *uzzle08@gmail.com*)

MONDAY

Monday Evening

7:00 - 9:00 Library – **Disciple 1: Becoming Disciples through Bible Study**, starts Aug 30 (Bob Beardslee; *bobcarol1955@att.net*)

TUESDAY

Tuesday Morning

6:30 - 7:30 Sanctuary – **Men's Ministry**, aka **The Brotherherd**, will study *The Man in the Mirror* Sept 21 to Nov 11. (Clift Bowman; *cbowman24@austin.rr.com*; 288-5839)

10:00 - 12:00 Portable A – **Icing on the Cake** – Bible study and fellowship for women with a little frosting in their hair. (Mary Lynn Sherrier; *sheirerhere@yahoo.com*; 863-9805)

10:00 - 12:00 2nd Tues. Room 7 – **SAM "Groan Ups" Game Day** (Stefan Haag; *shaag@austin.rr.com*; 288-3479)

Tuesday Evening

7:00 - 9:00 Library – **Three Months with Paul** Sept 7 - Dec 14 (Nita Snyder; *nitassnyderhomes.com*; 894-3582)

WEDNESDAY

Wednesday Morning

9:30 - 11:30 Library – **Disciple 3: Remember Who You Are**, starts Sept 1 (Ron & Annie Ward; *ron-annie@att.net*)



Wednesday Evening

6:30 - 8:30 Library – **WEBS (Wednesday Evening Bible Study)** (Sherry Todd; *sherrytodd@austin.rr.com*)

5:30 - 7:30 Portable B – **Foundations** (childcare from 6:30 to 7:30), starts Sept 1 & will be studying social justice, using *When Helping Hurts*. (Tammy Boehman; *boehmans@gmail.com* or Judy Schroeder; *schroeder_judy@yahoo.com*)

THURSDAY

Thursday Morning

9:30 - 11:30 Library – **Disciple 2: Into the Word, Into the World**, starts August 26 (Kimbol Soques; *kimbol@alumni.rice.edu*)

9:30 - 11:30 FMC – **Disciple 1**, starts Sept 2 (Britta Dukes *britta@shpc.org*) (childcare provided)

9:30 - 11:30 Room 7 – **MYC (Mothers of Young Children) Devotional** (childcare available), starts Sept. 9. Fall study on *Parenting Beyond Your Capacity* (Kimber Wilkins)

10:00 - 11:30 1st Thurs. Portable B – **Mary-Martha Circle** (Laurel Calhoun; *salcalhoun@sbcglobal.net*)

10:00 - 11:30 2nd & 4th Thurs., Portable B – **ARCM (Association of Retired Christian Men)** (Ron Miller; *ronald.miller1333@sbcglobal.net*; 892-1826)

Thursday Evening

7:00 - 9:00 Library – **Disciple 4: Under the Tree of Life**, starts Sept 2 - (Susan White; *skwmarykay@yahoo.com*)

Thursday Evening, cont'd.

7:00 - 9:00 Portable B – *Stone by Stone*, a Bible study on the arts and faith, Sept 2 to Nov 11 (Joyce Stewart, *arts @ shpc.org*)

7:00 - 8:30 2nd Thurs. Room 7 – **Book Club**, meets each month all year. (Margaret Nakamura; *rm2n @ earthlink.net*; 301-2602)

FRIDAY

Friday Morning

9:30 - 12:00 Portable B – *In the Art Studio with Kim Coulter* (Sept 19 info meetings after both services), classes Oct 1 – Nov 12 (no class Oct. 15)

RETREATS:

Foundations Retreat (Young Couples, kids included) **Sept. 10 -12** (Tammy Boehman; *boehmans @ gmail.com*)

Adult Fellowship Getaway **Oct. 9 -10** (Ted & Fran Miller, 288-7947 or Norma Burchard, 394-0131)

SAM Spring Retreat (Senior Adults) **Mar. 22 - 24** (Stefan Haag; *shaag @ austin.rr.com*)

OTHER:

Journey Groups

A great way to connect! Groups form about 3 times a year. Groups of 8 to 12 persons will meet for 7 weeks at various days and times. (Dick Grance; *rg5grance @ sbcglobal.net*)

Fall 2010 groups will start the week of Oct 3 and go through the week of Nov 14. Larry will be preaching on I Corinthians this fall and so the study will be based on *1 Corinthians: The Challenges of Life Together* by Paul Stevens & Dan Williams.

Great Dates

Our staff of ministers will take turns leading the discussions before sending couples off on their Great Dates. **Sept 18, Oct 16, Nov 13, Jan 22, Feb 14, Mar 26, April 30.**

Wednesday Night Live

A special night for families with elementary age kids. Starts Sept 1st—more details in the Children's Ministry section (John Gillis; *jlgillis03 @ yahoo.com*)

Seniors with Zip!

On **Sept. 18**, join adventure-some senior adults on a zip-line

course. (Lawrence Langston, *LLangston722002 @ yahoo.com*)

Llano River Chuck Wagon Cook-off

SAM is sponsoring, but all adults are invited to this **Oct. 16th** event. Carpool from the church to Llano. Watch as the cook-off teams prepare their entries for the competition. Talk with the competitors about their chuck wagons and cooking. Then, join one team for a chuck wagon meal of chicken-fried steak, potatoes, beans, bread and dessert. (Lawrence Langston *LLangston722002 @ yahoo.com*)

Book Fest

Saturday morning Oct 23rd from 10 a.m. to 12. Load your used books into your trunk & come to the SHPC parking lot to trade with other readers and/or donate to the SHPC Library to use or sell.

"Soup to Nuts" Speaker Luncheon

Next held on Nov.16th. Stefan Haag; *shaag @ austin.rr.com*

Golden Years Lunch Bunch

11:30 on 2nd Saturdays of most months (Margaret Nakamura; *rm2n @ earthlink.net*)

...try one on for size...

Adult Ministry

FOR MEN ONLY

Join SHPC Men's Ministry, The Brotherhood, this fall as we focus on *The Man In The Mirror*. Patrick Morley offers a penetrating, pragmatic, and life-changing look at how to trade the rat race for the rewards of godly manhood. Meet in the Sanctuary area at **6:30 a.m. on Tuesdays** for breakfast and discussion until 7:30. This series will run **Sept 21st to Nov 11th**. For information, contact Clift Bowman at *cbowman24 @ austin.rr.com* or 288-5839.

NEW! "Three Months with Paul"

Based on a book by Justo L. Gonzalez, a video presenter for the *Disciple* series, this class focuses on what are known as Paul's "prison letters." With daily Bible readings and devotionals, the class will then gather weekly for discussion. Our fall sermon series will be on Paul's letters to the church in Corinth, so this should be an interesting companion study. Runs **Tuesdays 7 - 9 p.m., Sept 7th - Dec 14th** :: contact Nita Snyder; *nitas @ snyderhomes.com*; 894-3582

NEW! "In the Art Studio with Kim Coulter"

Want to see God's Creation from a whole new perspective? What better way to experience and appreciate His handiwork than to look at the world through the eyes of an artist! This fall, we will explore the connection between faith and creativity while learning the basics of landscape painting. Instruction will be given in oil paints but class members may paint in the medium of their choice.

When: Friday mornings 9:30 - 12:00, Classes Oct 1st - Nov 12th (No class Oct. 15)

Where: Portable B

Cost: No instruction fee, supply costs will vary

Contact: *coulterart @ hotmail.com*. Supply list will be available Sept. 1st

Please try to attend a brief, pre-class meeting on Sept 19th after the 9:30 service in the Library and after the 11:00 service in Portable B to discuss supplies and answer questions.



We will have a CPR/First Aid class offered at SHPC on Thursday, September 9th, from 6-8:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person, payable to CPR Resources. (This can count toward Boy or Girl Scout training as well.)

Please RSVP to Pattie Lawrence at 892-7528 or *pattie @ shpc.org* if you would like to attend.

Additions to the Library

Through a member's kind donation, we have several new additions to our library. These books will stimulate your mind and make you examine your faith in a whole new light:

248.8 WEA *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World* – When Jesus speaks to you, are you more like a "Mary" or a "Martha"? Mary longed to be with Jesus but instead utilized her time to take care of the daily needs. Martha savored those moments with Jesus and strongly desired to follow Him, but she struggled with feelings of resentment and inadequacy to serve Him fully. Joanna Weaver provides insight on how both "Marys" and "Marthas" can draw closer to the Lord. Includes a 12-week Bible study for individual or group use.

FIC GIR *Joshua, The Homecoming* – Author Joseph Girzone brings the modest carpenter Joshua back to the tiny town of Auburn twenty years after his first visit. Joshua sees a new generation living in fear as the people see "signs of the apocalypse" and begin to prepare for the end of the world! Can Joshua help them understand these signs and develop the faith of their fathers?

285.1 FOO *Being Presbyterian in the Bible Belt* – When your Presbyterian beliefs are challenged, are

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you prepared to express your beliefs and succinctly articulate your faith? This book examines tough questions posed to both Presbyterians and other faiths under the Christian umbrella and gives guidance to help us expressly know what we believe and how to share that with others.

227.91 WIE *Be Mature* – In the latest installment of his popular "BE" series of Bible commentaries, Warren Wiersbe examines the book of James. James provides direct commands leading to Christian growth and spiritual maturity. Includes study questions.

These books will be on display in the library through the month and are available for borrowing. If you have a library card, follow the simple instructions posted to check out the book on the computer. If you don't have a card yet, sign the book(s) out on the clipboard; a card will be made for you within a few days. To return a book, just leave it in the box above the computer.



Stone by Stone

*The Church, The Artist,
and Cultural Restoration*

Be Affirmed as an Artist
Discover God's Purpose for You
Engage Your Imagination

Have you asked yourself...

What does it mean to be a Christian and an artist?
How do my creative gifts glorify God?

This unique Bible Study explores these questions using the biblical story of the Babylonian exile as an analogy for the arts and the artist within the Christian community.

Exciting Video Bible Study on the Arts and Faith!

When: Thursdays 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sept. 2 - Nov. 11

Where: SHPC / Portable B

Class Limit: 12

Cost: \$15 (Study guide & Journal provided)

Facilitator: Joyce Stewart, SHPC Visual Arts Ministry

Sign Up: arts@shpc.org

Adult Ministry

Enrich Your Marriage Through Great Dates

Are you and your mate like passing ships in the night? Come dock together at Seven Great Dates. Drop off the kids and have a face to face date night with your spouse so you can really talk. On seven Saturdays this school year, SHPC will send you out on a great date together with your special someone. Building on the insightful book by John Gottman, *The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work*, Great Dates will help spark romance with memory-making evenings built on key, marriage-enriching principles designed to enhance your relationship. Each date evening, after a short talk that sets the stage for discussion, couples are sent out for their own private dates. Great Dates will be on Saturday nights from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. beginning September 18th. (The other dates are October 16th, November 13th, January 22th, February 14th, March 26th, April 30th)

Whether newly wed or newly retired, quiver full or empty nest, sandwich generation or gen-x, parents of toddler or parents of teen, ho hum or humming along, all types of marriages benefit from the investment in great dates. The cost of the book is \$12. Child-care will be provided; however, because of the constraints of nursery workers on Saturday nights, child care is limited to children 6 months to 3rd grade. The cost is \$3 per child per night with a \$10 max per family per night. Minimal cost but great return for your investment! You can sign up on Sunday mornings beginning **Sunday, September 5th** by bringing a check for the book to the sign up table in the narthex or at members.SHPC.org after September 5th. Spaces are limited so don't wait to sign up.

FELLOWSHIP BRIDGE GROUP will play the **second Friday in September — the 10th— at 7 p.m. in Room 7.** Our hosts will be Steve & Laurel Calhoun.

Please call Virginia McNutt at 288-7187 or Martha Meador at 288-3341 by Tuesday, September 7th if you would like to play.

Refresh Your Fall with Pilgrimage!

Kick off your fall with a time away — a time dedicated to growing closer to God through fellowship, devotion and learning. **Be a part of Pilgrimage #30, September 22-26, 2010** at Camp Buckner, near Marble Falls. Visit the Austin Presbyterian Pilgrimage website site for more information: austinpilgrimage.org -or- contact Pastor Larry or Pastor Mike. Or look for members on any Sunday wearing an "Ask Me about Pilgrimage" button!

Attention, All Moms!

The Mothers of Young Children (MYC) Devotional is kicking off in a few weeks, and we are very excited about this semester's read, entitled *PARENTING BEYOND YOUR CAPACITY: CONNECT YOUR FAMILY TO A WIDER COMMUNITY* by Reggie Joiner and Carey Nieuwhof.

The purpose of this book is to engage your family in a bigger story that involves more than just your family—one that involves other influences who are on a journey to discover why a relationship with God really matters. Reggie and Carey want to encourage you to establish a lifestyle as a parent in which you...

- Invite others to invest in your children so your sons and daughters have other voices that will help shape and determine the direction of their lives
- Create a culture of unconditional love to fuel the emotional and moral health of your children

- Tap into the power of quality moments together, building a sense of purpose through everyday experiences.

This is NOT a self-help book. It's a get-help book! It's about how you can increase your parenting capacity by connecting with available resources, some of which you know and about and some you might not.

You'll enjoy reading each and every page—Reggie and Carey are engaging writers with great stories and insight on how to influence the spiritual growth of the next generation. Many of the things they teach are right on target with what our SHPC ministry teams are trying to achieve, so get the calendar out now and see if you can carve out a few weeks to gather with some other moms and talk it over!

Classes will be held on Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the FMC. The book cost is \$11. For more information on



the book or class, please contact Pastor Britta at britta@shpc.org or 892-3580, ext. 107.

Childcare is available with advance reservations at http://members.shpc.org/forms/childcare_individ_request.php. The cost is \$20/one child, \$40/two children or \$50/three or more children.

Below are the dates—hope to see you there!

- September 9* - Introduction, welcome and receive books
- September 16, 23 and 30* (chapters 1, 2 and 3)
- October 7, 14 and 28* (chapters 4, 5 and 6. No class on Oct. 21st due to IHN)
- November 4 and 11* (chapters 7 and 8)
- November 18* - Final party

Adult Ministry

Adult Fellowship Getaway, October 9-10, Retreat at Balcones Springs

If you are an adult who enjoys beautiful scenery, Christian fellowship, fun and relaxation, chef-prepared meals, and intellectual growth, then the Adult Fellowship Getaway is for you.

We'll return to the Retreat at Balcones Springs on **October 9-10th for a weekend of fellowship, education, and fun.** The Retreat at Balcones Springs is a premiere resort facility that is located only one hour from Austin near Marble Falls. The retreat offers a number of amenities that will be available to participants (from Frisbee golf

to fishing and more) and the program is designed to allow participants to enjoy these as well as other activities (Tai Chi classes, beanbag baseball, and croquet). Sherry Smith will conduct several sessions on Paul's travels to spread Christianity in the Roman Empire—providing context and background for the fall sermon series on 1 Corinthians. The wonderful chef-prepared meals, fabulous location near Marble Falls, and fellowship opportunities ensure you'll enjoy the two days of fun and relaxation.

Information will be available in the narthex after both services on **August 29th and September 5th**. The cost is \$195 per person for single occupancy cabins, and \$175 per person for double occupancy cabins. The cost includes four meals: lunch and dinner on October 9th and breakfast and lunch on October 10th. For reservations, contact Ted or Fran Miller at 288-7947 or Norma Burchard at 394-0131. A deposit of \$50 reserves a spot at the retreat with final payment due on September 16th.

SAM News

(senior adult ministry)

Senior Moments

Submitted by Pat and Stefan Haag

AS SUMMER FADES-THOUGH NOT fast enough for some of us-and fall approaches, SHPC seniors are looking forward to a number of events that allow us to invite, grow, worship, connect, and serve as a community of faith.

FIRST, OF COURSE, IS the **Soup to Nuts Luncheon on August 17th** in the Family Ministry Center. There will be two speakers. Jody Kelly, a grandmother who admits to transforming herself from a sixty-nine year old couch potato into a sixteen-time triathlete at age seventy-two, will describe the importance and benefits of a regular regimen of exercise as well as describing her participation, with her granddaughter, in the Amazing Race. The other speaker is Reuben Parrish, who is with the Area Agency on Aging, which conducts fall prevention classes as well as counseling seniors on available government benefits, such as Medicare supplements. The luncheon will be catered by Beth Watson and will feature a cold buffet of sandwiches, salads, and dessert.

THE ADULT FELLOWSHIP GETAWAY is returning to the Retreat at Balcones Springs on **October 9th-10th** for fellowship, education, and fun. The retreat has a number of amenities that will be available to participants and the program is designed to allow participants to enjoy these as well as other activities. For more information, see the separate announcement in this newsletter.

OTHER EVENTS TAKING PLACE in September and October include an **eco-adventure at the Cypress Valley Canopy Tours' zip line in Spicewood September 18th** and an excursion to Llano for the annual **Heritage Days and Chuck Wagon Cook-off on Saturday, October 16th**.



For more information, see the separate articles in this newsletter.

THE SAM COUNCIL, THANKS to the efforts of Lawrence Langston and Kimbol Soques, has created a SAM mailing list that will allow us to provide information via e-mails to SHPC seniors. We will use this to alert members to upcoming events, but our intent is not to fill your e-mail "inbox" with inconsequential or unnecessary information. We'll let you know when it's available, and there is a provision for you to unsubscribe.

THE SAM COUNCIL IS seeking more members and additional individuals who are willing to help plan a variety of events and activities tailored to mature adults' interests and needs. Contact us or any council member if you're interested in helping the Senior Adult Ministry grow and expand its activities.

SAM Groups through September:

ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED CHRISTIAN MEN: August 26th, September 9th & 23rd at 10 a.m. in Portable B. No reservation needed. Join us for Christian fellowship and stimulating conversation. Questions? Check out our longer article in this newsletter!

GOLDEN YEARS LUNCH BUNCH: Saturday, September 11th, at 11:30 a.m. at Hyde Park Bar & Grill, 4521 B Westgate Blvd. Please join us for a great lunch and Christian fellowship. Reserve your place by phoning Ron or Annie Ward at 373-8803 by Thursday, September 9th.

GROAN-UPS GAME DAY: second Tuesday, September 14th, in room 7 at 10 a.m. Join us for spinner dominoes or a game of your choice.

MARY MARTHA CIRCLE will meet Thursday, September 2nd at 10 a.m. in Portable B. Our lesson is Chapter 9, "Thomas, Twenty-first Century Man," from our study *The Thirteen Apostles* and will be presented by Laurel Calhoun. The scripture is John 20:19-29. **ALL WOMEN are cordially invited to join us!**

Soar thru the heavens with SAM – on a Hill Country eco-adventure

SAM invites all senior adults to join us **Saturday, September 18** as we experience the **Cypress Valley Canopy Tours zip-lines in Spicewood**. You will fly through the canopy of old growth cypress trees, some up to 100 feet tall.

The 90-minute tour begins as guides help you get into the specially-designed harnesses which you ride down the steel cable zip-lines. After instruction and orientation, the guides will accompany the group down the zip-lines. You will ride from platform to platform where you change zip-lines. The Canopy Tour includes 6 zip-lines and 3 sky-bridges.

The longest zip-line is 350 feet and the longest sky-bridge is 80 yards. At the end of the tour, a golf cart will return you to the parking lot.

Many seniors have done this zip-line – the oldest being 88. Two seniors from SHPC who have made the tour report that it is easy. Guides will accompany the group and help us.

If you are interested or have questions, contact Lawrence or Gay Langston at 512-607-6516 or LLangston722002@yahoo.com. Cost is \$ 75.00 and must be paid by September 1.



Association of Retired Christian Men

We meet each 2nd and 4th Thursday every month in SHPC's portable B at 10 a.m. for coffee, cookies and fellowship. We open with prayer then discuss a topic or devotional that usually results in a considerable exchange of ideas! We conclude our meetings at 11:30 a.m.

In August, we're discussing the aging process. Actually, the discussions will have originated at the 22 July meeting with "An Overview of the Aging Process." Our 12 August meeting addressed the "Theological Factors in Aging Well." Join in our 26 August meeting for "Psychological Factors in Aging Well," led by The Rev. Faries McDaniel

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All of us old guys on some occasion may feel time has passed us by. These discussion topics will not be designed to help us maintain our computers or other electronic gadgets, but we may learn something that will give us the patience to know that we don't have to try to keep up with the young kids in texting friends during the Sunday church service. So, come enjoy each other's company and be prepared to receive deep thoughts.

No reservations are required. Please contact Ron Miller for additional information, 512-892-1862 or *Ronald. Miller 1333@sbcglobal.net*.

Attend the Llano Chuck-wagon Cook-off with SAM Saturday, October 16

Join SAM on an excursion to Llano to go back in time to an era of cattle-drives and chuck-wagons. See and talk with **cook-off participants in period dress** as they cook up an authentic chuck-wagon meal. Walk through the cooking area with **14 authentic or reproduction chuck-wagons**. **Join a team** as they serve you chicken-fried steak, beans, potatoes, bread and dessert.

Afterward, as you wish, **browse through the Llano County Heritage Festival** in the courthouse square. Take in **displays of antique quilts and historic photographs** of Llano County.

Everything you would expect at a county festival will be for sale, and musicians will be performing. But be careful, **there may be a gunfight**

or two Saturday afternoon! However, Texas Ranger re-enactors will be on hand to keep the peace.

We will carpool from the church to Llano and back. Arrive at the church by **8:45 a.m. Saturday, October 16**. Return time depends on how long your carpool wants to stroll the county festival. The trip is about an hour and 15 minutes each way.

As with most SAM events, **this is open to all adults in the church**.

Meals are \$ 15.00 per person, payable by September 26 (no later!). Also, plan to pay your driver something for gas cost. Contact Lawrence or Gay Langston for more info at 607-6516 or LLangston722002@yahoo.com.



Sunday School Classes

Elementary Sunday School is Back!

Mark your calendars for August 29th, as we KICK OFF another great year of Sunday School! Our *UpStreet* teams will be providing small-group based programming during the 9:30 service, while our enthusiastic and energetic *Live B.I.G.* team will meet with children in one or two large groups at 11:00.

Here are registration details:

August 29th—Children grades K through 5th grade and their parents are invited to attend registration, which will be held during both services. Parents will need to walk their children over to the Family Ministry Center (big building next to the playground) to register and/or update family information. This will take just a few minutes, but feel free to stop by early to avoid lines! We will then have a short large-group program for all children while parents are in church.

September 5th (Labor Day)—Sunday School WILL occur on this day. Registration will continue in the Family Ministry Center, but children will be meeting with their teachers and groups for the year.

Can't wait to see YOU in Sunday School this year!

Children's Ministry News

Wednesday Night Live!

SHPC's Wednesday nights are **expanding, innovating and growing this Fall!** There is a **Christian-based program for everyone** – from Bible study, to singing, to fellowship – come join the experience! **Wednesday Night Live kicks off September 1st!**
Don't miss it!

For All:

5:30 - 6:15 p.m. - Food & Fellowship (Narthex)

- Get out of the kitchen and into the church to enjoy one of the best Central Texas caterer's delicious meals
- Enjoy fellowship with other church members – both old and new friends

For Kids:

6:15 - 7:30 p.m. - Second Wednesday - KidStuf (FMC)

- Back by popular demand, this program teaches positive character traits and virtues to youth through a "dramatic" teaching style

6:15 - 7:30 p.m. - All Other Wednesdays - KidJaM! (FMC)

- Our new, innovative integration of Bible study, children's choir & fellowship for ages 4 through 4th grade

- Goals for this Fall: Bible verse memorization, Lord's Prayer memorization, and learning at least 8 songs we consider classic Christian favorites!

For Youth

6 - 7 p.m. - EverGreen Tween (Portable C & D)

- For 5th - 6th grade: Bible study, play and fellowship with Pastor Mike and your friends – crazy, fun games interspersed with learning God's Word

7:15 - 8:30 p.m. - EverMore (Portable C & D)

- 7th & 8th grade students learn God's Word with Pastor Mike while still playing those crazy, fun games

For Adults:

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

- **Foundations** (Portable B) - Parents of young children join together for Bible study, prayer and fellowship. Started in 2003, this group has evolved over time from young marrieds, sharing the joys and stresses of life with a group of other church members.
- **Journey groups** (various locations) are scheduled to begin in early October. This is an opportunity for small groups to meet and discuss Scripture together.

RESPECT

SHOWING OTHERS THEY ARE IMPORTANT BY WHAT YOU SAY AND DO

Children at the Lord's Table Workshop

Saturday, October 2, 2010

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

It's time for our annual Children at the Lord's Table workshop, and all children in 1st-5th grades who would like to celebrate First Communion are invited to attend this workshop with one or both parents.

Children at the Lord's Table is designed to prepare children for taking Communion by teaching them both the meaning of this sacrament and its relationship to the sacrament of Baptism. Children will gather around both the baptismal font and the Lord's Table with Pastor Britta to learn, discuss and ask any questions they may have.

Participants will be asked to bring a photo from their baptism (if possible) and an item that has special significance to them. We use both of these as teaching tools during our time together to emphasize the im-

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portance of the faith community in their baptismal promises and to impress upon them how symbols of love (such as a gift from someone special) help remind us of them, just like the Lord's Supper is a meal to remember Christ and how much he loves us.

While the children are gathered in the sanctuary for this exercise, parents will meet with Pastor Larry to discuss the importance of the parental role, particularly in terms of teaching the Christian faith in the home.

After this first session, parents and children team up for a vari-

ety of games and exercises that reinforce the morning's teaching. The entire day is intentionally interactive, with lots of hands-on activities, making it a fun day full of learning.

We wrap everything up with a visit from elders who are currently serving on Session. The elders spend the last half hour hearing what the kids have learned and approving them to receive First Communion. It's a meaningful time for everyone involved, so we hope you can join us if learning more about the Sacraments is something that interests you and your child.

First Communion will be celebrated on World Communion Sunday, October 3rd, during the 11:00 worship service. Please contact Pastor Britta with any questions or to sign up to attend: britta@shpc.org or 892-3580, ext. 107



What is KidStuf?

KidStuf is high-octane fun packaged in a 45-minute production where elementary kids take their parents to learn. The theme of each show complements what the kids are learning in UpStreet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. and always reinforces the character virtue we are studying.

KidStuf is a monthly production that takes place on the **2nd Wednesday of each month from 6:30-7:15 p.m.** in the Family Ministry Center (September-December; February-May). Family meals are available beforehand (from

5:30-6:15 p.m.) for only \$5/adults and \$3/children. This is a great opportunity to connect with other families with kiddos in K-5th grade! If you have children not yet in elementary, childcare is available for infants and preschoolers.

KidStuf is...

Virtue driven... where character and faith are taught by emphasizing a monthly virtue.

User friendly... where your friends will thank you for bringing them.

Creatively wired... where video, lights, sound, and drama

are used to make a lasting impression.

Family centered... where parents and kids spend quality time together.

Kid focused... where learning is fun and relevant for elementary aged kids.

Volunteer fueled... where everyone can participate and get connected.

Come celebrate this exciting new season as Sam, Vinny, Tyler, Cammie and the gang gather in the clubhouse for another action-packed year! **Mark your calendars now to join us on September 8th!**



Oooh, oooh, ooh—"Matilda the Gorilla" gets us giggling every morning

Our 2010 Vacation Bible School, Galactic Blast, was a real hit with the 140 "cadets" and 80 volunteers who attended. We kicked off each morning with energizers, singing and checking in with Commander Berry and her co-pilot, Galileo the Gorilla. The two of them taught us our "praise phrase" each day and revealed the Bible story we'd be focusing on throughout our rotations to Rocket Rec (games), Cosmic Crafts (art), Good News Galaxy (Bible story) and Orbital Observatory (science).

Throughout the week, the cadets were sent on daily missions to experience various Bible adventures. Each adventure was meant to inspire children to praise God from learning how wonderful our God created everything we see, to knowing our incredible God is always near, to believing how much our amazing God knows us, to understanding how much our magnificent God cares about us, to realizing how much our awesome God has given us through Jesus Christ.

After each Bible adventure, cadets learned a Bible Booster memo-ry verse from the Psalms that reinforced each Bible mission.

Speaking of mission... the cadets supported the Manos de Cristo back-to-school drive by donating \$200 and numerous boxes of 24-count Crayola crayons. So many, in fact, that VBS rocketed SHPC over our church-wide target to collect 2000 boxes!

Overall, it was an amazing week that the kids should remember for a long time to come!



Revolution!

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VBS cadets in action!



reflection time

Rain doesn't stop Rocket Rec!



SHPC Preschool...

has an opening for a 4-year old, beginning August 31st. If you, or someone you know, has a child ready for preschool, please contact Pattie Lawrence, pattie@shpc.org or 892-7528.

Our program meets on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., loosely following the A.I.S.D. school year calendar. The 4-year olds also have a Fourth Day option on Tuesdays. Tuition for the 3-day program is \$245/month, the 4-day program is \$315/month.

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From our IHN guests—

Homeless with Love

L-O-V-E Love

There are so many sad, lonely homeless people. But there is so much love in all the church steeples. Reaching out more than just a helping hand. Each and Every one of you deserve more than a Grand Stand. So Thanks You All for the many things and all the kindness, Love and cheers you bring. We appreciate all of you from the bottom of our hearts and look forward to a brand new fresh start.

Signed,

Fawn Dexter La Tanya Spencer Tanya
and Joshua Starkey Danielle Samuels
and family Muanda Martinez and family



Thank you, IHN Volunteers!

Thanks to our volunteers during the week of July 11-18, 2010! *You have followed God's command and shown compassion for our brothers and sisters in their time of crisis. May God's blessings be returned to you.*

The next time IHN will be hosted at SHPC is December 12-19th.

Thank you! *Dinner and Hosts*-Liz Maxfield, Gay Langston, Tommye Sprotte, Jody Barrett, Karen Thompson, kim Schaffer, The Whitten family, Fran Miller, Brenda and Daniel Gonzales, Mary Aversa, Yoichi Soto, Tiffany Kapture, Chester Wurst, Caren Zysk, Beth Green, Lisa and Sam Teeple, Angela and Lauren Peterson, Mo & Tom O'Meara, Gayle & Greg Guernsey, Don Great-

house, Diane O'Leary, Garland Griffith, Catherine Hilton :: *Food*- Michael Bullock, Lisa Dillard, Andrea Gerlach, Jane Hall, Rita Nowakowski, Karen Thompsen, Jane Thompson, Merijane Vladyka, Leslie Woods :: *Coordinators*: Lara Manire, Marsha Holt, Stuart McIntire—working with volunteers from our supporting churches Faith Presbyterian Church and Abiding Love Lutheran Church

We can't do it without our GREAT volunteers! If we've missed your name or misspelled it, please let one of us know and we do apologize. Stuart McIntire stuart78704@yahoo.com / 788-445.



Updates from Refugee Resettlement

—Cathy Beard

Thanks for all the recent help in assisting Sa Chim, Daw Gay, April, and Sa Mie. From "Austin activities" to grocery shopping & clinic visits, to setting up their new homes... you folks are great!

I recently conducted two church sponsor trainings—ANOTHER Austin Stone group (they are very active and energetic) and All Saints Presbyterian. I am so *excited* to watch this duplication process! **If anyone would like to ever join me during a training, please do.** It is very interesting. Only about 20% of the families arriving have church (or mosque or temple) sponsors and my personal goal is to see that figure at 100%!

Upcoming Needs: There's been a bunch, with back to school and all, but here's a biggie: **Central Pres** (who provides refugee English lessons) is **really needing ESL teachers.** Let me know if you'd be interested. The classes are so full now that not all refugees are getting the required English lessons they are supposed to have.

Shepherd of the Hills participated in its first Habitat for Humanity build last year. This year, we will join 11 other churches in Austin for the 2010 Ecumenical Build. SHPC is looking for 20 volunteers to help build a home for the Jorge and Yesenia Soto family. Our build date is **Saturday, October 30 (8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.)**.

Jorge and Yesenia are parents to two-year-old Jorge Jr. Jorge and Yesenia are trying to make Jorge Jr's life growing up better than they had. Living in a home of their own will be part of that effort. "Our son will have a better life.... When we have a new house, our son will have his own space to play..."

For this young couple, living in a Habitat home means having a respectable place to live in a good neighborhood with good schools for their son. It means having a place where they can nurture their son and let him have the freedom of a happy, healthy child. Yesenia says, "We'll have a place that we don't have to share with anybody - we can just be a family; it will be our place to call home."



The Sotos have already completed 200 hours of labor on other Habitat homes and have completed workshops and classes on home ownership. They are looking forward to their first Christmas in their own home.

Through volunteer labor and donations of money and materials, Habitat builds simple, decent houses alongside the homeowner families.

Habitat is not a giveaway program. In addition to a down payment and monthly mortgage payments, homeowners invest 400 hours of their own labor (sweat equity) into building their Habitat house and the houses of others. Mandatory workshops and classes help prepare families for the responsibilities of home ownership.

Habitat houses are sold to partner families at no profit and financed with affordable

loans. The homeowners' monthly mortgage payments are used to build still more Habitat houses.

Austin Habitat for Humanity's mission is to build homes in partnership with families and engage our community to end the cycle of poverty housing. It builds housing for hardworking families whose current housing is substandard, overcrowded and cost-burdensome.

Information and sign-up tables will be in the narthex on **September 19th and 26th**. No particular building skills are required – Habitat crew leaders will provide instructions and directions— though skilled and experienced workers are always helpful!

On September 19th and 26th, we are also "selling" square feet of the Sotos' house for **\$65 each**. Our missions budget has already provided \$2500 to help build the Sotos' house. But to meet SHPC's commitment to the build, we need to raise an **additional \$1500**. Please consider buying a square foot of the home to build this house.

Become part of one family's dream of home ownership on **October 30th**. See you there!



This Month's Anniversaries

ANNIVERSARIES

1-Sep	Curtis & Betty Williams	15-Sep	Lydia & Bill Ellison, Cameron & Dorothy Wynne, Charlie & Scarlett Flynn
2-Sep	Wally & Euna Faye Pryor, Ken & Roz Seiler, David & Gina Hauck, John & Susan White, Andy & Alissa Hutton	16-Sep	Joanna & Chris Farwell
4-Sep	Mike & Andrea Brauer	18-Sep	David & Marjorie Parmer
7-Sep	Ben & Tammy Boehman	19-Sep	Gerald & Amanda Merits
10-Sep	Curtis & Kim Cline, Chris & Brenda Parsons, Dave & Karen Harrington	20-Sep	Leslye & Tron Womack
11-Sep	Tom & Mo O'Meara, Dylan & Kati Freytag	21-Sep	Lewis & Joyce Stewart
12-Sep	Ruth Ann Widner & Carl Floto	23-Sep	Christine & Jeff McLean, Shae & Kimber Wilkins
		24-Sep	Glenn & Britta Dukes
		26-Sep	Stan & Jessica Wade
		29-Sep	Jerry & Stephanie Junkin

BIRTHDAYS

1-Sep	Tony Adams, Chandler Palmer, Haley Busse	9-Sep	Jane Staton, Janettee Henderson, Katelyn Kelley, Andrew Peters, Molly Pumfrey, David Howard, Lauren Aman	19-Sep	Jan Fiedler, Denise Berry, Lee Simmons, Tommy Barrett, Jonas Olson, Joshua Bullock
2-Sep	Ruben Martinez, Nancy Zuraitis, Aimee Petty, Stacey Reynolds, Christopher Clapham, Kari Stewart, Ellie Yellitz, Cooper Greene	10-Sep	Sandy Kaiser, Megan Bush, Erin Bush	20-Sep	David Busse
3-Sep	Harriet Cavness, Linda Wheeler, Cecile Hanna, Courtney Cooper, Liam Brinks, Sam Lunsford, Sophie Owensby	11-Sep	Sam Jones, Kristin Smith, Connor Parker	21-Sep	Trinka Miller, Jamie Kuper
4-Sep	Edward Bell, Liezel Steynberg, Skyler King, Olivia Soto	12-Sep	Sid MacAllister, Lisa Alexander	22-Sep	Glenn Ouzts, Sandy Gable, Chris Donnell
5-Sep	Helen Windham, Rick Cole, Tammy Boehman, Cooper Ruiz	13-Sep	Pam Gunter, Lindsey Womack	23-Sep	Jennifer Franco, Alison Howard
6-Sep	Gabrielle Adams, Reid Tissing, Ariana Forsythe, Stevie Gross, Robin Simmonds, Riley Cloyd	14-Sep	Dave Smith, Laura Gore, Eric Manchin, Becca Smith, Rachael Huntley, Megan Beard	24-Sep	Bryant Savage, Beth Ann Cole, Chuck Moore, Claire Segura, Zachary Manuel
7-Sep	Dennis Low, Harper Teague	15-Sep	Diane Gensler, J.W. Cook, Sheri Albin, Sam Lawrence, Emily Addison, Chance Greene	26-Sep	Nona Jo May, Greg Bourgeois, Jenny Callahan, Kate Riffey
8-Sep	David Palmer, Temple Hudspeth, David Bockelman, Katie Rollins, Adam Bell, David Wentworth	16-Sep	Anna Littrell, Rick Vaughn, Gay Langston, Julia Manuel	27-Sep	Libby Davis, Cameron Wynne, Charlie Flynn, Kyle Sonnier
		17-Sep	Clif Martin, Jo Williford	28-Sep	Elisa Donnell, Rachel Cloyd, Lori Seiferth, Eli Johnson, Garrett Stowe, Evie Lee
		18-Sep	Bettye Lindsey, DeAnne Henry, Chris Parsons, Mariah Deonarian, Tara Chase, Camden Tracy	29-Sep	Rebecca Berryman, Tom O'Leary, William Thomas
				30-Sep	Larry Cunningham, Marcey French, Bailey Erps, Matthew Flynn



Add to
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list

Joys - Sheryl Hall's son **Shane** had a very successful summer and is now returning from Iowa—**Brian Lugo** is back in Austin after serving 4 years in the Army—**Melissa Jo Wade**, daughter of **Stan & Jessica Wade** and granddaughter of **Roger & Marilyn Wade**, was born July 1st; she is welcomed by older sisters **Alicia, Sarah and Erica**—**Pauline Beezley** is back at home, continuing her recovery following a life-threatening infection

Sorrows - **Madeline Brock's** uncle, **Orie Forbis**, died August 7th—**Modena Dailey's** brother-in-law, **Howard Basham**, passed away August 4th—**Charlotte Webb**, mother of **Bill Brock**, passed away August 3rd—**Giovanni Domicoli**, father of

Lino Domicoli, passed away July 30th—long-time member **Frances Hopper** passed away July 29th—**Clyde Hudson**, a long-time member of SHPC and the contractor who built Phase I of SHPC and supervised the building of Phase II, passed away July 25th—**Angela & Jeff Peterson's** family friend, **Fran Thompson**, passed away the week of July 11th of fast-acting cancer—**Tracy Boyed**, 39-year-old niece of **Rita Nowakowski**, recently passed away of unknown causes—**Bob Merrifield**, husband of **Lee Ann**, passed away July 11th—**Clare Branson's** mother, **Catherine Zymaris Ballengee**, passed away Sunday, July 4th—**Lynn Kelley's** father-in-law recently passed away—**Mabel Schroeder**, mother of **Susan Fields**, passed away at the end of June—**Mario Mayorga**, brother of **Caroline Lee**, passed away June 23rd—**Gene Lunsford**, **Lynn Wright's** father, passed away June 22nd

Please pray for — **Zeda**, baby daughter of **Veronica**; **Zeda** is critically ill —**Sheryl Hall's** youngest son, strength and positive direction in life—**Karen (Davis) Thompsen's** former co-worker **Tom Winter's** family; **Tom** accidentally drowned Aug 7th—**Rosemarie Barnett's** friend **Harold Grisamore**, heart surgery—**Rosemarie Barnett's** friend **Jeannette Ayers**, possible stroke—**Roz Seiler**, recovering from long cut in arm requiring stitches—**Keri Reeves Fielder**, recently returned to Iraq for another tour—**Julie Countess**, recovering from surgery to repair a badly-broken ankle—baby **Mariana Bjeletich**, grand-niece of **Dan Bjeletich**, complications with her liver function—**Madeline Brock**, undergoing treatment for low back pain—**Lisa Teeple's** mother, **Joan Lawson**, heart surgery—**Miriam Mazariegos**, Guatemala mission team's translator, coordinator and friend, recovering following surgery—**Karmen Miller's** mother, **Bernita Loucks**, breast cancer—**Karmen Miller's** co-worker **Beth**, facing difficult family decisions—**Karmen Miller's** boss, **Carl**, prostate cancer—**Ruth Olson**, recovering from a broken hip—**Fran Webb**, mother of **Carlen Floyd**, undergoing chemo—**Dorothy Cochran**, mother of **Georgia Crawley**, that she find friends, comfort and peace and enjoy quiet health during this transition—**Matt Yanez**, son of **Deb Ballew's** co-worker **Phillip Yanez**, serving with the Marines in Afghanistan—**Mae Bray**, mother of **Mary Lynn Sheirer**, now in hospice care—**Elizabeth Eckstein**, suffering with MS and a sad spirit—**Stuart McIntire's** brother, **Ridley**, complications following surgery—**Dan Lawler's** friend, **Dan Rodkey**, doing much better—**Annie Ward**, recovering from surgery—**Elliot Izen & his family**, dear friends of **Gloria Drake**, as they struggle with his Alzheimer's—**Paul Floyd**, brother of **Beaman** and son of **Jean & Jack Floyd**—**Al Lepley**, father of **Karen Greathouse**, recovering from surgery—**Layde Philips**, searching for stable employment—**Ralph Philips**, continued healing—**Susan & John Walkup** and the new church development near Chapel Hill, NC they're working with, **Chapel in the Pines**— **Beth Armitage**, recovering from a fall—**Jim Immitt**, searching for stable employment—**Ruth Olson**, recovering steadily—**Emily Bush**, recovering from surgery—**Mary Lynn Sheirer**, struggling with stress—**Debbie Toh**, full recovery following surgery—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:

Paul Floyd, brother of **Beaman** and son of **Jack & Jean Floyd**... **Matt Yanez**, son of **Deb Ballew's** co-worker **Phillip Yanez**... **Temple & Janet Ingram's** daughter **Kate Ingram**... **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**... **Christopher Lehmann**, son of **Mark Lehmann**... **Larry Roberman**, brother of **Lori Whitmire**... **Marco Vasquez**, friend of **Thure & Shannon Cannon**... **Darrel Debbish**, father of friend of **Meredith Warren**... **Keri (Reeves) Fielder**, niece of **Deb Erlanson**... **Eric Huerta**, nephew of **Michael McNelley's** co-workers... **Derek & Kristi Fisher's** nephew, **John Fisher**...

September

EVERY WEEK

Sunday

- 9:30 a.m. The Ark, UpStreet, Faithwalk [starts 9/21]
- 11 a.m. The Ark, Live B.I.G. [starts 9/21]
- 6:30 p.m. Everlast, Student Lounge :: Everafter, FMC [starts 8/29]

Monday

- 7 p.m. Disciple 1, library [starts 8/30]

Tuesday

- 6:30 a.m. The Brotherhood (Men's Ministry), sanctuary [starts 9/21]
- 10 a.m. Icing on the Cake, port. B
- 7 p.m. *Three Months with Paul*, library [starts 9/7]

Wednesday

- 9:30 a.m. Disciple 3, library [starts 9/1]
- 6 p.m. Evergreen, Student Lounge [starts 9/21] :: Foundations, port. B [starts 9/1]
- 6:15 p.m. KidJaM, FMC [starts 9/22]
- 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir, rm. 5 [starts 8/25] :: Wednesday Evening Bible Study (WEBS), library
- 7 p.m. Praise & Worship rehearsal, sanctuary :: Evermore, Student Lounge [starts 9/1]

Thursday

- 9:30 a.m. Mothers of Young Children (MYC) Devotional [starts 9/9] :: Disciple 1 [starts 9/2]
- 7 p.m. Worship Choir, sanctuary :: Disciple 4, library [starts 9/2] :: *Stone by Stone*, port. B [starts 9/2]

Aug 22 Sunday

- 7 p.m. High School Ministry Parent Round-up

25 Wednesday

- 6 p.m. Tween & Mid-High Ministry Parent Round-up
- Handbell rehearsal resumes

26 Thursday

- 9:30 a.m. Disciple 2 orientation, library
- 10 a.m. Association of Retired Christian Men, port B
- 7 p.m. Choir rehearsal, sanctuary

29 Sunday

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF

- 5:30 p.m. Inquirers' Class, library

30 Monday

- 7 p.m. Disciple 1 begins, library

Sept 1 Wednesday

- 9:30 a.m. Disciple 3 begins, library
- Brotherherd backpacking trip departs
- 6:30 p.m. Foundations begins, port. B

2 Thursday

- 9:30 a.m. Disciple 1 begins :: Disciple 2, library
- 10 a.m. Mary-Martha Circle, rm. 7
- 7 p.m. Disciple 4 begins, library
- Stone by Stone* begins

5 Sunday

- 5:30 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study & Fellowship, library

6 Monday

- Church office closed

7 Tuesday

- Brotherherd backpacking trip returns
- 7 p.m. Three Months with Paul :: Prayer Shawl Ministry, rm. 7

8 Wednesday

- 6:30 p.m. KidStuf! FMC

9 Thursday

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

- 10 a.m. Association of Retired Christian Men, port B

- 6 p.m. CPR training, rm. 7

- 7 p.m. Book Group, port. B

10 Friday

- Foundations retreat departs
- 7 p.m. Fellowship Bridge Group, rm. 7

11 Saturday

- 11:30 a.m. Golden Years Lunch Bunch
- Choir day-long retreat

12 Sunday

- 5:30 p.m. Inquirers' Class, library

14 Tuesday

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

16 Thursday

- 9:30 a.m. Disciple 2, library

17 Friday

- OCTOBER childcare request deadline

18 Saturday

- SAM Zip-line Eco-adventure
- 6 p.m. Great Dates #1

19 Sunday

- 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. *In the Art Studio with Kim Coulter*: information session
- OCTOBER newsletter deadline

20 Tuesday

- 6:30 a.m. The Brotherhood begins, sanctuary

22 Wednesday

- 6:15 p.m. KidJaM begins, FMC

23 Thursday

- 10 a.m. Association of Retired Christian Men, port B

30 Thursday

- 9:30 a.m. Disciple 2, library

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