



The Shepherd's Watch

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True Faith

Am I confident in what I believe? Ask myself that question as I walk into painful situations. Am I truly confident as a man of God, to walk into some of life's hardest moments? As I continue to grow in my faith, I have hit many crises (crisis?). Some have shaken me and what I believe about God to my very core. From family struggles to professional issues, those tough moments have a way of bringing out tough questions. I remember one year when I was asked to preside over no less than 3 children's funerals. My heart was being ripped out as I stood beside those small coffins. It took all my strength just to get through each one of those services without having an emotional breakdown. My questions for God were huge. My need for God was just as huge.

I believe that we – incorrectly – build a large portion of our faith upon our experiences with God. We have a moment with God at at camp or conference, we hear a great passionate sermon that speaks so clearly, a prayer is answered in a powerful way and we feel as if God is right there with us. And when God is with us, we can do anything! Our faith seems deep in those moments. But how strong are we when it doesn't feel like God is with us? When the glow of camp is

gone, when you are not at church, when you have forgotten to pray... . At the same time, when things start going badly we often feel abandoned by God; we feel we can't trust God and our faith has been fruitless. We return to trusting in... well, just ourselves.

But True Faith as I read it in the Bible is not based on what we feel today or what is happening to us today. **True Faith is simply trusting in God's promises of grace and mercy to his people.** True



TRUE FAITH

Faith simply lives in knowledge of a few constant promises that God has given to us all. True Faith, as the writer of Hebrews notes, is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see (Hebrews 11:1). The

promises that God makes to us are not based on our circumstance but upon his desires for us. That is what I have True Faith in – God's Desires. I know that God loves me, I know that God saves me and I know that God forgives me. Nothing I can do will change those things. Not what happened to me yesterday, happens today or will happen tomorrow has any effect on God's promises.

It is my prayer and hope for my students, family and church that we all develop True Faith that is

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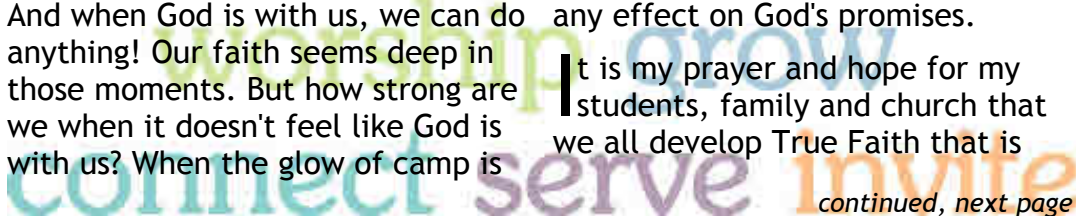
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Sermons for February

The Heart of a Lover

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able to stand strong enough during those difficult and often painful storms that we all have to live through. I pray that we will learn to lean into God's promises of grace and mercy and his actions of love, redemption and forgiveness as shown to us in Jesus Christ. True Faith is trusting that God is who he says he is and God will do all he promises.



SHPC Annual Valentine's Dinner *The Heart of a Lover*

6 p.m.

Sunday, February 13, 2011

Gourmet 3 course meal, featuring
chili-rubbed pork tenderloin
or herb-grilled chicken

Guest Speaker ~ Entertainment

Register after the service or online at
members.shpc.org

through February 6th

cost \$20/person
childcare provided with
advance reservation.



As we step boldly from 2010 into the new pathways God will reveal before us in 2011, we, the staff of SHPC, would like to thank you, the congregation, for your help, gifts, and support. We truly love working for and with you – thanks!

SUSTAINABILITY & SHPC MISSION IN GUATEMALA

Sustainability underlies our personal lives through commitments to family and to God. Sustainability is also a key component of SHPC's commitment to our mission programs. Once the church decides that it is important to support programs and people in Austin or Africa, then every effort is made to keep the promise of support going until our goal is reached. That is why the decision to provide a mission commitment (or covenant) should not be and is not made lightly. And that is why the support of the congregation is critical to keeping our promises. During this time of economic hardship for many, SHPC strives to communicate the importance of giving ourselves away as it enlists continued support for both funding and personal involvement.

As you consider your possible mission involvement in 2011, the Guatemala Team would like to make you aware of two important initiatives that we would like to pursue to sustain our relationship with our partners in Guatemala.

- Staff support for the Hogar Miguel Magone Orphanage in Tonicopan. One of the primary missions of



the orphanage is to prepare children with life and occupational skills for the time when they will be sent back into society. One of our SHPC members has provided a \$10,000 challenge grant with a goal of sustaining \$300-400 monthly for a skilled staff person to be hired by the orphanage. Ideally, sufficient funds would be raised so that the monthly amount is generated by interest on the money raised.

- Travel Funding Support. Fundraisers and the SHPC mission budget supports the cost of projects for the San Bartholome School, Hogar Miguel Magone, and Living Waters. Travel, food, and lodging are paid for by the individual travelers. However, some in the congregation have experienced a desire to be a part of the mission effort, but are unable to afford the cost - notably air travel, which costs anywhere between \$600 - \$800 per person. The mission effort at SHPC is as much about transforming the lives of our members, as it is about helping our partners in Guatemala. The Guatemala mission effort is looking for support to provide one or two scholarships for those who want to go on one of the trips, but can't afford to do so.

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...more from our Angel Tree...

As we picked up the gifts, we were in awe at how much organization it took to put these packages all together! And just filling the van also made us realize all the many blessings that your congregation have bestowed up our families! It was mind-boggling. We are so grateful – you have made many children very happy.

We are so indebted and thankful for your generosity and time.

Gloria Neunaber, Co-Director
Trinity Child Development Center



Your stuff fills their need!

The Valentine's Dinner and Silent Auction are coming up! Have you signed up yet? **Have you gone through all your stuff and submitted the best of it for Auction? What are you waiting for?** The items you give to auction make it possible for us to fund our home building efforts in Mexico and other mission efforts in Mexico and in Guatemala.

What can I give to the Auction?

Just about anything! If you have a skill or service that you do or enjoy, you can put that up for auction. Yard work or even baby sitting! Tutor or cook a meal. You can even ask the places you visit often if they would like to make a donation to the cause and be listed as a donor. You should also go through all of your stuff and pick the best stuff you are willing to part with and put it up for Auction. You can even auction off your time-shares or parents' cabin (if they will let you) or rounds of golf. **To make a donation of any size, contact Lynn Wright (lywright@austin.rr.com) or Pastor Mike (mike@shpc.org).**



Our guests are coming!

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

During the week of **March 6th – 13th**, four IHN families will live at our church and will be fed and sheltered by volunteers at our church. This is your opportunity to help these families through this time of crisis. Tasks performed by hosts (SHPC folk and members of Faith Presbyterian Church and Abiding Love Lutheran Church) include:

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

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

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

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

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

Saturday Hosts and lunch: several shifts

Supply Donors: all week

Transportation Volunteers and Linen Washers.

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

Young children make excellent hosts, because the guests are mostly young children. Sign up in the narthex for this volunteer opportunity or contact Stuart McIntire stuart78704@yahoo.com / 788-4455 or Lara Manire 922-3615.

We did it AGAIN!

Thanks to you all, we made Christmas merrier for more than 220 kids and families—*the largest number we've ever supported* at SHPC! We began with 400 angels, and by the last weekend of our project, they were all gone! Day after day, presents flooded into the church office with their angels attached. We filled the library, Belva's office, Pastor Britta's office and the choir room! Wow! It was absolutely amazing to witness your generosity, love and thoughtfulness! **High-lights of the season that we'd like to share:**

- One member won a \$500 gift card at a charity auction and donated it to us to use for Angel Tree families.
- We had a **huge number of helpers** this year, delivering gifts to refugee families and children with an incarcerated parent! Thanks to so many hands, we were able to deliver to the families' doorsteps, and meet them face-to-face.
- One refugee family called to thank us for the presents which she and her family received, but never expected. Her six-year-old daughter received two huge bags of clothes and was overwhelmed with tears of joy. Mom said these were the best presents she had ever been given and couldn't express in words how thankful she was.

We know the reason God wants us to show love to others is because God blesses us to be a blessing. True angels live among us, and you gave them the gift of God's love this Christmas. It is an honor to be a part of this love-filled community! Sincerely, Toko Sato, Angel Tree Coordinator & Pastor Britta.



Thank you, IHN Volunteers!

Thanks to our volunteers during the week of December 12-19, 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.*

Thank you! Volunteers- Berry Family, Laura Bost, Slade Cooper, Brady Family, Brinks Family, Julie Demaree, Greg & Gayle Guernsey, Amy & Lily Harris, Catherine Hilton, Margi Lark, Kaitlyn & Nicholas Manire, Fran Miller, Mo O'Meara, Becca Smith, Julie Teague, Merijane Vladyka, Jill Weir, Stella Warner, Chester Wuest, Caren Zysk, Laura Gore, Linda Icenhauser-Ramirez, SHPC Foundations Class :: **Donors-** Raynell Berry, Michael Bullock, Mark C.,

Harriet Canes, Courtney Cooper, Sally Jo Elliott, Georgia & Wayne Crawley, Suzanne Gross, Nancy McDonald, Joanna McMenemy, Margaret Roberts, Diana Simmonds, Becca Smith, Tommye Sprotte, Lisa Teeple, Jane Thompson, Evelina Warren :: **Coordinators:** Lara Manire, Marsha Holt, Stuart McIntire—working with volunteers from our supporting churches Faith Presbyterian, Abiding Love Lutheran, & St. Catherine's

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

The year 2011 marks the 400th anniversary of the printing of the King James Bible. This special version of the Bible in English was the product of a "perfect storm" of historical events. It was created at the dawn of the "modern world" at a time historians refer to as "Jacobethan", which means at the end of the Elizabethan Age and the beginning of the Jacobean Age, or the early 1600s.

James Stuart was born in 1566 at Edinburgh Castle. He became James VI of Scotland when he was only 13 months old. John Knox, sworn enemy of his mother, preached at his coronation. By that time, he had already been taken away from his famous mother, Mary Queen of Scots, because she was Catholic and could not be trusted to raise a Protestant Presbyterian king. So the child king was raised by a committee of politicians and clerics, all trying to use him for their own purposes. He did not receive much love but he did get the best education possible.

Fast-forward to 1603 when Queen Elizabeth I dies after a glorious reign. Because she died childless, Mary Queen of Scots, a distant cousin, would have been the next in line. However, Elizabeth had already had her beheaded for a treasonous plot. And so, somewhat ironically, it was James VI of Scotland, son of Elizabeth's enemy, who was next in line to the English throne. He became King James I of England, the first King to rule over both England and Scotland. It was in 1604 that James decided one official version of the Bible in the English language would unite the Scots and the English and also the Presbyterians and the Puritans.

It was a time when religion and culture, church and state all existed together. This was an aural age when plays, poetry and books were written to be read aloud in public. About 100 scholars at various universities were divided into groups and set about making the most accurate and most beautiful sounding Bible that they could. The project was finally published in 1611. While this project was underway, the English first settled a colony (Jamestown) in America in 1607 and Shakespeare wrote his most famous plays.

Today, few of us use the King James Bible for daily reading or study, preferring modern versions like the NIV or NRSV. However, for many of us there are some favorite chapters, such as Psalm 23, which only sound "right" when read from the King James Bible.

James' dreams of unification of various factions did not occur, but he did give us the most popular book ever written. After 400 years and with over 1 billion copies sold, it continues to be a best-seller. I suggest that sometime this year you stand and read aloud a favorite chapter or two. Don't read to understand the details. Just read to hear the beauty of the language roll off your tongue. This is part of your heritage as an English-speaking Christian. Be thankful for it.

Psalm 23:1-4 from the King James Bible

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me: thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

Sherry

Spring into Pilgrimage!

Rev up your spring with a time away – a time dedicated to growing closer to God through fellowship, devotion and learning. **Be a part of Pilgrimage #31, February 17-20, 2011 at Camp Buckner, near Marble Falls. (Our own Pastor Britta and Beth Watson are joining the staff this time!)** 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!



what are YOU doing on Wednesdays?

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What are YOUR Spiritual Gifts?

Find out by taking a **Spiritual Gifts Assessment** and attending a **ONE NIGHT CLASS** Pastor Larry will lead on **Wednesday, Feb. 2nd**. You can sign up for the class and pick up your assessment test in the narthex or at the church office. Then join us in the narthex on the 2nd at 5:30 for a light supper, or just come at 6:30 for the start of class. You will take the assessment before class and then learn how to interpret the results during the class. Contact sherry@shpc.org with any questions.



Wednesday Night Live is BACK in February!

Join the community for dinner at 5:30 p.m., then plug into one of these great options for grown-ups! (If you're not a grown-up, check out our kid-friendly options on page 9.) **ALL ADULTS WELCOME!** You don't have to bring a kid to join Wednesday Night Live!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE adult dates are:

February 2, 16, 23
• March 23, 30 •
April 6, 20, 27

Circle around the fire...

You are invited to be a part of a new series of Wednesday night classes called **Fireside Chats: My Job, My Faith**. Meeting in the narthex from 6:30 -7:30 p.m., these fireside chats will explore the intersection between our faith and our jobs. We'll do this each week by highlighting a different member of the congregation—interviewing each about how they merge their job and their faith. Watch, in the weeks to come, for a list of speakers. *Fireside Chats: My Job, My Faith* starts February 16th and runs through the rest of Wednesday Night Live.



Join a Journey Group!

Our Journey Groups are a **short term commitment of 8 meetings**. You have fellowship with a few other people, pray together, and learn something. And our next study will be on Spiritual Gifts! **The groups meet at various days, times, and places (including Wednesdays!).** Be thinking about what would be convenient for you. Then sign up for the best option. Groups will actually start in mid-February. Take what Larry's teaching from the pulpit a step further! For information on leading a Journey Group or joining one, contact Dick Grance at rg5grance@sbcglobal.net or Karen Thompson at karenthompson@yahoo.com.



WALK IN PRAYER

This prayer group will meet once a week, off-site, to walk together while exploring prayer and its effects. Interested? Want more info? Contact Tamara Bell. **Walk in Prayer BEGINS Feb 16th** and runs throughout Wednesday Night Live.

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Did you ever wonder what Noah's *wife* would have thought when he came home and said, "The Lord said I have to build an ark. Oh, and by the way, I hope you like animals!" ?

Well, that's why **ICING ON THE CAKE** chose *Lost Women Of The Bible* by Carolyn Custis James for our post holiday study. We try to choose the books no one else would think about!

Ladies, join us in **portable B** every **Tuesday at 10 a.m.** for study and sharing. For more information, call Mary Lynn Sheirer at 512-394-9585. Or just come!



Mothers of Young Children Devotional

This spring, the **Mothers of Young Children Devotional (MYC)** will be reading and studying the book, *Modern Parents, Vintage Values: Instilling Character in Today's Kids* by Melissa Trevathan and Sissy Goff. Our group meets **Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:30**

February 3rd- May 26th (no class March 10th or 17th) in room 7. Childcare is available, though registration is required.

Contact Stephanie Parker at 576-1676 /stephanie@studio12austin.com for more info. Hope to have you join us!!

Women of SHPC – looking for a getaway that deepens your faith? The **Mission Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering** is now open for registration! Held at **MO-Ranch** on **March 25-27**, the theme will be **WALKING WITH GOD—HILLS AND VALLEYS**. The keynote speaker is the Rev. Sally Anderson. For more information, visit missionpw.tripod.com

Paul: Part II

Analysis and commentaries on Paul's life and writings are so vast, here are *more* resources in our library focused on Paul:

225.9 WIL *Paul: the Mind of the Apostles* - People may read Paul's letters and react with, "Who did he think he was?" or "What was he THINKING when he wrote that?" Follow Paul's psychological life and his journey to "invent" Christianity in this interesting biography.

227 BRA *Hard Sayings of Paul* - Some things Paul told the early Christians were hard to understand, difficult to accept, or hard to apply. Manfred Brauch identifies 48 strong and firm statements and evaluates their meanings: some need to be placed into context of the times; some need to be interpreted differently; and, some should be followed as clearly written by the letter of the law.

225.9 LIN *Lord, who are you? The Story of Paul* - When blinded and confronted by God, Saul asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The author challenges us to journey down our own "road to Damascus,"

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pondering this same question and using Paul's life as an example to discover the answers.

225.9 BRU *Paul, the Apostle of the Heart Set Free* - This biography attempts to view Paul's life from a "macro" perspective. The author explores the environment and surroundings of the times, and explains how Paul and his ministry fit into that "big picture".

225.92 POL *The Apostle: A Life of Paul* - Paul was bombarded with an array of issues facing a diverse audience. He had to prioritize how, or if he even needed/wanted, to address them. Pollock evaluates Paul's attitudes and viewpoints - what mattered to him and to what he was indifferent - and in doing so reveals kind of person Paul was.

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, just sign the book(s) out on the clipboard.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

summertime in student & children's ministry

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Check out our big dates for Student Ministry this spring AND summer!

Feb 11-12th Mid High 24 Hour Retreat

March 13-18th High School Spring Break Ski Trip to Angel Fire!

April 22nd High School Good Friday Vigil

May 15th Graduation Dinner Event

Middle School Summer Camp

The Great Escape Summer Conference in Gunnison CO – June 18-24th \$535, est.

High School Summer Escape

Student Life Camp at the University of San Angelo – June 20th- 24th \$425, est.

Going-away party for Pastor Mike

Last HS group of the summer! June 26th. Happy sabbatical!



Parents! Save these dates for summer fun:

Saturday, May 7th – Family Fun Day at Bastrop State Park, 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

July 25th-29th – Vacation Bible School for 3 years old as of February 1, 2011 through 3rd grade grads

August 8th-12th – Club H2O for students who have completed 3rd, 4th and 5th grades

Our 3rd annual gingerbread event was filled with festive fun, fellowship and fancy creations!

BOY SCOUT NEWS

On January 25th, 7 Webelos from SHPC Sponsored Cub Scout Pack 395 were awarded their "Arrow of Light" and crossed over into Boy Scouts, in a magnificent and touching celebration at SHPC. The boys who worked hard to complete this achievement, including 2 of SHPC's own(*), are:



- Matthew Lineberry* Collin Vauk
- Brodie Plummer William Vega
- Spencer Seyfarth* Anson Wuest
- Elijah Vance



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE IS BACK!

We're back for another exciting semester of fun for the whole family on Wednesday nights at SHPC!

For Children:



KidStuf is offered to all K-5th grade students. This is our zany, energy-packed evening of music, dancing, skits and stories. Everything revolves around our monthly virtue, and gives children a chance to share what they learn on Sunday mornings with their parents. The KidStuf players provide fun, educational, and memorable experiences for the audience. You won't want to miss it!

KidStuf will take place 6:30-7:15 on the following dates:

February 9 • March 2 • April 13 • May 11

KidJaM is offered to all 4 year-olds through 4th-graders. We will start our time singing as one big group with Beth and Zack, and then split up into two groups: 4 yrs - 1st grade, and 2nd - 4th grade. From here, the younger children will play some games or do a craft activity, and close the night with a Bible story. The older children

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will hear a Bible story first, and close their evening with games. This allows the younger children a "cool down" time before going home, and the older children a chance to discuss the Bible story and ask any questions they might have in their own group. It's a great fit for all ages!

KidJaM will take place 6:15 to 7:30 on the following dates:

February 2, 16, 23 • March 23, 30 • April 6, 20, 27

For Adults:

TO BE HELD ONLY ON KidJaM NIGHTS (see dates immediately above)

Interpreting Your Spiritual Gifts - 6:30-7:30 - ONE NIGHT ONLY: FEBRUARY 2nd

This event will be held by Larry, as a supplement to the sermon series.

Foundations - 6:30-7:30 - Room 7

This study group for married couples and families will be reviewing *The Prodigal God* by Thomas Keller through mid-February, with another study to be announced later in the spring.

Fireside Chats: My Job, My Faith - 6:30-7:30 - narthex (Begins February 16)

Get a glimpse into the lives of SHPC church members working in various professions, as they sit down with Larry to discuss the role their faith plays in their professional lives, and the amazing experiences they've had through living out their faith on the job. Each week will bring a new individual, but the theme and format will stay the same. Think of it as an episode of "Inside the Actor's Studio," with Larry playing James Lipton!

Walk In Prayer - 6:30-7:15 - Off-Site (Begins February 16)

This prayer group will meet once a week, off-site, to walk together while exploring prayer and its effects. For more information, please see Tamara Bell: bencam@earthlink.net

Journey Groups: Corinthians - 6:30-7:30 - Rooms 8 or 9

See Sherry Smith for information on Journey Group possibilities during this time.

For Families:

Dinner will be held prior to both KidStuf and KidJaM, starting at 5:30. \$5/adult; \$3/child.

Anyone interested in helping with meal set-up can contact Britta for available dates.

Child Care:

Available for children up to age 5, starting 10 minutes prior to the start of KidJaM and KidStuf.

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SHOWING OTHERS THEY ARE VALUABLE BY HOW YOU TREAT THEM

SAM News

(senior adult ministry)

Senior Moments

submitted by Pat & Stefan Haag

Refugee Services of Texas speaks at Soup to Nuts February 22

JOIN US FOR SOUP to Nuts on Tuesday, February 22nd at 11 a.m. in the FMC – representatives from Refugee Services of Texas (RST) will be here to fill us in. Our own church leader and elder, **Cathy Beard**, will talk about how she became interested in helping immigrants from around the world—and how she ended up on the board of RST. **Christie Wright**, who grew up here at SHPC, will talk about her new role as an RST staff member. **Amanda Posson**, Director of RST, will fill us in on the big picture, as well as showing us countries of origin and destination for the refugees. And refugees helped by the agency will share their experiences here and in the refugee camps. Some will even bring their examples of their handicrafts, which they sell as a home business.

TIEN JIN CHINESE RESTAURANT will cater the lunch of moo goo gai pan, beef and broccoli, egg rolls, fried rice and noodles for \$7.00 per person.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE to bring donations to the meeting, these items are suggested: new underwear for adult males and females and children; baby articles such as diapers and formula; umbrellas and bus passes.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR this Soup to Nuts luncheon by contacting **Norma Burchard** at 394-0131 or **Annie** or **Ron Ward** at 373-8803 or ron-annie@att.net by February 17th.

THE SAM SPRING RETREAT, **March 22-24, 2011**, will again be held at Camp Buckner, near Marble Falls, Texas. Enjoy fun, fellowship, and beautiful scenery in the Texas Hill Country. All senior adults, working or retired, are invited to attend. The retreat offers an excellent opportunity to grow in your Christian faith, to connect

with other seniors who attend SHPC, and to worship as a community of faith. You do not need to be a member of the church to attend. So bring a friend!

THE COST-\$195 FOR A single occupancy room and \$145 per person for a double occupancy room-covers both nights stay in a motel-style room near the meeting room, six meals, and all activities. You may bring snacks to share. We will provide transportation for those who have trouble walking to the dining hall.

RETREAT BROCHURES WITH REGISTRATION forms are available in the narthex. Reserve your spot with a \$50 per person deposit. **Final payment is due by February 18th**. **Pat Haag** (288-3479) and **Norma Burchard** (394-0131) are the registration contacts. Let us know if you need transportation to the retreat or would like to be paired with a roommate. You may also let us know if you have special dietary needs that we need to accommodate.

SAM Groups through February:

ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED CHRISTIAN MEN:

We'll gather **February 10th & 24th at 10 a.m. in Portable B**. Regardless of your age or status, you are invited to each and every meeting. Read more about us in this newsletter, or contact **Ron Miller**, 512-892-1862 or ronald.miller1333@sbcglobal.net, for additional information.

GOLDEN YEARS LUNCH BUNCH: Saturday, February 17th at 11:30 at Johnny Carino's, 5601 Brodie Lane. Our hostesses are **Pauline Beezley** 442-5633 and **Harriet Cavness** 261-3496. Please contact **Pauline** or **Harriet** by Thursday, 15th if you plan to attend. We will need to let Carino's know how many places to set. **PERFECT WEATHER FOR ITALIAN FOOD!**

GROAN-UPS GAME DAY: Tuesday, February 8th at 10 a.m. in Room 7. Join us for **Spinner Dominoes** or the game of your choice. For more information, contact **Stefan Haag** at **288-3479**.

MARY MARTHA CIRCLE will meet **Thursday, February 3rd at 10 a.m. in Portable B**. Our lesson is **Chapter 13, Judas, the Value of a**

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Dollar," from our study *The Thirteen Apostles* with Lydia Ellison as our leader. **ALL WOMEN are cordially invited to join us!**

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Association of Retired Christian Men

The ARCM meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. in Portable B to read scripture, pray and share comments about our Christian lives. **For the next several months our conversation will center on discussions of the preceding Sunday's sermon.** This may center on our own interpretation of the sermon, and it may evolve into our personal feelings about the teachings of the week. Each attendee is encouraged to take notes during the sermon and study the scripture and the pastor's remarks and teachings based on scripture.

No reservations are required to attend our meetings, but if you so desire you may contact Ron Miller to discuss the meetings at any time — phone 512-892-1862 or ronald.miller1333@sbcglobal.net. The meetings are open to all ages and or work status. In other words, you don't *have* to be retired to come and fellowship over coffee and donuts! See you there, and bring a friend!



Children's Ministry, Senior Adult Ministry (SAM) and the SHPC Preschool joined together for a day of caroling at The Emeritus. Voices were lifted high and good fun was had by all!

Adult Ministry



Some of the participants in the fall oil painting classes decided to continue to meet on a monthly basis, visiting local sites to paint outdoors. We began Saturday, January 22nd in portable B at 9 a.m. We painted indoors during the morning... and on the church grounds after lunching out together. Later gatherings will

probably be on a weekday, depending on individual schedules. **Anyone interested, including beginners, is welcome to join;** call or e-mail Margaret Nakamura for more information and to let us know if you're coming.

Many of you have asked about our guitarist during Advent, Donn LeVie. Here's a bit of background for you!

SHPC resident classical guitarist, Donn LeVie Jr., just completed the Master's Certificate program in Christian Apologetics from Biola University. Donn is the author of *It's All About HYMN: Essays on Reclaiming Sacred and Traditional Music for Worship* (September 2008), and the soon-to-be-published *Instrumental Influences: Reflections on the Classical Guitar from the Instrument's Most Influential Performers and Pedagogues* (May 2011). Both books have received rave reviews in the press and from recognized experts in each field (sacred music and classical guitar, respectively).





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Joys - Thure & Shannon Cannon (and Knox) joyfully welcomed a son and brother on January 7th—**Jessica (O'Meara) & Ryan Stathos**, married January 2nd—**Liana Green**, successful surgery on December 29th and is feeling much better—**Deb Erlanson's** niece, **Sgt. Keri Fielder**, safely returned to the states from her assignment in Iraq—**Jake Fowler**, son of **Deb Erlanson**, graduated and received his Bachelor's Degree from TCU on December 18th—**Claire & Aaron Camp**, with big sister **Avery**, welcomed **Madison Elyse** to the family on December 26th—**Ruth Olson's** grandson, **Travis Bolton** (son of **Marion**), back in school and doing much better following a car accident

Sorrows - **Ralph Peters' mother, Anna Peters**, passed away January 19th—**Dan Mudgett's mother, Ardis Sloan Mudgett**, age 93, passed away January 19th—**Buddy Lopez' mother, Lucy Lopez**, passed away January 4th—**Paul Hudspeth's father** passed away December 23rd—**Al Addison's mother** passed away December 27th—**Laurel Calhoun's daughter, Janet Gilmore**, passed away December 18th

Please pray for — **Bruce Warren's mother, Glenda Warren**, pulmonary embolism following heart bypass surgery—**Joy Essary**, recovering at home—**Joan McNab and her family**; Joan is terminally ill with cancer, spread throughout her body—a friend and colleague whose uncle was the federal judge killed in Tucson—those impacted by **Capital Metro's fare increase**—**Victor Mercado**, friend of **Chuck & Alma Moore**, lung cancer—the **Gilchrists' daughter Lisa**—**Carol Gilchrist's friend "Piggy"**, breast cancer—**Carol Gilchrist's friend Susan**, emergency gall bladder surgery—**Carol Gilchrist's friend Carol F.**, after her husband's death—**Marty Benke**, friend of **Wesley and Deb Ballew**, diagnosed with colon cancer—**Bill Hall**, recovering from pulmonary thrombosis—**Gloria Drake's daughter's** long-time friend, **Trish Jenkins**, recovering from sudden kidney failure—**Leigh Beth Lairamore**, close friend of **Sandra & Gary Mann's daughter Sheryl**, expecting a baby and having a life-threatening blood disorder—**Austin**, the city where we're planted—the leadership of **SHPC** as they discern a path for our future—**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:

Tyler Moser, son of a friend of **Dee & Greg Merrell...** **Mathew Dalton**, nephew of **Mark & Tracy Lord...** **Temple & Janet Ingram's daughter Kate Ingram...** **James Crowder**, friend of **Tom & Mike McNelley...** **Eric Wesley**, **Jack & Carol Gilchrist's friend...** **Christopher Lehmann**, son of **Mark Lehmann...** **Larry Roberman**, brother of **Lori Whitmire...** **Eric Huerta**, nephew of **Michael McNelley's co-workers...** **Derek & Kristi Fisher's nephew, John Fisher...**

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Feb J.W. & Marilyn Cook
- 1 Feb Vada & Hollis Boehme
- 3 Feb Allen & Pam Gunter, Sid & Mary Helen
- 5 Feb Tom & Jan Fiedler
- 6 Feb Doug & Teresa Riffey, Greg & Gayle Guernsey
- 7 Feb Louis & Brittany Cantu
- 9 Feb Tom & Gena VanOsselaer
- 10 Feb Frances & Ted Miller, Karmen & Jeff Miller, Gerard & Margey Harrison
- 11 Feb Don & Rita Nowakowski
- 12 Feb Arlan & Sharon Conner
- 24 Feb Bill & Madeline Brock, Mike & Teena Davis
- 28 Feb Joanna & Ed McMenemy, Gene & Lynn Wright, James & Jennifer Moore



- 3 Feb Valerie Aman, Stephanie Parker, Nathan Bender
- 4 Feb Mike Henderson, Tracy Lord, Will Stanka, Kelsey Stromberg
- 5 Feb Nancy McDonald, Karla Snell, Deborah Wagner, Sue Frye
- 6 Feb Annie Ward, Kathy Segura, Matt Lopez, Benjamin Spink
- 7 Feb Jinny Thompson, Matthias Mathaes, Lindsey Morales
- 8 Feb Paul Kuper, Madeleine Ngalamulume, Abby Sims
- 9 Feb Jaco Steynberg, Anna Olson, Jack Simmons, Claire Kolkhorst, Charlotte Milam
- 10 Feb Glen Vorwerk, Jack Crump, Linda Icenhauer-Ramirez, Randy Webb, Wendy Saari, Jessica O'Meara Stathos, Kat Zuraitis, Brooks Gonzales, Travis Saari, Kaitlin Kaiser
- 11 Feb Hilda Harnden, David Howard, Keivaun Waugh
- 12 Feb Jennifer McDaniel, Stanley Crawford, Reis Parsons, Jordan Biles
- 13 Feb Alice Moore, Sam Countess, Derek Fisher, Reed Cozart

- 14 Feb Debbie Breed, Phillip Callahan, Katie Floyd
- 15 Feb Dustin DeVries, Joey Barrett
- 16 Feb Mark Thompson, Shae Wilkins, Adam Pellerin, Lily Harris
- 17 Feb Pamela Walsh, Mason Morgan
- 18 Feb Allen David, Charlotte Hanna
- 19 Feb Greg Heidel, John Gillis, Brianna Baschnagel, Rylan Gillis
- 20 Feb Grady Morris, Brandon Likes, Luke Ayers
- 21 Feb Ron Ward, Linda Brooke, Calvin Albin
- 22 Feb Ashley Ashbaugh
- 23 Feb Karen Ashorn, Melissa Lutke, Sarah Gross
- 24 Feb Jim Ayers, Gerry Merits
- 25 Feb Mike Davis, Mike Darden, Kathleen Manchin, Haley Hyde, Samuel Williams
- 26 Feb John White, Camille Gerlach, Olivia Williams
- 27 Feb David Breed, Francis Reilly
- 28 Feb Edwin Schiller, Brice Darden
- 29 Feb Wally Pryor, Lynette Gillis

BIRTHDAYS

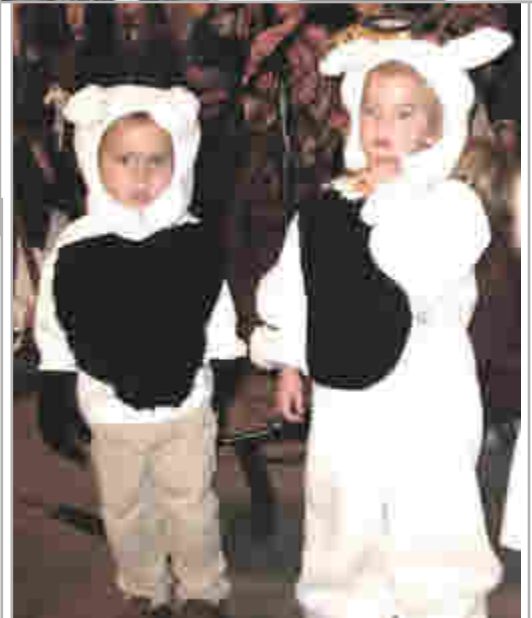
- 1 Feb Charles Staton, Jonathan Kluckhohn, Addy Nichols
- 2 Feb Fran Miller, Ofelia Tabora, Dave Harrington, Martyn Buffler, Julie Walker



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Relive SHPC's 2010 Christmas Pageant!



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February

EVERY WEEK

Sunday

9:30 a.m. The Ark, UpStreet, Faithwalk
 11 a.m. The Ark, Live B.I.G., Confirmation Class
 6:30 p.m. Everlast, Student Lounge :: Everafter, FMC

Monday

7 p.m. Disciple 1, library

Tuesday

6:30 a.m. The Brotherhood (Men's Ministry), sanctuary
 10 a.m. Icing on the Cake, port. B

Wednesday

9:30 a.m. Disciple 3, library
 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Live! dinner
 6 p.m. Evergreen, Student Lounge
 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Live! adult programs :: Handbell Choir, rm. 5 :: Wednesday Evening Bible Study (WEBS), library :: Foundations, rm. 7
 7 p.m. Praise & Worship rehearsal, sanctuary :: Evermore, Student Lounge

Thursday

9:30 a.m. Disciple 1, FMC :: MYC Devotional, rm. 7
 7 p.m. Worship Choir, sanctuary :: Disciple 4, library

2 Wednesday

6:15 p.m. KidJaMI, FMC
 6:30 p.m. Spiritual Gifts Inventory, narthex

3 Thursday

9:30 a.m. Disciple 2, library :: MYC Devotional begins, rm. 7

4 Friday

10 a.m. Mary-Martha Circle
 SHPC Leadership Retreat begins

6 Sunday

No UpStreet, Live B.I.G., or Faithwalk
 SHPC Leadership Retreat ends
 5:30 p.m. Young Adults, library

8 Tuesday

10 a.m. "Groan"-Ups Game Day, rm. 7
 7 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, rm. 7

9 Wednesday

6:30 p.m. KidStuff, FMC :: no Foundations

10 Thursday

10 a.m. Association of Retired Christian Men, port B
 7 p.m. Book Group, port. B

13 Sunday

6 p.m. Valentine's Dinner & Silent Auction (February's Great Date)
 JANUARY newsletter deadline

16 Wednesday

6:15 p.m. KidJaMI, FMC
 6:30 p.m. adult Wednesday Night Live programs begin
 -- Fireside Chats: My Job, My Faith, narthex ::
 Walk In Prayer :: Journey Groups as determined

17 Thursday

9:30 a.m. Disciple 2, library
 Pilgrimage #31 begins

18 Friday

MARCH childcare request deadline

19 Saturday

11:30 a.m. Golden Years Lunch Bunch

20 Sunday

6 p.m. Pilgrimage #31 ends
 Israel Class, library
 MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

22 Tuesday

11 a.m. Soup to Nuts, FMC

23 Wednesday

6:15 p.m. KidJaMI, FMC
 6:30 p.m. adult Wednesday Night Live programs

24 Thursday

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