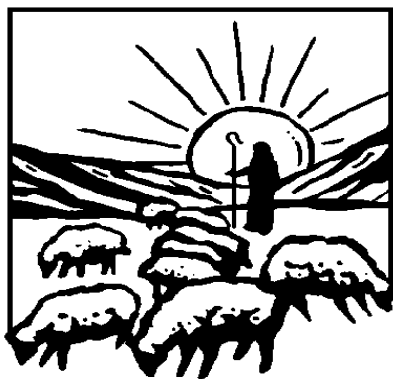


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# The Shepherd's Lyre



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## Join Us For SHCC's 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

Sometimes its good to be reminded who we are. That's what we do each Sunday through participation in the Lord's Supper. We re-memory who we are as part of the body of Christ. We remember, as we share the Lord's Supper, the night when Jesus gathered with his disciples, we remember it as if we were there. We are part of the body of Christ. We are Shepherd of the Hills Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

This month SHCC celebrates its 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. I was struck at the March Cabinet meeting how much of the talk was about outreach: Crop Walk, Capital Area Food Bank, Hands on Housing, Samaritan Counseling Center, Souper Bowl of Caring, and more. Equally exciting was the talk about home-based Bible study and Conversational Spanish Class with Spiritual themes. Something is happening high on Shepherd Mountain!

We are the hands and heart of Christ in this world. To honor the 21 good years of this congregation, let us continue our ministry here in this community and around the world. Please be in worship Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, and join us as we celebrate our anniversary. Worship will be followed by a reception.

Paz y bendiciones,

Amy BeVilLe Elder

## It Is Not To Late To Sign Up For Home Based Bible Studies.

If you are interested in Home Based Bible Studies, it is not to late to sign up. The groups are meeting for the first time this week.

Currently, we have three groups. We have a "Near the Church Group", a "Southwest Group" and a "South Group.

The Near the Church Group meets the home of Hank and Kim

Anawayt on Thursdays at 7:00 pm.

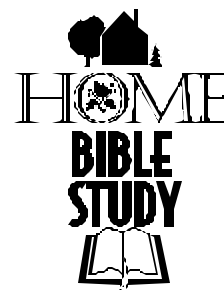
The Southwest Group meets at the home of Jerry and Sharon Miller on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm.

The South Group meets at the home of Milesa Juricic on Thursdays at 7:00 pm.

If you have any question or if you are interested in joining a group, please call Greg Lanier at 784-0305 or email him at [greg@shccasutin.org](mailto:greg@shccasutin.org).

For each child that's born,  
A morning star rises  
And sings to the universe  
Who we are...

We are our grandmother's prayers  
We are our grandfather's dreamings  
We are the breath of the ancestors  
We are the spirit of God...  
"We Are," lyrics and music by  
Ysaye M. Barnwell





## Youth Sunday is May 8 (Mother's Day!)

Please plan to attend the worship service on **May 8 for Youth Sunday**. SHCC youth (*our children, your children*) will be planning and participating in the worship service. This is an SHCC tradition that you will not want to miss! Support our youth by marking your calendar for a special service on Mother's Day!

All youth are invited to participate. This is a great time to invite friends, neighbors, and grandchildren to have some fun with SHCC. We welcome all youth, pre-K and up (through college age) to join us. There are musical opportunities and/or worship leader opportunities for all. Musical rehearsals will be held after church from 12:30 - 2:00 on the four Sundays in April, with lunch provided. Youth and parents, please plan on attending a short meeting after church on April 3, so we can see how many participants we will have!

E-mail Eric Elder at [ericelder@planet-save.com](mailto:ericelder@planet-save.com) or Cindy Long at [CLLong@swbell.net](mailto:CLLong@swbell.net) with any questions.

## Youth and Children's World

The CAT and JYF group are still learning about Heroes of the Bible! CAT (K-2nd) and JYF (3-5th) will meet after church on all the Sundays of April. A snack lunch will be provided and donations are accepted. This month we will also be practicing for the Youth (and children's) Sunday on May 8. Please bring your kids to be part of the musical and more!

The youth groups, Chi Rho and CYF will also meet on Sundays in April. The youth will help with narration in the musical as well as serve as worship leaders on May 8.

## Children's Church Worship

All children from pre-K - 3rd grade are invited to come to Children's Church after the children's moment in Sunday worship. We learn the Lords Prayer, hear one of the Sacred Stories from the Bible, and create art in response to the story. Come see the work of the children outside the children church room! Pictures of Jesus on Palm Sunday, the story of the good shepherd and others are there. Stories and

leaders for April are:

April 3 - Jesus is Risen - Mary Magdalene (Ginny Lucich)

April 10 - Jesus is Risen - The Road to Emmaus (Ginny Lucich)

April 17 - Jesus is Risen - The Ascension (David Carroll)

April 24 - Peter the Rock (Eric Elder)



## A New Addition to the Church Library

Attention Parents and Children

Fred Miller (who spoke to the Adult Sunday School Class this year) and The Comical Sense Company have donated a set of 3 DVD's to the church library that cover subjects in a humorous and, if appropriate, spiritual way that affect the everyday lives of children. The titles

are "Bullies are a Pain in the Brain," "How to Do Homework Without Throwing Up," and "When Someone Dies." These DVD's are designed to help parents and educators discuss difficult topics with children ages 6-13, although they can be adapted for other ages.

Resources guides that aid in discussion of the subject matter of these DVD's are included with the set. More information about these DVD's can be obtained by going to [www.TrevorRomain.com](http://www.TrevorRomain.com). Please check out these new additions to our library.

## Outreach News and Updates

This month you will have a few opportunities to be involved in service to your community, so please try to participate in one or more of these events. As a church, we are trying to be more actively involved in "hands on" outreach, but in order to do that, we need your participation. During this Easter season just celebrated, we remembered Christ's sacrifice for us. Please make a commitment to give a little bit more of yourself and your time in doing his work.

Joy Blythe has arranged for us to help serve a meal at the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless. At this time, we are scheduled to serve on the second Tuesday of each month, but that may change after the first

couple of months. Our first night to serve will be April 12. You will be receiving more information about this and will have an opportunity to sign up in the near future. You are welcome to serve on a one-time basis, but we hope to get a group of regulars who will want to serve on a monthly basis.

We will end the month of April with our annual Hands on Housing event. It is scheduled for the weekend of April 30-May 1. This has always been a really special event for our church as we work together in fellowship to try to make a significant impact on the lives of those whose homes we repair. Thanks to Hank Anawaty and Randy Long for volunteering to lead us in our efforts. If you can

### Opportunities for Service

offer help in advance of the work weekend, please call and let them know. You will get more information after they have chosen a house, and you will have the opportunity to sign up to work or to contribute refreshments for the workers during the month of April. Please join us in this wonderful experience.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to or participated in the CROP Walk. Thanks to Rebecca Corkill and David Dick for leading our efforts.

Thanks to everyone who participated in our workday at the Capital Area Food Bank and to the Bakers for organizing our participation in that event.

--Suzanne Gonzalez  
Outreach Committee

## Book Club News

Amid spring break, it was a quieter evening at B & N Westlake where six of us gathered for discussion of Diane Roberson's selection, *Their Eyes Were Watching God*. Diane is still in recovery from recent surgery but her presence was felt in the book under discussion. A special treat was June Yeatman's mother, Becky, who joined us for the evening. She entered into the discussion and related, as well, her own book club back home in Georgia.

April's selection is from June who has chosen E. M. Forster's *A Passage to India*. This was first published in 1924 and is widely available in all the usual places, including second hand books. We will be gathering at a new place, Triumph Café on Spicewood Springs about three blocks west from Mopac heading toward Mesa. It is in a small strip center just past Jiffy Lube. That is on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm.

The SHCC Book Club meets the second Monday of every month at a different location. If you are interested in joining, please call Billy Tumlinson at 343-7724.

## Austin Resource Center for the Homeless.

The Outreach Committee has a new project. We will be helping to serve meals at the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless (ARCH). The tentative first date is Tuesday, April 12 from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Four to eight volunteers are needed.

Our proposed schedule is volunteering there one

Tuesday every month, probably the second Tuesday. But, this is not yet confirmed.

There is also another option. The first group would help prepare the food from 4:00 pm to 5:45 pm.

The address of ARCH is 500 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Parking is on East 7<sup>th</sup> Street between ARCH and St.

David's Church.

There is a sign up sheet available in the Narthex. For more information please call Joy Blythe at 970-6060.

## Report from the Site Planning-Landscaping Committee

Dear SHCC:  
My son, Ron, arrived home safe and sound from Iraq on March 13. As of April 5, he will no longer be on active duty. I am so grateful for all the caring thoughts and prayers from my wonderful church family. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Janette Leath

The site planning-landscaping committee submitted its proposed plans to the cabinet for approval. The cabinet unanimously adopted the proposal. The construction of a roadway west of the parking lot to provide additional parking is underway. Construction will begin this week.

A landscaping firm has been chosen for planting around the driveway entrance to the church, as

well as the church entrance. Outside steps will be constructed to access the Southeast corner of Gray Hall.

New light fixtures will be installed to provide light to the existing parking area as well as the new one. Current outside light fixtures will be prepared and new fixtures will be installed on the west wall of the Education Building.

A black, galvanized steel fence will be installed on the detention pond. A subcommittee has been appointed to make plans for the laying out of a walking path to go around the perimeter of the church grounds. These and other activities will be taking place this spring.

## FIRST FRIDAY FUN



**MOVIE NIGHT  
FRIDAY  
APRIL 1, 2005**




Bring your family, neighbors, and friends to SHCC's own movie night. A family friendly movie will be shown at 7:00 p.m.

Popcorn, hot dogs, nachos, Frito pie, candy and beverages will be for sale at 6:45 p.m. with proceeds going to the Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries.

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Childcare provided

# APRIL

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
					<b>1</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> First Friday Fun Movie Night	<b>2</b> SIKHs Meet
<b>3</b> <b>9:15 am</b> Coffee, Pastries & Fellowship <b>9:30 am</b> Sunday School <b>9:30 am</b> Youth Pastor's Class <b>10:40 am</b> Worship Service <b>After Worship</b> Seekers @ Pok E Joes <b>After Worship</b> Youth Sunday Meeting  <b>12:00 noon</b> CAT/JYF  <b>4:00 pm</b> Guitar Lessons <b>4:30</b> Chi Rho & CYF		<b>5</b> <b>8:00 am</b> ORG <b>7:00 pm</b> Southwest Bible Study Group Meets	<b>6</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Bell Choir <b>7:30 pm</b> Choir	<b>7</b> <b>6:30 am</b> CMF @ Denny's on Burnet Rd. <b>11:30 am</b> CWF @ Siena's (360 & 2222) <b>7:00 pm</b> Near the Church & South Bible Study Group Meets <b>8:00 pm</b> AA (EdK)		<b>9</b> <b>5:00 pm</b> Erickson/ Caldwell Wedding
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## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Jackie Bittner	April 6
Hudson Valenti	April 7
Zachary Austin	April 11
Payton Vaughan	April 11
Jeffrey Hoops	April 12
Kaitlyn McCord	April 13
David Carroll	April 15
Gregory Ross	April 16
David Dick	April 18
Pat Tumlinson	April 21
Alexander White	April 21
Allison Dillon	April 25
Amanda Lewis	April 29
David Valenti	April 29
Donnie Gravier	April 30

### April Seekers

Because of the busy Easter season, the Seekers will meet twice in the month of April. The first meeting will be Sunday **April 3** after worship at the Pok-E-Joes at 9828 Great Hills Trail. The second meeting will be Sunday **April 24** at the Mongolian Grill on Research Blvd.

### Samaritan's Minister's Cup

The Samaritan Counseling Center is holding its annual Minister's Cup Golf Tournament on Monday April 25 at the Onion Creek Golf Course. The tournament starts at 8:30 am. This is their biggest fundraiser of the year. Please join us for the second time around. If you have any questions, please call Greg Lanier at 784-0305 or email him at [greg@shccasutin.org](mailto:greg@shccasutin.org).

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Mark & Stacy Manning	April 1
Ira & Betty Fariss	April 6
Marian Dozier & Joe Howard	April 12
Alan & Barbara Crider	April 15
Raul & Rosie Fletes	April 16
Jim & Donnie Gravier	April 20
Alex & Molly Mateus	April 20
Jim & Rose Berry	April 28

### March CMF

CMF will Thursday April 7<sup>th</sup> at the Denny located at 7820 Burnet Rd from 6:30 am to 7:45 am. Please call Adrian Gentry at 345-3541 with any questions.

### March CWF

Our next CWF Meeting will be April 20, at 2:00 pm at the church. Our lesson this month will be "Weighing our Baggage", "What Will I Need to Leave Behind?" "God, Help Me Let Go." Joyce Coleman will provide refreshments. We talked about Sandy Owen coming to speak to us about Kenya but she has a conflict in April so she will talk to us about Kenya in May. All of us look forward to that May 18th meeting. We hope to have many more people come to that meeting to hear Sandy.

To the SHCC Family:

I want to thank everyone for their prayers, visits, flowers, cards, good thoughts and concern for my welfare. Thank you very much for the bouquet of flowers while I was in Breckenridge and for the beautiful Easter arrangement. I want everyone to know that I am feeling good and hope to go home in the next couple of weeks. It is so wonderful to have a church family like this!

Diane Roberson

SPECIAL THANKS NEED TO GO TO SEVERAL PEOPLE WHO WORKED ON THE DIRECTORY: Gregory Ross was our principal photographer. He made himself available at church many Sundays to take pictures. In fact, it was his idea to make a photo directory so we owe him MANY thanks. In addition Laurie Henderson took pictures several Sunday's and we thank her for her help. Thanks to Jane Keene for proofing the directory. Of course we owe a big debt of gratitude to Rebecca for all her typing and correcting and working with the computer to get everything in the right format. I don't want to forget the Membership Committee members who called everyone to obtain corrections for addresses, phone numbers, etc. THANK YOU EVERYONE WHO WORKED ON OUR NEW DIRECTORY IN ANY ASPECT!!