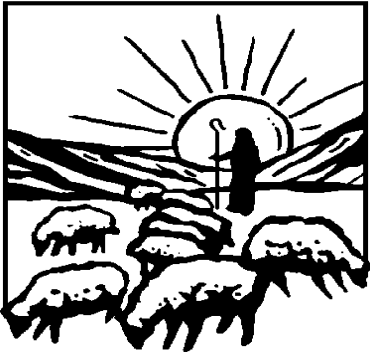


August 2009

The Shepherd's Lyre



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THY ROD AND THY STAFF

I'm excited about August. August tends to be a month of transition, so it can be a mixed blessing – lots of details, planning, meetings. No, that's not the exciting part, that's the "nose to the grindstone", it is important, get it done now part. The exciting part is in the progress and the programs for August.

The progress is in the building. The columns are up and the beams will be added soon. Then the fun really begins: roof, walls, etc. August will be fun and exciting around all our building progress. It will be taking shape soon!

The program part will be exciting, too. Our now-annual Cake Fest to support the Robert V. Miller Fund that provides camp for adults will be on August 9th. Bring your best homemade cake to church –pick a theme, decorate it, and we will display it after the worship service. Members will then "vote" for the best tasting and best decorated cakes with their contribution to the RVM Camp. It's a great win/win: I/we get to eat homemade cake and adults with disabilities get to go to camp. What's not to love?

Then, the next exciting activity –is there a food theme here?—is our Annual SHCC Ice Cream Social on August 23rd at 6:00 pm. This tends to be most everyone's favorite function. We'll get you the details and sign-up soon. For now, save the date, and stay lean.

Finally, the SHCC Cabinet is planning a morning Retreat for August 22 from 9:00-12:00 at the church. Working retreats aren't everyone's favorite activity, but I like them a lot. This is our chance to "get organized" and get everyone on the same calendar. That may not sound like fun, but it really is important during these transitional times. And it will really help us going into our fall program and new building.

So, thanks for being a part of the ministry and community of SHCC, and keep coming, these are exciting and fun times.

God bless,

Rod



A Message from the Moderator

“To know and share the love of Christ” is our vision statement here at Shepherd of the Hills. Rod is our leader and guide in working toward our vision, but we are all called upon to do our part in the knowing and the sharing of that love. As a congregational church, it is all of us, the members, who plan and support the various functions and activities of this church. The church cabinet is comprised of the elected officers and the committee chairs responsible for planning the various functions of church life.

Those people who will be leading the various committees of the church are:

Administration	Rebecca Rose
Church Growth	Rick Bosworth
Community Building	Kim Anawaty/Patti Ladd
CMF	Adrian Gentry
CWF	Milesa Juricic
Education	Pat Vaughan
Membership	Sheri Brice
Outreach	Randy Hill/Sharon Miller
Personnel	Russell Nash
Property	Bob Coleman/Bob Tate
Shepherds	Betty Fariss
Stewardship	Ray Combs
Trustees	Sharon Miller
Worship	Laura Hensley

We need you! We need your time, energy and ideas and hope that each of you will commit to serving on one of the committees and will participate as fully and as often as possible when there are opportunities to do so. You will find a page giving you an opportunity to respond to this call to service in this newsletter and in your Sunday bulletin. I hope that you will prayerfully consider how you can help and respond with an enthusiastic heart.



Outreach Activities

ARCH

Austin Resource Center for the Homeless

Tuesday, August 4, 5:45 pm

500 East 7th St. at Neches

Join us to help feed a gourmet meal to about 100 homeless men. If you are interested, please contact Suzanne Gonzalez. suzanne_gonzalez@msn.com

Mobile Loaves & Fishes

*St. John Neumann Commissary,
903 South Capital of Texas Highway*

Monday, August 17th, 5:15 pm

Please contact Lucinda Valenti if you can help:
lvalenti@mindspring.com





Volunteer Opportunity at SHCC


We are currently in need of a pool of volunteers to man the church office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am to 12 pm. A commitment of a half day would be appreciated. This need has arisen since Rod and the leadership of SHCC have allowed our church administrator, Sally Moran, to adjust her work hours to Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8 am to 5 pm in order to work on Tuesdays and Thursdays as a studio potter at Feats of Clay on Burnet Road. Please call the church office if you can help out!


Opportunities for Fellowship and Growth

 **The ORG ("Old Retired Guys")** group meets every Tuesday for breakfast and discussion, 8:00 am at Triumph Café, 3808 Spicewood Springs Rd. The first Tuesday of this month, **August 4th**, will be "Hat Day". Wear your favorite hat and join us for fun and fellowship.


 **The CWF (Christian Women's Fellowship) Lunch** will be on **Thursday, August 6, at 11:30 am** at the Bamboo Grill, 6507 Jester Blvd. Please join us!

 The next meeting of the **CMF (Christian Men's Fellowship)** will be **Friday, August 7, at 7:00 am** at the Waterloo Ice House located on 360 at 2222. Rev. Greg Lanier will give the presentation. Any questions, please call Adrian Gentry (345-3541).

 **Book Club:** When the Book Club meets again on **Monday, August 10**, we will be discussing Drowning Ruth by Christina Schwarz. We will meet **at 7:00 pm** at the Triumph Café on Spicewood Springs Road. Everyone is invited to join us, whether or not you have read the book. We'd love to hear what you have been reading.

 **CWF Day Group:** The monthly afternoon CWF Meeting will be on **Wednesday, August 19 at 2 pm**. Our program this month will be a DVD presentation by Liz Curtis Higgs (she is very funny), on our new program series "Really Bad Girls of the Bible". Our study books have been ordered and may be here in time for our August meeting. You won't want to miss this meeting and the introduction of our new study materials!

∞Milesa (288-8306)

 **CWF Monday Night Escape Group:** The CWF Monday Night Escape Group will go on a brief hiatus for July and August to accommodate summer vacation schedules. Mark your calendars for our next meeting, **Monday, September 28, at 5:30 pm**. We will pick up where we left off in our fascinating book, Really Bad Girls of the Bible. So far, it's been a pretty wild ride! Have a great summer, ladies, and we will look forward to meeting again in September. Hope you'll join us then!



**SHCC's 3rd Annual
Cake Decorating Contest
Benefitting the Robert V. Miller Fund**

Our annual **CAKE FEST** will be held on **Sunday, August 9th** after church. All proceeds go to the Robert V. Miller Fund, which provides camp scholarships to adults with disabilities.

Please participate by baking your most delightfully delicious and decorated creation . . . or simply bring your appetite for great cake!

Here's how it works:

- Bring a decorated cake for tasting. We'll have tables set up for a dazzling display.
- Prizes will be awarded to Best Decorated Cake and Best Tasting Cake.
- Each cake will have a basket in front of it in which people place their "votes." The cake with the most money in its basket wins.
- Checks and cash are happily accepted so come, eat, and vote often!



CHECK IT OUT !

The Robert V. Miller Fund has a new website:
www.rvmcampsadultsdisabilities.org

Stay informed about upcoming events and opportunities to help provide camping experiences for adults with disabilities.



Leaders for August 2009:

- August 2:** Mary Ann Coleman and Kim Keating
- August 9:** Ginny Lucich and Lucinda Valenti
- August 16:** Tim and Chris Johnson
- August 23:** Russell and Dana Austin
- August 30:** Chris and Gail Adams

If you need to switch dates, that is perfectly understandable! Please call someone from the list and try to make arrangements to switch. Please let the Church Office know of any changes.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BIRTHDAY</u>
Melanie Holtz	August 1
Elizabeth Akin	August 2
Davor Juricic	August 2
John Pappas	August 2
Jerry Miller	August 6
Rebecca Rose	August 6
Kathy Richmond	August 7
Tim Johnson	August 8
Gayle Rainwater	August 9
Jim Echols	August 10
Matt Arellano	August 13
Mary Ann Fitch	August 15
Lucinda Valenti	August 15
Dylan Lucich	August 16
Mark Manning	August 16
Bill Keene	August 18
Dawn Lewis	August 18
Larry Secrest	August 19
Tara Nash	August 20
Jon Fitch	August 21
Morgan Witt	August 21
Dot Kirby	August 25
Russell Nash	August 26
Jennifer Bosworth	August 27
Michael Henderson	August 28
Randy Long	August 28
Daniel Whitcomb	August 28
Madeline Fitch	August 29
Kevin Locke	August 29
June Yeatman	August 29

August Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submissions for the August Newsletter and Calendar is **Wednesday, August 26 at 12 noon.**
Thank you!

August ANNIVERSARIES



<u>NAME</u>	<u>ANNIVERSARY</u>
Tim & Chris Johnson	August 3
Rod & Mary Ann Coleman	August 8
Todd & Belinda Coleman	August 19
Bobby & Laura Parker	August 19
Bill & Jane Keene	August 20
Gary & Jeanette Whitcomb	August 22
Jeff & Sharon Hobbs	August 26
Dan & Sandy Owen	August 30
Jeff & Ginny Lucich	August 31



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 9:15 am Coffee, Pastries & Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:40 am Worship	3	4 8:00 am ORG "Hat Day" 5:45 pm ARCH	5 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	6 11:30 am CWF Lunch @ Bamboo Grill	7 7:00 am CMF Prayer Breakfast	8
9 9:15 am Coffee, Pastries & Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:40 am Worship 12:00 pm Cake-Off	10 7:00 pm Book Club (at Triumph Café)	11 8:00 am ORG 11:00 am Disciples' Clergy Lunch @ HPCC	12 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	13	14	15 Bluebonnet Area Program Council
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Thank you, SHCC, ...

...for the lovely flowers sent for my mom's 99th birthday party! They were an excellent addition and we all enjoyed them very much. We were blessed to have Mom's two nieces and one nephew at the party; one flew in from California, one flew in from Dallas, and the other drove in from Louisiana. They were also impressed.

*Randy, Susan, and
Mary Hill and Family*



New Church Ministry

Thank you to all those who helped support the Spirit Walk/Spirit Games for 2009! We raised over \$200 for new church startups among Disciples of Christ.

You may find more information about the Spirit Games at the following site:
www.disciples.org/tabid/58/itemid/264/New-Church-Ministry-Will-Present-the-First-Ever.aspx

Randy Hill
Minister of Evangelism

AUGUST ALREADY?

Join me in a dose of denial that August has already arrived.

The good news, however, is that August means

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

here at Shepherd of the Hills. So dig out your ice cream maker and get prepared for a good time.

THE SHCC ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sunday ~ August 23rd ~ 6pm

Ice Cream, Toppings, Treats and Fellowship

TOO MUCH FUN TO MISS!!



Southwest Region Retreats

BBA/LRGVD Disciples Women's Retreat

September 25-27, 2009

Disciple Oaks Retreat Center, Gonzales, Texas

I called...God answered...I am changed...

Have you registered yet? If not, please check out the following important dates!

- Early registrations (\$100) are due by September 1, 2009
- Late registrations after September 1 are \$115.

2009 CCSW MEN'S RETREAT

September 18-20, 2009

Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat

PREACHING * TEACHING * SINGING * RECREATION * WORSHIP * EATING * RELAXATION

FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHER MEN * SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Theme: "Remembering Our Past, Shaping Our Future"

Speakers: Rev. Jimmy Cobb, Rev. Olin Fregia

Mail In Your Registration Now!

Registration forms for both of these retreats are available by contacting the church office at 343-7858 or the Bluebonnet Area Office at (210)822-4345. For more information, go to www.bluebonnetarea.org

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Our Vision: To know and share the love of Christ

I would like to share my time, talents and experience with my church community by serving on one or more of the following church committees.

- ___ Administration Manage the business affairs of the church, maintain records and oversee office needs.
- ___ Church Growth The “evangelism” committee, plan for church growth, promote the church in the community and greet and follow up on visitors and potential new members.
- ___ Community Building Plan for fellowship activities and organize groups and special events that will bring the congregation together as community.
- ___ Education Plan and promote Christian Education for all ages, organize youth activities and special programs.
- ___ Membership Maintain membership records and publish directory, prepare membership packets and coordinate baby dedications, baptisms, etc..
- ___ Outreach Plan and promote outreach awareness and participation in activities to meet needs locally and globally, solicit volunteers and enlist support for special offerings and programs.
- ___ Property Oversee the maintenance and care of the church building and grounds, plan and promote projects related to property needs and organize work days as needed.
- ___ Stewardship Promote personal stewardship among members, prepare the annual budget and develop a plan to solicit donations, coordinate various fundraising activities of the church and prepare other special purpose budgets as needed.
- ___ Worship: Plan and coordinate regular and special worship services, solicit volunteers for help as lay leaders, acolytes and with communion preparation, and help provide devotional materials for personal spiritual enrichment.

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Please add your ideas or comments about things that you would like to see happen (special programs, classes, opportunities for involvement, worship, etc.) here at SHCC. We need your input!

(Please return this form by putting it in the offering plate or returning it to the church office.)