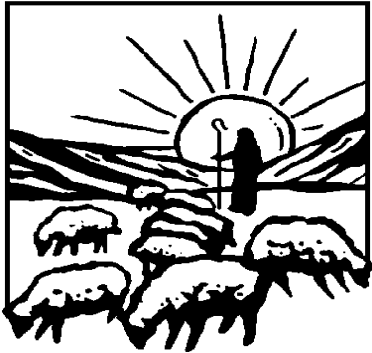


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THY ROD AND THY STAFF

February. Finally. February promises to be an exciting month at Shepherd of the Hills Christian Church, as at some point, eventually, we will move into our new sanctuary. It has been a long, slow process. The final installations –Chancel area floor, stained glass, and church pews with matching chairs – will be installed this week and the next. Touch up is happening now and will continue as smaller details are completed. We'll move in as soon as we have a Certificate of Occupancy from the City of Austin inspection folk.

Our Service of Dedication is scheduled for February 28 at 10:40 am, during the Worship Service. All members, family, friends, guests and visitors are invited and encouraged to join us in our celebration of God's new sanctuary. Invitations will be mailed and e-mailed once we have our Certificate of Occupancy. Two "Move-In" workdays have been scheduled for February 20th and 27th from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Of course, you're invited to those, too. Thanks for your endurance. We're almost there. Get ready to celebrate and sing God's praise in a new sanctuary.

God Bless,

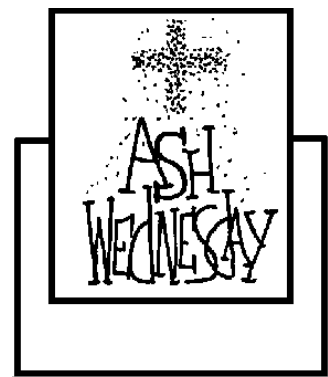
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Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 17th, 2010
at 7:00 p.m.

We will be meeting in the
New Sanctuary for this first
service of the Lent season.

A Lenten devotional entitled
"Fellowship of Prayer" will be available for your use,
Please take one.





WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Worship Committee has been planning worship as we move into our new worship space. We want to bring everyone up to date. We have compiled and discussed the great ideas and suggestions from the Dinners for 8.

At this time, we plan to come forward to partake of communion, return to our seats, and then hold hands at our seats as we sing our closing hymn. The Worship Committee plans to try new ideas for a short time, see if they work, and, if not, reevaluate. The acolytes will have training, led by Diane Roberson, and we have purchased short robes for the acolytes to wear.

We will have Lawn Chair Sunday as soon as we have our Certificate of Occupancy, hopefully on February 14, and Tom Smith is leading the Transition Committee to plan our building dedication for February 28.

These are really exciting times in the life of SHCC, and we all look forward to worshipping in our new, formal worship area.

Laura Hensley
Worship Committee Chair

Helpers Needed for Workdays

We will hold two work days, on Saturday, February 20th and Saturday, February 27th. We will be moving boxes from the storage pod back into the church/kitchen/narthex. There is a lot of dusting, dishwashing and drying to be done, so donations of dustcloths and dishtowels will be needed, also. Thanks!



A study group will begin on Sunday evening, February 21, from 6:00-7:30 pm and will meet each Sunday evening through March 28. The six-week study, entitled "The Purpose-full Life", will include insight and information from three books: The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren, Man's Search for Meaning by Victor Frankl, and It's Not What You Sell, It's What You Stand For by Roy Sprouse, Jr. Rick Warren's book will serve as the core reading so that's one to buy. Please begin the daily, short chapters on Ash Wednesday, February 17th. Rod and Greg will lead this study and guests are invited.

March Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submissions for the March newsletter and calendar is **Tuesday, February 23 at 12 noon.** Thank you!



...a message from far away...

Hey Everyone!

I have arrived at Bagram Airfield and am firmly ensconced in my job. I am the night shift Chaplain for the Level II hospital. My patients include American service men and women, Afghanie nationals (including kids), and Coalition Forces. My address is:
 Lucinda Valenti, Task Force Med Chapel,
 APO AE 09354. Cards, letters, and chocolate are more than welcome for me. I know people asked what they can send the troops and right now our biggest needs are blankets and girls stuff – lady's deodorant, lady's razors, smelly bath soap and shampoo, and feminine hygiene products.

I can be reached at my normal e-mail and would love to hear from everyone! I already cannot wait to get and home and see the new completed sanctuary!!

P.S.
 Shortly after receiving the e-mail from Lucinda, we learned that she has returned to Texas because her father, Col. Rodney Cox, passed away. A memorial service will be held at First Baptist Church in Georgetown on Tuesday, February 2 at 2:00 pm. Col. Cox's ashes will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery. Our sincerest sympathy goes out to Lucinda and her family.

KUDOS!
 Congratulations to **Randy Hill**, who has passed his ordination review, and will be ordained in a service on April 11, 2010.

Congratulations!!!






Sydney Winfree Flowers was born on January 15, 2010. She weighed 7 lbs., 12 oz., and was welcomed by parents Rachel and Jason Flowers and big sister Storie.

August Clark Strittmatter was born on January 26, 2010, weighing 8 lbs., 8 oz. August is the grandson of Mike and Vicki Mayabb, baby brother of Amelia, and new little bundle of joy for parents Andy and Lindsey (Mayabb) Strittmatter.

Allison Michelle Leitch was born on January 5, 2010, weighing 8 lbs, 10 oz. Allison is the great-granddaughter of Elsie Burt O'Neal, and lives in Pikeville, Kentucky, with parents Leslie and Allen Leitch.



Our hearts go out to the Hodge Family: Jeannine, Doug and Dawnetta, Heather, Holly, and Hunter, in the loss of Jeannine's grandson, Thomas Hodge Kansell. We also extend sincere sympathy to the family on the death of Imogene Lee (December 22, 1936—January 15, 2010). Ms. Lee was the grandmother of Dawnetta Lee Hodge.

We also express condolences to Elizabeth Akin, in the passing of her uncle, William P. Akin of Houston. We know that this is a great loss for Elizabeth.

Shepherd of the Hills Christian Church 2009 Outreach Activities

The Outreach Committee established a 2009 goal to increase the SHCC Community's understanding of our vision, and the ways in which we are realizing this vision. In this regard, the Committee also established a goal of developing a coordinated picture of all SHCC outreach activities and contributions.

As a part of this ongoing effort the following summary of 2009 activities is presented. The best description of what we as a community are doing is WOW!

In 2009, in total our church provided over \$40,000 in outreach to the greater community. The following groups have been a part of this wonderful ministry.

- ◆ The entire church through the budget to the Outreach Committee
- ◆ Christian Women's Fellowship
- ◆ Christian Men's Fellowship
- ◆ Youth
- ◆ Book Club

In addition to the monetary outreach contributions, the entire church reaches out to the larger community through weekly, monthly and holiday collections as well as through many hours of volunteered time to organizations and those in need.

The list of organizations receiving outreach contributions:

- ◆ MS Society
- ◆ Crop Walk
- ◆ Disciples Mission Fund Special Offerings (Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, Reconciliation Week, Thanksgiving, and Week of Compassion)
- ◆ Bluebonnet Area (Disciples Conference Center, DOMI, New Church Growth, S.W. Good Samaritan)
- ◆ Austin Area Interfaith Missions
- ◆ Minister's Discretionary Fund
- ◆ Austin Children's Shelter
- ◆ Safe Place
- ◆ Comfort House
- ◆ Lifeworks
- ◆ Any Baby Can
- ◆ Capital Area Food Bank
- ◆ Hands on Housing
- ◆ Samaritan Counseling Center
- ◆ Bethany Christian Church Food Bank
- ◆ Mobile Loaves and Fishes
- ◆ Robert V. Miller Fund
- ◆ Down Home Ranch
- ◆ Heifer Project
- ◆ Austin Resource Center for the Homeless
- ◆ Children's Hospital
- ◆ Volunteers of America

If we have missed any other organizations in this, our first attempt to provide a report to the community, please let Jerry Miller know so that we can amend this information for 2009.

ORG

Annual Valentine's Day Dinner



Wives will join us for this special event on Saturday, February 13th at 6:30 pm at Mimi's Café in the Arbor Walk Shopping Center at Mopac and 360/Braker.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS


<u>NAME</u>	<u>BIRTHDAY</u>
Jim Coupal	February 2
Marian Dozier	February 4
Chris Johnson	February 4
Pat White	February 7
Rubén Coupal	February 10
Paul Woodall	February 13
Sylvia Guyton	February 16
Mark Hellums	February 16
Sandy Combs	February 21
Joyce Hellums	February 21
Betty Fariss	February 22
Marilyn Echols	February 24
Alan Crider	February 27
Daniel Davila	February 28





<u>NAME</u>	<u>ANNIVERSARY</u>
Ernie Fortenberry & Sylvia Guyton	February 14
Dave & Diane Baker	February 19


Opportunities for Fellowship and Growth


 The February **CWF (Christian Women's Fellowship) Luncheon** will be Thursday, February 4, 11:30 am, at Bamboo Grill, located at 6507 Jester Blvd. Everyone is welcome!

 The next meeting of the **CMF (Christian Men's Fellowship)** will be Friday, February 5, at 7:00 am at the Waterloo Ice House on 360 at 2222.

 This month **The Book Club** is reading The Jaguar Smile: A Nicaraguan Journey by Salman Rushdie. This is a non-fiction work by the author following a visit to Nicaragua in 1986, a time of great political turmoil there. We invite everyone to join us in the discussion at our meeting on **February 8th**. You can find us at the Triumph Café on Spicewood Springs Road at **7:00 pm** on the second Monday of each month, and you are always welcome.

 **CWF Day Group:** The Day Group will meet at the Church on Wednesday, February 17 at 2:00 pm. Diane Roberson will present the program "Bathing Beauty", the 5th Chapter of our study book, Really Bad Girls of the Bible. I'm sure you can guess which lady we will talk about, remember Bathsheba ...EXCEPT the biggest sinner was not Bathsheba –it was King David. Bathsheba was innocently taking her bath on the roof of her building, and King David could see her from the top of his building. So, a beautiful woman –and our hero looked. AND he coveted what he saw! David, our hero, the one who killed the giant with his little old sling shot. Talk about BAD WOMEN! Our study will be interesting!

 **CWF Monday Night Escape Group:** We will meet at Waterloo Ice House (360 & 2222) on Monday, Feb. 22 at 5:30 pm, followed by discussion at 7:00 pm at the church. Contact Susan Hill (292-9095) for further information.

 **The ORG ("Old Retired Guys")** group meets every Tuesday for breakfast and discussion, 8:00 am at Triumph Café, 3808 Spicewood Springs Rd.



AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 8:00 am ORG 5:45 pm ARCH	3 7:00 pm Bell Choir 8:00 pm Chancel Choir	4 11:30 am CWF Lunch at Bamboo Grill 6:15-7:15 pm Brownies Mtg. (Carnes Bldg)	5 7:00 am CMF Prayer Breakfast @ Waterloo on 360	6
7 9:15 am Coffee, Pastries & Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:40 am Worship	8 7:00 pm Book Club @ Triumph Cafe	9 8:00 am ORG	10 7:00 pm Bell Choir 8:00 pm Chancel Choir	11	12	13 6:30 pm ORG Dinner Mtg with Spouses at Mimi's Café
14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY SUNDAY 9:15 am Coffee, Pastries & Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:40 am Worship	15 5:15 pm Mobile Loaves and Fishes	16 8:00 am ORG	17 LENT BEGINS 2:00 pm CWF Mtg @ SHCC 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service	18 7:00 pm Cabinet Meeting	19 <i>BB Area Men's Retreat begins in Gonzales (Feb. 19-20)</i>	20 9:00 am – 12:00 pm WORK DAY
21 <i>WEEK OF COMPASSION</i> 9:15am Coffee, Pastries & Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:40 am Worship 6:00 pm Lenten Study "A Purpose-FULL Life"	22 5:30 pm CWF Monday Night Escape Group	23 8:00 am ORG 12 noon - Newsletter Deadline	24 7:00 pm Bell Choir 8:00 pm Chancel Choir	25 6:15-7:15 pm Brownies Mtg. (Carnes Bldg)	26 <i>CCSW Women's (Feb 26-27)</i>	27 <i>Disciples VISION EVENT</i> 9:00 am-12:00 pm WORK DAY
28 DEDICATION SUNDAY 9:15am Coffee, Pastries & Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:40 am Worship						

GREAT NEWS FOR THE WOMEN OF THE SOUTHWEST REGION!

What a blessing we have coming to the Southwest Region in February! Adonna Bowman, Executive Director, Disciples Women's Ministries, will lead the Women's Visioning Event at Community Christian Church in Richardson on February 26-27. Tickets are \$20.00 at the door, and this will cover both the Friday evening meal, and lunch on Saturday.

Disciples Women across the Region are invited to attend the FIRST Vision Gathering for Disciples Women's Ministries. Adonna will lead us through a discovery process. It will involve lots of conversation, study, listening, and worship. A hotel has been secured at a discounted rate—but in order to get that information, you must call and register with Andrea Gantz at 817-926-4687.

We will begin Friday evening at 6:30 PM with dinner and end Saturday afternoon by 4 PM. Dinner and lunch will be provided at Community Christian Church in Richardson.

We are grateful that Adonna can be with us and share from her knowledge to help us get CCSW Disciples Women's Ministries pumped up for 2010!

SAVE THE DATE! Also, SHCC will have a special treat when Adonna Bowman will be our guest speaker on Sunday, March 7th during our Disciple Women's Sunday event. We look forward to hearing from her!

Save The Date

32nd Annual CROP Walk
Saturday & Sunday, March 6 & 7

New Location! Walter E. Long Park
6614 Blue Bluff Rd. (near Travis
County Expo Center)

A community walk to raise awareness and funds for international hunger relief and development, as well as local hunger fighting. In 2009, 2000 walkers representing 110 faith communities and other organizations in Austin raised nearly \$132,000!

25% of the money raised locally stays locally. 75% helps support Church World Service, national sponsor of CROP Hunger Walks. For more info, visit their website at: churchworldservice.org



Leaders for February 2010:

February 7: Dana And Russell
Austin

February 14: Dana and Russell
Austin

February 21: Gail and Chris
Adams

February 28: Pat Vaughan and
Sheri Brice

Curtis and Faye Carnes Endowed Scholarship Report



The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the awarding of scholarships to the following college students:

- Allison Dillon, Wagner College
- Jessica Hellums, The University of Texas
Health Sciences Center at Houston
- Michelle Hellums, The University of Colorado at Boulder
- Kylie Long, Texas State University

Congratulations to the recipients for qualifying for an award! In addition to grades, church membership and leadership are given consideration.

Income earned by the endowment is the basis of the awards. The endowment fund, established by Faye Carnes, is managed by the Christian Church Foundation.

For the Scholarship Committee,
Tom Smith

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