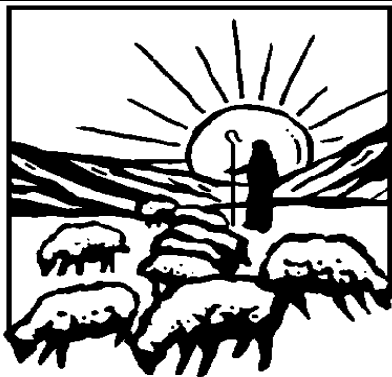


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Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting held after worship on **June 12, 2005** to elect the officers, two trustees, and two personnel committee members for the 2005-2006 church year. The nominating committee recommends the following slate of officers for 2005:

- **Moderator:** Jerry Vaughan
- **Vice-Moderator and Personnel Committee Chair:** Vicki Mayabb
- **Treasurer:** Linda Hoops
- **Assistant Treasurer:** Jerry Miller (an appointed position)

- **Secretary:** Priscilla Blanton
- **Trustees:** Jim Echols and Mike Herrold
- **Personnel Committee members:** Marilyn Echols and Kim Anawaty.

In accordance with the bylaws, nominations can be accepted from the congregation. The nomination must come to the moderator (Diane Baker) in writing at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting. The nomination

must include consent to serve from the person being nominated. Nominations can be submitted by email to Diane Baker at bakermd@alumni.utexas.net; mailed to the church or to 10440 Ember Glen Dr., Austin, TX 78726; or placed in the moderator mailbox in the church office. If mailing nominations, please allow sufficient time for the mail to reach its destination.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is upon us and I could use some assistance to make it run smoothly. VBS this year is a prayer "safari" entitled The Kingdom of the Son and will run on two consecutive weekends June 4 & 5 from 5:00 pm -7:30 pm and June 11 & 12 from 5:00 pm Saturday until 12:00 noon on Sunday. There is going to be a lock-in on the second weekend. More information will be given at our worship services or in later emails!

First, I need kids! Bring your children, neighbors, friends, and relatives! VBS is always a lot of fun and is a great time for evangelism and bonding with peers. Please let me know if your child(ren) will be attending either by email (jlrichter@austin.rr.com), phoning the church, or

signing up at worship on Sundays.

Second, I need some stuff! For craft time, I need:

1. some empty plastic or metal containers with plastic lids (oatmeal containers, coffee cans, sour cream containers, peanut butter jars, etc..) Any size will work and I need as many as I can get.
2. empty toilet paper rolls
3. jar lids that have a ridged pattern on them. (like the tops of mayo jars or peanut butter jars)
4. 2 or 3 sawhorses for decoration. These will come back to you unharmed!

Third, I need helpers. I don't care if you have never worked with kids, are afraid of kids (and I don't blame

you), or feel that you are uncrafty. Our children need our love, support, and time-and either Eric Elder or I will be happy to help you feel comfortable with whatever role you want to play in VBS. I need teacher helpers, outdoor games helpers, craft coordinators, help with opening ceremonies and skits, and a few volunteers to help with the overnight portion of VBS (remember, these are small children and they will sleep at least some of the time). I have lots of fun planned but I need warm bodies to help. Please sign up on Sunday, call the church office, or email me.

Jenn Richter,
Education Committee
Chair

From the Property Committee

An overdue thank you to everyone who has taken part in the events and projects of the Property Committee. As you know, our committee is part of your church cabinet and exists for the purpose of maintaining and improving our beautiful and well built church buildings and grounds.

Yes, it is a big job, but you, as a congregation, always come through for us and I believe it shows. There are too many of you that have helped this year for me to mention individual names but there are some real heroes among you.

All of us wish to thank our anonymous donor for their donation to the exterior painting fund. This work was done professionally this winter at a cost of over \$5,000. Your gift made this possible. As you know, the buildings were in dire need of paint.

Our spring workday was held early this year on February 26. Because of other events at the

buildings, an early Easter and spring break, it could not be rescheduled and was held rain or shine. There was never a chance for the shine part, only a constant rain, but on we trudged, some with rain gear, some without. We were a dripping, muddy mess but the jobs got done.

This spring, with the help of Randy Long, Vicki Mayabb and Suzanne Gonzales, our committee led the Hands on Housing Project. Most of you have already heard what a great success it was, but from Randy, and me thank you many times over to all 30 plus that showed up on Saturday, April 30. It was raining that morning as well, so we weren't sure how well the project was going to move along, (we did not have a place for 30 people inside). But, you as an experienced group, found a place for yourself and we flew through the list.

The inside of the entire house was painted, (walls, ceilings and trim). The kitchen was scrubbed. The carpenters repaired,

replaced, and reinstalled everything on a long list. Electrical was repaired, landscaping trimmed and spruced up, trees removed. Carpet was removed and new area rugs purchased and laid down. Mini blinds, sheets, bed coverings, pillows and new oscillating fans were the finishing touches.

The homeowner, Mrs. Clemons, showed her appreciation with warm smiles and by taking to the new sheets and bedcovering in her bedroom for a nap before we had finished. Ivory, her son was overwhelmed by all of the people in the house but as we were starting to put things back in order he was grinning and saying how pretty the house looked.

You really are a talented group and Hugh Sparks from Austin Interreligious Ministries knows this. He is always very appreciative of what

Shepherd of the Hills can get it done. It is not part of our committee's scope, but thank you also to all of you

who have helped and served on the Site Plan Committee. The additional parking, building improvements, fencing and landscaping look great due to your years of effort.

And finally, since the schools have moved out, we hope to make more repairs to the education building with the help of the ORG and others. Also, because of the hailstorm on March 25, there will be more exterior repairs and improvements to the Church buildings in the coming months.

Thank you all for your help as we do our best to take care of God's House.

Hank Anawaty
Property Committee Chair

Carnes Scholarship Deadline Rapidly Approaching

If you desire financial assistance with your college education, we have the answer! Simply complete the Carnes Scholarship application and return to the church office by **Wednesday, June 1, 2005**. The

applications are available in the church office. If you know of any church member who might be interested in this financial assistance, please help us spread the word. This is a wonderful opportunity made available by Faye

and the late Curtis Carnes! We look forward to announcing the recipients.

Bettie Duff,
Scholarship Committee



Outreach News and Updates

Thanks to everyone who has already contributed to the Any Baby Can Diaper Drive. We will be continuing the drive through Father's Day on June 19, so you still have the opportunity to contribute diapers, baby wipes or cash in support of the CRADLES Project. If you want to make a donation in honor of your mother or father, just complete one of the forms on the display table, and Mike Herrold will send an acknowledgement to your honoree. Mike will also be glad to talk to you about volunteer opportunities at Any Baby Can.

Our service at ARCH, the homeless shelter, will continue through the summer with a change of day for June, July and August. We will be serving on the first Tuesday instead of the second Tuesday. If you are interested in joining us in serving the evening

meal, please call Joy Blythe at 970-6060, or call the church office for information.

We have had a request from Florence Ponziano at Comfort House for donations of arts and crafts supplies for their summer camp. We will have a box available in the foyer for your donations. They can use any and all kinds of art supplies, including paper, paints and brushes, colored pencils, markers, etc. In addition, they would like old broken jewelry, including loose beads or other kinds of jewelry-making materials. If you have clean Styrofoam meat trays; they can be used to make looms for weaving with string and leftover yarn. Any extra kids' craft supplies that you have will be appreciated. Also, Florence is asking for small toys, such as those that come with kids' meals, to be used as prizes at the camp.

Wow! Hands on Housing is always a favorite event for many of us at Shepherd of the Hills and on April 30 we worked together again to help improve the quality of life of a family in need. Thanks to Hank Anawaty and Randy Long for their outstanding leadership and to Milesa Juricic for again coordinating the food and drinks for everyone there and to everyone who donated them. Thanks also to those who helped to gather supplies and who donated materials. There were around 33 people who worked on the house at 1305 Olander for all or part of the day, and for the first time that we can remember, we finished the work on Saturday afternoon and didn't have to go back on Sunday. Great job everyone!

As we begin the summer season, this is just a reminder to bring those

unused motel toiletries back from your travels to donate to our LifeWorks box. Please remember, also, that Bill Keene, our treasurer, continues to make outreach disbursements throughout the summer. I hope that you will help make that possible by keeping your pledge current even while traveling. Of course, we support the Family Food Pantry throughout the year, so please remember your food donations on those Sundays when you are in town. Thanks!

Suzanne Gonzalez
Outreach Committee



Camper Information

Camp is coming! For all the children and youth attending camp, get ready for a whole lot of fun and a great chance to get closer to God, out in the country side. Parents, check the camp list carefully—campers need the following items: sleeping bag, pillow, toothbrush and other toiletries, sunscreen, insect

repellant, swimsuit, towel, tennis shoes, ball cap, bible, money for approximately one soda and one snack per day, and any medications that are needed. If you have any questions, give Eric a call at 626-7410.

Eric will be visiting each camp to check on our campers, so if you need

anything taken to your child mid-week, give Eric a call. It should be great season at camp.

Beginner's camp is June 20-22. Campers should arrive at the camp at 11:00 a.m. Monday and they will depart camp at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday. Eights Camp is

June 26-July 2. Campers should meet at the church at 3:00 p.m. Sunday and they will return Saturday, July 2 at 12:30 p.m.

Chi Rho Camp is July 5-9. Camp will begin at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday and will close at 11:00 a.m. Saturday.

Schlitterbahn Trip

SHCC Youth will be taking a trip to Schlitterbahn Water Park on Father's Day, June 19. Kids and parents will meet at the Church at 8:00 am for a brief devotional service (donuts will be available). They will caravan down to New Braunfels, and return at 5:00 PM. More information is available from Eric Elder at 626-7410.

Come Meet Our New Southwest Regional Minister

The new Southwest Regional Minister, The Reverend Dani Loving Cartwright, will be coming to SHCC on Friday, June 3rd at 12:00 noon for a catered lunch. All church members are invited to attend and meet Rev. Cartwright. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to welcome our new Regional Minister and

host friends from other Disciple congregations in our area. Our own famous Pok-E-Jo's will be catering the lunch. The cost per person is \$7.00. To attend, please RSVP to the church office at 343-7858; money will be collected at the time of the lunch.

**Summer Dinners for Eight**

Sign up is beginning for the summer Dinners for Eight program. Dinners for Eight is a fellowship opportunity for a small group of approximately eight people to get

together and share a meal and get to know each other better in a home setting. If you would like to participate or host one of these dinners sometime this summer, contact

Diane Baker at 453-6603 x 105, 335-1121, 695-4393 or bakermd@alumni.utexas.net. Sign up sheets will be available in the church foyer.



First Friday Fun Coffeehouse with Live Music with Amy and Eric Elder



Friday, June 3, 2005

7:00 P.M.

Childcare provided

Come and relax after a busy week with dessert and coffee. Enjoy each other's company in our coffeehouse as we listen to music by our own Amy and Eric Elder. Dancing is optional but fun is encouraged.

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June

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:30 pm Choir	2 6:30 am CMF @ Denny's 11:30 am CWF 7:00 pm Near the Church and South Bible Study 8:00 pm AA (Ed Building)	3 12:00 noon Catered lunch with Dani Loving Cartwright 7:00 pm First Friday Fun (Coffee House with music by Amy & Eric Elder)	4 5:00 pm Vacation Bible School
5 9:15 am Coffee, Pastries & Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:40 am Worship 5:00 pm Vacation Bible School	6	7 8:00 am ORG 5:30 pm ARCH 6:00 pm Outreach Bible Study Group 7:00 pm Southwest Bible Study	8 7:30 pm Choir	9 7:00 pm South Bible Study 8:00 pm AA (Ed Building)	10	11 7:00 am Travis County Runoff Elections 5:00 pm Vacation Bible School
12 9:15 am Coffee, Pastries & Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:40 am Worship After Worship Congregational Meeting After Meeting Shepherds' Meeting @ El Mercado	13 7:00 pm Book Club @ Book People	14 8:00 am ORG 7:00 pm Southwest Bible Study 7:00 pm Outreach Bible Study Group meets for a forum on homelessness	15 7:30 pm Choir	16 7:00 pm South Bible Study 8:00 pm AA (Ed Building)	17	18 6:30 pm Still Wandering meets at Iron Cactus Café (6 th and San Jacinto)
19 9:15 am Coffee, Pastries & Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:40 am Worship	20 11:00 am Beginners Camp begins	21 8:00 am ORG 7:00 pm Southwest Bible Study	22 10:00 am Beginners Camp ends 2:00 pm CWF 7:30 pm Choir	23 7:00 pm South Bible Study 8:00 pm AA (Ed Building)	24	25
26 9:15 am Coffee, Pastries & Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:40 am Worship After Worship Seekers @ Waterloo 3:00 pm Eights Camp Leaves	27 7:00 pm Cabinet Meeting	28 8:00 am ORG 7:00 pm Southwest Bible Study	29 7:30 pm Choir	30 7:00 pm South Bible Study 7:00 pm Westminster HOA Meeting 8:00 pm AA (Ed Building)		

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Suzanne Gonzalez	June 2
Billy Tumlinson	June 3
Jeremy Davila	June 5
Russell Austin	June 7
Jeanette Whitcomb	June 7
Cole Brevard	June 11
Diane Baker	June 13
Josh Brevard	June 14
Rick Bosworth	June 14
Ray Combs	June 16
Linda Hoops	June 16
Elsie Burt O'Neal	June 17
Katie Blanton	June 18
Sheri Brice	June 25
Alexander Pappas	June 26
Jeff Hobbs	June 26
Gloria Young Kim	June 28
Adrian Gentry	June 29

June Seekers

Seekers will meet Sunday, June 26 after worship at Waterloo on 360. All are welcome.

June Still Wandering

Still Wandering will meet on Sat night, June 18th at 6:30 for dinner at Iron Cactus Café at 6th and San Jacinto. Afterward anyone we will go on the Ghost Tour, a 90 Minute Haunted History Walking Tour featuring the Driskill Hotel, Governor's Mansion and more. The Tour begins at 8:30 pm and costs \$15. Please RSVP to Linda Hoops at 914-8622 by June 12th.

June CMF

The next CMF Prayer Breakfast will be Thursday, June 2nd. Time: 6:30 am-7:45am. Place: Denny's Restaurant, 7820 Burnet Road. Questions: Call Adrian Gentry @ 345-3541.

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Rob & Jackie Bittner	June 3
Mike & Vicki Mayabb	June 11
Randy & Cindy Long	June 12
Todd & Jenny Coleman	June 15
Scott & Janice McCord	June 15
Hank & Kim Anawaty	June 17
Josh & Bethany Brevard	June 21

June CWF

Our next CWF meeting will be Wednesday, June 15, at the church at 2:00 p.m. The title of our program will be "Knowing our Travel Companions, Who is Going With Me?--GO WITH GOD."

Please plan to come, all ladies are invited!

Book Club News

The SHCC Book Club will meet June 13 at The Book People's bookstore at Lamar and 6th St at 7:00 pm. The book they will discuss is *Everything is Illuminated* by Jonathan Safran Foer.

Shepherd's Meeting

The Shepherds Meeting is scheduled for June 12 immediately after the Congregational Meeting. We will meet at El Mercado Restaurant.