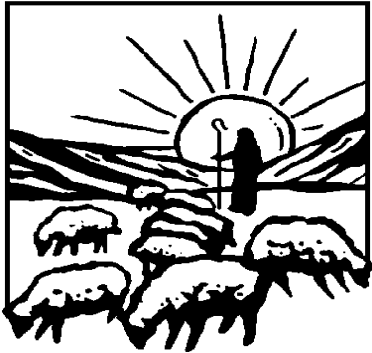


May 2010

The Shepherd's Lyre



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THY ROD AND THY STAFF

It is not too late to join our Sunday evening Adult Study Group on "Holistic Health". Each of the five sessions is a "stand alone", although all five do fit together. We've covered physical and mental health. This Sunday, May 2nd, from 6:00-7:30 pm, we will discuss Spiritual Health. Bring any favorite book(s) on the subject (the Bible will already be available), one or two of your favorite quotes or "ah-ha" thoughts, and we'll add to the discussion with personal challenges to spiritual health and growth. Relationships will be considered on May 9th (Mother's Day – fitting) and Financial Health on May 16th. The Study Group will not meet on May 23, since there is a Pentecost Baptism Service, nor on May 30th, as it is Memorial Day Weekend.

Yes, there is a Baptism Service planned for May 23rd. As is our tradition, we will go to someone's home after church, celebrate with a Fellowship Lunch and a Service of Baptism. I am, therefore, trying to visit with anyone who has not been baptized and wishes to be. I will meet with adults individually to discuss the meaning and significance of the baptism rite. We usually have a group class for children and youth and aim for the general ages of between Middle School and High School (although late Elementary is a possibility and open to discussion). May is our month to focus on Baptism, and Pentecost is our day to celebrate. Please let me know if you are interested.

Also in May, we are currently interviewing for a Children's Director of Christian Education and a Youth Director. The process is happening and the possibilities are looking good. We will keep you informed.

Finally, thank you for being here. Thank you for being a part of the ministry of Shepherd of the Hills Christian Church. I do hope to see you Sunday, and bring a friend, we have room for them now.

God bless,

Rod





Everyone in the community knows that to have a medical emergency is scary.

Fortunately, I have a hovering angel who stayed at my side throughout the entire ordeal. Pat and I are so grateful for our loving community and its outpouring of love and concern in the forms of prayers, calls, emails, cards, plants and offers of food, plus delivery service and offers of more! We are overwhelmed by such response. Thank each of you most gratefully! Perhaps George Elliot did it justice when she penned this "A friend may well be reckoned with a masterpiece of nature." 'Tis true, and our home reflects your masterpieces. Thank all of you so very much. We are honored to be a part of this caring and giving and loving community.

Billy and Pat Tumlinson



Youth Sunday & Youth Choir Musical

This year's Youth Sunday Choir performance is going to be especially wonderful in our new sanctuary! The Youth Choir will perform "**100% Chance of Rain**", a great jazz musical about Noah's Ark. There will be singing and dancing and percussion instruments.

Rehearsals will continue on May 2nd and 9th from 12:00 – 2:00 pm, and the dress rehearsal will be on Saturday, May 15th from 9am – 12:00 pm. The musical will be performed during Worship on **Sunday, May 16th**, when our children and teens will be in charge of the entire worship service. Please support their hard work and ministry by joining us for worship on May 16th.

Thank you, SHCC, for the special Pentecost stole given to me during the ordination service! Thank you for your support over the past three years and for your tremendous ministry in the Austin community.

Randy Hill
Associate Minister of Evangelism
SHCC

Nominating Committee Selected

There will be a congregational meeting on June 13 for the purpose of electing officers for the 2010-2011 church year that begins in July. The following people have agreed to serve on the nominating committee that will recommend a slate of officers to be presented at that meeting: Joyce Coleman, Adrian Gentry, Suzanne Gonzalez, Gayle Rainwater, Andy Rose, Bob Tate and Pat Vaughan. In accordance with the SHCC Bylaws, this committee was ratified by the Cabinet at its meeting on April 15.

The positions to be elected are Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Secretary, Treasurer, two Trustees and two members of the Personnel Committee. The nominating committee is soliciting recommendations from the congregation. If you are interested in serving in one of the positions or would like to nominate someone, please communicate this to one of the committee members within the next two weeks.

The proposed slate of officers will be published in the next newsletter prior to the congregational election meeting.

Thank you,
Suzanne Gonzalez
Moderator

Outreach Activities

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Austin Resource Center for the Homeless
Tuesday, May 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, May 17th, 5:15 pm



We need help making sandwiches, loading the truck, and distributing the food to the homeless and working poor of Austin.


LifeWorks Street Outreach


This is just a reminder to all of you travelers that we collect your **hotel toiletries** for distribution to the LifeWorks center working with homeless teens. This is an ongoing project and the collection box is always available in the foyer or in the church office. These items are always needed and always greatly appreciated.


Calling all Handymen(Persons!)


Bob Coleman, of the Church Property/Building Committee, is looking for a volunteer to help share the duties of the committee. This involves taking care of minor repairs and overseeing the maintenance of our two buildings. If interested, please contact Bob at 258-5820.

Opportunities for Fellowship and Growth


 **The CWF (Christian Women's Fellowship) Lunch** will be on **Thursday, May 6, at 11:30 am** at the Bamboo Grill, 6507 Jester Blvd. Everyone is invited to join us, CWF women as well as guests.


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

 The **Book Club** will be meeting again at **7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 10**, at the Triumph Café on Spicewood Springs Road. We will be discussing The Piano Teacher by Janice Y. K. Lee. We welcome anyone who is interested to come and spend the evening with us. We'd like to hear what you have been reading.

 **CWF Day Group:** The monthly afternoon CWF Meeting will be **Wednesday, May 19 at 2 pm**. We will begin a new study book entitled "In Search of the Kite Runner." I purchased 6 copies of "The Kite Runner" for our Study to go with our book from the Board of Publication. This book is \$3.25 each (including tax). They will be for sale at our May CWF Meeting. You do not have to purchase one if you don't want to, I'll take all "left overs" back to the book store.

☎Milesa (288-8306)

 **The Theological Discovery Group** will meet on **Friday, May 21st at 12:00 noon** at SHCC. Members of the group are asked to present a 3-5 minute overview of their favorite Henri Nouwen book. Bring your sack lunch and join us for some good conversation.

 **CWF Monday Night Escape Group:** The CWF Monday Night Escape Group will be meet on **Monday, May 24th** at Waterloo Ice House (Loop 360 and 2222) **at 5:30 pm** for dinner and then meet at **7:00 pm** at the church for a devotional. For more information, please contact Gayle Rainwater (sgbarksdale@yahoo.com)

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



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that one of our regulars spends the greater part of his week visiting prisoners in two different prison systems? That he does this for six weeks or more at a time, over the last several years? When he is with them all he does is listen and love. Sound vaguely familiar? Try Matthew 25:44, 45.

Do you know the problems that abound when a prisoner is locked away? His or her concerns inside the walls, the problems his or her family faces outside the walls, the missed opportunities for the children involved, and a myriad more?

Do you know the numbers involved, as they have skyrocketed in the last couple of decades? Do you know the problems associated with parole and reintegration back into society?

We don't know the answers either. But we are a new group of four willing to study them. This is a group formed from the Outreach Committee which will gather information and data and materials for a year, and come back with a report of findings for the Outreach Committee at year's end. It is an open committee and those interested are encouraged to join us. Our next meeting is after worship on May 2nd. At this meeting we will be practicing another old biblical practice: fasting. We have yet unperfected the art of food in our Education Building, where we will be for one hour. Any questions: ask Jerry Miller, Greg Lanier, Pat Pate, or Billy Tumlinson.

Volunteers Needed for Building Use Committee

Now that we have a beautiful new sanctuary, it's time for us to start developing our plans for how SHCC can use our building to serve the community around us. **The Administration Committee is looking for volunteers to form a Building Use Subcommittee to discuss the various issues surrounding renting out our church facilities to other groups in our community.** The end goal of the committee will be to flesh out a revised building use policy that is in line with our desires for the space and for the church. Committee members will have a limited time commitment of about three to four months, with a target date for completing our task in early fall. If you feel called to serve on the Building Use Committee, please contact Rebecca Rose via email at rebeccarose@austin.rr.com or via phone: 419-7393. Thank you!



Women from across the Southwest Region are uniting to raise funds to be able to hire a full time women's staff person for our region. Although the Southwest region is the largest, we are one of the few that does not have a full-time staff person dedicated to women's ministries or representing us on the Executive Council. At a Disciples Women visioning event held in February that Susan Hill and Melanie Holtz attended, the women in our region decided it's time to change that! The SHCC Cabinet approved the request. We are asking **each** woman in the Southwest Region to give \$1.00 a month (or \$12.00 a year) to raise funds to be able to hire a full time women's staff person for our region.

Will you take the challenge? Let's see how much money we can raise so that we as Women of Faith can do ministry the way God is calling us to do! Together we can do great things! Send your donations to:

CCSW

P.O. Box 1689

Ft. Worth, TX 76101

Be sure to mark your check: "Women's Ministry Support"

MAY BIRTHDAYS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BIRTHDAY</u>
Kathryn (Hoops) Ojeda	May 2
Susan Hill	May 8
Pat Vaughan	May 9
Milesa Juricic	May 10
Pam Pate	May 10
Kim Keating	May 13
Mike Mayabb	May 13
Bill Little	May 14
Kim Anawaty	May 16
Bob Coleman	May 16
Joyce Coleman	May 19
Ben Miller	May 19
Jim Berry	May 20
Laura Hensley	May 22
Thomas Nash	May 22
Bob Tate	May 23
Zachary Carroll	May 24
Jeanne May	May 26
Georgia Bauer	May 31

Congratulations!!!

to Daniel Davila, who sent this recent note to SHCC.

Dear Ones,

Meet my new and only Miss Colorado, **Holly Brooklyn Barrett**, born April 27th at 4:44 PM Mountain Time. She weighed 8.8 lbs and measured 22 1/2 inches. My daughter Erin María is fine. Erin and her husband Aaron Marc became parents when Aiden was born on April 7th, 2008. Now I am blessed with two grandchildren in Colorful Colorado.

Peace, love and joy,
Daniel



ANNIVERSARIES

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ANNIVERSARY</u>
Steve & Gayle Rainwater	May 10
Fred & Dawn Lewis	May 11
Patrick & Kim Keating	May 16
David & Lucinda Valenti	May 23
Russell & Tara Nash	May 28



Leaders for Spring 2010:

- May 2:** Russell Nash and Pat Vaughan
- May 9:** Ginny Lucich and Pat Vaughan
- May 16:** No Children's Church
- May 23:** Russell and Dana Austin
- May 30:** Chris and Gail Adams



Several women from SHCC gathered to put their creative forces together for a good cause: decorating a bra to help fight the battle against breast cancer. The bra pictured here was designed for a fundraiser known as "Bras for a Cause" that will be taking place during the Quadrennial Assembly in Greensboro, NC, June 23 – 27. The bras are decorated and created around a theme and are typically a humorous play on words. SHCC's Disciples Women evening group chose a theme based on our church name, Shepherd of the Hills. Our bra has a shepherd tending his flock on green hills. Special thanks to Vicki Mayabb, Mary Ann Coleman, Pam Pate, Melanie Holtz, and Susan Hill! SHCC is willing to scholarship women to attend Quadrennial Assembly! If you are interested, please contact Melanie Holtz at 535-0625.



May 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Bluebonnet Area Assembly-Central Christian Church, San Antonio
2 9:15 am Coffee, Pastries & Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:40 am Worship 12:00-2:00 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal 6-7:30 pm Adult Study	3	4 8:00 am ORG 5:45 pm ARCH	5 7:00 pm Bell Choir 8:00 pm Chancel Choir	6 11:30 am CWF Lunch @ Bamboo Grill	7 7:00 am CWF Prayer Breakfast	8 7:00am-7:00pm AustinMunicipal Elections@SHCC SW Good Samaritan Ministries 25 th Anniversary in LosFresnos,TX
9 MOTHER'S DAY 9:15 am Coffee, Pastries & Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:40 am Worship 12:00-2:00 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal 6-7:30 pm Adult Study	10 7:00 pm Book Club (at Triumph Café)	11 8:00 am ORG	12 7:00 pm Bell Choir 8:00 pm Chancel Choir	13	14	15 9:-12:00 am Youth Choir Dress Rehearsal
16 YOUTH SUNDAY 9:00 am Musical Rehearsal 9:15 am Coffee, Pastries & Fellowship 10:40 am Worship 12:00 pm Outreach Comm. 12:00 pm Shepherds 6-7:30 pm Adult Study	17 5:15 pm Mobile Loaves & Fishes	18 8:00 am ORG	19 2:00 pm CWF Meeting @SHCC 7:00 pm Bell Choir 8:00 pm Chancel Choir	20 7:00 pm Cabinet Meeting	21 12:00 pm Theological Discovery Group	22
23 PENTECOST SUNDAY 9:15 am Coffee, Pastries & Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:40 am Worship 12:00 pm Fellowship Lunch & Service of Baptism	24 5:30 pm CWF Women's Monday Night Escape Group	25 8:00 am ORG	26 12:00 noon Newsletter Deadline 7:00 pm Bell Choir 8:00 pm Chancel Choir	27	28	29
30 9:15 am Coffee, Pastries & Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:40 am Worship	31 MEMORIAL DAY Office Closed					

June Newsletter Deadline
 The deadline for submissions for
 the June Newsletter and Calendar
 is **Wednesday, May 26 at 12:00
 noon.** Thank you!

OUTREACH HIGHLIGHTS

2010 STUDY GROUP INVITATION

During the planning process in 2009 the Outreach Committee invited volunteer Resource Leaders to research and suggest areas of need in our community. The Outreach Committee selected one of the needs areas identified by the Resource Leaders to be a Committee studied need area in 2010. The needs of incarcerated individuals were selected for study. Four individuals have volunteered, thus far, to participate in a study process that they develop. The leaders are Billy Tumlinson, Greg Lanier, Pat Pate, and Jerry Miller. They will look at the needs, see what is already being done in our community and will identify potential areas of outreach ministry for SHCC participation in the coming year. **If you are interested in these needs and issues please contact one of the four and step right in! You are wanted and needed for this important outreach ministry.**

Robert V. Miller Fund Camp- <http://www.rvmcampsadultsdisabilities.org>

The first camp of the year was held April 22-25 in Gonzales at the Disciple Oaks Retreat Center. The RVM Fund partnered with PLANCTX, a non profit provider of services to adults with functional barriers created by severe mental illness, for this camp session. Most of the adult participants live in homes with aging parents as primary caregivers. The social-recreational experiences provided by the camp/"Getaway" provided a respite opportunity for caregivers, as well as a first experience for the 20 adults who participated. SHCC provided scholarship funds for individuals and responded generously to a last minute appeal for camp supply essentials. A Boy Scout troop in the Gonzales area was the primary volunteer work force. Wells Fargo Bank donated scholarships, Leif Johnson donated a van, and dear friends donated a complete fajita feast cook out on one of the evenings. Photos and videos were taken and will be viewable by the time of the "Cake Off." The next camp/"Getaway" with this group will be in early November.

Bethany Christian Church

Have you ever wondered what happens to those Sunday food collections, hams and turkeys?

The Bethany Faith Food Pantry has shared its fourth quarter report with SHCC as an outreach partner. In the January-March 2010 time period the pantry served 199 households (23 new households) including 464 individuals. In addition to the \$1000 donated through the Outreach Committee budget, the pantry received 400lbs of donated groceries through Sunday collections!!! The donations reported also included 20 hours of volunteer activity donated by the SHCC community. Let us celebrate this partnership through which we meet needs in the greater Austin area.

Carnes Scholarship Applications Deadline June 15, 2010

The Carnes Endowed Scholarship Fund of SHCC will be accepting applications for scholarship awards from students planning to enter college or currently attending college.

Please call the church office at 343-7858 for more information and to obtain an application.

Expanding the Table: Special Pentecost Offering

Pentecost Sunday takes place on Sunday, May 23 and as we have each year, we will be collecting a special offering to benefit the New Church Ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The funds collected through this offering are divided evenly between the New Church Ministry and the region where the giving church is located. For more information, go to www.newchurchministry.org.

2010 BBA Camps

CYF Conference: June 20-26
Eighter's Camp: June 27- July 3
Beginner's Camp: July 6-9
Chi Rho Camp: July 11-17
Junior Camp: July 18-23

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