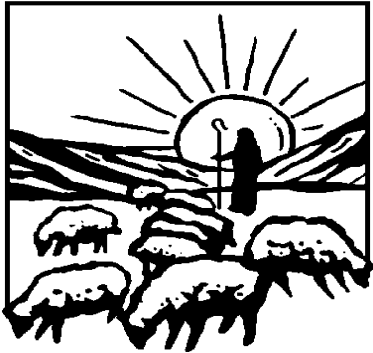


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# The Shepherd's Lyre



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## THY ROD AND THY STAFF



I walk out to the new building every day to remind me where we are going. The windows and doors are almost all in now. The room is starting to feel like worship space. Caulkers are sealing, air conditioning ducts are going in, the sprinkler system is in – great progress is being made. The good news is, it's going to be great! The bad news is, it's going to be slow. Will we be in by Christmas? We really don't know yet. It's doubtful. We may be practicing patience and anticipation by then. (Both are Advent themes.) The current target date is mid-January. Of course, there is a lot of work to be done between now and then, and there are a lot of City inspections to be passed. The goal is to do it right and make it nice. The new sanctuary is our gift to God and the community. We can't afford to rush the process. And, if you're in the neighborhood, stop by, and we can savor the progress together.

*God bless,*

*Rod*



## Outreach Highlights

### Focus Area: Special Needs

#### **Samaritan Center for Counseling and Pastoral Care**

The Samaritan Center is an accredited, local, nonprofit counseling center. Interfaith services include individual, group and family counseling with specialized practitioners for children, youth, women, men, older adults, veterans, military, and military families. The main office is on Research Blvd. in Austin, but branch offices are located in San Marcos, Round Rock and Georgetown. The Center also offers counseling related to workforce transition and for members of the clergy and their families. Educational workshops and retreats are offered on many topics in each area of specialization. Fees are on a sliding scale with some special services offered free of charge through funding provided from a variety of foundations and individual contributions. An annual fundraiser is held in the month of October. For more information go to <http://www.samaritan-center.org>. (Several SHCC members are also knowledgeable resource people regarding this Center and the services provided: Rod Coleman, Greg Lanier, Rebecca Rose among others.)

### Focus Area: Children and Youth

#### **Austin Children's Shelter**

The Austin Children's Shelter is a local nonprofit that provides temporary shelter and care for children, ages 3 -17, who are removed from their home by the court because of abuse and neglect. The care and services are directed at mitigating the emotional trauma that comes with removal from home. The program began serving 6 children in 1984 and will open a new facility in October 2009 with capacity to house, serve and care for 78 children. About 300 children are served each year. An in-house school program and an in-house medical program managed by a nurse practitioner are now part of the comprehensive services. A wide range of volunteer and money donation opportunities are available. For more information go to [www.austinchildrenshelter.org](http://www.austinchildrenshelter.org).

### Focus Area: Basic Needs

#### **Mobile Loaves and Fishes**

This social outreach ministry delivers food and clothing to the homeless and indigent working poor using delivery vehicles. The ministry began out of St. John Neumann Catholic Church in 1998 and became a local nonprofit in 2000. Branch ministries are now in operation out of several parishes in Austin using 6 delivery trucks. In total more than 7000 meals (along with shoes) are provided each month to children and adults in Austin. The ministry has also branched out to other cities in Texas as well as seed locations in Louisiana. "Make ready" volunteer teams prepare the sandwiches and stock the trucks. Other volunteers serve on "Truck Teams" along specific delivery routes. SHCC volunteers participate in this outreach ministry on the third Monday of each month at 5:15 PM. Lucinda Valenti is the project organizer. More information, including video clips, is available at [www.mlfnow.org](http://www.mlfnow.org) with more detail on numerous other sites.

## ARCH

**Austin Resource Center for the Homeless**

**Tuesday, October 6, 5:45 pm**

*500 East 7th St. at Neches*

Join us to help feed a gourmet meal to about 100 homeless men.

## Children and Youth Adventure Time



### Night Under The Stars (and Parents' Night Out!)

October 3, 2000


5:00 – 10:00 pm


Ages 3 years through  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade


Children, ages three through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, will enjoy a night in nature while parents enjoy a night on the town.


## 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 CWF (Christian Women's Fellowship) Lunch** will be on **Thursday, October 1, at 11:30 am** at the Bamboo Grill, 6507 Jester Blvd. Everyone who is interested in eating lunch is invited...please join us!

 The next meeting of the **CMF (Christian Men's Fellowship)** will be **Friday, October 2, at 7:00 am** at the Waterloo Ice House located on 360 at 2222. Any questions, please call Adrian Gentry (345-3541).

 **Book Club:** We are celebrating our tenth anniversary this month. Thanks to Billy Tumlinson for getting it all started back in 1999. We have enjoyed a variety of good reads and many hours of literary discussion and good fellowship through our years together. In recognition of the occasion, Billy and Pat have invited us to their home for our meeting at **7:00 pm on Monday, October 12**. The address is 9101 Bluegrass Drive. This month we are reading The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. Everyone is invited to join us as we continue to celebrate the joy of reading.

 **CWF Day Group:** The monthly afternoon CWF Meeting will be on **Wednesday, October 21 at 2 pm**. at the church. Our topic is entitled "Lethal Weapon", Chapter 2 from our new study book, Really Bad Girls of the Bible. Join us, you will be glad that you did!

☎Milesa (288-8306)

 **CWF Monday Night Escape Group:** The CWF Monday Night Escape Group will meet on **Monday, October 26, at 5:30 pm**. We will pick up where we left off in our fascinating book, Really Bad Girls of the Bible. We will meet for dinner at Waterloo on 360 at 5:30 pm, and then proceed to SHCC for our discussion at 7:00 p.m. Hope you'll join us then!

**It's that time again!!!****2009 Christmas Musical**

The Youth Choir is gearing up to present another great Christmas Musical for this holiday season.

All interested parents and children aged kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend an informational meeting on Sunday, October 11 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. A hot dog lunch will be served.

Rehearsals will begin on Sunday, November 1, from 12:30-2:00, with lunch included, and continue each Sunday in November.



Dear Friends.

Some of you may have noticed that Kathy and I have not been in church all summer. I have been preaching at First Christian Church in

Smithville, which is a few miles east of Bastrop. This past Sunday, the congregation voted to call me as their pastor, and I accepted the call. Consequently, Kathy and I will be devoting our energies to that congregation for the foreseeable future. Pray that we and the church in Smithville may be blessed.

We miss all of you and we hope to see you from time to time on special occasions. "Like a tree planted by the water" we have deep roots at SHCC and we have been and will continue to be spiritually nourished by your living waters.

Elliot Richmond

**CELEBRATE DISCIPLES'  
HERITAGE WITH US ON  
SUNDAY OCTOBER 18, 2009**

Join us as we celebrate the history of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) on October 18<sup>th</sup> with Heritage Sunday. The members of SHCC have been participating in a heritage remembrance since 1988 – before we moved into our building. We **ALL** dress in early 1800's costume (boots and jeans or long dresses and bonnets), enjoy traditional hymns, and have a potluck picnic lunch after the Worship Service. Fried chicken, drinks, and dinnerware will be provided – please bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share! So grab your old-timey clothes and bring a friend for a Sunday of fun, fellowship, and Disciples history.

**Welcome**  
**to the Flock!**

We are very pleased to welcome Vip Milton, who became a member of SHCC on August 9, 2009. Vip transferred his membership from the First United Methodist Church in downtown Austin.



<u>NAME</u>	<u>BIRTHDAY</u>
Vicki Mayabb	October 1
Ryan Lucich	October 5
Janette Leath	October 6
Ellen Nash	October 7
Sophia Vaughan	October 7
Jennifer Richter	October 8
Linda Ross	October 9
Sharon Miller	October 18
Helen Harris	October 20
Marina Witt	October 25



**Leaders for Fall 2009:**

- October 4:** Chris and Gail Adams
- October 11:** Haydee Fuselier and Pat Vaughan
- October 18:** Russell Nash and Sheri Brice
- October 25:** Ginny Lucich and Lucinda Valenti
- November 1:** Tim and Chris Johnson
- November 8:** Russell and Dana Austin
- November 15:** Chris and Gail Adams
- November 22:** Pat Vaughan and Sheri Brice
- November 29:** Mary Ann Coleman and Kim Keating

*Announcing*.....Newest Additions to the SHCC Family

**Beatrice Sowell Sullivan**, granddaughter of Desmar Walkes and Brian Sullivan, was born on August 11, weighing 6 pounds, 4 ounces, and is the daughter of Campbell and Ryan Sullivan of Palo Alto, California.

**Sophia Krystyn Ruehl**, great-granddaughter of our own Elsie Burt O-Neal, was born on August 25, weighing 6 pounds, 5 ounces, and was 20 inches tall. Her parents are Melissa and Charles Ruehl of Houston.

Congratulations to both families!



<u>NAME</u>	<u>ANNIVERSARY</u>
Andy & Rebecca Rose	October 1
Rick & Jennifer Bosworth	October 28



**November Newsletter Deadline**

The deadline for submissions for the November Newsletter and Calendar is **Monday, October 26 at 12 noon.**  
Thank you!



# October 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 11:30 am CWF Lunch @ Bamboo Grill 6:00 – 7:30 pm Brownies Meeting	2 7:00 am CMF Prayer Breakfast @ Waterloo on 360	3 5:00 -10:00 pm Night Under the Stars/Parents' Night Out
4 World Communion Sunday 9:15 am Coffee, Pastries & Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:40 am Worship	5 Samaritan Counseling Center Minister's Cup	6 8:00 am ORG 5:45 pm ARCH	7 7:00 pm Bell Choir 8:00 pm Chancel Choir	8	9	10
11 Week of Ministry 9:15 am Coffee, Pastries & Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:40 am Worship 12:00 pm Outreach Committee 12:30 pm Childrens' Christmas Musical Mtg	12 Columbus Day 7:00 pm Book Club (at Tumlinson's)	13 8:00 am ORG 12:00 pm Disciples' Clergy Lunch @ HPCC	14 7:00 pm Bell Choir 8:00 pm Chancel Choir	15 7:00 pm Cabinet Meeting	16 12:00 pm Theological Discovery Group @SHCC	17
18 HERITAGE SUNDAY 9:15 am Coffee, Pastries & Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:40 am Worship 12:00 pm Community Picnic	19 5:15 pm Mobile Loaves & Fishes	20 8:00 am ORG	21 2:00 pm CWF Meeting @SHCC 7:00 pm Bell Choir 8:00 pm Chancel Choir	22	23	24 7:00 pm YOUTH LOCK-IN & PUMPKIN CARVING
25 9:15 am Coffee, Pastries & Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:40 am Worship 12:00 pm Pumpkin Auction	26 12:00 noon Newsletter Deadline 5:30 pm CWF Monday Night Escape Group	27 8:00 am ORG	28 7:00 pm Bell Choir 8:00 pm Chancel Choir	29 6:00 – 7:30 pm Brownies Meeting	30	31



## **Pumpkins, Pumpkins Everywhere**

**Come to the Youth Lock-In**  
**Saturday, October 26, 2009**  
**7:00 PM**

Make Jack-O-Lanterns for the Auction  
Carving, Snacks, Movies  
Don't miss out on the fun!

Bring a snack to share, personal items,  
towel (showers available), clothes for  
church, bedding/sleeping bag.

Grades 3 and older

**Pumpkin Auction**  
**Sunday, October 27**  
**After the Worship Service**

Pumpkins carved and decorated by the SHCC Youth  
will be sold and auctioned.

**Bluebonnet Area  
CYF FALL RALLY  
November 13-15, 2009**

**You Turn: RADICAL FAITH**

Early Registration Fee: \$100 (Before October 28, 2009)

Late Registration Fee: \$120 (After October 28, 2009)

For registration forms, call the Church Office (343-7858)

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