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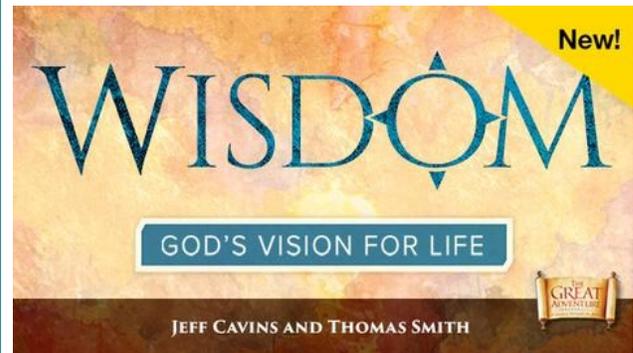
SEPTEMBER 11, 2020

New Bible Study

The Sunday Seminar has wrapped up their study on Wisdom and have started a new study on the Gospel of Luke.

They will be using the Logos Bible Study material by Dr. Bill Creasy for reference material.

If you have any questions, or would like to join them, reach out to me in the office (shccaustin@gmail.com), and we will put you in direct contact with Dawnetta Hodge.



Summer Sunday Seminars

Are you missing fellowship? Are you seeking more Godly wisdom in your life?

Join your fellow flock members via Zoom for a special 8-part discussion on the topic of Wisdom literature of the Bible at 9:30 on Sunday mornings. Registration is required to access online teaching videos, but anyone is welcome to join in the discussion. Contact the office at shccaustin@gmail.com to get Dawnetta Hodge's contact info for more information.

Here is the Zoom link for Sunday. There is no password required, but there is a Waiting Room when people first sign on.

Topic: Sunday Morning Class

Time: 09:30 AM

Every week on Sun, until Dec 27, 2020

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83845697064>

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We Still Need Connection Volunteers!

Hello SHCC Family! Pat Pate has sent out the call that we are currently seeking 5 to 6 volunteers who would be willing to call, text, or email different members of our church on a weekly basis.

Now more than ever, we understand how important creating connection is, and we need your help to make that happen.

We would ask you to pray about this, and whether you want to volunteer or would simply like more information, please contact the office at shccaustin@gmail.com. I will then direct you to someone who can give you more details.

On behalf of Pat Pate, the SHCC staff, and all members of SHCC, we sincerely thank you in advance!



Kids' Corner: God Wants Me to Forgive *Everyone*? (Matthew 18:21-35)

Parents: lesson activity sheets, craft ideas, and/or video will be sent to you in a separate email from Jessica on Friday, so be sure to check it out!

What is mercy? The concept can seem foreign or abstract to children, until it is put in relative terms, like getting a time-out pardon. It is important to communicate to youngsters that forgiveness is a huge component of our relationship with God. As we have gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His grace, we want to impart that upon one another, as well. This Sunday school lesson contains ideas for sharing the parable of the unmerciful student with children, emphasizing why we are to forgive others and appreciate God's forgiveness.

Lesson Focus: This discusses the parable of the unmerciful servant, but the main emphasis should be focused on the idea of forgiveness. It is important to forgive others because we recognize that God has granted us forgiveness. It isn't always easy, but we demonstrate gratitude for God's gift of mercy when we extend that to others around us. This lesson focuses on mercy and forgiveness. We forgive others not just once or even seventy times, but countless times, recognizing what God has done for us. In fact, demonstrating mercy to others can actually be freeing to us, because grudges can weigh us down, but giving others mercy and love releases us.

Explain that today we'll look at a Gospel passage where Jesus told a parable about someone who did not forgive another person. As we go through, we'll talk about how important it is for us to forgive other people, and to appreciate God's mercy upon us.

Ask: Have you ever deserved a punishment, and gotten out of it? How did you feel?

Bible Lesson: As always, how you choose to experience the story will vary according to the ages and abilities of your children (and how many are participating). This passage lends itself nicely to dramatic presentation, whether through puppets, skits, or mime-acting. Remind students of previous conversations surrounding the idea of forgiveness or conflict resolution. In today's lesson, Jesus will tell a story to emphasize why it is important for us to grant mercy to one another.

In this Bible passage, Peter asks Jesus if there is a forgiveness "quota" or a limit to how many times we are required to forgive others. Maybe he was trying to get out of forgiving someone, or he was hoping if he forgave just a few times, he could justify revenge or writing someone off. The number seven was seen as whole or complete... Jesus surprises Peter by telling him that he should actually forgive someone seventy times (or 77 times) seven... this did not limit the forgiveness to 490, though, but was representing an infinite amount of forgiveness offerings.

Ask: Have you ever had to forgive someone? Was it challenging? Why?

Jesus told a story to remind people why forgiveness is so important... The king forgave the man's huge debt and let him go completely free and clear! Do you think you would be relieved if you were let off when you should be punished? Probably so! But guess what? This man was not too grateful. Rather than living in peace with others, he found a friend who owed him just a little bit, and did not demonstrate mercy...

Does this seem fair? Probably not! And the king didn't think it seemed too fair either. Although he had previously shown the man a great deal of mercy, this time around, he was not so fortunate:

Ask: Why do you think Jesus gave this parable? What does it mean for us? Remind children that we know God forgives us no matter what... but He also wants us to show grace to others.

Now, sometimes it is hard for us to forgive one another. There might be time when people do really mean things to you, and you have to be careful about allowing them to hurt you again and again. You might forgive, but still remember how they acted. God can help us with that. We can go to Him in prayer, acknowledging His work in our lives and asking for His help when forgiving other people. It isn't always easy, but it's part of our duties as God's children!

Close with a prayer thanking God for His abundant mercy and forgiveness. Ask for His help in being merciful to those around us, even when forgiveness can be challenging.

November Election Volunteers Needed

Jane and Bill Keene are in need of Election Clerks to work with them on Election Day, November 3rd, at the Lakewood Clubhouse. The Lakewood Clubhouse is less than three miles from the church, off 360.

Election Clerks will check in voters and assist voters with voting equipment as needed. Clerks must also be registered to vote in Travis County, able to take online training prior to Election Day, and available to work from 6 am to 8 pm or until the polls close on Election Day. The pay is \$10.00 per hour. Working on Election Day is long and often intense, but very rewarding. In addition, you get to work with the best Election Judges in the State of Texas.

High school students who are 16 years of age or older also have the opportunity to participate in the electoral process by serving as Elections Clerks at the polling place during Early Voting or on Election Day. A student who is at least 16 years of age and who is enrolled in a public or private high school or home school and has the consent of the principal (or parent/legal guardian in charge of education in home school) may serve as an election clerk. The elections officials must receive written authorization from the student's parent or guardian for the student to serve in the election for which he or she is appointed.

If you are interested in stepping up to this challenge or need further information, please contact the Keenes at (512) 338-6771 or WNKeene42@gmail.com. If you are interested in working the election, but are registered in another county, please contact your county's election clerk.

The Week Ahead

Sunday, September 13

9:30 AM **Zoom Sunday Series**
10:40 AM **Online Live Worship Service**

Monday, September 14

7:00 PM **Book Club**

Wednesday, September 16

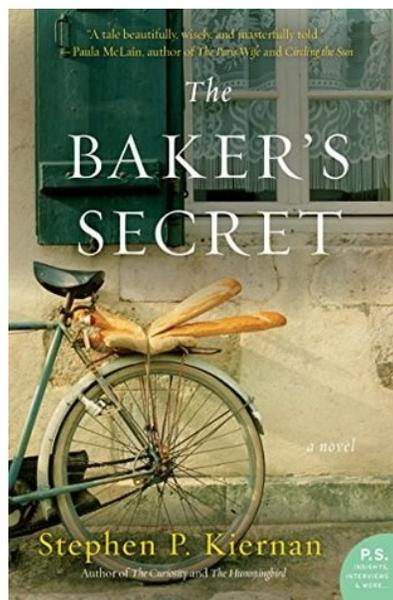
10:00 AM **Zoom Women's Bible Study**



Opportunities for Fellowship and Growth



- ◆ **The ORG (Old Retired Guys)** group is putting its meetings on hold until further notice.
- ◆ If you have questions about the **Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir**, please contact Iain Sturrock at Iain.shcc@gmail.com for further details.
- ◆ The **Book Club** will have a Zoom meeting this coming Monday night at 7:00 PM. We will be discussing *The Baker's Secret* by Stephen P. Kiernan. Set in France in the days just prior to the Normandy invasion, this novel tells the story of a young woman who secretly tries to help her fellow villagers in defiance of the German occupiers. We invite all interested readers to join us as we discuss this and other books, and we would love to hear what you have been reading. Here is the link to the meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82305119616>



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Louis Neimerg	September 11
Drake Farmer	September 13
Magnolia Hance	September 13
Jerry Vaughan	September 15
Melissa Biggs	September 18
Kylie Long	September 18



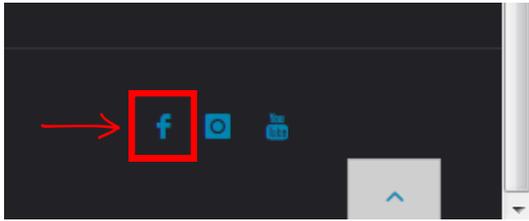
Daryl and Trisha Krause September 18

*****Instructions to Watch Sunday's Online Sermon*****

Please join us virtually on Sunday on Facebook and YouTube as we go "live" for Worship again! This is a great way to help keep us all connected and to share our joys and concerns. Please note that you do not need to be a Facebook member or have an account to watch on Sunday because our church page is public. You only need internet access.

[Steps to Join Us "Live" Online on Sunday for Worship at 10:40:](#)

1. Click on our church website: www.shccaustin.org (Preferably use Google Chrome as your browser.)
2. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on the Facebook Icon which looks like this:



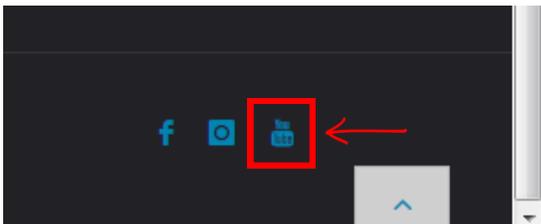
3. This will take you to our SHCC Facebook page
4. Simply, scroll down a short ways until you see our live Worship Service, press the red play button, and view in real time. *(You may have trouble with this step if you do not have a Facebook account, but technically you should be able to watch it. If you can't make it work, you can call the office during the week, and we can talk it over.)*

The recording will also be saved, so if you wish to watch it later on the SHCC Facebook page or YouTube page you can do that too.

[Steps to View Our Worship Recording on YouTube](#)

Each Monday, we will post our Worship Service on our SHCC YouTube Page.

1. To find our YouTube Page, click on our website: www.shccaustin.org
2. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on the YouTube Icon which looks like this:



3. Look for the recording posted with the date of worship you wish to view.

If you would like to watch last week's Worship Service, simply go to our YouTube link and find the recording from 9/6/20).