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Announcement:

The newsletter staff will take the summer off so there will be no newsletter in July or August. Look for the next newsletter on the first Sunday of September. Submit story ideas to Kristin Hulin (405) 373-2139 or David Brainard (405) 473-9076.

WORSHIP MINISTRY By Joan Word

The SHBC Worship Ministry is led by Darrell Schantz. He first came to SHBC as an interim director for a short time. Through a series of events, he later became the official director and has now served in that position for nearly 20 years. Knowing the songs he chooses sets the atmosphere for the Worship Service, Darrell prays for guidance, consults scripture and the pastor's sermon before selecting a song. He also consults with Curtis Keller and Bro. Doug for their input. They seek songs that are scripture-based, worshipful, upbeat, congregational-friendly, and yes, hymns are sometimes included.

Darrell is always looking for new members to join the Worship Ministry and to find those who would like to participate in special events. Instrumentalists and vocalists of all ages are welcome. Technical assistants are also welcome. Please note: No auditions are required to join the Worship Ministry, however, previous choir experience is a plus. At present, more instrumentalists are needed but vocalists are still accepted and appreciated. The goal is to have multiple teams that can rotate and/or substitute to cover for members due to illness, emergencies, vacations, etc. SO, if you hear anybody singing really good...or know someone who plays the drums, bass guitar, rhythm guitar, or an instrument we don't already have... please let Darrell know!

FATHER'S DAY IS COMING...SOON!!! Darrell would like to challenge the men of our church to lead...the church/their families... in worship that morning by being a part of an ALL MALE CHOIR. Please contact Darrell if you are up for the challenge!!

Know Your SH Family by David Brainard

Sue Cunningham



A few facts about Sue Cunningham:

- *she is a busy lady!
- *she is in several card playing groups, the Lion's Club, and volunteers at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, and until Covid, gave tours of the Devon Tower
- *she grew up in Ponca City and graduated high school there
- *there were no organized sports for women then but she played backyard softball and roller skated
- * she got her degree in elementary education at Central State College (now UCO) with a minor in music
- *she taught 4th grade for six years then stopped to raise a family
- *her two sons both grew up in S Hills where she moved in 1968 (She has four grandchildren)
- *S Hills was a new addition then with only 22 houses
- *she has lived in S Hills longer than anyone living there now
- *she was married 41 years but her husband passed 23 years ago from Alzheimers Disease
- * her husband started an advertising business still run by her two sons
- *she works there part time doing payroll and quarterly financial reports
- *she has attended S Hills church since it opened in 1975 (50 years!)
- *the changes she has witnessed in the church include music and an almost complete turnover of people (Vernon and Betty banks and Betty Bishop are long time friends at church)
- * Doug Brown is her sixth pastor at S Hills (and she thinks he is a man led by God and under his guidance the church is growing)
- *she taught 5th and 6th grade Sunday School for years
- *she loves S Hills because of its people and sweet spirit

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

By Dr. Doug Brown

At SHBC, our goal is to be a healthy, worship-filled, and mission-sending church. This summer, we will have the opportunity to meet those goals and then some.

Mission Trips: Sharing the Love of Christ

This summer, we have two incredible mission trips planned to share the Good News and serve those in need. We have a team leaving for Tulsa as you read this. Pray for the students and three adult sponsors as we head to Tulsa to serve with Mobile Missions. The team will lead Backyard Bible clubs in mobile home parks and participate in other service opportunities. Pray for safety, effectiveness, and for many gospel conversations. In July, we have another team heading to Oregon to support a new church plant in Toledo, OR. That team will travel July 12-20. Please pray for these teams as they prepare, travel, and serve.

Summer Camps: Building Faith in Our Students

In June, we have two summer camp opportunities for our children. June 6-9, our 3rd-6th-grade students will head to CrossTimbers for days of worship, adventure, and growth. Then, June 23-28, our older students, 6th-12th grade, will head to Falls Creek for the greatest summer camp of all time. Please pass the word about Falls Creek, as we still have plenty of room for more students to attend. Pray that our students experience an unforgettable experience, and specifically pray that they encounter Jesus Christ, some for the first time, and some for a refreshing experience.

Vacation Bible School: Planting Seeds of Faith

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School from July 7-11! This year's theme, "Marvel at Jesus, Live for His Glory," will take children who have finished pre-K through 6th grade on a journey through Scripture with engaging lessons, crafts, and games. VBS is an excellent opportunity for seeds of the Gospel to be planted in the lives of children. We need volunteers to make this week a success—whether teaching, leading games, or providing snacks, you can make a difference. If you're interested, see Michelle Peters.

Community Safety Expo: Serving Our Neighbors

On June 14, we're thrilled to host our first Community Safety Expo from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event offers an opportunity to show love to our neighbors by connecting them with local first responders, safety resources, and practical tips for keeping families safe. We'll have demonstrations, free resources, vendors, and a silent auction, all while sharing the love of Christ with our community.

As we look to these summer opportunities, let's remember Paul's words in Galatians 6:9: "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Whether you're serving on a mission trip, volunteering at VBS, cheering on our students at camp, or welcoming neighbors at the Safety Expo, every step you take is an opportunity to glorify God and grow in faith.

ABKA KARATE AT SURREY HILLS



On Tuesday evening a portion of the sanctuary of SH becomes the site of grunts and chops. Karate chops, that is.

Approximately 20 people, consisting of young and older participants, convene regularly to grow in Christ and their practice of karate. One of the black belt leaders, Harvey Rotramel, is a former member of SH and started with the group in 2009. "I'm 66 and I'm still doing it," Harvey said when asked about the age range of the group. "Membership starts at nine."



The class is affiliated with ABKA, which stands for American Bushido – kai Karate Association. This organization conducts contests and handles the disciplines necessary to meet each of the belts offered. Harvey points out that the spiritual lessons and growth are the main things stressed at the group. "We have the students memorize a Bible verse at each level of advancement. Our meeting is sectioned off into two classes with a sermonade in the middle and prayer time. While other classes in OKC might charge as much as \$100 per month, the dues for this group are \$15 monthly. "One hundred per cent of the dues go to mission projects." Harvey said. "We want to promote Christ above all." The SH classes have been in session since 2007. Harvey credits Greg Peters for being instrumental in getting the class to meet at the church and thanks Pastor Doug for all the help and support he has given. "He even gave one of the talks at our sermonade," Harvey said. "Our goal is not to do karate and happen to be Christians but rather to be Christians who spread the gospel using karate as the medium."

PRAY FOR OUR CAMPERS AND MISSIONARIES

Name: Mission Trip

Date: June 1-5

Location: Tulsa

Eligible attendees:
Youth/Sponsors

Focus or theme: VBS at mobile
home communities

Cost 250

Number of attendees from SH: 17

Contact person: Karen Keller

Name: Mission Trip

Date: July 12-20

Location: Oregon

Who's attending: 4 Adults 10 Teens

Focus or theme: Canvassing
neighborhoods/VBS

Cost: 900 + air fare

Number of attendees from SH: 14

Contact person: Karen Keller

Name: Mission Trip

Date: October 11-18

Location: Guatemala

Who's attending: SH plus others

Focus or theme: medical, ESL ,
construction

Cost: 1800

Number of attendees: 30

Contact: Person Greg Peters

Name: Cross Timbers Camp

Date: June 6-9

Location: Davis, Ok.

Eligible attendees: 3rd-6th
graders

Who's attending: 7 from SH 2 from
Kingsgate

Focus or theme: missions

Cost: all paid (praise God)

Contact Person: Michelle Peters

Name: Falls Creek Camp

Date: June 23-28

Location: Davis, Ok.

Focus or theme: putting God first

Cost: 250

Number of attendees from SH: 40

Contact person: Dustin Mills

More of a recommendation than a review, I want to make available to you a book which has made a difference in my devotional life. It is *The Valley of Vision* a collection of writings from Puritan authors of the 1700s. Now you have to like old language to appreciate this book. It is a King James style presentation. But the antiquity of the language gives it a majestic tone, rich in content.

Consider this passage from An entry called *The Spirit of Jesus*:

Send him as the searcher of my heart,
To show me more of my corruptions
and helplessness
that I may flee to thee,
cling to thee,
rest on thee,
as the beginning and end of my salvation.
May I never vex him by my indifference
And waywardness,
Grieve him by my cold welcome,
Resist him by my hard rebellion.

Or this excerpt from a selection called *Openness*:

Thou who art righteous,
Let me not harbor sin in my heart,
Or indulge a worldly temper,
Or seek satisfaction in things that perish
I hasten toward an hour
When earthly pursuits and possessions
Will appear vain,
When it will be indifferent whether I have been
Rich or poor,
Successful or disappointed,
Admired or despised

Stay my mind on his peace,
Knowing that nothing can befall me
Without his permission, appointment
And administration.

There are over 200 entries with headings like Longings After God, Spiritual Growth, Christlikeness, Living By Prayer, and Resting on God. It even includes a week's worth of morning and evening prayers. My copy was given to me by Gabe Bird and I shortly afterward received a free copy which I had requested from a ministry I support. I promptly gave it to my good friend who is a writer. I am willing to offer the book to anyone interested in adding a dimension to their worship life. Contact David Brainard at dbrainard16@yahoo.com or 405 473 9076, Those who have desire to read, let them read!

BACK PAGE POTPOURRI

By Flavita Hoffman



"Bible study is the Heartbeat" of Surrey Hills Baptist Church

**We want to share a moment of memories and thoughts:
Every time we think of our church family it makes our heart smile.**

Flavita and Mark Hoffman

As we had just moved to the area... We visited many different churches. This is what we noticed the first few weeks we started visiting Surrey Hills Baptist Church; The love for Jesus in the air.

Our prayer was that God would lead us to a church family that we could become part of to worship and grow with...

God's plan for your life is that you have joy and live life to the fullest. Ephesians 6:10,

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. We also know that a church family and bible study is a vital part of the spiritual growth in a church. One of the best ways to begin making progress spiritually is to study God's word in a Bible centered Church as we gather to grow in the knowledge and grace of Jesus Christ; Your church family reflected this.

God answered our prayers... God gives us the tools and resources to grow closer to Him. He told us if you want to be stirred, motivated and challenged in the study of Gods work... then the door is opened, He said come on in and join Surrey Hills Baptist Church... join in the Worship Services, Bible Study Groups, Sunday School Classes and fellowship.

Well, that was back in 2018, still to this day we have continued to grow with our brothers and sisters in Christ worshipping hand-n-hand.

Gods timetable; If the child of God is to obey the will of God, he must keep his eye on the timetable of God. Here we have remained with our church family and its 2025. Now God has told us that it is time to move on to a new phase of life. Thru prayer we feel that everything is right on God's Schedule for our new journey he has planned for us.

It's spring time, Time for the beautiful spirit to grow in our life's, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quite spirit, which is great worth in God's light. 1 Peter 3:4

When God whispers your name, He says, you are His child and He will give you the blessing He promised, because you are His child. Galatians 4:7

When God whispers your name and says "For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord... to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11.

Yes, when God whispers your name, "It is a season of new beginnings," and that is the call of an invitation to begin a new journey. Through prayer we are trusting in Jesus Christ to lead, direct and guide us on this new journey he has planned for us.

With tears in our eyes we must say goodbye, we find comfort in the Bible's reminder that change is part of God's plan. These moments of farewell can lead to growth and new beginnings, encouraging us to view them with a hopeful heart at the end of a season, Trusting in Him allows us to embrace change with courage, knowing that He will guide us through into the new journey.

Saying goodbye to our church family is a bittersweet moment filled with gratitude, reflection, of many memories we have shared. We want to say, bless you, bless you for you have been nothing but a blessing to us for all these years. Thank you for loving, challenging, encouraging and nurturing us. We pray that God would continue to pour out His favor on you and that many would come to a saving faith in Christ because of your faithfulness. We always felt at home here and we will miss everyone. With our love Flavita and Mark