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May is often the busiest month on our calendars, with a "whirlwind" of endings and beginnings. As we look ahead, we see a beautiful picture of the Christian life in action: honoring the past, celebrating the present, and looking toward the future.

Honoring Our Graduates

To our high school and college seniors: Congratulations! As an educator, I know the discipline required to reach this finish line. As your pastor, I remind you that while you are graduating from a school, you never graduate from the Great Commission. Whether you are headed to a new campus or the workforce, carry the "Legacy of Faith" we discussed last month. You aren't just seeking a career; you are entering a mission field.

A Tribute to Mothers

On May 10th, we pause to honor our mothers. In

2 Timothy 1:5, Paul credits Timothy's "sincere faith" to his mother and grandmother. There is no higher historical calling than the quiet, consistent discipleship of a mother. To those who nurture, teach, and pray, we thank God for your reflection of His steadfast love.

The Launch of Missions Season

Remember, we aspire to be a healthy, worship-filled, and mission-sending church. This month marks the start of our mission-sending season. As the school doors close, our mission doors swing wide open. This isn't just a category of our budget; it is the heartbeat of a great commission church. We don't just study history; we participate in the unfolding of God's redemptive history as we go next door, next city, next state, and next country.

We have two separate mission trips launching this month.

First, a small group will head to Inlow Baptist Camp & Conference Center in New Mexico, led by Doug Simpson. This team will do various construction projects to help prepare the camp for summer events. Second, at the very end of the month, we will send a team to serve with Mobile Missions Network in Tulsa. This is a great opportunity to serve our friends who were just serving us during Awaken U weekend.

How can you be involved?

- Pray: For the mission teams and the opportunities before them.
- Give: Help send our teams by supporting the sending team fund.
- Go: If God is stirring your heart to serve, connect with Doug or the sending team.

Let's finish one season and start another season strong in May!

Pastor Doug

Dear Miss Verity,

I am not trying to be disrespectful, but I have an honest question, and I have no one to ask. My best friend got abandoned by her parents. She is with her grandma now. It's not fair! She didn't do anything wrong. Why does God allow bad things to happen to good people?

Jill



I'm sorry about your friend, Jill. She is in an extraordinarily painful situation. Rejection is the worst. You are asking a question that many have asked down through time. Let's see what the Bible says about that. To clarify for this conversation, there is no such thing as a good person by God's standards. We have all missed the mark. God's standard is sinless perfection, and we all fail that test. That is why we need Jesus. But, humanly speaking, when we compare ourselves to each other rather than to Jesus, we classify some as good and some as wicked.

The Bible teaches us that God is sovereign. That means nothing bad happens that He does not at least allow or sometimes causes. So, why would God choose to allow a good person to suffer? Here are a few of the reasons to consider.

Do you remember the Book of Job in the Bible? Job was described as a righteous man compared to other men. However, that did not keep him from suffering. Satan was given permission by God to attack Job. He was permitted to do the worst to him but not kill him. Satan killed Job's children, took his wealth and destroyed his health. It was horrible. Job's own wife told him to curse God and die. So, why, God?

The answer lies in Job's response to suffering. He is an example to us. Job continued trusting God when he could not see the light at the end of the tunnel. Look at Job's words:

15 Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him. Job 13:15 a
21 And he said:

"Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked shall I return there. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; Blessed be the name of the Lord." Job 1:21

Why could Job respond to his incredible pain that way? It is because he knew without a shadow of doubt that God was good so he could trust Him no matter what. He focused on the character of God rather than his circumstances. We need that lesson!

Also, bad things can happen to good people because of their own bad decisions or because of the hurtful decisions of others like with your friend, Jill. God is near the brokenhearted. He promises to be an ever-present help in time of trouble.

One final thought to consider. God allows suffering in a believer's life at times to take them to a new level of spiritual maturity. When everything is rosy, the tendency is to trust in ourselves more than God but suffering causes us to cry out to God for help. When I faced a season of suffering God reminded me of this promise from Romans 8:28:

28 And we know that God causes everything to work together[a] for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

My advice, Jill, is to comfort your friend and remind her that God is good and He loves her more than she can think or imagine. If she knows Jesus, help her lean into that promise from Romans 8:28. God always keeps His promises. She can trust Him.

Jehovah-Nissi

Meaning: The Lord Is My Banner

Application: God gives us victory against the flesh, the world and the devil. Our battles are His battles of light against darkness and good against evil.

Bible Reference: Exodus 17:15-16, Deuteronomy 20:3-4, Isaiah 11:10-12, Ephesians 6:10-18

Comments: Pronounced: juh-HO-vah NEE-see
Also known as YHWH-Nissi. Name of the altar built by Moses after defeating the Amalekites at Rephidim. Isaiah prophesies that the "Root of Jesse" (Jesus) will stand as a banner for the peoples (Isaiah 11:10).



SHBC Church History

Carol Corn

1977-2026 Remembrances



We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

In the summer of 1977, I moved to Surrey Hills. Once settled in, my next objective was to find a church home. I knew the importance of a church home and asked the Lord's guidance in finding the right one.

There were two Baptist churches close to my home. Surrey Hills Baptist was one of them... and I decided to go there first. They were a small congregation and were meeting at Surrey Hills Elementary School. Now, growing up in NW Oklahoma City, I attended Portland Ave Baptist Church (PABC). Imagine my surprise, when I walked into the 'school' at Surrey, and was met with two couples that I knew from PABC: Vernon and Irene Banks and Irene's parents, Mutt and Lola Hayden. Lola had been my Sunday School teacher at Portland and Mutt would be my Sunday School teacher at Surrey Hills. I felt like I had come home! I never 'tried' the other Baptist church.

Surrey Hills was small and lacked some facilities, like a baptistry. So, the baptisms were done in someone's swimming pool. My son was 3 years old at the time and he thought we were all going to go swimming. He was disappointed when we didn't.

I learned that Surrey Hills was started in the home of Vernon and Irene Banks. It was then moved to the school and then Mrs. Jean Ford donated the land for the church building. I have attended this church for 49 years.

Please note, I now live in another town, north of OKC, but I still attend SHBC. This church is my family!

Love and God Bless....
Carol Corn



Meet the Congregation

Kevin Lamont Pond



Born and raised in Oklahoma?

Born in Kentucky and raised in OK & TN. I am 33 yrs old, and the oldest of four brothers: John 25, James 23, and Jacob 21.

Married? Children or Grandchildren?

Nope, but I am an uncle to two-year-old Eleanor Patsy, named after my great aunt Patsy that left me behind one night at church after Youth Group and I had to walk home 15 miles.

Any notable talents or interesting hobbies?

I want to try skydiving someday.

When did you become a Christian? How did you hear about Christ?

I was raised in a Christian home and heard about Jesus my whole life. I was baptized here at Surrey Hills Baptist in 2025.

Any interesting family information that you would like to share?

Growing up, our family used to go to our local Baptist church. One day we had a big house fire and we never heard from our church leadership or congregation even once. The same day of the fire, within 30 minutes, a local Methodist church came to help us. Their response made a huge impression on me and our family. We changed churches, even denominations. We were Methodist for the next 10 yrs.

What is your favorite verse of the Bible?

Isaiah 41:10

"Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."

How long have you been attending Surrey Hills Baptist Church? Any notable history with our church?

I've been here about 2 years. My brother John and his little family came here, and also our friend Steve Graham. Steve invited me to church and the Summer Car Show & Crab Boil. I met John Shriver there and his 1966 classic Mustang, made me want to come back. Fun fact, I initially got profiled at the Car Show as a security threat by our Safety Team. Tricia Shriver noticed the knife I always carry in back and called it in. (Nice, Tricia!) They did their job, the threat was addressed and extinguished, and later they asked me to join their team.

How are you involved in our church, or the community?


At church, I serve on our Safety Team and our Sending Team. In the community, I am a local business owner. I co-own Piedmont Glass with my dad and it gives me lots of interaction with the surrounding communities.

What do you see as a strength of our church?

SHBC is a very active community and family-oriented. It also has an established Safety Team which is a huge asset to a lot of people right now.

What is something you would like people to know about you?

I'm always alert, honest and forthright. I enjoy having nice normal conversations with authenticity.



Mothers of the Bible

Sarah

Rebekah

Bathsheba

Jochebed

Mary

Hannah

Eve

Deborah

Ruth

Rachel

Abigail

Elizabeth

Hagar

Maacah

Naamah

Tamar

Zilpah

Zillah

Zeruiah

Leah

Dinah

Naomi

Harafa

Find the names of the Mothers of long, long ago.

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Missionary Prayer Guide



Meet
Tyler Barnes
 OKC, Thrive Community

Serving in Oklahoma
 Send a prayer or word of encouragement to:
tyler@thriveokc.church

Tyler serves as a Church Planting Catalyst with SEND Network. He and his wife, Chotsie, and their two children are currently in Oklahoma City at Thrive Community Church. Tyler helps churches plant churches, by identifying potential church planters and coaching them through the church planting process.

How to Pray:

Pray for more workers in the harvest. The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Pray for the Barnes family, that family would be a priority above ministry. Pray for new church plants, and for all of the people they are reaching with the Gospel.

“Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.” Luke 5:10 (ESV)



One act of faith could change a life.

Sponsor a child today!



Questions?
 Want to know more?

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As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem.” Isaiah 66:13 paints God’s comfort in three strokes: the tenderness of a mother, the direct promise of the Lord Himself, and the future healing of Jerusalem. Taken literally, the verse assures every child of God that His compassionate heart, personal involvement, and redemptive plan will turn mourning into everlasting joy.