

The Lessons I Learned This Year

I received such a warm welcome last week as I returned for my second summer as an intern here at Good Shepherd. After two semesters of nonstop schoolwork at Hardin-Simmons, it is nice to take a break from academics and focus more on engaging with the members of this great congregation.

I thought I would take some space in the newsletter this month to let you know about some of the things I have learned this past year, which I believe have helped me to grow and mature. First, I learned about how important it is to study history, especially the stories that have been mis-taught or left out completely. HSU offered wonderful events throughout Black History Month and Women's History Month to explore some of those stories. Second, I discovered the benefits of learning about different cultures. In my Cultural Theory class, we read two books: *American Nations* by Colin Woodard and *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance. Both of these works opened my eyes to the reasons that the U.S., despite its diversity, finds itself deeply entrenched in cultural conflict. Third, I was challenged in my Modern Theology class to examine how the theologians who influenced much of what we believe today were shaped by their context. It helped me to realize the importance of recognizing the elements of our context today which shape the way we do theology.

I hope that I have returned to you this summer more equipped to be of service to the church in every way that I can. Again, I am so grateful for this encouraging opportunity, and I look forward to all the ways God will be at work this summer.

- Madison

This Issue

- Youth Mission Trip
 - Group Tools Checklist
 - Vacation Bible School
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Please be in prayer
as we brainstorm
ways to serve our
neighbors at
Blanton Elementary
School this upcoming
school year.

Keep Your Ears Open for a potential announcement about a Theology on Tap study this summer!

Central Texas Annual Conference
June 9—12
Arlington Convention Center



SHARING YOUR FAITH 101

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship

Each week we will have a lay person ready to share their story and how they have encountered twists and turns in life that brings them to this faithful place of knowing God's love and presence. We will coach them on how to end that story with an evangelical twist that models the way we hope people will learn to share their stories as a way of sharing Christ's love with their neighbor.

June 2: An Ironic Escape | Acts 16:16-34

June 9: The Ultimate Surprise Party | Acts 2:1-21

June 16: We All Have a Story | Ruth 1:16-19

June 23: Why Share Your Story? | Acts 2:42-47

June 30: When to Share your Story | John 4:4-15

**Average Presence in
Worship for May:**

58

**Total Offerings
in May:**

\$16,396

**YTD Receipts vs.
Expenses:**

\$1,048.77

Upcoming Events

- 2nd: **Fellowship Lunch**
11:30 AM
- 3rd: **Grief Support**
1 PM
- 8th: **UMM Meeting**
9 AM
- 10th: **Threadbenders**
7 PM
- 9-12: **Annual Conference**
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- 16-22: **CTCYM Youth Mission Trip**
- 23rd: **Church Council**
11:30 AM
- 24th: **Threadbenders**
7 PM

Chair Yoga

Wednesdays at 10 AM

Pastor's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 1 PM

Lunch Bunch

Wednesday at 11:30 AM

- 6/5: **Skillet and Griddle**
6/12: **JJ's Diner**
6/19: **David's BBQ**
6/26: **EI Phoenix**



LAITY SUMMIT

LEADING THE TRANSFORMATION

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2019

TEXAS HALL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON



Group Tools Checklist

If you any of the following supplies you would be willing to let our team borrow, please bring them by the church office before the trip! Thanks!

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| -Minimum 5 gallon water cooler | cal adaptor | -Putty Knives (narrow and wide) | -Sand paper |
| -Ice chest large enough to hold 8 lunches | -Measuring tapes | -Paint Brushes (2" & 4" latex) | -Pant tarp/ plastic |
| -2 One gallon water jugs | -Speed square | -Paint rollers | Paint roller extensions |
| -2 Circular power saws | -Chalk line with chalk | -Paint scrapers | -Paint rags |
| -2 Drill motor & bits | -Staple Gun & staples | -Roll of 3/4" or 1" masking tape | -Paint buckets |
| -3 prong electrical adaptor | -Chisels, wood, & steel | -Sharp hand saw | -Paint trays |
| | -Files | | |

Prayer
for
Summer
2019

Loving God, Creator of all times and places,
we thank you for the gift of summertime,
the days of light, warmth and leisure.
As we open our eyes and ears to the landscape of
nature and people,
open our hearts to receive all as gift.
Let all the gifts we enjoy this summer
deepen our awareness of you love
so that we may share this with others and enjoy
a summertime of re-creation.

Amen

CTCYM Youth Mission Trip 2019

We will be sending a group of 14 people on a youth mission trip to Corpus Christi, TX from June 16-22. We will be doing relief work after Hurricane Harvey. Consider donating to our Letters of Love Fundraising Campaign

Letters of Love Fundraiser

We are hoping that each trip participant will have a letter of love and support from their church family or friends daily while on the trip. Letters are \$25 in the Narthex as a fundraiser and collected until the trip to be distributed while we are on the mission trip. You don't have to know the person you write, simply offer them prayers and well wishes. Or if you'd like to buy letters for others to write, let Pastor Molly know! Check out the bright colored board in the Narthex—each sticky note corresponds to one letter needing to be purchased and written.

Fundraising Update:

\$4,439.51 raised
of
\$5900 goal



Vacation Bible School July 22—25

We need volunteers to help so save the date and mark your calendars! Contact Pastor Molly or Debbie Spoons with questions or to sign up to help!

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