THE SHEPHERD'S LYRE

OCTOBER 30, 2026

Dear Church Family,

It's hard to believe that November will arrive this Sunday. That means it's time for us to focus on our Stewardship Campaign for 2027. Before we do so, I want to thank everyone who continues to offer your pledges and support for 2026.

As you know, we no longer receive building-related income from Resurrection Presbyterian Church, so your financial support is more important than ever as we face the rising costs of funding our ministry.

Looking back over 42 years of ministry we can see how much we have been blessed with generous givers like you who understand the importance of supporting our church and it's mission.

As we look forward to 2027, I want to revisit a vision from Randy Long, one of our trustees, who challenged SHCC to move beyond the mindset of maintaining the cost of ministry, and embrace a dream of growing beyond where we've ever been before. I invite our church family to join us as we continue to embrace this vision and prayerfully consider your pledge for the 2027 fiscal year.

There are three options for pledging:

1. Place your pledge card in the self-addressed envelope that is on it's way to you and mail it back by November 30th.
2. Place your card in the collection plate on any Sunday in November.
3. Email your pledge to Lynette Harness, our church Treasurer at:
   lynetteharness@yahoo.com

May God continue to bless you and your family,

Mike Youngblood
Stewardship Committee Chairman

Time Change This Sunday

Daylight Saving Time ends THIS COMING SUNDAY, November 1st, so don't forget to change your clocks back one hour to keep your day running smoothly. We look forward to seeing you at church!

Turkey Time!

Once again it is that time of year when the Bethany Food Pantry provides Thanksgiving dinners for several of its members and to the community. We are one of several churches that help contribute to this event. Other churches provide desserts, vegetables, bread, stuffing, and the sides that go with the dinner. We have agreed to provide 100 turkeys for the families. We have arranged with HEB to buy the turkeys and will pick up and deliver them to the pantry on Saturday 21 November.

The estimated cost for the turkeys this year is $2100.00. Over the next few weeks we will be collecting money to buy the turkeys. If you would like to help then please send your donation to the church with a note that it's for the turkeys. There are also envelopes on the sign in tables in the sanctuary.

Pick up and delivery usually takes 2-3 hours early in the morning. Also, anyone who wants to come and help put food into the boxes together to deliver to the families is more than welcome to join us!

If you have any questions please give me a holler.

Thanks again for your help and support!
Mark

Oktoberfest Fellowship!

SHCC Game Night at Genuine Joe's!

The Week Ahead

Sunday, November 1

9:30 AM	Nursery, Toddler, PK Class
9:30 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 AM	Sunday Morning Class
11:00 AM	**Worship Service**
11:10 AM	Elementary Sunday School Class

Tuesday, November 3

9:00 AM	ORG Meeting
10:00 AM	Handwork Group

Wednesday, November 4

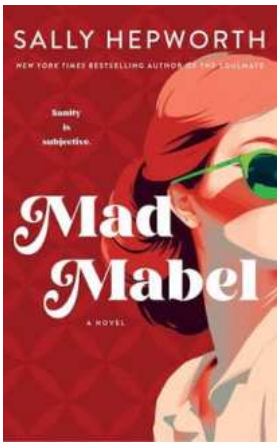
10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study
12:00 PM	Men's Group and Lunch

Sunday, November 8

9:30 AM	Nursery, Toddler, PK Class
9:30 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 AM	Sunday Morning Class
11:00 AM	**Worship Service**
11:10 AM	Elementary Sunday School Class

Opportunities for Fellowship and Growth

- **The ORG (Old Retired Guys)** group will be meeting virtually on Zoom at 9:00 AM on Tuesdays.
- If you have questions about the **Chancel Choir and/or Handbell Choir**, please contact the office and we'll put you in touch with Michael Follis for further details.
- The **Book Club** is reading *Mad Mabel* by Australian author, Sally Hepworth. Elsie Mabel Fitzpatrick is eighty-one years old and has lived a quiet life in a Melbourne suburb for many years. When a neighbor turns up dead, suspicions are aroused. We learn that this woman, known as Elsie to everyone, was once called Mad Mabel. She was Australia's youngest convicted murderer at age fourteen, something she has tried to hide. The story is told from the perspectives of then and now, the past and the present. A touch of humor is added with the introduction of a little seven-year-old neighbor named Persephone as we see an unlikely friendship develop between Elsie and this little girl. Described as a thriller by some, while others say it is more of a character study, the story is told with empathy and humor, but it does deal with some heavy topics and several plot twists. We will be discussing this when we meet again at the Red Lotus Asian Grille on Monday, November 9. We invite all interested readers to join us for an always entertaining evening of literary fellowship.



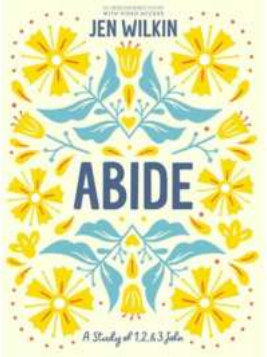
Birthdays and Anniversaries

Ryan Borders	October 30
Emily Grigsby	October 31
Maxim Mokrenko	November 1
Jill Gentry	November 2
Dennis Duff	November 6
Laurie Henderson	November 6
Dan Owen	November 6
Ryan and Jenna Borders	October 28

Give and Take Library

The Give and Take Library shelves in the alcove in the Narthex are overflowing with some really good reads.

Be sure and take a look and grab a book next time you are in the building.



Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will meet to discuss the themes in ABIDE by Jen Wilkin. It covers 1, 2 and 3 John. They meet on Wednesdays.

If you're interested in attending, please contact the church office (shccaustin@gmail.com) or Dawnetta Hodge (contact church office for her direct information.)

Thank you!

SHCC Men's Group and Lunch

Dear SHCC Men,

Men's Group and Lunch meets every Wednesday at 12:00 PM in The Gathering Place. Food will be provided. We would appreciate your RSVP to: **shccaustin@gmail.com** to help us order the right amount of food. Feel free to invite your friends or co-workers to join.

Thanks, Greg

Handwork Group

The Ladies Handwork Group will continue to meet on Tuesdays. All who enjoy handwork and conversation are invited to join us in the Gathering Place at 10:00 AM.

Even if you don't have a project or do crafts, you are still welcome to come. Invite a friend, bring a snack or a drink, and just relax together. We look forward to seeing you there!

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