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Mon-Thurs

Pastor
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Summer
Worship Services
8:30 a & 10:00 a

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*"A caring community
touched by Christ,
touching others for Christ"*

YOUTH GROUP

Coming soon

Stories and photos of SOV's Youth
in
Houston, Texas



Council President...Submitted by Linnea H.

Well, summer has officially arrived. With summer generally comes a quieter time for churches. For SOV, it is my hope that we can spend this summer planning for next program year.

One of the planning tools I would like to use this summer is an Idea Board. I hope to post it in the next couple weeks. However, I need a little help with this. My artistic talent is very limited so if you can help me create a poster that would be wonderful.

I'll provide the poster board if you will provide the talent. The plan is to have a poster in the Rainbow Room with a stack of Post-Its. If you have an idea for an event, program, or whatever, that you think would be great to start at SOV, write it on the Post-It, sign your name, and stick it on the poster. (We need your name in case Council has any questions). Also, if it is something that you would like to start yourself, indicate that as well. The more ideas the better!

At our annual meeting we elected our committees and Executive members. Welcome to Jon Pedapalli, Vice President; Jacob Tabor, Financial Secretary; and Peggy Vermaas, Secretary. They join me and Dave Rasmussen, Treasurer, to round out your Executive team. If you did not get your name on the ballot in time to serve on a committee, do not worry because it is never too late. Any of our committees could use your help, especially Parish Education and Stewardship. Please take a moment to consider if there is an area where you can lend a hand.

Finally, at last Council meeting the KOK Board members surprised us with a gift of \$1,000 to SOV from KOK as a "thank you" for SOV's support and prayers. It was a wonderful gesture and sincerely appreciated. KOK has just completed a successful year, and they wanted to express their gratitude. Thank you very much, KOK Board, for your generosity.

Blessings to each and every one of you,
Linnea Harmon
Council President

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Scrip Ordering returns in September



Women's Bible Study at SOV

Join us each Friday 5:00 - 6:00 pm

Evangelism Committee

Sharing Christ through our Shepherd of the Valley Community of Faith!

The SOV Evangelism team is everyone!

We will be working to engage each of us at SOV to expand our individual attitude of evangelism to enhance our mission statement and make it our church wide focus as an integral part of how we can share the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ. As we move forward to reach Up, Out and In, we can renew our focus on prayer as we put God's love into action as we care for others, invite members of the church and those we know and even those that we are yet to meet to share the gospel and go to God in prayer each day.

Creating a revitalized evangelism strategy and attitude will serve to reach the hearts of our own people. Once they're touched in Christ, the faith connection makes sense and they will be open to touching the hearts of others, doing simple evangelism in their own community.

Prayer is essential in each of our lives personally and as a church as we work to be inclusive and strengthen our ministry, our programs and our church community through evangelism and outreach.

Shepherd of the Valley's mission statement is to be "A caring community touched by Christ and touching others for Christ" and to put into action steps, "Reaching Up, Reaching Out and Reaching In".

Find small ways to share God's love with the people around you by being a light for Christ. I am reminded that just the simple acts of kindness, smiling and saying, "Good morning", "Thank you" or "Have a good day" to someone can make a positive difference for people.

Ask yourself, "how can I reach out and share God's love with others?" Challenge yourself and our own SOV community not to keep the faith to themselves but to share it ... for the sake of the world, our church and ourselves.

Be part of helping us grow in our faith, our outreach through Evangelism. As we come together as a new committee we will be working to revitalize our web site, expand our visitation ministry and invite our SOV congregation to create a "Friendship Circle" to get to know our own members of the Jain family as they move forward in their journey to be granted religious asylum. Prayerfully consider being part of this friendship circle. Feel free to share your ideas and contact Pastor Dan or any of the Evangelism committee to find out how much fun this opportunity will be as we work alongside each other as friends in Christ. Prayerfully ask yourself personally and as a church how we can reach out as a community of Christ and find new ways to share the good news of Jesus Christ. This is what Jesus called us to do!

AUGUST NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE JULY 25TH

Kids of the Kingdom Christian Preschool

Enrollment is still going on even though KOK is now closed for Summer Break. If you or someone you know would like more information about our preschool, and/or would like to take a tour, please contact us at kokpreschool@gmail.com. Staff will be back in the office in August and classes will start the week of September 11th. Have a great summer!



Memorial and Endowment Board: WHAT'S NEW?

The Memorial and Endowment Board was established at SOV in 2008. It is responsible for accepting gifts in memory or honor of a loved one and then disbursing those monies for the benefit of SOV Church ministries or needs.

What's new is a brochure which outlines how and what memorial gifts are. These brochures are now available at church.

The Board is elected by the congregation and has 5 members in 3 rotating terms. Feel free to contact any Board member through an email to SOV's Church Secretary.

Parish Ed Committee:

DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR AN EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY AT SOV?

This summer, our committee is focusing on developing more educational programs at SOV and we would like to hear from you. Would you like to meet at church or at a home for a Bible study? Would a Christian book club be for you? How about a church wide movie night? Does an online group appeal to you? Please let Kristi R. or Wendy R. know your ideas.

DO YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

Our committee currently has 2 members. So any new programming will require additional volunteers. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for an event or program at SOV. Let Kristi R. or Wendy R. of your willingness to volunteer.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 Theresa K	20 Bjorn Z
2 Madyson Z	22 Neha G
3 Loraine K	23 Bill H
5 Neil A	25 Marge A
10 Jacob T	27 Michael W
11 Sam R	29 Lisa M
13 Jean R	30 Linnea H
19 Elodis L	



God's Blessing
For a
Joyful New Year
In
Life!

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

<i>Terry & Mio Wagemann</i>	<i>July 1</i>
<i>Mark & Susan Vignolo</i>	<i>July 8</i>
<i>Ron & Pat Nelson</i>	<i>July 10</i>
<i>Dave & Linda Rasmussen</i>	<i>July 15</i>
<i>Lloyd & Darleen Huber-Dilbeck</i>	<i>July 18</i>



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>8:30 & 10:00 a Worship</p> <p>1:30 p OEC</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:00 a Coffee Group</p> <p>Independence Day</p> 	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>5:00—6:00 p Woman's Bible Study</p> 	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8:30 & 10:00 a Worship</p> <p>1:30 p OEC</p>	<p>9</p> 	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:00 a Coffee Group</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>5:00—6:00 p Woman's Bible Study</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:30 & 10:00 a Worship</p> <p>1:30 p OEC</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>7:00 a Coffee Group</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>5:00—6:00 p Woman's Bible Study</p>	<p>21</p> 
<p>22</p> <p>8:30 & 10:00 a Worship</p> <p>1:30 p OEC</p>	<p>23</p> 	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7:00 a Coffee Group</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>5:00—6:00 p Woman's Bible Study</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>8:30 & 10:00 a Worship</p> <p>1:30 p OEC</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>				