

*I came that they may have life,
and have it abundantly.*
John 10:10b

Shepherd of the Hills
August 24, 2014
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SUMMER “BLESS FEST”

AUGUST 24, 2014 - 8:15AM & 10:45AM

Prelude/Gathering Music *“Preamble”* Louis Vierne

Welcome/Sharing of the Peace/New Members Received

Call to Worship Psalm 145:1-9, 21

*Opening Hymn #733 vss 1 & 2 *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*

***Blessing and Gratitude for God’s Creation**

Leader: We live in all things
All things live in us

All: We rejoice in all life.

Leader: We live by the sun
We move with the stars

All: We rejoice in all life.

Leader: We eat from the earth
We drink from the rain
We breathe from the air

All: We rejoice in all life.

Leader: We share with the creatures
We have strength through their gifts

All: We rejoice in all life.

Leader: We depend on the forests
We have knowledge through their secrets

All: We rejoice in all life.

Leader: We have the privilege of seeing and understanding
We have the responsibility of caring
We have the joy of celebrating

All: We rejoice in all life.

Leader: We are full of the grace of creation
We are grace-filled
We are grateful

All: **We rejoice in all life**

***Song of Response #731** vss 1 - 3

“Earth and All Stars!”

Blessing for Learning Psalm 86:11

Song of Response #731 vss 4 & 5

“Earth and All Stars!”

Blessing of Children and Backpacks Matthew 19:13-15

(children and parents are invited forward)

Song of Response #543 vs 1 ***“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”***

God’s Word that Blesses

Romans 12:1-2, 9-13

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

***John 10:7-11**

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

Message

“ABUNDANT LIFE”

Pastor Tom Grevlos

***Song of Response #824**

“This Is My Father’s World”

***Prayers to Bless**

Blessed to be a Blessing...Offering

“Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” (Matthew 25:40)

Offering Music

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

Marilyn Ham

***Song of Response #689 vss 1 & 2**

“Praise and Thanksgiving”

***Blessing of God’s Special Meal**

***Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by the name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

P: Blessed to receive Christ in the bread and wine—All are welcome!

Communion Distribution

P: The Gifts of God for the people of God. **All: Amen.**

As we celebrate this sacrament, all are invited to the Lord’s Table. God is really present - in bread and wine - forgiving sins and promising new life. In the distribution, individual cups have been pre-filled with wine or white grape juice (in the center of the trays).

Communion Music

Communion Blessing

Life in Community Blessings

***God’s Blessing for Living**

Numbers 6:22-26

***Sending Blessing Song #547**

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

***Sending**

A: Blessed by God to be a blessing to the world, let us go out with joy and thanksgiving to love and serve the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God...and we will!**

Postlude

“Toccata in Seven”

John Rutter

***Thank you for worshipping God today!
Following the service, you are invited to remain for fellowship. If you are a visitor, please introduce yourself to one of our pastors or church staff. Blessings!***



Prayers of the Community

*****People on our Prayer Concerns list will be rotated every two weeks unless informed otherwise.***

Students, teachers and administrators as they begin a new school year

New members joining the Shepherd of the Hills Community today:

John and Joan Polak, Lydia Perunas, Robert and Michelle Stern

Al Cheshire and family

Curtis Johnson, father of Clay Johnson

Ethel Gray, mother of Joan Polak, as she celebrates her 98th birthday

Dertien Family as they grieve the death of Carol Florence, Julie Shank’s aunt

Diane Morrical, sister-in-law of Tom and Ruth Felger

Lisa Phillips, new Butterfly Preschool Director, and the Preschool Staff during this time of transition

Marian Thompson, Walter Buell, Dale Mann, and Fred Kramer on their health challenges

Our faith community that we may be a church without walls and live out loud...faithfully!



Sunday Morning Servants

Pastors	Pr. Tom Grevlos, Pr. Felix Malpica
Director of Worship/Arts	Kevin McClure
Organist/Pianist	Vernon Moeller
Instrumentalists	Laura Hills, Josh Norem
Assisting Ministers	Sharon Collins (8:15), Nancy Clark (10:45)
Ushers	Jeri Porter, Jerry Schmeil (8:15), Bob Stone, Dee Jackson (10:45)
Altar Stewards	Donna Herschleb (8:15), Carmen Schulz (10:45)
Communion Bread	Nancy Clark
Greeters	Hal and Barb Hampton(8:15), Norma Smith (10:45)
Offering Tellers	Dee Jackson, Mark Smith
Coffee Angels	Ken and Elnora McDonald (8:15), Dick and Donna Auby (10:45)
Bulletin Team	Elnora McQuiston, Dee Jackson, Charlyn Bacon
Bulletin Cover Artist	Christine Schulz
Guatemala Lutheran Church	Pr. Karen Castillo



The altar flowers this morning are given by Amy and Dirk Ruedas in honor of their 24th wedding anniversary.

Notice of Special Meeting

IMPORTANT! KEY CONGREGATIONAL VOTING ISSUE TO CONSIDER...

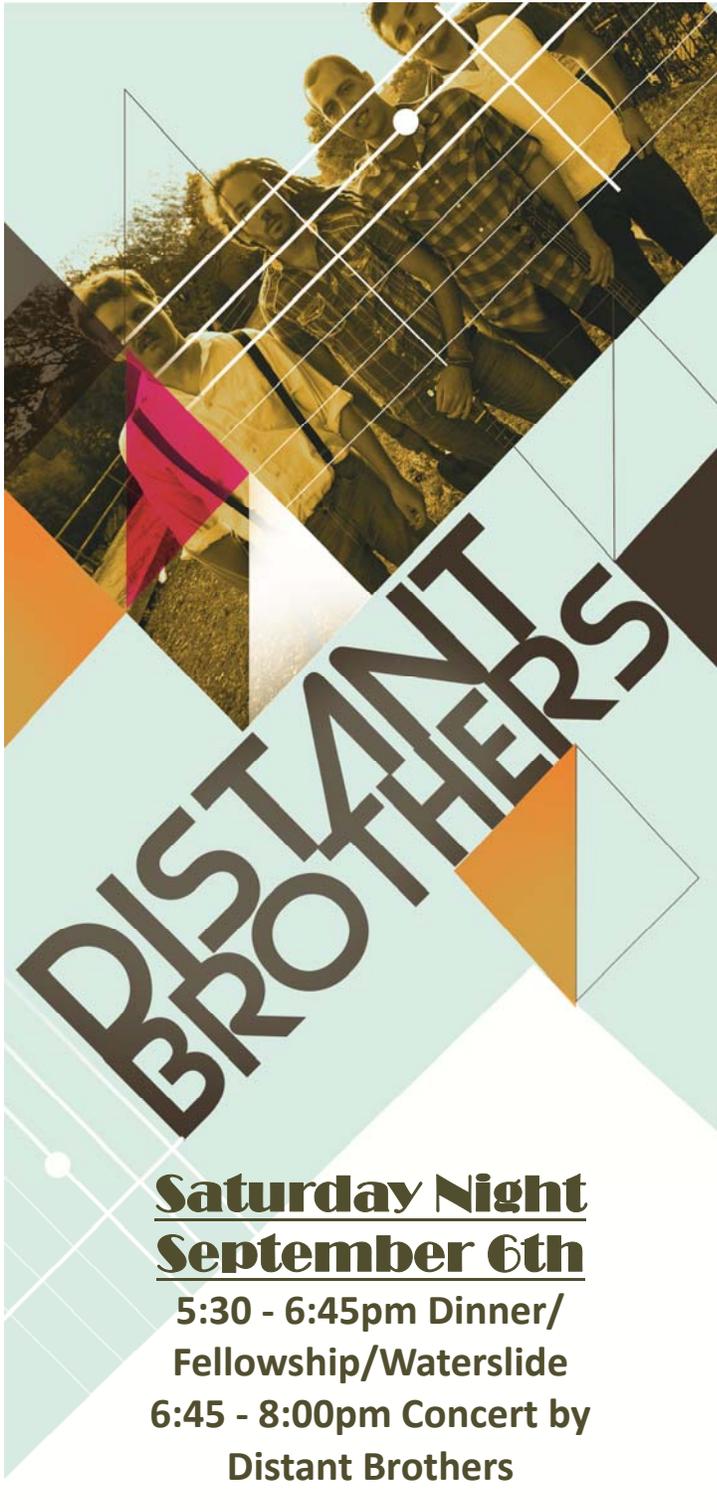
Proposed Constitution/By-Law changes approved by Council

EDUCATIONAL FORUM OPPORTUNITIES:

TODAY, August 24th @ 9:30am and August 31st @ 9:30am

IGNITE! SUMMER SERIES:

JUNE 1 - CELEBRATE	What inspires you to Celebrate God?
JUNE 8 - IGNITE	When/where do you feel the Spirit of God in your life?
JUNE 15 - ACCOMPANY	When/where do you feel God walking by your side?
JUNE 22 - MOVE	How is God calling Shepherd of the Hills to "move mountains"?
JUNE 29 - COMMIT	What/Who are you committed to?
JULY 6 - SURRENDER	How do you serve God and/or your neighbor?
JULY 13 - CULTIVATE	How can the "broken soil" of our life produce a bumper crop?
JULY 20 - GROW	How can my life be more like wheat than weeds?
JULY 27 - DREAM	When has a dream inspired you to do great things?
AUGUST 3 - ACT	How has God acted in the world through you?
AUGUST 10 - RISK	How has your faith allowed you to take risks?
AUGUST 17 - BELIEVE	What is true about God? What is a core belief you have of God?
AUGUST 24 - LIVE	When have you lived life to its fullest? When have you felt full of life?



Saturday Night
September 6th

5:30 - 6:45pm Dinner/
Fellowship/Waterslide
6:45 - 8:00pm Concert by
Distant Brothers

**Fall Launch
Party Weekend**

Saturday, September 6th

Record the UT game on Saturday
and come to the **Saturday Party** at
5:30 p.m. for **BBQ* and Band.**

There will also be an 18-foot
waterslide for the kids
(small and big).

The band is **Distant Brothers**,
a folk rock sound of original
compositions and cover for other
bands. Dan on guitar and ukulele,
Matt on the bass guitar, Ryan on the
banjo, and Tommy on percussion,
promise to get your toes tapping
and feet moving!

Cost? A canned good for
“**Bread for All**” and a free-will
offering supporting our new
outreach initiative,
“Austin Youth Leadership”.

BRING YOUR FRIENDS!
(*BBQ underwritten by
Thrivent Financial)

Sunday, September 7th

Celebration! Worship at
8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
with **Distant Brothers!**
Learning Launch and Open House
for all ages at 9:30 a.m. in the
Sanctuary.