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SPOTLIGHT ON...

Summer Funner Theater

This year Summer Funner Theater (SFT) will partner again with SCC on July 12-16th to offer a week of creativity, theater, music, crafts and a chance to know God better. Summer Funner Theater is a week-long VBS style theater camp, with a fun-filled production at the end of the week. This year we are presenting Summer School Survivor, where a group of summer school students travel back to Bethlehem to discover what a difference Christmas makes – even in July!

We will have up to 175 kids, ranging in age from kindergarten through high school, in our show this summer. Our middle school and high school students are a vital part of SFT, leading groups all week long and during our production.

So, if you love a child who loves to be creative, to sing, dance, be on stage or just hang with other kids, sign them up for Summer School Survivor from 9am-12noon with the show on Friday night at 7pm. The cost is \$50 per student and \$20 for Teen Leaders. Scholarships are available upon request.



Creation Adventure Camp

During Creation Adventure Camp, held at SCC July 26-30, we will be examining scientific evidence from a Christian perspective and giving children tools they can use to evaluate information which permeates our culture today.

The goal of this fun-filled five-day camp for boys and girls in grades 3-6 is to bring "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" to life and praise its Designer. From 9am – 12noon we will be busy with exciting hands-on activities, crafts, songs and fun snacks.

The cost is \$15 per child or \$25 per family. Space is limited so register now by calling the church office, 590-1705. Registration forms are also available at the Welcome Center or in the office.



July 26-30



Big Fourth of July Block Party

Don't forget on Sunday, July 4th, Springs Community Church will be celebrating! We will alter our morning routine by celebrating one service at 10:00am. Pastor Eric will speak on freedom in Christ.

At 11:30 we enjoy a community block party with food and fun in the east parking lot. Inflatables and bouncy houses for the kids! Games, conversation, and fun! Burgers, hotdogs, buns, condiments, lemonade and paper products will be supplied by the church. Each family is asked to bring two items that will each feed 10-12 people: 1) a main dish, and 2) either a salad or dessert.

Guests welcome! We will be inviting members of the community to join us, especially in neighborhoods near the church. "This is an opportunity to invite a friend or family to church and the festival," said Pastor Rex Schultz. "We want everybody to know they are welcome."

Have a great time celebrating our nation and our freedom to worship. See you at the block party on the Fourth of July!

Meet Shannon Powell

Shannon Powell is the newest edition to the Springs Community Church staff, joining us as our Children's Ministry Director. Shannon graduated from Cal State Fullerton with a bachelor's degree in education and received her teaching credentials from UCLA.

"Children's Ministry is exciting, changing, and will continue to be a Jesus-filled, fun time. I really want to change our perspective of Sunday school and I am included in that. That is why I am so excited about starting the Tru Program here at SCC. It is really going to change the way we view and implement Children's Ministry," remarked Shannon, "but more importantly it is going to create more intimate relationships with Jesus Christ for both parents and children. God is going to blow our minds and I cannot wait to be a part of it!"

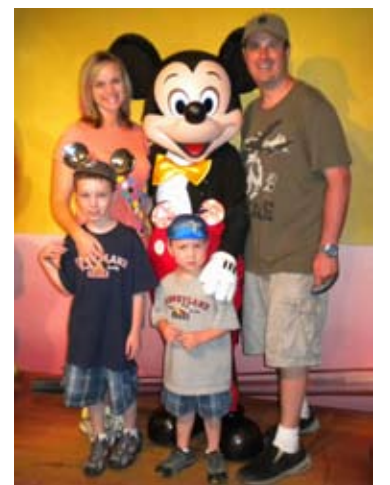
Thrilled to be in Colorado, Shannon would appreciate prayer for God's guidance of where and how to lead SCC Children's Ministry. For the leaders, volunteers, parents, and children that are a part of SCC Children's Ministry and for all of us to work together so that we may glorify Him.

PERSONAL PROFILE

Name: Shannon Kathleen Powell

Family: Husband-Jeff Powell, Sons-Cole (age 7) and Grant (age 3)

Spiritual Gifts: teaching, serving, and encouragement.



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Mission Vision Purpose

In 2009, SCC's leadership team felt the Holy Spirit was leading us to emphasize two aspects of our ministry: Children's ministry and Outreach. We created our 2010 financial ministry plan with these two priorities in mind. In this month's MVP column I would like to share a few perspectives and developments within children's ministry and focus on outreach in our August Heartbeat.

Over the past year, the SCC staff, consistory and children's ministry fractal have been listening to the insights and recommendations of families excited about children's ministry. While SCC has a proud history of providing rich children's ministry and has a team of dedicated teachers, because of budget restraints and transitions, we feel our Children's ministries have maintained rather than grown in the past several years. Cindy Wilson was asked to serve as interim director at the end of last year and has done an exceptional job with that role. She has gone above and beyond what has been asked of her and it has reflected in the lives of the children. Cindy will be transitioning out of this role shortly after VBS and we certainly want to properly thank Cindy for serving so faithfully here at SCC, especially while working fulltime outside the church and being a wife and mom of two girls.

After prayerful consideration, I have invited Shannon Powell (see her story on the front page) to assume the role of children's ministry director starting at twenty hours per week. We believe Shannon has the opportunity to excel here at SCC as a proven and enthusiastic leader and believe she will help us grow our children's ministry in an exciting new direction. Her main emphasis will be the implementation of a new Sunday program called TRU and will help create a Wednesday evening ministry component as well.

The second recent development is the adoption of a new philosophy of children's ministry, simply entitled TRU. It is a curriculum that is being published and supported by our neighbors, David C. Cook Publishing Co. We believe it is a great connect with our "Kingdom Philosophy" of ministry and is unique in equipping church leaders and parents in investing in the lives of children during their most formative years. Here are the TRU values: 1) Parents are primary, 2) The church plays a key supportive role and 3) The Holy Spirit causes transformation when and as He chooses. It is our desire to shape both the minds and souls in a posture that will result in a life of worship (Romans 12:1-2).

I believe that our parents will be excited about the addition of Shannon and the TRU curriculum. I believe that God is leading us to ... "Envision a generation who knows God's voice, desires to obey Him, and lives depending on the Holy Spirit."

May God bless you and keep you,

Pastor Eric Carpenter

Meet Shannon Powell (cont...)

Hobbies: Hiking, Reading, and SHOPPING (especially for bargains, crafts, and antiques)!

Bad Habit: Definitely cracking my knuckles, I've been doing it since I was 8 and it still drives my mom crazy!

How I Met My Spouse: at a coffee house in Southern California through mutual friends (he was playing a guitar and looked very handsome).

I Love To Spend My Days Off: playing with my kids, shopping, helping out with Boy Scouts and church events, visiting family and friends (and if I had more money those visits would take place on a tropical island somewhere!)

Most Irrational Fear: Running out of candy...especially chocolate! I always have a stash somewhere and I even have a Jelly Belly dispenser on my desk at all times!

How I Became A Christian: I became a Christian very young, around age 5 and have always felt God's presence in my life. There was a time in college when I chose a different path, but Christ kept calling me back and was always willing to pick me back up when I fell. He is an amazing Mentor, Friend, Father, and most of all my Savior.

The Worst Job I Ever Had: Well I haven't started this one yet...No, I am just kidding I am truly excited and blessed to be working at SCC. My worst job was definitely working at Taco Bell in high school...I still have the menu memorized!

Person I Really Want To Meet: Mary (Jesus' mother). I would love to ask how it was raising the perfect child. Maybe it is my interest in children, but I would love to hear stories of Jesus' boyhood. Did he play in the mud and rip his new pants like my boys? Just wondering. If it is someone living today I think it might be John Travolta, I am a BIG Grease fan.

Nobody Knows I'm: Shy and a little insecure. I can come across as a strong person with an outgoing personality, but I often question myself and become very self aware. It is something I am always praying about and know it is part of the reason God called me to ministry (he always calls the ones who are not likely candidates). His works continue to show through me and I am grateful for that.

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Reach Out Student Ministry events

- Revive (middle school)**
- July 7 – Xtreme Bowling, 6:30pm. Meet @ SCC. Cost: \$12
- July 28 – Waterworld, 8:30am. Meet @ SCC. Cost \$27
- July 31 – Heavenfest, all day 8-stage concert, 8:30am. Meet @ SCC. Cost: \$35
- Renew (high school)**
- July 1 – Bowling, 6:30pm. Meet @ SCC. Cost: \$12
- July 8 – Capture the Flag, 6:30pm @ Manzione's. Free
- July 11 – Hiking, noon. Meet @ SCC.
- July 15 – Waterworld, 8:30am. Meet @ SCC. Cost: \$27
- July 25 – Ice Blocking, 6:30pm. Cost: \$2
- July 31 – Heavenfest, all day 8-stage concert, 8:30am. Meet @ SCC. Cost: \$35

For information on all student events, contact Rob Denler (rob.denler@sccrca.org) or Taylor Shade (tshade15@gmail.com), 590-1705.



Ministry News

(send your Ministry News to marcia.matheny@sccrca.org)

Story Time for Kids with Pastor Ben July 8 & July 22

Children of all ages (accompanied by a favorite adult) are welcome to come and enjoy a fun and creative story time. Crafts and Pastor Ben Brooks singing and playing his guitar are often part of the morning fun. Join us from 10:30-11:30am in the church atrium on Thursday mornings of the 2nd and 4th week of the month.

Soup Kitchen

The Marian House Soup Kitchen is a place where small miracles happen every day. Our soup kitchen ministry seeks volunteers for Saturday, July 17. Beginning at 7am, people are needed to cook meat and chop vegetables for soup, butter bread, make coffee, etc. Servers and clean up personnel are need at 10:30am to serve a nutritious lunch to 400 people. To sign up, stop by the Welcome Center on Sundays or contact Sam Faraj at 260-1547.

Help with your Personal Budget

Need help in restoring your financial well-being? SCC member Keri Gass would love to give you some helpful suggestions. Keri has worked in the financial field for years and feels called to pass on the knowledge she has acquired. Contact her at Keribrollings@yahoo.com to schedule a meeting. Your inquiry will be kept confidential.

Friendship Transport Ministry Coordinator Wanted

We are looking for a person who has a passion for the folks that live in three different group homes and not able to drive themselves to church on Sunday mornings. The coordinator will work with the case worker at the homes and then drive the vans (or get a team of people) to pick up and deliver the individuals to church in time for the services on Sunday morning. If you have an interest in this ministry, please call Pastor Rex at 200-6007 and talk to him about further details. We salute and thank Mike Armstrong who has been serving faithfully in this ministry for several years.

PEACEMAKING WEEKEND

On May 14-16, many of our high school students attended a Peacemaker Retreat. Peacemaker is a ministry focused on bringing attention to Biblical conflict resolution. It was a terrific weekend of study, discussions, fellowship, and fun. David Manzione, a high school senior at Pine Creek, attended the retreat and talks about his experience during the weekend.

As a high school student, I am keenly aware that conflict with peers is an everyday occurrence, frequently leading to dissolution of relationships. Dealing with these conflicts can be a struggle for all of us. By attending the Renew Peacemaker Weekend, high school students were given biblical strategies for resolving conflict. We approached this weekend with determination to learn what could be done to move past conflict and restore relationships. Doing simple actions such as overlooking small offenses is a start towards restoration.

The weekend consisted of short study groups based on the curricu-

Family News

Birth

First time grandparents, Mark & Lynn VanderHorck greeted Lyra Allison Lois Irish, their granddaughter on June 9 at 3:39pm in Denver. Lyra weighed 8lb 4oz, and Grandma Lynn reported that Lyra has blond hair, blue eyes, and adorable dimples. Lyra is the daughter of Johnathan & Kim Irish.



Lyra Allison Lois



Sophie Lynn



Joslyn Elizabeth



Avery Ann

Mike & Pam Gamer became grandparents of triplet girls on June 8. Sophie Lynn weighed 3lbs 3oz. and is 15 inches long, Joslyn Elizabeth weighed 2lbs 12oz and is 15½ inches in length, and Avery Ann weighed 2lbs 9oz and was 14½ inches long. Joslyn and Avery are identical. Grandma Pam shared that the girls will be in the NICU for several months, but mom and babies are both doing great. Parents are John and Samantha Gamer.

Congratulations to all the new parents and grandparents!

Grief

Our prayers and sympathies are extended to the following families:

We mourn with the Larry Rosenstrauch family on the death of his brother, and with the Bryant Patterson family on the death of his brother.

May God bring all our grieving families comfort and strength in the months ahead.

lum of Peacemaker Ministries. We began with understanding the causes of conflict and how to respond with a God-centered attitude. Then we looked at the "slippery slope" of conflict, seeing how one worldly response can lead to pain, guilt, and suffering. We moved on to learning the strategies of peacemaking, such as reconciliation, negotiation, and accountability. Finally, we discussed as a group the hardest step in reconciliation, forgiving others as God forgives us, putting into practice Colossians 3:13 Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Interspersed with the study groups was fellowship with each other. A night of bowling, a video scavenger, and a trip to the movies helped cement relationships and gave us accountability partners to build up one another and encourage us in our endeavors to resolve conflict. By the end of the weekend, we felt better equipped to face conflict and move past it to restore relationships in a scriptural way.

Submission Deadlines:

Weekly bulletin, mass email – Monday of each week

Monthly newsletter – 15th of each month

Submit all articles to Marcia Matheny at Marcia.matheny@sccrca.org.