

## *Adventures in Learning*

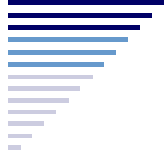


Class sessions are held on four consecutive Fridays, four times per year, usually in February, April, June, and September. **Classes are from 9:00—Noon**

**A \$25 fee pays for EIGHT classes, FOUR catered lunches & FOUR musical programs!**

Members who register may choose two classes from six options each Friday. Class choices generally fall into these areas: health, religion, community, people/places, news/current events, art or literature. In one class participants may learn about joint replacements and in another learn about African safaris. Someone else may choose to learn about genealogy research and the artwork of Leonardo de Vinci. Still another may choose to talk politics and study the life of King David.

Participants can also do a gym-walk and go to the health clinic sponsored by Community Partners from 8:30—9:00 a.m.



A non-profit, Christian ministry that provides life enrichment programs for adults 55 and older.



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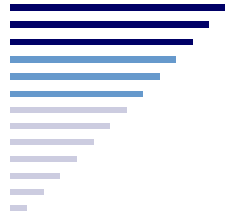
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## Our Mission . . .



- All Shepherd's Centers have a common mission—
- ⇒ to encourage life-long learning;
  - ⇒ To provide an opportunity to meet people from other congregations that they may not otherwise meet;
  - ⇒ To utilize the talents and abilities of its membership in producing a rewarding activity;
  - ⇒ To be a conduit for connecting with other services and programs that may be helpful to the aging adult.



## Why church sponsored?

What the Shepherd's Center has to offer truly can enhance the quality of life for maturing adults. Every congregation is faced with a growing number of elderly members, which will statistically continue to increase as the baby-boomers retire. Every congregation offers senior fellowship of some type, and while SCT could never supplant the intimate friendships that naturally occur among members who have gone to church together for years, SCT can be an extension of that ministry by providing stimulating opportunities for fellowship and learning. By pooling our resources, we are able to provide an experience that may be hard to match by a single church, while extending the hand of friendship to those of other faiths or without a church home. Our programs are chosen by members, themselves, and presented by qualified speakers who donate their time.

## Who are community sponsors?

Many retirement communities partner with SCT by hosting events and providing transportation to sessions, recognizing that their residents enjoy having programs in a different setting from time to time. Some health care providers provide blood pressure checks, services and wellness information.

## What about funding?

Shepherd's Center of Topeka has operating costs like any other organization, but also owns and maintains all of the audio-visual equipment used by presenters. All work is done by volunteers, with the exception of the Director who is the sole paid staff.

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Community sponsor, **Atria Hearthstone**, provides meals, while other retirement communities host the refreshment center.

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Every effort is made to keep costs low.

Churches and community partners can help by offering scholarships for members or residents where a financial need exists. Arrangements can be made by contacting the SCT office.

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SCT asks that sponsoring congregations annually review the benefits their members receive and make a voluntary financial donation that this ministry may continue.

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As a 501 (C) (3), Shepherds Center of Topeka appreciates charitable, tax deductible donations from patrons. We are honored when a memorial gift is received in memory of a past member.