

Questions & Answers:

Where is Shepherd's Center?

Shepherd's Center of Topeka is located at 3033 SW MacVicar Avenue (66611) which is south of the intersection of 29th & MacVicar at the corner of 30th & MacVicar. We are hosted by the First Baptist Church with an office entrance at the southeast door; and an "*Adventure's in Learning*" entrance through the double doors on the west side adjacent to the large parking lot.

Is this a Baptist program?

First Baptist is one of 28 sponsoring congregations in Topeka. SCT is fortunate that First Baptist believes in our mission and has a wonderful facility. Donating the space for us to convert SS rooms into classrooms, their parlor for our refreshments and their fellowship hall for our lunchtime dining area is how First Baptist chooses to sponsor the Shepherd's Center. They also provide office space, but SCT pays its own bills.

How do you become a member of Shepherd's Center?

Anyone who attends a full "*Adventure's in Learning*" session is considered a member. First time guests (one free Friday) can quickly become members by registering for a full session. Membership provides the opportunity for attending fieldtrips and receiving the newsletter – however, we are fairly lenient about both until a person has had an opportunity to understand our process.

Can you explain the "lay-out," so I don't get lost?

Enter through the west set of double doors. We prepare nametags for EVERYONE, including first time guests. If you wish to receive our newsletter, you will need to provide your address in the registration area where you first walk in. A hand-out will inform you of the classes and assigned rooms. Exercise classes, gym walk (8:30 – 9:00) and restrooms are right beside the registration area on this level. All other classes are upstairs. Usually there will be a member available to escort you upstairs using the elevator or stairs. The sanctuary is first right after you arrive. Classes are held in the sanctuary and this is also where you will come for the musical performance (11:30). The first hallway (left) will take you past the parlor where refreshments are served. The SCT office and bathrooms are on the left side of this hallway. Turn right at the intersecting hallway at the end to go to Room 215 or the chapel for additional classes. The dining room is back downstairs and the registration area is converted to a buffet. Dining is from 12:15 – 1:00. Find a place in the dining room and wait for your table to be called for the buffet line. Please leave name tags on during the meal. We appreciate folks throwing away their place setting before leaving. If you are physically able, it is also helpful to put away folding chairs and tables. If everyone does a little – this big job is carried out rather quickly.

I'm a speaker – where do I go when I come?

Park on the south side of the church (NOT the west parking lot) where there is a single strip of parking spaces. While we're in session, you may use those spaces marked for church business. Come in the southeast door (office entrance) and a facilitator will meet you there 15 minutes before class. Facilitators are there to escort you to your assigned room, help you set up, and introduce you to the audience. They will find AV technicians if necessary to address any issues.