

THE GATHERING is the Senior Adult Newsletter of  
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I'VE  
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THE  
**JOY**  
JOY, joy, JOY,  
♥ DOWN IN MY  
*heart*



Chicken spaghetti, green beans, rolls,  
strawberry shortcake & drink  
Cost \$5.00

Reservations/Cancellations  
by April 16, 2026

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Tues. April 21  
11:30 am

Musical Guest  
Sheila Hart



*Sheila Mitchel Hart*

*Holladay TN*

*I began piano lessons at age 6. I have been a church musician all of my life and continue to serve in my church Missionary Grove Baptist Church in Camden TN as keyboardist in the praise team. As an adult, I began to study other instruments.*

*Harp is my favorite. I studied at Vanderbilt, Blair School of Music with Professor Marian Schafer and in Ireland with Dr. Janet Harbison.*

*I own and teach at Birdsong School of Music in Holladay. We are an authorized center for the London College of Music. I have been teaching students on strings and keys for 45 years.*

*In addition, I do workshops, worship conferences, civic events, and festivals in many places. For the past eight years, in conjunction with my church and churches in Honduras, we have been providing musical education to children and adults that otherwise could not have an opportunity. We have been providing instruments, keyboards and guitars for churches that partner with us. This has been and is a great blessing for us.*

We are excited and honored to have Sheila come share with us. Our devotion will be led by James Satterfield, UTM-BCM Campus Men’s Missionary. We hope you will make plans to come join the fellowship Tues. April 21st.



Be sure to join many of the Iris Festival activities May 1—May 6.

We invite you to join DFBC on Wed. May 6 for a pancake supper in the life center from 5-6:45 pm (donations at the door) and then for the community wide Gospel singing at 7 pm featuring Dawson and Tanea Hull, pianist & clarinetist (free admission)

“There on the poplars we hung our harps.” —Psalm 137:2 (NIV)

In the context of this psalm, a group of Israelites are portrayed as sitting down near a river in Babylon reminiscing of home and the memories that seemed forever gone. They got so discouraged that the very instruments they used to praise God were hung on a weeping willow tree. Imagine the sadness that flooded their hearts, because they were far away in a foreign land.

Times are going to come when we feel far away from home, both literally and spiritually. You may feel distant from God because your devotional life is lacking or maybe because you have lost a loved one. The question will arise, are you going to hang up your harp? The very instrument used to represent praise to God is either going to keep on being played or collect dust on a tree. It's really up to you.

As this group of Israelites are sitting by the river, the Babylonian head honcho had the the audacity to taunt them by asking them to sing one of those songs of Zion. So not only were they away from their home land, but now they're being made fun of. They must have been having a pretty bad day.

In life there are moments when the going gets tough and the devil is going to whisper in your ear, "I dare you to praise your God right now." You can agree with that voice and stay silent because you are in a foreign land, or you can make a covenant to praise God no matter what the circumstance. Choose one of two decisions:

- 1) I'm going to hang up my harp cause my life is a mess.
- 2) I'm going to praise God though the heavens fall.

Which decision are you going to make? Choose to praise God! Life is going to get hard folks, but please, don't hang up your harp.

J.O.Y. Report for March 2026  
 Enrollment 114  
 Attendance—40  
 Offering—39.05  
 March—June offering will go to  
 OCC Shoebox Ministry

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- 4th Karen Wilson
- 5th Gwen Joyner
- 6th Shirley Halliburton
- 18th Renza Adams
- 21st Don Cleek
- 26th Linda Tilley



*Have a blessed day!*