

Soul Trekkers (for hikers)

Goal: start a fellowship group based upon discipleship with emphasis on welcoming hospitality

Because SHPC founding pastor, Julian Spitzer, was so welcoming (walked around Sequoyah Hills inviting newcomers to visit SHPC), we are naming the hiking club after Julian's son, Judd Spitzer, who is an active member. His other family members include: David Frey and his daughter, Rachel Frey Kelso, and her family.

Membership requirements and qualifications:

1. Go on one "sponsored" hike. Sponsored hikes = 1 mile or more *
2. Memorize a new-to-you Psalm (or any 1 chapter of the Bible) **
3. Between ages 1 to 111

Founding members will be those who join between 7-month period of: April 1 and November 1, 2023.

Privileges of membership:

1. Prestige of being a member shown by a custom-made patch from SHPC
2. Have authority to induct anyone into membership as long as they meet requirements

To start with, "sponsored hikes," at a minimum, will include:

- Montreat, All Church Retreat, Saturday, April 28
- Lakeshore hike, Sunday, May 7
- Smokies hike Saturday, June 24
- Smokies hike, Friday, August 25
- Ijams, Sunday, September 17
- Big South Fork, Camping Retreat, Saturday, October 28

Hikes and dates subject to change.

Any member may offer a "sponsored" hike at any time anywhere with anyone with special emphasis that it's best shared with others. Generally, hikes will not conflict with corporate worship, but on occasion may, so long as they are with Sabbath rest in mind.

There are no membership fees or costs for hikes.

* Hikers and guests may do hikes anywhere in the world and the group may be any size.

** Faith-based group to be prepared for whatever the trail (or life) presents you with. Psalms, with frequent references to nature, can be especially helpful if you're frightened, lonely, joyful, or seeking refreshment.