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LOCAL CHURCH HOSTS CEILIDH AND PIPERS COMPETITION



Scottish Ceilidh Dancing at San Gabriel Presbyterian Church in 2007

San Gabriel Presbyterian church is hosting two Scottish events the first weekend in May. The church is recognizing its heritage that was strongly influenced by Scottish religious leaders in the early 1700's and also sponsoring the first competition event in Austin for pipers.

On Saturday, May 3rd, the MidSouth Piping Society will hold a pipers competition from 8:00 am to mid-afternoon. This is the first Austin region competition to be held while other regions such as Houston and Dallas have been participating in competitions for several years. The Society has its offices within the Scottish Arts Program at Lyon College, a Presbyterian university in Batesville, Arkansas. Anyone interested in observing the competition is welcome. The contact for registering to play in the competition is Eddie Selden at eselden@pti-sys.com.

Coinciding with this event, the next day on May 4th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm is the San Gabriel Scottish Heritage Ceilidh (kale-ee), a social gathering with guests including the award-winning Silver Thistle Pipes and Drums, the Scottish Country Dance Alliance, and the Sun City Dulcimers. Highland games and crafts for the children, traditional Scottish food and historical skits round out the rest of the entertainment. Scottish country dance is the ancestor of America's barn, square and country dancing and everyone is invited to participate or just watch and enjoy the fun and food.

The Opening Ceremony is scheduled at 1:00 pm so plan to arrive for this awesome performance. San Gabriel Presbyterian is located at 5404 Williams Drive, just a wee bit west of the Sun City entrance on the left. Call the church office at 512-868-0902 or log on to www.sqpcgeorgetown.org for the program and more information. Price of admission is canned goods or toiletries to be donated to the Caring Place.