Monthly REST

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE SHADY SHORES BAPTIST CHURCH FAMILY

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Welcome to our Newsletter!

Our new-fashioned newsletter headlines our church's vision: REST!

Reaching the lost

Enabling the saved

Sending the ready

Telling the world the good news of Christ

If you've been in church, it's likely you're aware of all that's going on; however, it's equally likely that you have at least one question. Maybe you're wondering how many turkeys were donated before Thanksgiving, or how many kids came to the Gift of Love event. Maybe you're curious about whose birthday Casa Adobes celebrated in the fellowship hall, or who made sure the Christmas trees were properly fluffed. And who fixed that one dangling red ribbon on the wreath on the front wall? If you haven't been able to attend in person, you may have a whole host of other questions! For example, is choir meeting again? (Yes, choir is meeting!) How has Sunday School been going? (It is going strong!)



By the Numbers

- 50 Teachers at the August Teacher's Brunch
- 80 TWU Baptist Student Ministry lunches (taco nachos!!)
- 15 Families receiving weekly backpacks with food
- 263 Pounds of turkey in 15 Thanksgiving turkeys
- 60 Operation Christmas Child boxes
- 61 Children attending Gift of Love
- 3 Piglets in the petting zoo at the fall carnival
- 20 Boy Scouts treated to surprise ice cream party

Trivia:

- 1. What was the Boy Scouts most popular ice cream flavor?
- Chocolate
- Strawberry
- Vanilla
- 2. Which ice cream topping was most popular?
- Chocolate Sauce
- Crushed Oreos
- M&Ms
- Multi-colored Sprinkles
- Whipped Cream







Mission:

We seek to be obedient to God's will through bringing the lost in our community and around the world to Christ, through Bible-centered preaching and teaching, Godly servant leadership, and intercessory prayer.

Ongoing Events

[Held in SSBC education rooms unless otherwise noted.]

Shady Ladies Women's Ministry: First Saturday. 10am.

Mission Team: Second Saturday. 10am.

Men's Ministry Breakfast: Third Saturday. 9am.

Prayer group: Tuesdays 10am.

Sunday School: Sundays. 9:30am.

Choir: Sundays. 4:00pm. [sanctuary]

<u> Zoom Home Bible Study: Mondays. 7:00pm.</u>

Below is an **example** of an electric sign. Come back for the official unveiling!



Upcoming Events

The Sign! We are joining the 21st century - the sign is scheduled to be installed in January.

One Need One Deed! Beginning in January, if you have a need, please let us know. We will get you fixed up with someone who may be able to help. Call or e-mail the church as needed!

<u>Sunday School Classes</u>

Youth - studying Psalms

Barnabas class - studying Acts

60 to heaven class - studying James



Dr. Skip McNeal receives the MWD Award from Texas Baptists' Interim Ministry Coordinator Karl Fickling. (2016) (Photo courtesy of Karl Fickling)

Skip's Quips

Following is a story titled "The Yeller Pepper." [excerpted from Ken Brixey]

A church decided to hold a real old-fashioned revival meeting. They invited Pepe Rodriguez, a Mexican preacher breathing fire and brimstone. He preached powerful messages and most of the town turned out to listen. Sam had not attended church much, but he didn't miss a Pepe Rodriguez meeting. One evening he and his wife invited Pepe to dinner. The preacher enjoyed a great meal of fried chicken and gravy with creamy mashed 'taters, biscuits and honey, and fried green termaters. During dinner, Sam noticed that Pepe pulled a small pepper from his coat and popped it into his mouth. Sam convinced himself he also needed to eat one of these peppers because Pepe was his hero. Pepe reminded Sam that the pepper might not be good for him to try, but Sam would not be swayed. He yelled 'I wanna be just like you' and then chomped down hard on the "yeller bean." What followed was a wonderful scene: Sam spit and sputtered; he drank two quarts of tea and couldn't speak for 30 minutes. His first remarks were priceless. He said, I've heard a lotta preachen' bout sin and hell, but you're the first I ever knw'd who carried a little sample in his pocket!"

Perhaps a great motivator to avoid hell would be a bite of a "little yeller pepper." For me, I don't need that. I already don't want to go there! Pastor Skip



Please continue to send prayer requests to Ed Barrett for distribution [call or text 972-741-1002].

Prayer Requests:

Keep our pastor search team in your prayers, that they will hear and heed God's direction in finding he who will lead our church going forward. Pray for the man God has chosen!

One and Done

Choose an act of service or mission - maybe one each week?

- Return a shopping cart for a stranger at the grocery store.
- Hold the door open for someone.
- Let someone go ahead of you in line.
- Wave and smile at everyone you drive by.
- Thank one community person you don't know personally.
- Compliment a stranger.
- Pray for the stranger nearest to you at some point in the day.
- Spend extra time thanking God for Jesus and God's love!

As church attendance numbers fade across the nation and online services become very convenient it's important to remember why church attendance for you and your family matters so much.

You can't serve from your sofa. You can't have community of faith on your sofa. You can't experience the power of a room full of believers worshipping together on your sofa.

Christians aren't consumers. We are contributors. We don't watch. We engage. We give. We sacrifice. We encourage. We pray by laying hands on the hurting. We do life together.

*Found online; original source unknown.