

## Monthly REST

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# Welcome to our Newsletter!

- Reaching the lost
- Enabling the saved
- Sending the ready
- Telling the world the good news of Christ

**Celebrate! The SSBC family welcomed several new members since the past newsletter! Mike O'Malley and Tyler Howard made their public declarations to receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior, and were duly baptized to symbolize their new birth in Christ. We also welcome Mike's wife Margaret, whom we are thrilled to receive with Mike!**



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Most of us likely consider the entryway as the initial introduction to our church; however, this picture shows what others see as they drive by. This also is the online view shown to those seeking a church. Perhaps we can better express what makes SSBC special. The sign will help. What else might we do?

## *By the Numbers*

- 3 - New church family members!
- 73 - In attendance for the Christmas concert and dinner
- 3 to 4 - Weeks until the sign is ready.....
- 7 - Choir members to date. Consider joining us!
- 23 - In a room of 23 people, there is a 50% chance that two will have the same birthday. In our church membership, there are 6 months in which two members have the same birthday - statistically we are perfect!

### **Trivia:** They Finished Second

1. According to Genesis, the serpent was the first creature to speak to a human. What was the second creature to speak to a human?
2. Rachel is the first woman to die during childbirth. Who was the second woman in Scripture to die during childbirth?
3. The first person to be specifically named as calling on the Lord is Abram. After his name was changed to Abraham, there are other incidents of him praying. According to Genesis, who was the second person to pray?
4. After David killed Goliath, there was a second battle involving Goliath's brother being killed by an Israelite. What was the name of the Israelite who killed Goliath's brother?
5. Simon of Cyrene is the first character from Africa. Who was the second character from Africa?

Answers are on the last page.



## Special Christmas treats for the backpack families!



## 60 to heaven Sunday School class, led by Linda Blanton

Parables of Jesus  
Good Samaritan  
Luke 10:25-37

The Lawyer asked the question...  
"Who is my neighbor?"  
The Priest asked the question...  
"If I stop to help this man what will happen to me?"  
The Good Samaritan asked the question...  
"If I don't stop to help this man what will happen to him?"

"See a need fill a need"

## 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:** 1st Saturday. 10am.

**Mission Team:** 2nd Saturday. 10am.

**Men's Ministry Breakfast:** 3rd Saturday. 9am.

**Prayer group:** Tuesdays 10am.

**Sunday School:** Sundays. 9:30am.

**Choir:** Sundays. 4:30pm. [on hold; call for updates!]

**Zoom Home Bible Study:** Mondays. 7:00pm.

**One Need One Deed:** if you have a need, please let us know. We will connect you with someone who may be able to help. Call or e-mail the church as needed!

### Sunday School Classes

Youth - finishing study of Psalms

Barnabas class - studying Acts

60 to heaven class - studying Luke

### **Mark your calendars for:**

UNT Baptist Student Ministry Lunch, April 13

Vacation Bible School: June 6 - 10, evenings

## Upcoming Events

**The Sign!** Installation date is being coordinated. Watch for news regarding our installation celebration.

**Scout Sunday.** 2/6. Be sure to warmly greet scout visitors! We are their partners.

**Valentine's Banquet.** 2/13 following church.

**Black History Month.** Myers Middle School is seeking sponsors to provide funds for an event on 2/16 (funds for door prizes, refreshments, and families in need). Contact Rose Morales to participate. [stricklandmorales@yahoo.com]

**Women's Conference.** 2/25-26. Contact Kristi Monroe for details and to register. [kristimonroe87@yahoo.com]

**Spring Eggstravaganza!** 4/2. Please attend Mission Team meetings! You are needed!

**Christmas Child Boxes.** Planning NOW for preparing items for boxes. Details during Mission Team meetings!







## *Skip's Quips*

The Lions Clubs have a wonderful camp in south Texas for handicapped children. It is located on valuable land purchased from the Federal Government over 70 years ago. While they were raising money for that land, it looked like they were going to be \$20,000 short. A wealthy benefactor came through at the last minute with a check for the remaining amount due. Imagine the surprise of everyone when the check bounced! Joy was turned to sadness. Then, the District Governor "loaned" the camp the remaining funds - in effect, the government lowered the price of the land so the Lions could establish a camp that has blessed thousands of children.

[See The Texas Lions Camp, available at: <https://www.lionscamp.com/history.html>]

Today, the check that was returned from the bank hangs on the wall of the main building at the camp as a reminder that men fail, even when they have great intentions. We are often like Peter who boasted that he would die before he would allow Jesus to be crucified. We must place our faith in God and be prudent in what we boast. Remember, "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in His way (Psalms 37:23 KJV)."

Pastor Skip

**Photo: Texas Lions Club new cottage at Eagle Trail, Kerrville, Texas**

# Welcome

## get ready to worship

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!

- Write an encouraging card to the Boy Scout troop (bring 2/6 - we'll be sure to deliver it for you).
- Pray for your neighbors. Consider joining "Bless Every Home", a *FREE* website that provides tools to get to know your neighbors: [www.blesseveryhome.com](http://www.blesseveryhome.com).
- Try (if only once!) to be more than a disciple - be an apostle!
- Smile at someone you don't know (if you're wearing a mask, wave!).
- Call, text, or visit someone who is alone on Valentine's Day.
- Spend additional time in **thankful** prayer.

We seek to be a mission driven church; this concept need not be overwhelming! From Tim Tebow's book *Mission Possible* consider the following: "God can use you where you are with what you have! You know where a mission possible life begins? With an idea. With one thought that swirls in the mind that is not fully vetted. It's small. It's as insignificant as a single seed yet contains potential. An idea might come when you're faced with a need that's not being met. Something pushes it into your consciousness. You wake up from a dream and it may pop into your head. This one tiny idea is not developed or calculated, but for some reason it's been deposited on the inside of you. This is what it can seem like when God is encouraging you to move in a certain direction. One thought can lead to places we've never imagined. Great things can be created by one person, one need, one problem, one issue. Don't dismiss these thoughts. Don't brush off something that seems small. Don't obsess about changing the world, start by changing one person. Maybe that's yourself. Maybe it's taking better care of your health so you can spend quality time playing with your children. Maybe it's helping a single parent who is overwhelmed by watching her children for the day or cleaning her house. Maybe it's volunteering in your community or helping out once a week a local soup kitchen or nursing home. Use what moves you, what God has put inside of your heart, and take one step forward."

**Trivia Answers:** donkey (Numbers 22:21); Phineas' wife (1 Samuel 4:21); Abraham's servant (Genesis 24:12); Elhanan (2 Samuel 21:19); Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8:27)