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Monthly *REST*

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE
SHADY SHORES BAPTIST CHURCH FAMILY

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Welcome to our Newsletter!

Our newsletter headlines our church's vision: REST!

Reaching the lost

Enabling the saved

Sending the ready

Telling the world the good news of Christ

"The lyrics to [a] hymn say what you couldn't but wanted to, and for a moment, a splendid moment, there are no wars, or wounds, or tax returns. Just you, God, and a silent assurance that everything is right with the world."* "Such moments are necessary because they remind us that everything is okay. The King is still on the throne, and life is still worth living... love is still the greatest possession and the future is nothing to fear."**

From Max Lucado's books: **Come Thirsty* (2004) and ***God Came Near* (2013)

Delicious food and lovely decorations were enjoyed by all at the Valentine's Day Lunch!



By the Numbers

- 57 - Hymns and songs of praise chosen as favorites by at least one person
- 46 - Pieces of cake served at the Valentine's Day lunch
- 47 - Days from March 1 to Easter
- 10 - Hours of worship at the HeartStrong Faith Conference
- 1,711 - Ladies singing Phil Wickham's "Battle Belongs" (11 Shady Ladies!)
- 1 - Full day of work by the men's group working in the kitchen
- 3-4 - Days! The sign **IS** coming!

Trivia:

1. Which has been most recently suggested for adding to our church property?
 - Giant cross
 - Giant Adirondack chair
 - Garden walk
 - Cemetery
 - A second (larger) sign
2. Which hymn was most frequently cited in our February poll?
 - It is Well with My Soul
 - Amazing Grace
 - Victory in Jesus
 - How Great Thou Art
 - Blessed Assurance
3. Which was the most popular donut flavor at the February Mission Team meeting?
 - Chocolate covered
 - Glazed
 - Blueberry
 - Coconut
 - Sprinkles

Would you attend if you knew there would always be donuts???



Answers are on the last page.



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.

The two pictures above are from the February Mission Team meeting. At first glance they may look identical; however, they are not! There are five (intentional) differences between the picture on the left and the picture on the right. Can you find them? [Answers are on the last page.](#)

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.

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 - studying Hebrews showcase of faith

Men's Group - studying the gospel of John

Barnabas class - studying the book of Acts

60 to heaven class - studying Jesus' parables

Upcoming Events

The Sign! Installation date is imminent. Watch for news regarding our installation celebration.

Prospective Pastor Visit - Sunday, 3/6.

Spring Eggstravaganza! Saturday, 4/2.

Please attend March Mission Team meeting! You are needed!

Note: ALL volunteers must complete Ministry Safe training. Please contact Kayla Nielsen for details.

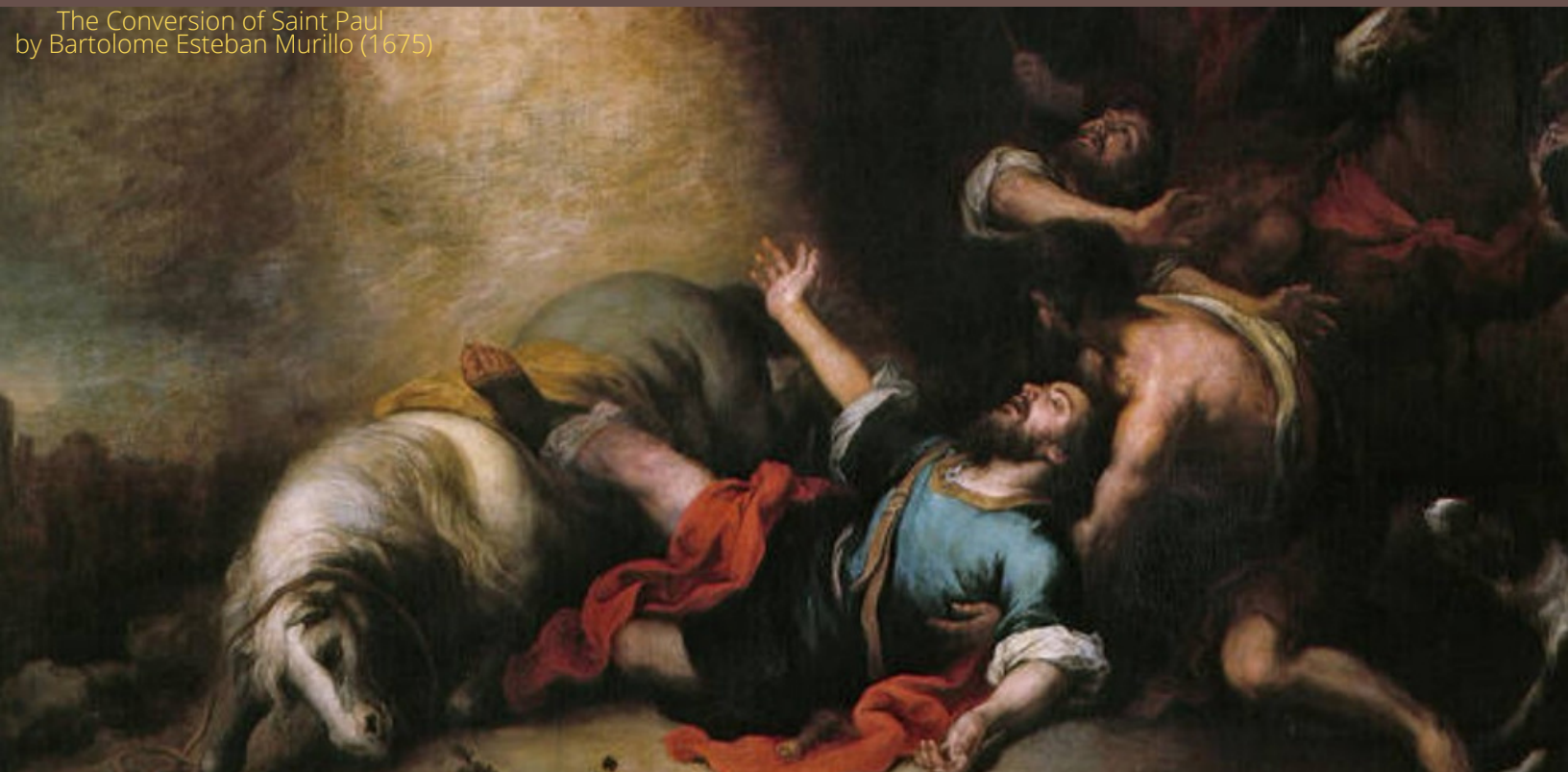
Christmas Child Boxes. Planning NOW for items for boxes. Details during Mission Team meetings!

UNT Baptist Student Ministry Lunch -

Wednesday, 4/13. Please contact Rose Morales if you are able to participate.

**Mark your calendars for
Vacation Bible School: June 6 - 10, evenings**

The Conversion of Saint Paul
by Bartolome Esteban Murillo (1675)



Skip's Quips

Some schoolteachers believe a student's personality is a precursor of what the individual will grow up to be. By the third grade my teachers probably believed I would be in prison before I turned twenty. Something happened along the way to change my direction. Many of them fainted when they discovered I became a preacher. I expect some of them thought I looked forward to the offering in each service.

Saul of Tarsus was a man on a mission. He tried to destroy the early Christians and their churches. History reveals that he was very good at his job. He was greatly feared by the church members. Acts 8:3 describes Saul's actions, "But Saul began to destroy the church. Going house to house, he dragged off men and women and put them in prison." Only a miracle could stop such a man from the great harm he was doing to the church. The miracle happened as he neared Damascus.

Suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?" He received an answer he never would have expected, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting."

He followed the directions from heaven and met Ananias who helped him give his life in service and commitment to the very Jesus he had been persecuting. Saul (Paul) later became the apostle to the Gentiles. That change, the birth from above, gave Paul's life the redirection that he needed. It was clearly the power of God.

How do I know about that? That same birth from above gave me a new direction for my life. The Lord saved me from myself and shocked my teachers. Serving the Lord has been the greatest way to spend the last 74 years of my life. Think about it.



The last weekend in February, a group of SSBC ladies took part in the HeartStrong Faith Women's Conference, livestreamed to our sanctuary. **Theme: You Are Loved!** Be bold, be brave, be confident in that love, and follow Jesus' command: Love God, and Love One Another!

One and Done

Choose an act of service or mission, with the goal of loving your church family this month.

- Call another member just to say hi.
- Pray for your SSBC brothers and sisters - everyone has struggles!
- Thank a member of the pastor search team.
- Thank Skip!
- Thank Mary!
- Thank God for all his many, many blessings!
- Choose love, choose grace, choose thanks.

Trivia Answers: Adirondack Chair; Victory in Jesus, Coconut.
 Picture Differences: Carlos – Pen Up; Forrest – Pen Not in Shirt;
 Skip – Paper Down; Suzette – Has Phone; Carol – Holding Knife;
 Linda – Legs Crossed.

Prayer Requests:

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

Hymn Favorites

Hymn	Times Chosen	Percent of All
Victory in Jesus	8	9.3%
Amazing Grace	6	7.0%
How Great Thou Art	4	4.7%
It Is Well With My Soul	4	4.7%
Great is Thy Faithfulness	3	3.5%
Be Thou My Vision	2	2.3%
Blessed Assurance	2	2.3%
Holy Holy Holy	2	2.3%
I love to tell the story	2	2.3%
In the Garden	2	2.3%
The Old Rugged Cross	2	2.3%
To God Be the Glory	2	2.3%

Note: pink indicates only women selected that hymn.