



Monthly REST

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A NEWSLETTER FOR THE
SHADY SHORES BAPTIST CHURCH FAMILY

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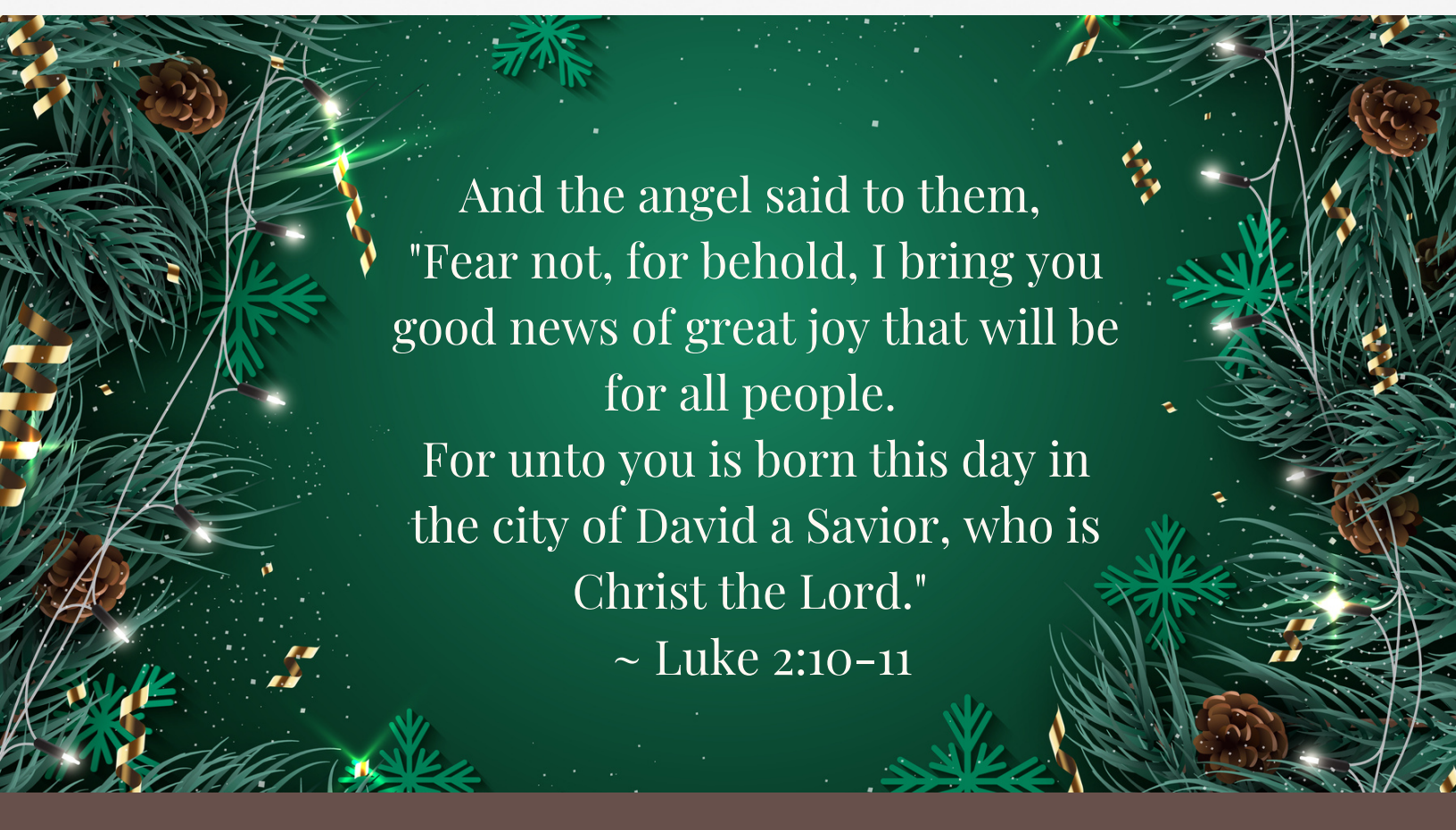
SSBC's Vision Statement: REST

Reaching the lost

Enabling the saved

Sending the ready

Telling the world the good news of Christ!



And the angel said to them,
"Fear not, for behold, I bring you
good news of great joy that will be
for all people.

For unto you is born this day in
the city of David a Savior, who is
Christ the Lord."

~ Luke 2:10-11



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By the Numbers

At Halloween Trunk or Treat:

6,000 - pieces of candy given
750 - Gospel tracts distributed

For Thanksgiving:

18 - turkeys donated to the backpack kids ministry

Celebrating Christmas:

127 - Operation Christmas Child boxes filled and delivered!

10 - families participating in Gift of Love. **Note: families** - parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and siblings hearing the Gospel in Spanish (thanks to Carlos Morales) and English (thanks to Pastor Brad)

200,000,000 - Operation Christmas Child boxes packed to date

At the Charlotte Processing Center, Franklin Graham celebrated the milestone of 200 million shoebox gifts packed since the project began in 1993.

"We give God the glory," Graham said. "Every box counts. Every box has been prayed for — no two boxes are the same. We are thankful to God for all the boys and girls around the world who have had an opportunity to hear the Good News that 'whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' (*Romans 10:13*). "We're wasting our time if all we're doing is giving a gift to a kid. We have to make sure that they understand the purpose of Christmas. That became our goal — to be sure that every child who received a box heard the Gospel. There's Holy Spirit-filled power in that message. He uses the Gospel to change hearts. We want the children of the world to know this."

~Source: Samaritan's Purse, available at <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/article/200th-million-shoebox-gift-celebrated-in-charlotte/>. Accessed 12/3/2022.

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.

Prayer Requests:

Please send prayer requests to Ed Barrett for church-wide distribution. Call or text 972-741-1002.

Note 1: Prayer requests also can be placed in the offering plate in the foyer along with tithes and offerings.

Note 2: The church website offers access to:

- Online Giving
- Services on YouTube
- SSBC's Facebook Page

Ongoing Events

Mission Meeting: 2nd Saturday. 10am.

Shady Ladies & Men's Breakfast: 3rd Saturday. 9am.

Prayer group: Tuesdays. 10am.

Sunday School: Sundays. 9:30am.

Choir: Sundays. 2:30pm in the sanctuary.

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!!

Thanks to our devoted Sunday School & ministry leaders, we are grateful for you!

Barnabas Class - Raedean Bolton

Men's Group - Forrest Broom

Monday night zoom - Eddie Barrett

60 to Heaven Class - Linda Blanton

Youth - Eddie Barrett

Shady Ladies - Lynna McClung

Men's Ministry - Carlos Morales

Upcoming Events

Christmas Music & Meal: Sunday December 11. 4:30. The church will supply meat and bread.

Please bring a side dish or dessert. We will have visitors so please be mindful of that when preparing your culinary contribution! See Harry Monroe for information about the music, and Rose Morales to help with the meal.

Christmas Caroling: Sunday December 18. Beginning mid-afternoon, leaving from the church parking lot in three vans to visit several homes as well as residents of Autumn Oaks. Watch for additional details sent via all-church messages. See Harry Monroe or Pastor Brad for additional information.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: 6:00pm.

Christmas Day Sunday Service: 10:45am. Note: no Sunday School on Christmas Day!



We are grateful to our
selfless volunteers who
give their time and talents
to SSBC's mission all year!

Thank you Carol Burgess for another successfull OCC event!



*Operation
Christmas
Child Boxes!*

Unsung Heroes

Each of us contributes time, talent, and money according to the gifts he or she has been given, sharing abilities with crafts, organization, oversight, service on Leadership, and other innumerable tasks. Several **volunteer** weekly (if not daily) to the operation of the church:

Ed Barrett - provides security

Lori Barrett - joyfully greets us

Pat Botts - serves as peerless pianist

Forrest Broom - maintains the web
page & sign

Carol Burgess - records our offerings

Mark Hauge - handles the sound room

Rose Morales - runs the backpack
ministry

Stephanie Tatalos - co-leads our praise



Gift of Love Crew



Trivia & Matching

Note: in the new year, trivia will focus on Bible trivia - carve out some time each day to spend with the Lord studying His word!

Most popular Christmas food

Match Food to Country!

Country

Christmas fried chicken
Baklava
Three kings cake
Stollen
Tamales

Germany
Japan
Costa Rica
Mexico
Greece

Most popular Christmas decorations

Match Decoration to State!

State

Wreath
Tree
Lights
Snowflake
Nativity scene

Kansas
Alaska
Oklahoma
Missouri
Nebraska



Which of the following is the most popular Christmas dessert across the U.S.?:

Pudding, Gingerbread, Cheesecake, or Peppermint

Many are familiar with the origin of the beloved traditional Christmas carol Silent Night, which was written in 1816 by a young Austrian priest. “Stille Nacht Heilige Nacht” was first performed Christmas Eve, 1818. Silent Night, however, is reportedly not the most popular traditional hymn. That honor goes to O Holy Night. **Who wrote the original text of O Holy Night, and how long ago?**

Throughout the world, New Year's Eve is celebrated with various traditions.

New Year's Eve tradition

Match Tradition to Country!

Country

Eating pig-shaped marzipan
Hanging and smashing pomegranates
Twelve seconds of silence before midnight
Jumping off a chair or sofa
Wearing red underwear

Italy
Denmark
Greece
Russia
Germany

Which is the most common New Year's resolution in the U.S.?:

Saving more money, Losing weight, Exercising more, Eating healthier, or Reading more

Need ideas for a resolution?

Guard your tongue
Attend worship
Speak truth
Pray
Read God's Word daily



Trivia answers are on the next page.



Trivia Answers

Most popular Christmas food(1)

Christmas fried chicken - Japan
Baklava - Greece
Three kings cake - Mexico
Stollen - Germany
Tamales - Costa Rica

Most popular Christmas decorations(2)

Wreath - Alaska
Tree - Oklahoma
Lights - Missouri
Snowflake - Nebraska
Nativity scene - Kansas

Which of the following is the most popular Christmas dessert across the U.S.?(3) Cheesecake! Gingerbread may seem more traditional and peppermint ubiquitous, but according to sources (listed below), cheesecake is the favorite! (Fun fact: According to the National Confections Association, the U.S. produces **1.2 billion** candy canes every year and 90% of them are sold in the weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas!)

Who wrote the original text of O Holy Night, and how long ago?(4) O Holy Night was written by poet and author Placide Cappeau in 1843 (some sources state 1847) in France. Cappeau was not a Christian! The music was composed by French composer Adolphe Adam (who actually was Jewish). In 1855 the song was translated into English by John Sullivan Dwight.

New Year's Eve traditions(5)

Eating pig-shaped marzipan - Germany
Hanging and smashing pomegranates - Greece
Twelve seconds of silence before midnight - Russia
Jumping off a chair or sofa - Denmark
Wearing red underwear - Italy

Which is the most common New Year's resolution in the U.S.?(6) Sources (cited below) state that eating healthier, getting more exercise, and saving (more) money are included among 37% of those polled about their resolutions; however, if pushed to select one, 47% chose more exercise.

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Newsletter Author's Prerogative

Merry Christmas Dear Family,

Thank you for your kind words, contributions, prayers, support, and encouragement this year. Please forgive me if I have overlooked anyone or any project or event that you hold dear. In writing each month, at the forefront of my mind is "Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory."

(Psalm 115:1), but I have doubtless failed at times.

End-of-year message: **God is in control.**

"Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all." ~1 Chronicles 29:11

"I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please." ~Isaiah 46:10

"I am the Lord, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?" ~Jeremiah 32:27

