

A newsletter for the

SHADY SHORES BAPTIST CHURCH FAMILY

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Monthly REST

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*Happy
New Year!
2023*



MISSION STATEMENT

In seeking our new pastor, SSBC worked together to establish the fundamental mission of the church. As the new year begins, let's recommit to this mission and pray for guidance as we follow wherever God leads!

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.

VISION STATEMENT

SSBC also developed a vision statement that headlines our monthly newsletter: REST

Reaching the lost

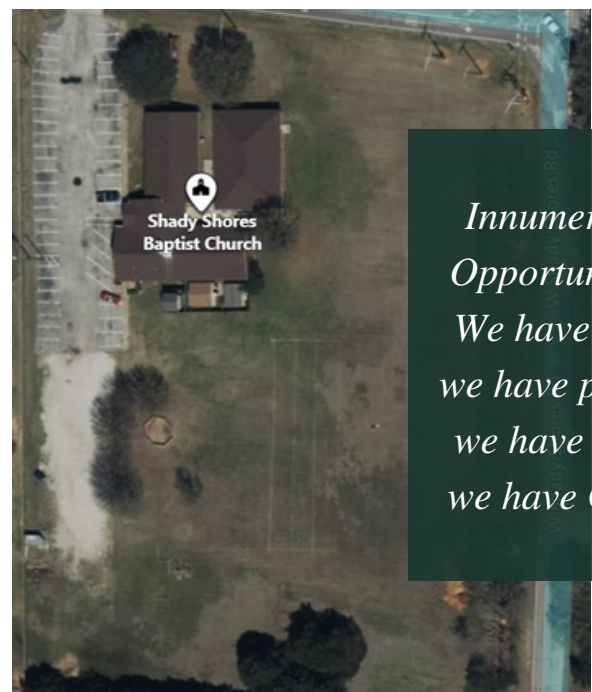
Enabling the saved

Sending the ready

Telling the world the good news of Christ!

Press on! Is the seed that was planted and then watered by another dead in the ground, or is it simply waiting on God's timing to grow it?


(1 Corinthians 3:6, Galatians 6:9)



*Innumerable
Opportunities!
We have land,
we have people,
we have love,
we have GOD!*

Calendar & Events

The items on this calendar also are listed on the church's webpage.
Please check the webpage often - a new opportunity might be posted!

JANUARY 2023						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	2	3 Prayer Group 10am	4	5	6	7
8 Leadership noon Choir practice 2:30pm	9	10 Prayer Group 10am	11	12	13	14 Mission Team 10:00am Taco 'Bout Party 11:30am
15 Choir practice 2:30pm	16	17 Prayer Group 10am	18 UNT Baptist Student Ministry Lunch	19	20	21 Shady Ladies 9:00am Men's Breakfast 9:00am
22 Choir practice 2:30pm	23	24 Prayer Group 10am	25	26	27	28
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Sunday School - Every Sunday at 9:30 am

- * 60 to Heaven Class - 1 Peter
- * Barnabas Class - Jesus fulfilled messianic prophecies
- * Men's Group - topic forthcoming
- * Youth Class - Luke
- * Zoom - Monday evenings at 7:30 pm <https://tinyurl.com/barnabaszoom>

Upcoming Special Events

- * Taco 'bout it party. Saturday, January 14th at 11:30 am. All ladies are invited and encouraged to attend. Please contact Alicia Elsom for details.
- * UNT Baptist Student Ministry Lunch. Wednesday, January 18th. Please contact Rose Morales to help with food and serving.
- * Baby shower for Emily Elsom Balch. Saturday, February 25th. Additional details forthcoming.

Mission Opportunities



December 18th, we braved the cold, loaded into several vans, and went caroling! After visiting the homes of a few church members and visitors, we joined the residents of the assisted living facility at Autumn Oaks.



Each resident at dinner that day was given a Christmas present, a box of Christmas treats, and a special candy cane. Thank you Lynna and Ken McClung for organizing the gifts, and thank you to the Shady Ladies and the food team for donating gifts and treats.

Please be in prayer for ways to share God's love with this community!

Evangelism for introverts

Pray. Introverts see so much! Because introverts are observing, they can easily notice people or things to commit to prayer. Use such skills of observation to see where God might point to someone for whom to pray and serve.

Start where you are. "My heart is for...." Who or what touches your heart?

In both cases, trust that God will show you how to respond!

In Common

com·mon (kŏm'ən), adj.

- a. shared equally by two or more; joint; common interests.**
- b. Of or relating to the community as a whole.**

Hierological Considerations

1. Which calendar do most of us use to commemorate the new year, and why?

- ☐ Gregorian
- ☐ Julian
- ☐ Hebrew
- ☐ Roman
- ☐ Newtonian

2. To whom did the Lord initially give a calendar?

- ☐ Adam
- ☐ Jacob
- ☐ Joseph
- ☐ Moses
- ☐ Solomon

*Answers are on the last page.

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching." ~ Hebrews 10:24-25

A NEW GOAL

Because we are a small and loving church, many would attest we know one another fairly well. We serve together, pray together, eat together, laugh together, and sometimes we cry together.

Remembering the importance of maintaining our relationships with each other and building our church family, this poll is dedicated to learning more about one another.

Secular Similarities

It's Sunday at 11:56 am, the church service has just ended, and you are ***hungry!*** It's Sunday, so you cannot go to Chick-fil-A. Of the following, where do you ***most*** want to enjoy lunch?

- ☐ IHOP
- ☐ Mi Taza
- ☐ RJ Burgers
- ☐ Texas Roadhouse
- ☐ Whataburger
- ☐ Carlos & Rose Morales' home

Please give your response to Janice Hauge before or after church, or e-mail (janajen@aol.com) or text (940-595-8774).

3. Is the Hebrew lunar year longer, shorter, or the same as the solar year we use?

- ☐ Longer
- ☐ Shorter
- ☐ The Same



SSBC Scrapbook

Celebrating at the Christmas Music Special Event

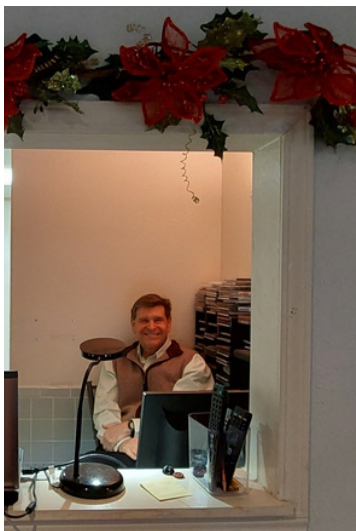


Our beloved food team.



Following the concert, a delicious dinner was enjoyed by all.

Christmas Eve - the sanctuary prepared for the candlelight service.



A little church doing big things through God!

Odds & Ends

Ongoing Events

Mission Meeting: 2nd Saturday. 10:00 am.

Shady Ladies & Men's Breakfast: 3rd Saturday. 9:00 am.

Prayer group: Tuesdays. 10:00 am.

Sunday School: Sundays. 9:30 am.

Choir: Sundays. 2:30 pm.

One Need One Deed: if you have a need, please let us know. We will do our best to connect you with someone who may be able to help!

Prayer Requests

Please send requests to Ed Barrett for church-wide distribution. Call or text 972-741-1002, or place in the offering plate. Please note that tithes and offerings also can be given through the church's website.

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The Julian calendar was established by Julius Caesar in 45 BC. It replaced the Roman calendar, which had 355 days in a year. By the time Caesar came to power, the Roman calendar was three months ahead of the solar year. The **Gregorian** calendar now is used in most parts of the world. Introduced in 1582 by Pope Gregory XIII, it replaced the Julian calendar to space leap years differently making the average calendar year 365.2425 days long, more closely approximating the 365.2422-day solar year that is determined by the Earth's revolution around the sun.

The Lord gave **Moses** the sacred yearly calendar. In the Hebrew calendar, the earth's movements fix the day and the year, whereas the moon's revolving round the earth makes the months. Consequently, the Hebrew lunar year is about **11 days shorter** than the solar year and uses the 19-year Metonic cycle to bring it into line with the solar year, with the addition of an intercalary month every two or three years, for a total of seven times per 19 years.

Next month poll results will be included here.

Random Fun Fact, a.k.a. useless knowledge

It would make sense to assume that our planet is closer to the sun during summer when it's hot, but the opposite is actually true for those in the northern hemisphere. According to Space.com, "Earth's orbit is not a perfect circle. It is elliptical, or slightly oval-shaped. This means there is one point in the orbit where Earth is closest to the sun, and another where Earth is farthest from the sun. The closest point occurs in early January, and the far point happens in early July."

~ Why Earth is Closest to Sun in Dead of Winter | Space, available at <https://www.space.com/3304-earth-closest-sun-dead-winter.html>