

*A newsletter for the*

SHADY SHORES BAPTIST CHURCH FAMILY

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# Monthly REST

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*Welcome  
March!*



## SERMON THOUGHTS

### **Jesus brings peace in the storm!**

What storm are you going through? Is Jesus in your proverbial boat with you? When will you call to Him to save you? When will you sit at His feet?

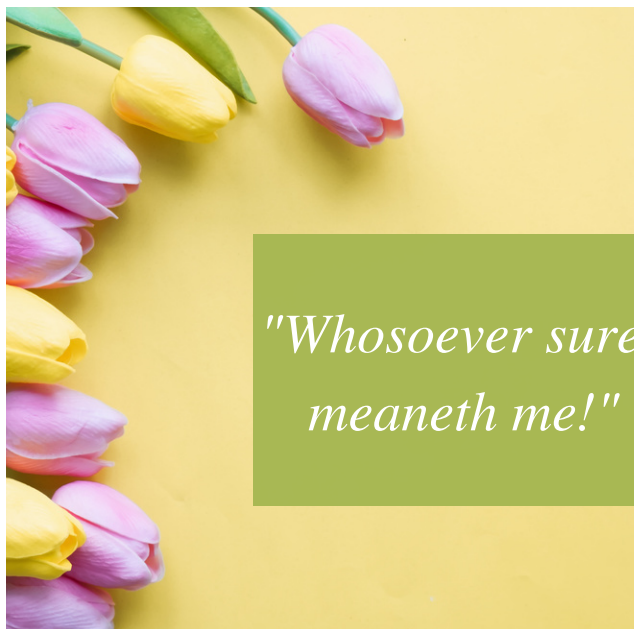
**Remember: You have infinite value and immeasurable worth because you are God's creation!**

Please join us! Note: no perfect people allowed.

## THE 40 DAYS BEFORE EASTER

Most of us are aware of the season of Lent, which is similar to Advent as a season of preparation. During the weeks leading up to Easter, we may be reminded to focus on our penitence and to humble ourselves in the realization of our desperate need for God's grace. While we do not "celebrate" Lent, we can more deliberately focus our hearts and minds to receive the redemptive love of Jesus at Easter.

**For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.~ John 3:16**



*"Whosoever surely  
meaneth me!"*

# Calendar & Events

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

## MARCH 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1		3	4 Bill Glass Prison Ministry
5 Choir Practice 2:30pm	6	7 Prayer Group 10:00am	8	9	10	11 Mission Team 10:00am Baby Shower 2:00pm
12 Leadership Meeting 12:00pm Choir Practice 2:30pm	13	14 Prayer Group 10:00am	15	16	17 	18 Shady Ladies 9:00am Men's Breakfast 9:00am
19 Choir Practice 2:30pm	20	21 Prayer Group 10:00am	22	23	24 Lunch @ Bettye Myers Middle School	25
26 Choir Practice 2:30pm	27	28 Prayer Group 10:00am	29	30	31 Lunch @ Olive Stephens Elem. School	

### Sunday School - Every Sunday at 9:30 am

- \* 60 to Heaven Class - led by Linda Blanton
- \* Barnabas Class - led by Raedean Bolton
- \* Men's Group - led by Forrest Broom
- \* Youth Class - led by Eddie Barrett
- \* Zoom - Monday evenings at 7:30 pm <https://tinyurl.com/barnabaszoom>

 SSBC special events  
 SSBC outreach events

### Upcoming Special Events

- \* Baby shower for Emily Elsom Balch. Saturday March 11. 2pm-4pm. Contact Alicia Elsom.
- \* Lunch for Bettye Myers Middle School teachers. Friday March 24. Contact Rose Morales.
- \* Lunch for Stephens Elementary School teachers. Friday March 31. Contact Rose Morales.
- \* Shady Ladies fellowship food and craft. Saturday April 1. 10:00am. Contact Alicia Elsom.
- \* **Easter!** Sunday, April 9.
- \* VBS June 6 - 9, 6:30pm start.



# Mission Opportunities

In addition to the outreach opportunities scheduled by our church, consider participating in one (or more!) community events - one never knows whom we might reach with God's Word!



*The most loving act you can ever do for someone is to share the Gospel with them.*

*Thank you Carlos Morales for serving with Bill Glass Prison Ministry: Behind the Walls!*

In Little Rock Arkansas, 53 teammates including 16 rookies shared the Gospel with inmates in the Pulaski County Regional Detention Center. 160 started relationships with Jesus, and 244 repented and returned to Him, for a total of 404 commitments!

Pray that you might see where God is pointing you to someone for whom you can pray, or to those you might 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!**

A little church doing big things through God!

# In Common

com-mon (kŏm'ən), adj.

- a. shared equally by two or more;  
joint; common interests.
- b. of or relating to the community



*Thank you Anita, Carlos, Emily, Janet, Jenna,  
Kayla, Linda, Mark, Raedean, and Suzette!*

## Hierological Considerations

Jesus celebrated Passover; however, Christians largely overlook this festival. How much do you know about the Jewish celebration of Passover?\*

- 1. How many elements are on the Seder Plate?
  - ☐ 2
  - ☐ 4
  - ☐ 6
- 2. What is haroset (or charoset)?
  - ☐ A mix of fruits, nuts, and honey
  - ☐ Bitter herbs
  - ☐ Vegetables
  - ☐ Lamb
- 3. Which of the following is a Passover greeting?
  - ☐ Ahavah
  - ☐ Todah
  - ☐ Shalom
  - ☐ Chag Sameach

"And He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God."

~ Luke 22:15-16.

## 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

Thank you to all who responded to the February poll. The most common favorite number category is that which reminds a person of an important date, followed by a sports jersey number. Fun facts sent by participants about their favorite numbers:

- 7 - represents completion, creation, and perfection
- 73 - "Its mirror, 37, is the 12th, and its mirror, 21, is the product of multiplying seven and three... and in binary, 73 is a palindrome: 1001001, which backward is 1001001."

~ thank you anonymous participant!

Summing the reported favorite numbers and dividing by the number of poll participants equals 278, which is the number of calories per slice in a "Nothing Bundt Cakes" 10" cake (if cut correctly!). Singing vigorously burns 136 calories/hr, sitting expends 129 calories/hr, and standing uses 150 calories/hr. Consequently, participating in church more than offsets calories!

**Visit, laugh with one another, and enjoy!**

This month's poll: What is your favorite Easter dinner meal?

- ☐ Turkey
- ☐ Ham
- ☐ Roast
- ☐ Something else



Please respond to Janice Hauge before or after church, or e-mail (janajen@aol.com) or text (940-595-8774) by March 31.

By what date did Easter effectively replace Passover among Christians (despite the date not being officially changed)?

- ☐ At Jesus' resurrection
- ☐ At the Jerusalem Council, AD49
- ☐ When the original books of the Greek New Testament were written ~ AD45–100
- ☐ At the Council of Nicea, AD325
- ☐ At the Third Synod of Carthage, AD 397



# SSBC Scrapbook

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!



*Thank you Kenny, Coulter, and Anita for volunteering!*

**Thank you SSBC Food Team for a wonderful Valentine's Day lunch!**

**After the meal, we played a purse & pocket scavenger hunt, and several brave individuals competed in an Oreo cookie contest.**



*SSBC Mission Team meeting in February.*



*Thank you Stephanie Tatalos and Val Barker for your beautiful worship and praise!*

*Val Barker*

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# 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.

## Prayer Requests

Please send requests to Ed Barrett for church-wide distribution. Call or text 972-741-1002, or place in the offering plate.

## Hierological Considerations

1. There are six elements on the Seder Plate:

- Matzah (unleavened bread)
- Zeroa (shankbone)
- Beitzah (egg)
- Maror or Chazeret (bitter herbs)
- Charoset (paste)
- Karpas (vegetable)

2. Haroset (“charoset,” חרוסת) is a mixture of fruit, nuts, and honey. It is sometimes tart, always sweet, and often chunky, frequently containing wine and cinnamon. It is to help remember the mortar used to make the bricks for building of Egyptian cities.

3. **Ahavah** (ah-hah-VAH) אהבה is the Hebrew noun for “love.”  
**Todah** (toe-DAH) תודה is Hebrew for gratitude or acknowledgment: this is the modern word for “thank you.”  
**Shalom** (shah-LOME) שלום “peace” or “wellbeing.” It also can be used for both “hello” and “goodbye.”  
**Chag Sameach** (KHAG PAY-sock sah-MEY-akh) חג שמחה is the Hebrew equivalent of saying “happy holidays.” To make the phrase Passover specific, add “Pesach:” “Chag Pesach Sameach.”

4. **The Jerusalem Council** was a meeting of church leadership convened between 45 and 55AD to settle doctrinal disputes related to the inclusion of non-Jews into the church.

**The Council of Nicaea** (AD 325) was the first council intended to address the entire body of believers, convened by the emperor Constantine to resolve the controversy of Arianism, which held that Christ was not divine but was a created being. It resulted in the Nicene Creed. It was then that Constantine proclaimed Easter the official celebration in lieu of Passover.

At the **Third Synod of Carthage** (AD 397) the council set forth the first listing of all 27 books of the New Testament canon together with 46 books of the Old Testament.

**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!

## Operation Christmas Child

Please remember to bring supplies for OCC boxes! We are collecting sewing supplies and prescription bottles. See Carol Burgess for more information.

## SSBC Mission Statement

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, teaching, Godly servant leadership, and intercessory prayer.

## SSBC Vision Statement: REST

Reaching the lost

Enabling the saved

Sending the ready

Telling the world the good news of Christ!

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- The Bible Timeline From Creation to Today (learnreligions.com)
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