

# Monthly REST

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## TRADITIONS

The secular understanding of a tradition like celebrating Mother's Day or observing Memorial Day comprises an established custom or belief that is passed down from one generation to the next. These traditions can generate a sense of belonging within a community; traditions build unity.

Traditions also creep into the religious sphere, for example some churches celebrate The Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of each month. Saying grace before a meal also might be viewed as a tradition; affirming thanks to God for the day's bounty certainly is among the easiest and most appropriate traditions to maintain in our hearts and homes!

**"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."**

~ 1 Thessalonians 5:18

## WHAT'S GREAT ABOUT MAY?

**In early America, the month of May** afforded believers opportunities to integrate their faith into both private and public observances. Many of these opportunities remain today. Christian patriots can observe the National Day of Prayer, honor the role of motherhood, and on Memorial Day, remember those who died defending our freedoms - freedom to worship, among others.

- May 10, 1775 was the first prayer in Congress (during the Second Continental Congress convening in Philadelphia).
- May 14, 33 is noted as the date of the ascension of Jesus Christ.
- May 24, 1738 was Aldersgate Day, which marked the conversion of John Wesley.
- Pentecost is observed May 28th this year; it is remembered as the birthday of the Christian Church.



*Mother's  
Day  
May 14*






*Memorial  
Day  
May 29*

# 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!

MAY 2023						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		2 Prayer Group 10:00am	3	4 National Day of Prayer, 11:00am Denton County Courthouse	5	6 Dee Vinson celebration of life 12:30 pm Bill Glass Prison Ministry - Bonham
7 VBS Training 2:00pm - 4:00pm Choir Practice 2:30pm	8	9 Prayer Group 10:00am	10	11	12	13 Mission Team 10:00am VBS Training 2:00pm - 4:00pm
	15	16 Prayer Group 10:00am	17	18	19	20 VBS Training 2:00pm - 4:00pm
21 Leadership Meeting 12:00pm Choir Practice 2:30pm	22	23 Prayer Group 10:00am	24	25	26	27
28 		30 Prayer Group 10:00am	31			

Holidays and Observances: 5: Cinco de Mayo, 14: Mother's Day, 29: Memorial Day

www.vlcalendar.com

 SSBC special events  
 SSBC outreach events

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

- \* 60 to Heaven Class - John, the final days of Jesus
- \* Barnabas Class - Ephesians
- \* Men's Group - Romans
- \* Youth Class - Luke
- \* Zoom - Monday evenings at 7:30 pm <https://tinyurl.com/barnabaszoom>

## Upcoming Special Events

- \* Thursday May 4, National Day of Prayer. 1 Courthouse Drive, Denton. 11:00am.
- \* Saturday May 6, Celebration of the Life of Dee Vinson, 12:30pm.
- \* Bill Glass Prison Ministry Event: May 6, Bonham, TX. Please pray for those participating!
- \* VBS June 5 - 8, 6:30pm start. Contact Coulter Baxter.



# Mission Opportunities

*Denton County*  
**National Day of Prayer**

HOME    UPCOMING EVENT    ABOUT NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

**12:00 Noon**  
**Thursday, May 4, 2023**  
*Denton County Administrative Courthouse*

*Amphitheater*  
1 Courthouse Drive, Denton, TX 76208



The observance of a national day of prayer began in 1952 during the administration of President Harry Truman. President Ronald Reagan codified the National Day of Prayer to be regularly observed the first Thursday of May. Denton County will honor this tradition with a Christian observance scheduled to begin with music, praise, and worship Thursday May 4 at 11 a.m. Prayers begin at noon. In case of inclement weather, the observance will be held at Cross Timbers Community Church, 312 W. McKinney St.

For more information see:  
<https://www.dentoncountytndp.com/about-national-day-of-prayer>



*We're going to Babylon!*

*Bible Point: When you need help, God is with you.*  
*~Psalm 46:1*

**Vacation Bible School needs YOU!**  
VBS is scheduled for June 5 - June 8.

Please see Coulter Baxter if you are available to help!



## Mother's Day and Memorial Day



There are those among us for whom May brings particularly difficult days. For those who have lost a child or their mother, Mother's Day may be filled with a challenging mix of memories and emotions. Similarly, Memorial Day is a day to remember those lost in the line of duty; honoring and grieving for loved ones who have served may make this date particularly painful.

Jesus called us to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. For May's mission opportunity, be mindful that our church family has members who need a little more quiet, respect, kindness and compassion this month. Sometimes a small gesture is all it takes to turn someone's day around!

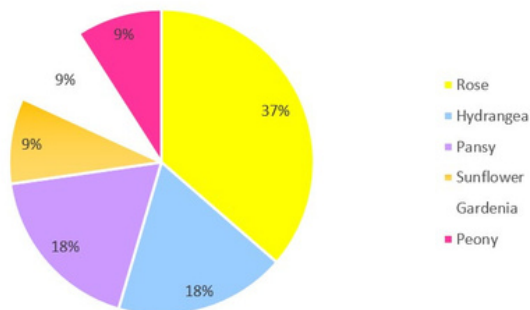


# In Common

**com·mon** (kŏm'ən), adj.

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

Distribution of Favorite Flowers



Results of the April poll!

## 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 about one another.

## Secular Similarities

Fun facts about flowers\*:

- Although the majority of Americans give their moms flowers each year for Mother's Day, only 23% of mothers reported wanting them; most are more likely to prefer being taken out to dinner (35%)!
- The flower industry is almost entirely recession proof.
- Christmas and Hanukkah account for the largest percentage of all holiday flower sales (30%, or about \$2.28 billion, and 1/4 of all cut flowers sold in a year).

**This month's poll: What do you / did you call your father?**  
(dad, daddy, pa, pop, padre, or something else)

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

\*Source: The Economics of Flowers | SmartAsset, available at: <https://smartasset.com/insights/the-economics-of-flowers>

FLOWER	Largest Producer
ROSES	Ecuador
TULIPS	The Netherlands (80%!)
CARNATIONS	Colombia p
ORCHIDS	Thailand



*The flower pictured on the left is in Linda Blanton's garden; Carol Burgess grew the lovely sunflower pictured on the right!*

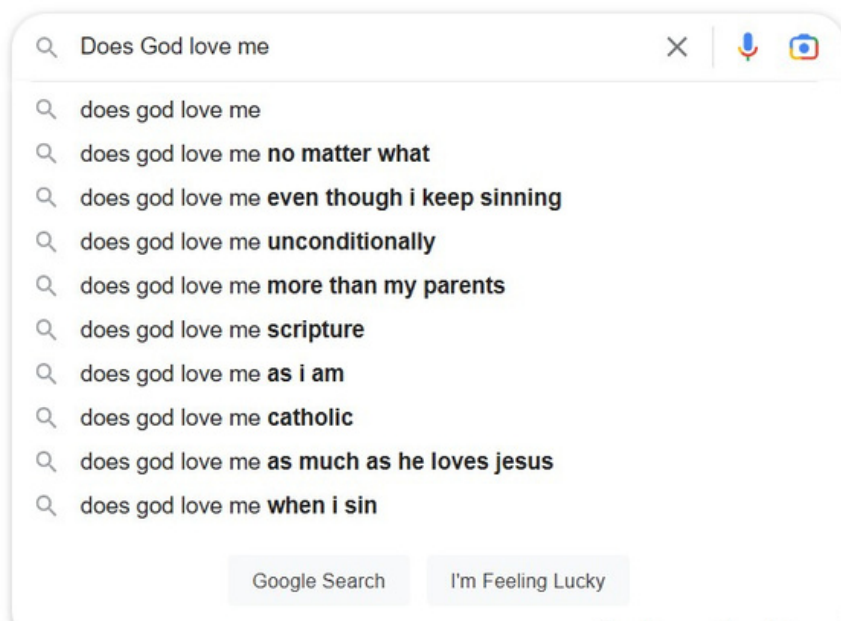


# In Common

## Hierarchical Considerations

Google is a thing - a noun - that in its ubiquity has become a verb as well. Worldwide, people use Google to find answers to both fundamental theological questions and random subjects, such as "How tall was Jesus?" The following questions are based on data from Google searches about God. Best guesses are welcome!

1. How tall was Jesus?
2. Did Adam have a belly button?
3. Does God love Satan?
4. Why does God love me?
5. Why does God allow pain and suffering?
6. In 2022, what was the most Googled Bible verse?



Have you ever considered whether many people actively seek God? Approximately 2,740,000 people search for "Who is Jesus?" each month! Another 1.5 million ask "Who is God?"

Many questions are shockingly simple: people are seeking foundational answers. Who is God, what is prayer, what is the Bible - critical definitions. The simplicity of these questions reminds us how crucial the root is. One cannot get understanding until he gets "it." No matter how our culture advances we cannot eliminate this truth; people are in search of fundamental knowledge of who God is, crying out to understand God's love and His goodness ~ evidence of longing for love matched with attempts to understand God's love.

Does He love us?

*Oh, how He loves us!*

	QUESTION*	MONTHLY SEARCH VOLUME**
1	What is love? (love)	7,480,000
2	Who is Jesus? (jesus)	2,740,000
3	What is the Big Bang? (big bang)	2,740,000
4	What is the church? (church)	2,240,000
5	What is the Salvation Army? (salvation army)	1,830,000
6	What is money? (money)	1,830,000
7	What is sin? (sinned/sin)	1,500,000
8	Who is God? (god)	1,500,000



# SSBC Scrapbook



*The first weekend in April some of our Shady Ladies got together for a craft day!*

*SSBC had a fun evening with families of Olive Stephens Elementary School. Thank you to all who volunteered to be a part of this mission opportunity!*



Phila Tarlton offering encouragement; Ed Barrett loading a marshmallow catapult; Carlos Morales helping with cornhole.



# SSBC Scrapbook

Thank you!  
-Billie!

Thanks  
1954

Thank you!  
Mrs. Brown

Thank you  
so much.  
we appreciate  
you! ♥, Mr. Zelman

Thank you  
& Mike

Thank you  
for the wonderful  
lunch. You are  
appreciated.  
Mrs. Hamilton

Thank you!  
Mr. Sp

You're the best!!  
-Mr. Harris

Thanks,  
Norma & Wanda

Thank you!  
12-12  
Julie Pennington

With sincere gratitude  
and warmest thanks.

Thank you!

Thank you  
Carol & John

Thank you!  
Short Chicks  
-Irene  
-Shirley

Thank you  
so much.  
-Ms. Penning

Thank You!!  
-Cathy  
(Linda)

Thank you!  
-Irene  
-Shirley





# Odds & Ends

## Ongoing Events

Mission Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. 10:00 am.

Shady Ladies & Men's Breakfast: 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. 10:00 am. **Note: Hiatus in May**

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 prayer request in the offering plate.

## Hierological Considerations - answers

1. **Jesus' Height:** A 2001 study by a team of Israeli and British forensic anthropologists and computer programmers examined a skull from the 1st century to better understand the characteristics of ancient people. Based on their research, they surmised that Jesus Christ - if of average height - was probably around 5 feet 1 inch tall and weighed 110 pounds. "Using archaeological and anatomical science rather than artistic interpretation makes this the most accurate likeness ever created,"

Source: [www.allthatsinteresting.com](http://www.allthatsinteresting.com)

2. **Adam's belly button.** In the beginning, God created Adam from clay and breathed life into him. Sadly, some doubters have questions, such as Adam's navel. For hundreds of years, scenes of the Garden of Eden have populated religious art. This has left artists with a dilemma: should Adam and Eve have belly buttons? Would God have given Adam a navel for purely aesthetic reasons? Some artists fudged the question by extending fig leaves over the lower abdomen, some painted them smooth-bellied, and some decided that the first humans did indeed have navels. This argument remains unsettled!

3. **God does not love Satan.** God cannot love that which is evil and unholy, and Satan embodies all of that. He is everything that God hates. Revelation 20 describes God's future plan for Satan, and love for Satan has no part in it. Jesus' command that we love our enemies is meant to govern interpersonal relationships in this world. We love people (even our enemies), who are made in God's image. Angels are not made in God's image. We are never told to love the holy angels, and we are certainly never told to love the evil angels.

Source: Got Questions Ministries

6. In 2022, the **most Googled Bible** verse was Psalm 91.

**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!

4. **Why does God love me?** Because it is His character to love. God loves because He alone knows and rejoices in the full truth about Himself and what He is doing in us. His love for us has very little to do with us and everything to do with Him.  
Source: [www.christianity.com](http://www.christianity.com)

5. **Why does God allow suffering?** The simple answer: He assures us that "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose." ~Romans 8:28. Suffering is part of "all things" that God is using to accomplish His good purposes. His plan is perfect, His character is flawless, and those who trust Him will not be disappointed.