

Monthly REST

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INDEPENDENCE DAY

On July 1, 1776, representatives from the thirteen colonies gathered in the Continental Congress and adopted the Declaration of Independence. Recognizing the self-evident truths, the representatives wrote: all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.

From this declaration, the colonists continued to fight for independence from Great Britain until they finally defeated them in 1783. Born over 100 years later, Elmer Davis (WWII Director of the U.S. Office of War Information) wrote: "This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave."

"Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God."

~1 Peter 2:16

JULY IN BIBLICAL TIMES

In the Hebrew calendar, the month of Tamuz (Hebrew: תמוז, Tammūz) is 29 days long and occurs in the tenth month of the civil year and the fourth month of the ecclesiastical year. This coincides with the Gregorian calendar around June–July.

According to Jewish history, on Tamuz 3, 1273 BC, the army of Israel under the leadership of Joshua was fighting against the Amorites. Joshua prayed and the Lord caused the sun to stand still until Joshua and the army of Israel defeated the Amorites.

~ Joshua 10

On Tamuz 29, 64/65, the Apostle Paul was beheaded in Rome. Paul knew he was going to die: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day."

~2 Timothy 4:6-7

A little church doing big things through God!





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!

JULY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Shady Ladies 10:00am
2	3		5	6	7	8
9 Leadership Meeting 12:00pm	10	11 Prayer Group 10:00am	12	13	14	15 Mission Team 10:00am Men's Group 9:00am
16	17	18 Prayer Group 10:00am	19	20	21	22 Outreach event The Lodge @ Pecan Creek 11:00am start
23	24	25 Prayer Group 10:00am	26	27	28	29
30 5th Sunday post-church ice cream social	31					

 SSBC special events
 SSBC outreach events

Upcoming Special Events

- * Outreach event at The Lodge Apartments, Saturday, July 22, 11:00 am. Contact Emily Nielsen
- * 5th Sunday ice cream social, Sunday, July 30 following church.
- * Bill Glass Prison Ministry Event, Henderson, TX, Saturday, September 9. Registration is now full.

Sunday School - Every Sunday at 9:30 am

Did you know that guests are much more likely to visit a church about which they have enough information to know what to expect and where to go when they get there? This includes Sunday School using informative class names!

- * 60 to Heaven class - generally attended by our wisest members, as with age comes wisdom.
- * Barnabas Class - young adults, older adults, men, and women. If you are not sure where you fit, you'll fit in here!
- * Men's Group - men are welcome in any adult class; however, this class is *just for men*.
- * Youth Class - tweens, teens, and otherwise defined young'uns.
- * Zoom - Monday evenings at 7:30 pm <https://tinyurl.com/barnabaszoom> - for all y'all!

Mission Opportunities



Join Us!
July 29, 11:00am

He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

~ Mark 16:15

The Mission Team is sponsoring an event at The Lodge at Pecan Creek Apartments! We'll have hotdogs and games for the families who live there, and most importantly the opportunity to share the Gospel! Please see Emily Nielsen for information on how you can participate.

Fifth Sunday Pot-Luck will be a Summertime Ice Cream Social!



Bring your sack lunch and your favorite ice cream and/or any toppings you would love to share! Please see Emily Nielsen for details.



2023 Henderson, TX Day of Champions

Saturday, September 9, 2023 – Saturday, September 9, 2023

Several of the SSBC family will be attending this event - please pray for them!

Event Information

Event Administrator [Tony Woodlin](#)
EA Phone No.
Event Director [Jay McFadden](#)
Registration Amount* 25.00
Registration Deadline 8/6/2023 11:59 PM



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.

Hierarchical Considerations

In school most of us learned history during "history class," and if fortunate, studied the Bible in "Bible class" or "Religion." Compartmentalizing subjects often fails to meaningfully link the information we have learned across subjects. For example, most learned that a great fire ravaged Rome for six days. Some recall additional details, such as the estimate that 70% of the city was destroyed, leaving half the population homeless. Many have heard the expression "Nero fiddled while Rome burned."

Nero was Rome's emperor at the time Rome burned. He was a cruel and murderous tyrant. When the great fire broke out in 64AD, Nero was at his villa at Antium, 35 miles from Rome. He returned and began relief measures but people did not trust him - some believed he had ordered the fire started to rebuild Rome according to his preferences.

Two of the districts untouched by the fire were disproportionally populated by Christians, who were then an obscure religious sect, so Nero blamed them. As a leader of Rome's Christians, Paul was arrested and put in prison (typically a holding cell for those awaiting trial or execution, rather than incarceration as a form of punishment). Hence, history connects with the Word. During his second imprisonment, Paul had apparently received a preliminary hearing and was awaiting final trial, expecting to be found guilty. During this time, Paul prayed "At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me; may it not be charged against them!"

~2 Timothy 4:16

FELLOWSHIP

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

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics, almost 9 out of 10 long-distance trips are taken by personal vehicle. The other 10 percent of trips use public transportation modes. Over 7 percent of long-distance trips are taken by air, while 2 percent are by bus. Train travel represents almost 1 percent of long-distance trips.

SSBC members likely mirror this data in practice; however, a personal vehicle is not the stated *preferred* mode of travel. Respondents to last month's survey voted for travel by train! Train travel is viewed as friendly, relaxing, old-school, and charming. Locally, we might visit the Grapevine Vintage Railroad, which is located in Historic Downtown Grapevine and uses authentic 1920s Victorian coaches to travel to the Ft. Worth Stockyards. Shared events keep us together!

July Survey

What is your current favorite hymn or praise song? Do you love the new-fangled tunes or the "oldies but goodies"? Be as specific or as general as you like in responding to Harry Monroe either before or after church, or text (214-668-5337) by July 31.

Connecting the Pieces

Paul was killed in July of AD 64; Nero was emperor. Paul prayed for the forgiveness of his persecutors. Jesus taught us to forgive others both for failing to fulfill what God requires (debts) and for failing to do the right thing when acting (trespasses). Different denominations use these different terms when praying the Lord's Prayer, as did Luke and Matthew.

Why?

In Aramaic, Jesus could use the word *khoba*, which means both debts and sins. Greek expresses these two ideas with separate words. When the Lord's Prayer was translated into Greek, Matthew chose "debts" and Luke managed to use both words. Whichever word is chosen for worship in English, we should be mindful that we both covet and bestow forgiveness for debts as well as trespasses.

*Bailey, K. E. (2008). *Jesus through Middle Eastern Eyes: Cultural Studies in the Gospels* (p. 126). Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic.

SSBC Scrapbook



Thank you all for countless hours of prayer, construction work, preparation, and time with the kids! Note that while so many made this VBS happen, we cannot publish pictures of others' children so must be cautious about which pictures to include here!



Kenny represents all the kids who attended!

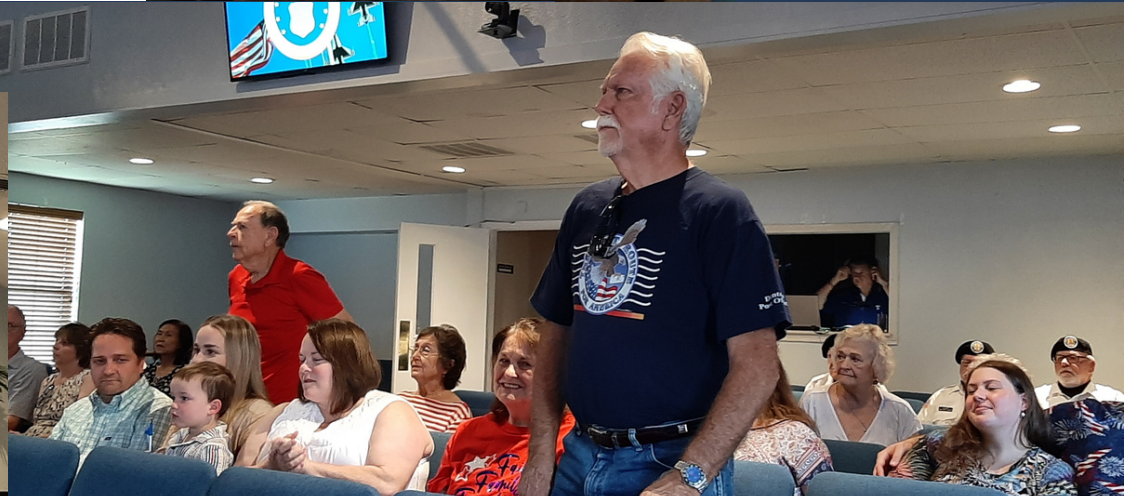
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Sunday, June 11.

Thank you to all who contributed to blessing this young family with a lovely baby shower! A great time was enjoyed by all, and Ciji and Christian are now the proud parents of a baby boy: Wes Orlando Ruiz!

Sunday, June 25.



Patriotic Celebration & Fish Fry!

Odds & Ends

Ongoing Events

Mission Meeting: 2nd Saturday. 10:00 am.
Shady Ladies & Men's Breakfast: 1st Saturday. 10:00 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 prayer request in the offering plate.

Trivia and Wisdom

Although the saying is "Nero fiddled while Rome burned," that cannot be true because the viol class of instruments to which the fiddle belongs was not invented until the 11th century.

Nero likely played the cithara, which is a stringed instrument rather like a lyre, while his people suffered.



Which of the original 13 colonies did NOT vote in favor of the motion to declare independence?



New York!

Words of Wisdom:

Just because you have the freedom to eat as many hot dogs as you want doesn't mean that you should.

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



The prizes for winning Nathan's hot dog contest?

First place in both the men's and women's division receive a \$10,000 prize. The prestige comes in the awarding of the championship belts: the men's winner receives a legendary mustard-colored, WWE-style belt, while the women's champion receives a Pepto-Bismol-colored and sponsored pink belt.