



NEWS FROM THE WELL

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Making A Difference In Our World In Christ's Name



Operation Christmas Child



Our goal for 2017 is to pack 150 shoeboxes. We will be targeting girls 10 to 14 years old. Our items for March are combs, brushes, and hairbows. Please pick up a couple of items and place them in the container in the Narthex. We will also be collecting loose change for mailing the shoeboxes on the last Sunday of each month so make sure you bring your change on the 26th.

Women's Fellowship

The Serenity Circle will meet at the home of Dawn Morris on Thursday, March 9 at 7:00. **The Day Circle** will meet in the Multi-Purpose Room on Monday, March 13 at 10:30.

Men's Fellowship



The Men's Fellowship will meet on Sunday, March 19 at 8:30 in the Multi-Purpose Room. All men are invited to come and join them.

Deacons Meeting

There will be a Deacons meeting on Tuesday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. All Deacons are encouraged to attend.

Bible Studies



There is a morning Bible Study at 10:30 in the Library. It is based on the book by Rick Warren, "Daring Faith: The Key to Miracles." All are welcome to come and join at any time.

The evening Bible Study starts at 6:30 and will be studying the book of Daniel. This will be a time of study and prayer.



FYI

The deadline for information to go into the bulletin needs to be turned in by 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday prior to Sunday. Articles for the newsletter need to be turned in by the 25th of each month by 10:00 a.m.

Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving time will start on Sunday, March 12. Be sure to "spring forward" so you will not be late for church



March Birthdays

- 01 Lauren Godfrey
- 03 Mary Catherine Thompson
- 04 Camm McNeill
- 04 Jamie Pedley
- 04 Alan Cox
- 04 Janet Warner
- 04 Gary Bullock
- 08 Adam Harrington
- 09 Brenda Gaster
- 09 Lillian Thomas
- 11 Kathy Taylor
- 11 Steve Thomas
- 12 Shirley Matthews
- 14 Layton Griffin
- 17 Kaitlyn Kelly
- 17 Paul Warner
- 18 Beth Lippard
- 18 Sloan Griffin
- 18 Patrick Scott
- 18 Joseph Taylor
- 18 Perry Nordan
- 18 Bobbie Thomas
- 19 Kayley Rowland
- 20 Ken Herring
- 22 Terry Thomas
- 23 Leo McKenzie
- 24 Jerry Rosser, Jr.
- 24 Emily Owen
- 26 Worth Watson
- 27 Joyce Thomas
- 28 Will Taylor



Remember the hot chocolate contents from our Christmas projects? They were neatly assembled with a Valentine's theme. Thirty-two clients of Liberty Hospice received a jar of the mix on Valentine's Day. The volunteer coordinator reported this a resounding success. The jars were described as cheerful and delightfully attractive. Please take a look at the display in the Narthex for the next few weeks.

Something amazing has happened with our CUOC donations. This past December, January, and now February have been SUPER strong. We're trusting the trend will continue in 2017. Please get ready for one pound pasta and sauce in March. Of course, we will always need the personal hygiene items.

As we begin the year we (the Missions Committee) will be setting goals and making plans how we can truly serve our community and help change the world. If you have questions or suggestions, please see anyone on our committee. They are: Earl Murphy, Joy Murphy; chair, Barbara Norris, Patsy Thomas and Linda Strauch. We, as a church, can do so much together,

Youth



The Youth have once again an exciting month ahead of them! In the month of March, we will be starting our Easter Program rehearsal during youth hours. The youth will sing, act, and have a good time learning about Jesus and his ultimate sacrifice. On March 19th, the youth have requested a chance to give back to the church. They will be hosting and serving a breakfast from 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Building. All donations will be put towards the youth's mission trip this summer! Last, but not least, we have winter Jam on March 25th. All youth are invited however the younger youth (4th grade and below) will need their parents to attend. After the concert the Middle and High School youth will have a Lock-In. They should bring sleeping bags, pillows, and church clothes for the next day. Every youth that attends the Lock-In is expected to attend Sunday School and Worship the next day. Please sign up by Sunday, March 19 if you are interested in going. This month is going to be a good one!

Bible Readings for March

- 1 - Matthew 4:1-11
- 2 - Matthew 4:12-25
- 3 - Matthew 6:1-18
- 4 - Psalm 85
- 5 - 1 Samuel 1:1-28
- 6 - 1 Samuel 2:1-11
- 7 - 2 Samuel 7:1-29
- 8 - 2 Samuel 22:1-28
- 9 - 2 Samuel 22:29-51
- 10 - Psalm 89:1-18
- 11 - Psalm 89:19-37
- 12 - Psalm 89:38-52
- 13 - 2 Chronicles 1:1-17
- 14 - 2 Chronicles 5:2-14
- 15 - 2 Chronicles 6:1-11
- 16 - 2 Chronicles 6:12-31
- 17 - 2 Chronicles 6:32-42
- 18 - 2 Chronicles 7:1-22
- 19 - Ezra 8:21-36
- 20 - Nehemiah 9:1-25
- 21 - Nehemiah 9:26-38
- 22 - Psalm 11
- 23 - Psalm 16
- 24 - Psalm 17
- 25 - Psalm 22
- 26 - Psalm 25
- 27 - Psalm 26
- 28 - Psalm 27
- 29 - Psalm 28
- 30 - Psalm 30
- 31 - Psalm 31



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March Ministry Assistants

Acolytes: March 5: Ava Baldwin, Elyse Baldwin; March 12: Jackson Godfrey, Caleb Johnston; March 19: Darah Douglas, Aubrey Bond; March 26: Steven McNeill, Griff Griffin.

Altar Flowers: March 5: open; March 12: open; March 19: open; March 26: open.

Deacon on Call: March 5: Caroline Hardy; March 12: Beth Haas; March 19: Ken Herring; March 26: John Godfrey.

Greeters: Vera Batchelor; Vivian Cox.

Trustee to lock/unlock: Larry Thomas.

Ushers: Kenny Cotton, Jimmy Maddox, Ray Norris, Wayne Barber, Mark Jones, Randy Gunter.

Jr. Ushers: Elijah Godfrey, Corbin Gunter, Macy Gunter, Kolby Harrison, Jada Holifield, Katie Kelly, Cortney Maness, Alex McKenzie, Thomas McNeill, Abby Thomas, Luke Thomas.

Recently, I was reading some articles about church growth (because that is how I roll), and I found some interesting numbers about what is considered a healthy church. Per Thom Rainer, president of Lifeway resources and author of multiple church health books, a healthy church has 12 conversions per 100 members, per year. If this is correct, it means as a church Shallow Well should see about 18 people have a life-changing event based on their experience with Jesus Christ this year.

I know that many people do not like when a church starts putting specific numbers on things. Many of you will sit back and say that it is God who oversees these kinds of things and we should not worry about it. I would agree 100% with you if you are constantly sharing your faith with others. Unfortunately, most of the people who complain when a church sets goals, are usually the people who do the least amount of work.

I also know that when a church has goals it can get overwhelming. It has been said that 80% of the work in a church is done by 20% of the people. The 20% see the goal, work as hard as they can, then get frustrated when the results do not come in. I understand that. I have been there many times.

I would love for us to have a goal to see at least 18 people this year, come to know Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior. How exciting would it be to see new people every Sunday join our church? How great would it be to have huge baptismal services every month? How can we make this happen?

Here is a suggestion; instead of us individually trying to get 18 people saved this year, let us go a little lower. How about each one of us working to lead at least one person this year to the Lord? We all have a family member, coworker, neighbor, server, etc., that needs Jesus. Start praying for them, today! Ask God to open a door to share with them. If you need help sharing, let me know. You do the praying and the hard work, and I will give them the gospel. Together we will see the amazing happen. If 1/3 of the people reading take it to heart, how many people would get saved this year?

Here is another suggestion. How about praying for God to lead you to a specific family to which you could minister? What if 50 people had that prayer? A typical family in the US is 2.54 people. If 50 people took this challenge, then by the end of the year we would have 127 new members (It's true. I did the math. It comes out even. We would not even have to worry about finding a seat for a 54% person.)

I believe that if a church is not growing in some manner, then it is dying. I have seen these churches. I have talked to search committees where there were only 15 people still active. They did not desire to die, they just had no desire to do the work to grow. And it is work, but it is work worth doing. Nothing excites a church more than growth, and nothing a church does pleases God more than seeing it reach people with the gospel. Let us make this year one of the best years that Shallow Well has ever had.

Marty Johnston

