

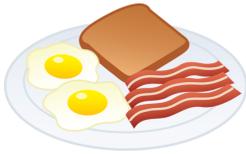
UPCOMING EVENTS



TELETHON

Aug. 9, 2014 @ 6:15 p.m.
First Bapt. Ch. of New Bern
Family Life Center

*Fellowship
Breakfast*



August 10, 2014 @ 8 a.m.



Planning Meetings

7 p.m.

August 7, 2014
August 12, 2014

Next UMW Meeting
Aug. 11, 2014 @ 7 p.m.



Next UMM meeting
Aug. 27, 2014 @ 7 p.m.



Prayer Meeting: Aug. 20, 2014 @ 7 p.m.



~ Shady Grove News ~

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**Serving God
By
Serving Others**

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God is Calling

For many years now at Shady Grove, God has been moving amongst His people in a mighty way. He is changing the lives of so many with a calling to go "outside of our walls" to reach out to those who are our neighbors. We have only begun to scratch the surface of what God has in store for us when we completely and wholly surrender our lives to Christ. The choir sang a song on the last Sunday in July that speaks about taking up our cross and following Jesus.



What we do for Christ must be more than just being in or participating in a "ministry." It must be a "calling!" Those who "Serve God by Serving Others" are

answering to a "calling" from God. Jesus said in Mark 12:30-31 that the greatest commandment for us is to love the Lord our God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and then He said the second greatest commandment for us is to love our neighbors as we love our self. Now we know we all love ourselves. Each day we feed ourselves. We look in the mirror and groom ourselves, We spend money on ourselves, We make sure our daily needs and many of our wants are met. When we know a brother or sister in Christ is hurting, offer a shoulder of love and comfort to them. When our neighbor has need, reach out to them with loving arms opened wide. American culture many times causes us to want to be little islands and to be un-touchable or unapproachable. This is one of the enemy's tactics in keeping believers from reaching out to their neighbors. What did Jesus say? If they ask for a cup of water, offer them two. If they ask you to go a mile with them, then go two. What is God "calling" you to do for your neighbors today?

It's Time for Vacation Bible School!

VBS is Friday, August 15 @ 6 p.m. & Saturday 16 @ 8 a.m. . The planning meetings have continued throughout the whole month of July with two more on Aug. 7 & 12, 2014. Many have stepped up-to-the-plate to help. The theme this year focuses on being shipwrecked on SonTreasure Island and finding out about God's love, which is a treasure forever! Classes are available for ALL ages, even the Adults. Come join us on the island!



Anne Marie Hagerty in India



Through our church's group *facebook* page, many of you have been able to keep up with all the news and journal postings of Anne Marie Hagerty's mission trip to Kesinga, India. She has had very inspiring and compelling stories of hope and love to those she has ministered to at the New Life Academy and many others. Here is a most inspiring excerpt from one of her journal entries posted on June 24, 2014:

"I love spending time with these kids. Their minds are so active, their joy so vibrant and their love so genuine. They have lived in the darkness of millions of empty gods, but are now flourishing in the one true Light."

Ministry Opportunities



The **Choir** is always in need of more members. If you desire to serve the Lord with your singing voice, then come join us!

The band is in need of a **Bass player**. Also, if you play an instrument and would like to play with the band or play solo, see our Music Director, Hannah.

Our **Youth/Children's Ministry** needs a leader. If your heart is burning to be in ministry in this capacity, see Pastor Greg.



The **Sound/Media team** (Slide Projections, Sound Mixing Board, Recording, & Lighting) is in need of additional help. Our Sound Techs would greatly appreciate the extra help. For more information, see Sam or Hannah.

Shady Grove Newsletter is a "new" ministry of our church just recently started. The tasks involved are: Inserting/typing articles into a Microsoft Publisher document, copying final draft, folding copies, and labeling for mailing to those on the mailing list. If you feel a calling to help in this ministry in any capacity; or if you feel led to write an article, please let Hannah know.



Our **Christmas Drama** is quickly approaching. Rehearsal will begin in September. If you desire to help in any capacity, please let Hannah know.

A **Church Website** will be coming soon. If you would like to help in the creation of this wonderful means of spreading the news about all the amazing things going on in our church, please speak with Pastor Greg or Hannah.

Several have mentioned the desire to have a **children's choir**. If you feel a burning desire to lead our children in this ministry, please speak with Hannah.

Sam McKinney is working on repairing our Hand Bells. If you would like to be a member of the **Hand Bell Choir**, please speak with Sam or Hannah.

