

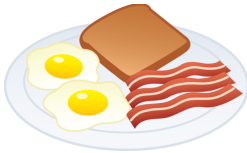
UPCOMING EVENTS

July 4th Celebration

Hamburgers and Hotdogs

July 6, 2014 @ 6 p.m.

*Fellowship
Breakfast*



July 13, 2014 @ 8 a.m.



Planning Meetings

Tuesdays
@ 7 p.m.

July 8, 15, 22, 29

No Meetings in
June and July for UMW.
Meetings resume in August.



Next Mtg. for UMM
July 23, 2014 @ 7 p.m.

Prayer Meeting: July 16, 2014 @ 7 p.m.



~ Shady Grove News ~

July 2014

Serving God
By
Serving Others

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God is Blessing

God is truly blessing and His Holy Spirit is moving in a mighty way through His people at Shady Grove. Many of us can remember



that not such a short time ago we were doing well to count 40 people in our congregation on Sunday Morning. We now are seeing 70+ on most Sundays. We give praise to our Lord! Mr. Lindy speaks quite often in Sunday School that our church has changed in such a positive way because we are going outside of the walls of our church and reaching out to others. God is honoring this joyful obedience to Christ's command to reach the world in whatever capacity He gives us the opportunity to do so. Lives are being changed by those we extend our hands and hearts to, but most importantly, the hearts and lives of those in our church are being transformed in a mighty way. It has often been said, "Once you taste the presence of God in a real way, you won't want to go back living a life outside of His presence."

VBS is Just Around the Corner

The first VBS planning meeting was held on June 24, 2014. Our theme this year is SonTreasure Island. The focus will be about the amazing love God has for us. Many of you will be able to utilize your talents and abilities in a mighty and rewarding way. Our planning meetings are Tuesday Evenings @ 7 p.m. and Aug. 15 & 16 are our VBS dates. Mr. Lindy will be teaching an adult class on the topic of Church History once again. Come and join



us as we set out to make it the BEST VBS ever!

Prayer Blankets are Touching Many

Almost every Sunday, we are hearing of a testimony about how much the Prayer Blanket Ministry has truly blessed others. Over 300 prayer blankets have been given to those in need since the inception of this ministry. Mrs. Paulette Harrell is a tremendous blessing. She so graciously takes the time to attach the Shady Grove labels to each blanket. It is always such a wonderful moment when we all gather around the altar to lay hands on and to pray for each blanket and the lives of those the blankets will be



touching. The ministry has grown to include special baby blankets for small children and infants who need a special touch. We have named this extension of our prayer blanket ministry the *Selah* Children's Prayer Blanket Ministry. This is in memory of a little infant girl named *Selah* whom we had been praying for that God chose to bring to Heaven to be with Him.

There is Always a Place To Serve

There may be some of you who are saying, "I don't know where to serve. I want to serve in a ministry in our church, but don't know where or how?" This is what is always so amazing about the *body* of Christ. We can't all be the feet, neither can we all be the arms. We are all created unique. God built into us a special way to serve Him. If you are reading this; and you do not know that unique way God has created you to serve Him, then ask Him to show you. When we find what it is He wants us to do, we will serve with joy because it will be the perfect fit. Discovering our spiritual gifts and offering our talents and abilities to serve Christ is one of the most rewarding things you will ever do in life.

Shady Grove Goes to Grainger Stadium

On June 25, 2014, there were 24 people from Shady Grove who went to Grainger Stadium to help serve 1350 hotdogs and 150 hamburgers for the youth and adults who participated in the ERASING THE LINES Renewal Gathering. What an uplifting and rewarding time in seeing youth and adults of all races and denominations coming together to ERASE THE LINES of division we often see in our world. What a blessed event!



Ministry Opportunities



The Choir is always in need of more members. We are so thrilled that Lisa Williams and Jordan Sterling joined the choir recently. 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.