

The Engager is a quarterly publication of Shady Grove M.B. Church designed to inspire and challenge readers to live for Christ with their whole being – mind, body and soul.

## ~ A Word from the Pastor ~



Greetings Shady Grove,

How thankful I am again for the manifold blessings of God. The season of Spring has made its arrival and I anticipate a refreshing of our whole being. For it is the season of Spring that reminds us as well as encourages us of the newness of life.

One of the refreshing moments that we have experienced was our Spring Revival. Our theme was "**Be Revived - Rediscover the Word,**" *II Chronicles 34:14-15*. God used Dr. Christopher Davis, the lecturer, again in a grand way. He used as a thought during the services, "**Next Level Faith.**" God also used Dr. Roney Strong in a marvelous way as our evangelist. He encouraged us by preaching on these different topics: **How to Give God the Highest Praise When We are at Our Lowest Stage, Don't Cry – God Will Supply and You See My Glory but You Don't Know My Story.** I saw God move by His power those three nights in an unexplainable way. We were also blessed with the musical voice of our very own Erica Givens.

As we continue to celebrate what God is doing in the life of our congregation, we certainly want to yield ourselves continually to the service of the Lord. It is my constant desire that we engage the Living Word. As we do so, we will continue to see God work in a mighty way through us. We want to continue to be a beacon of light in this community. We also want to be used by God to take this glorious gospel of Jesus Christ to those who have not embraced it.

Furthermore, I encourage you to run with patience the race that has been set before us. We have grown in the grace of God, so let us also serve with the same grace. Let us continue to love and pray for one another. May the peace of God continue to keep you all.

Your Servant,  
Pastor Hall

Learn about the **LEVELS OF FAITH** and more.  
Support the Audio Ministry and purchase the  
Revival CD's today.

## YOUR MENTAL HEALTH

What can we do to keep a healthy mind? In the previous article, we discussed the importance of giving God time with our mind through prayer, Bible study and meditation. Now that we have established our foundation, we will explore other important factors for maintaining a healthy emotional state.

Did you realize that your mental health and physical health are directly related? Recall the times when your body felt tired or sluggish. Chances are, it was more difficult for you to concentrate and think. The reverse is also common. When our minds are strained or overloaded, there is a greater likelihood that we will experience physical pain such as headaches. Proper rest, regular physical exercise, and a healthy diet are all important for maintaining a healthy mind and body. God always does His part so let us be sure to do our part!



*Wanda Hall-Myers*



## A Letter to My Young Black Men

Since the year 2010 has been upon us, I have spoken with a lot of our young black men about their futures, Christ, and the path that they are following at the time. First thing that I would like to say to our future fathers, husbands and brothers, is that although many may put you down, WE LOVE YOU and Christ loves you too. Strive to be the man that God has destined you to be. Don't let the world tell you that you can't make it or you will never amount to anything, because it's definitely not true.

While being the God fearing man that God intended you to be you must also keep your appearances up to par. Money is not the issue when it comes to being presentable for your family and yourself. Maintain your appearance – first impressions go a long way. Pull your pants up! No one, I repeat no one wants to see your undergarments. Wash your hair whether you decide to wear locks or a short haircut. Corporations take appearances very seriously and you can't become a top employee for a job with your hair nappy and bad hygiene.

We all realize that fashion has changed over time; however respect stays the same. To earn respect you must give respect. You are God's child, not Gotti's. Gotti can't send you to heaven or hell. As a Christian, don't imitate the world because it will lead you wrong. God's word is the same and won't change so let God use you as His vessel even at school. Take the knowledge, get your diploma and use it to the fullest. College may not be the path for everyone, but there are trade schools available. Take up a trade and be all that you can be. Men of God, I encourage you to stay firmly in the Word and pray that God directs your path for the New Year and the years to come. I love you so much and I pray mercy and grace upon you!!

*Tamika Sargent*

### ~ QUOTE OF THE DAY ~

*If our thoughts and hopes are elsewhere, it is impossible to set our faces steadily toward the work required of us.*

*– Anonymous*

## What Are You Going To Do?

*Matthew 26:42-43 (NIV)*

“For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.”

Most of us are familiar with this passage and have a good idea of its meaning; however, we do not act upon it. We know the scriptures and meanings so now what are we going to do?

I can recall being in service and listening to a pastor speak of how bad he feels when he walks through his million-dollar house and looks into all of the empty rooms that he has; one person in such a large house, a waste of space and energy. He also spoke of his snake-skin boots and all the name brand shoes that line his closet and God convicted him of this. The question that kept invading my mind was, “Yes God convicted you but now what are you going to do about it?”

God has convicted most of us due to this excess of waste and over-indulgence. We have purchased several coats due to the color or style and refuse to part with them. It is easy to part with things that we no longer like or are no longer stylish. Try parting with something that you still want, that you still have a desire for; that's when your spiritual light will shine.

The Word says, “My people perish due to a lack of knowledge,” but what about those of us who have the knowledge yet refuse to respond. We are a chosen people; our jobs are to respond to those in need. If not you nor me, then who? You know what is expected, now what are you going to do?

*Lesia R. Coleman*

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## Youth Summer Enrichment Program



June 8 - July 1

*Wanda Hall-Myers ~ Directress*

**Do you want to know how to deal with your mother-in-law or how to deal with the people in your community? SEE YOU AT SUNDAY SCHOOL EACH SUNDAY AT 9:30 A.M. See Vinnie Standard, Lilly Wright, or Ronnie Youngblood for more details.**

# Member Spotlight

The "Member Spotlight" is our way of getting to know our members; to celebrate and promote them while we strive to esteem them.

## Anita Getter



Anita has been a member of Shady Grove since 1992. For 12 years Anita has been a Credential Loan Coordinator. In her spare time, she loves to decorate, shop, read and travel. Her desire is to one day visit Paris France. People who inspire Anita are those who have an interest in children and senior citizens, making sure they are taken care of. Anita said that maybe one day she could open a boutique called Anita's Closet. The boutique would be for children and adults who are in need. Anita's motto that is – Live right and treat people how you want to be treated!!

Simone Clark

### CHOIR DAY 2010

It is with the joy of the Lord that we present **Shady Grove Mass Choir in concert, Sunday May 16th at 6:00 P.M.** Our aim is to engage the word of God through song, giving Him worship and praise for who He is and what He has done. Come worship with us again, as we celebrate **Choir Day on Sunday, May 23rd at 11:00 a.m.**

Anthony Coley



**For your listening pleasure, check out the newest gospel releases.**

Chris Hope

MARVIN SAPP  
*Here I Am*  
KAREN CLARK-SHEARD  
*All For One*  
JAMES FORTUNE  
*Encore*  
&  
SMOKIE NORFUL  
*presents*  
*Victory Cathedral Choir*

### A TRUE SENIOR PROM

*Saturday, May 22, 2010*

*6 - 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall*

About Chat and Chew – Our ministry serves the senior members of our congregation 55 years and older. It has provided our seniors with various activities. One of our goals is promoting fellowship and what better way than a 'True Senior Prom'. For some this will be their first prom and hopefully this will become an annual event. We want our seniors to come and enjoy themselves in a loving Christian environment.

Seniors, if you want to have an evening full of food, fun and fellowship, don't miss your 'Senior Prom'.

Cassandra Mangrum

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES

May 25th @ 6:30PM - First RAP Session of the Year

#### JULY IS "YOUTH MONTH"

**THEME:** Committing Ourselves to Serving - Scripture: 1Peter 4:10

July 11th & 12th @ 6:00 p.m. - Youth Revival - Evangelist will be announced later

July 16th & 17th - Music, Dance, Sign Language and Puppetry Workshops

July 18th @ 11:00 a.m. - Youth Day Celebration

July 18th @ 5:00 p.m. - Gospel Workshop Explosion

July 30th & 31st - Youth Retreat or Youth Trip

Michelle Williams – Children, Youth and Young Adult Directress

# The Pearly Gates

One day at the entrance to heaven, St. Peter saw a New York street gang walk up to the Pearly Gates. This being a first, St. Peter ran to God and said, "God, there are some evil, thieving New Yorkers at the Pearly Gates. What do I do?"

God replied, "Just do what you normally do with that type. Re-direct them down to hell."

Saint Peter went back to carry out the order and all of a sudden he comes running back yelling "God, God, they're gone, they're gone!"

"Who, the New Yorkers?"

"No, the Pearly Gates."



Barbara Alexander

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

DARREL EDWARDS  
ARTISHA HENDERSON  
LUTHER BOHANON  
EUGINA HARPER  
MONICA GREENWOOD  
SAMUEL WILLIAMS  
JOHN SIMMONS  
SEAN DICKERSON

*For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.*

*1 Corinthians 12:12*



## FAMILY WORKSHOP

Every Wednesday in May 2010

Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m.

~ **THEME** ~

Formed for God's Family

~ **TOPICS** ~

What Matters Most

The Surprising Power of a Family Meal

Living Without a Foundation

"Can We All Just Get Along" - Cultivating Family & Community

Margaret Pittman and Barbara Alexander  
Chairpersons

## Calendar of Events

~ MAY ~

### ANNUAL CHOIR DAY

MAY 23 - 11:00AM

BRO. ANTHONY COLEY & SIS. CHANDRA JACKSON-  
CHAIRPERSONS

### PRE-USHER'S DAY FOUR SEASONS

MAY 28 - 7:00 PM

~ JUNE ~

### ANNUAL USHER'S DAY

JUNE 13 - 11:00 AM

SIS. REBECCA CADE-CHAIRPERSON

### NATIONAL BAPTIST CONGRESS

JUNE 21-25

### SUMMER YOUTH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

JUNE 8 - JULY 1

SIS. WANDA HALL-MYERS - DIRECTOR

~ JULY ~

### YOUTH MONTH (See youth activities on page 3)

### ANNUAL CHILDREN, YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT DAY

JULY 18 - 11:00AM

SIS. JEANNA JOHNSON & BRO. JAY COLEMAN -  
CHAIRPERSONS

## GOT A BRIGHT IDEA? AN ADVERTISEMENT OR ANNOUNCEMENT?

If you have something to contribute to the newsletter, please see one of the newsletter committee members.

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