



# THE ENGAGER

CONNECTING WITH GOD AND WITH GOD'S PEOPLE

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,

How grateful again I am for God's bountiful blessings. It is with greatness of joy that I pen these words. I am thankful for what God is doing in the life of our congregation. Again I am thankful to God for those who have "Engaged the Living Word" and encourage those who have not yet committed themselves to our theme.

I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the music ministry for a very spiritual presentation of music during Choir Month. The Choir really did Engage the Living Word through song. I encourage our music ministry to continue yielding themselves as a vital ministry in the Church.

As we approach the season of summer, I would like to also encourage us to remain prayerful for the safety of our youth. God has again allowed us to serve the young people of this church and community in our Summer Enrichment Program. I want to thank all persons who have given of their time in order to make an impact in the life of our young people.

Furthermore, I want to encourage all of us to surrender ourselves totally to the ministry God has called us into. For it's only as we give ourselves to be used by the Master can God meet the needs of His people. So, let us be steadfast and unmovable and always abounding in the work of the Lord. As your pastor, it is an honor to serve you. Please know that I love each of you with the love of Christ Jesus.

Yours in Christ,

**Pastor Hall**

*The Mind, like a parachute,  
functions only when open*

## HEALTH NEWS

### Just Take a Walk...



Did you know that walking has more health benefits than any other exercise? With the emergence of warm weather, we simply don't have an excuse not to take a walk. Don't worry about expensive gym memberships or exercise equipment; it requires no prescription or any previous experience exercising. The side effects of walking are low with numerous benefits. Some of the benefits include: managing your weight, controlling blood pressure, decreasing the risk of heart attack and stroke, reducing the risk of breast cancer and type II diabetes, improving sleep, and strengthening muscles, bones and joints. Walking is beneficial for all ages and is considered a low impact exercise; therefore, many of us with various health conditions should take advantage of walking after speaking with your doctor. Any amount of walking is good, but for the best health results, set a brisk pace and walk for 30 minutes at least five times a week. Be sure to check with your doctor on the level of exercise that's best for you. John 10:10 tells us that Jesus came so that we might have life, and have it more abundantly. Therefore, don't let the devil keep you from reaping the benefits of exercise through busy schedules, financial hardships and procrastination. It is God's desire that we live life abundantly, and this includes our physical health, too.

**Brandi Hillman**

## Summer Reading Will Enhance Learning

Since the school year has ended and we're in the midst of another summer, let us be mindful that learning should not have stopped on the last day of school.

Many of our African American students never pick up a book during the summer and this may cause a delay in the next school year's progress. Although you may not have many books at home, any reading such as the newspaper, magazines and other publications on the internet can be very helpful. English is our native tongue and there is nothing like being able to understand the basics in English and reading. Many magazines now have articles that can be very helpful to those who need help making decisions and furthering their education.

The Commercial Appeal has the VIEWPOINT insert on Sundays that can be very informative in the learning process; the insert provides resources for those who need to learn how to read. The church library is now open on Tuesdays. Let us take advantage of this new addition and utilize it. There are different variations of books that include fiction, non-fiction and also motivational.

Reading is also very important to your spiritual life. God asks that we take him at His word and apply it to our daily lives. Without being able to read, how can we apply the Word? God's word is the most important book that you can ever read so why not take him at His WORD. Learn to read and understand His WORD!!! Parents please take heed and make sure that we encourage our children to not only read to further education, but to read to establish and create a relationship with God. May God bless and keep you!!!!

*Tamika Sargent*

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

Difficulties are meant to rouse, not discourage. The human spirit is to grow strong by conflict.

*– William Ellery Channing*

## Summer Enrichment 2010 Theme: I Can Do Special Things for God

This year's Summer Enrichment Program was filled with lots of learning and fun! Youth from the church as well as from the community spent four weeks engaged in mind-challenging and hopefully, life-changing activities. The students were given the opportunity to learn more about Jesus Christ during chapel services as well as in their classrooms. Teachers provided instruction in academic skills, while focusing on math and reading. Students enjoyed art, physical education, as well as computer classes in our new computer lab. What a joy it was to watch these students work hard and play hard. We know they will return to school better prepared academically and socially.

As with any successful undertaking, it requires the help of dedicated people. I am blessed to be a part of a loving and dedicated staff who give of themselves annually to make this program work effectively. I sincerely thank all staff members for their sweet spirits, commitment, and hard work; this program could not exist without them. We know that God made our staff and students special and that we can do special things for Him. Pray with us as we make plans to do even more special things by providing more enriching programs in the near future. For certainly, our children are worth our time. If you would like to be a part of this rewarding movement, see a staff member today.

*Wanda Hall-Myers*

**We want you!  
See you at Sunday School  
Every Sunday at 9:30 a.m.  
Bring someone that you love.  
We have room.**



*Vinnie Standard  
Superintendent*

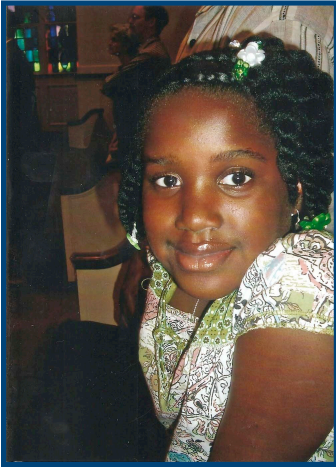
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# Member Spotlight

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

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## Jada N. Coleman



Jada Coleman is a part of Shady Grove's Children's Ministry, and participates regularly in the Children's Choir. Jada attends Peabody Elementary School, where she is in the fifth grade. Her favorite subjects are math and spelling. At Peabody, Jada is a member of the school's chorus, and she is a cheerleader. Also, she participates in the art competitions at the school. This past fall she won one such competition, and her art was displayed for two months at the Brooks Art Museum.

When Jada reflected on a situation God aided her in greatly, she thought of her foot surgery. In 2006, Jada had to have corrective surgery on both feet. She really wasn't afraid of the surgery itself, she said. Instead, she was afraid of the pain that awaited her in the coming days. Jada says without thinking about the things she learned during Sunday School a couple of weeks prior, she is not sure how she would have made it through those three weeks. Jada has shown us that God's encouraging words can help us through any problem, no matter how big or small.

*Jay Coleman*

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## DON'T GIVE UP

Singing, preaching, uplifting His name;  
There is no time for show or playing games.  
Sinners, backsliders are welcome with open arms;  
Time is running out so sinners should be alarmed.  
The job of a Christian is challenging indeed;  
Put on the armor of God and you will succeed.  
Humanity, sincerity, bringing sinners into the fold;  
These are a few of your job descriptions,  
but God is always in control.  
The road will be bumpy, your burdens will seem  
hard to bare, but if you keep the faith, Jesus will  
deliver you wrapped in love and care.  
You will be talked about, criticized and sometimes  
misunderstood, but so was Jesus as He preached  
and taught from neighborhood to neighborhood.  
Stay in the fight; don't dim your light,  
for in the end there is an award in sight.

*Lesia Coleman*

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**AUGUST IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH**

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## SEEK-to-SERVE CLASS of 2010

Seek to Serve is a leadership skill program designed to develop, enhance and promote servant leadership for grass root leaders.

Three of our members graduated from the program this year.

**Ms. Annie Briwder**

*Promoted to 1st YEAR 'NSPIRER*

**Ms. Virginia Ann Jackson**

*New graduate*

**Ms. Pearleen Smith**

*Promoted to 4th YEAR 'NSPIRER*

*Pearleen also graduated from the  
"GETTING AHEAD WORKSHOP  
CLASS OF 2010"*

Held at the W.W. Herenton Renaissance Center

*Pearleen Smith*

*Congratulations to all  
2010 Graduates*

## A DOG-GONE LIE

A clergyman walking down the street came upon a group of about a dozen boys, between 10 and 12 years of age. The group surrounded a dog. Concerned the boys were hurting the dog, he asked, "What are you doing with that dog?"

One replied, "This dog is just an old neighborhood stray. We all want him, but only one of us can take him home. So we've decided that whichever one of us can **tell the biggest lie will get to keep the dog.**"

The reverend was taken aback. "You boys shouldn't be having a contest telling lies!" he exclaimed. He then launched into a 10-minute sermon against lying, beginning, "Don't you boys know it's a sin to lie?" and ending with, "Why, when I was your age, I never told a lie."

There was dead silence for about a minute. Just as the reverend was beginning to think he'd gotten through to them, the smallest boy gave a deep sigh and said, "all right, give him the dog."

Barbara Alexander



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

*Kevin Walker  
Bobby Baker  
Jermaine Powell  
Dannigirl Alexander  
Iesha Spencer  
Ashley Crawford  
Arlisa Rena  
Derrick Foster  
Marcus Epps  
Melvin Canada*

*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.*

*I Corinthians 12:12*

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

### YOUTH WORKSHOP

FRIDAY, JULY 16 – 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 17 – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

### GOSPEL WORKSHOP FINALE

SUNDAY, JULY 18 – 5:00 p.m.

### YOUTH DAY CELEBRATION

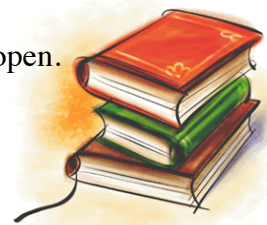
SUNDAY, JULY 18 – 11:00 a.m.

**YOUTH SUMMER TRIP**  
MAGIC SPRINGS AMUSEMENT &  
WATER PARK  
HOT SPRINGS, AR  
Saturday, August 7

## LIBRARY NEWS

Shady Grove's library is now open.

**HOURS**  
Tuesday evenings  
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.



Anyone interested in checking out books, videos or other materials are welcome to do so.

We would like to recognize all members who have recently donated books to the library. Please submit your name to one of the library staff members TODAY.

*Librarians - Thelma Gates & Rhiannon Stokes*

## Calendar of Events

### SEPTEMBER – WOMEN'S MONTH

#### SEPTEMBER 25

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

#### SEPTEMBER 26

ANNUAL WOMEN'S DAY @ 11:00 a.m.

SIS. BRIGGETTE DANGLER - CHAIRPERSON

### OCTOBER – PASTOR'S LOVE MONTH

#### OCTOBER 16

PASTOR'S LOVE BANQUET

#### OCTOBER 24

PASTOR'S LOVE DAY @ 11:00 a.m.

SIS. LESIA COLEMAN – CHAIRPERSON

#### OCTOBER 30

YOUTH MINISTRY FALL FESTIVAL

12:00-3:00 p.m.

## 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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