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# THE ENGAGER

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 spirit.

## A WORD FROM THE PASTOR



Greetings in the Name of our Risen Christ,

To God be the glory! We most certainly give thanks to God for the things He has done. God has brought us into a new year and we praise Him.

With this new year comes new opportunities to allow God to display His glory in our lives. There are new opportunities to share in ministry for the purpose strengthening the body of Christ (the Church). There are new opportunities to love, forgive, encourage and serve.

As your Pastor it is my desire to continue serving you with the joy of Christ. I encourage you to continue to embrace our thought of emphasis, "Engaging the Living Word." It is the Word of God that brings about transformation, power and courage.

As we move through this year allow it to be our goal to build the kingdom of God by sharing our faith to the lost and the unchurched. God has endowed us with all we need to impact this community.

Brothers and Sisters, there is much to be done. Let us work while it is day. It is my prayer that we work as to one day hear the Lord say servant well done. Therefore, be encouraged as we seek to serve the Lord with gladness.

Your Servant,

*Pastor Kent Hall*

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### **WANT TO FIND THE SECRET TO HAPPINESS?**

*Find the answer at Bible study on Wednesdays at 12 noon and 7:00 p.m. to as Pastor Hall expounds on the scriptures in Matthew 5:1-12 known as the Sermon on the Mount.*

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR GREETINGS!

Thanks be to God for allowing us to witness the dawning of a new year. We celebrated the end of last year and rejoice in the new year. My desire is that your heart be filled with new hopes, new opportunities and the promises of a brighter tomorrow.

Also, I echo the words of the apostle John, *“Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth”* (3 John 2).

**H**oly is the new year so dear  
**A**lmighty God, my Lord and Savior  
**P**ower and honor and glory to you due  
**P**recious Jesus, Provider, forever be  
**Y**ou are all the world to me

**N**ight and day I am in your care  
**E**very great new mercies I see  
**W**ith each pulsating heartbeat

**Y**our love to me you show  
**E**ach and every day glow  
**A**s a diamond in the sky  
**R**eminds me how shy my love to others I owe

*Bessie Hall  
Christian Board of Education Directress*

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Greetings in the Name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

I look forward to the new seasons that God is about to bring into the lives of the women at Shady Grove Baptist Church as we embark on the horizon of a new year. We realize that the success of any ministry is directly related to the success of its leader. Therefore; as the newly appointed leader, my endeavor is to continue the training and instructions previously implemented that will create interest, enthusiasm and participation from every young adult or woman that is a part of the Women Ministry.

We want to encourage, empower, and equip every female in this ministry to fulfill their divine destiny in God that will produce virtuous and godly women for our constantly changing world, but this can only be accomplished if we work together in unity.

It was once shared with me that leadership is a privilege and the leader must never forget that God is the one who promotes individuals to positions of leadership. A good leader serves with honor and distinction because we are serving God.

I am looking forward to working with each of you and pray that you will provide your full support as I faithfully commit to serving as Shady Grove Women Ministry Leader.

To God Be The Glory

*Rita Bohanon*

## YOUNG LIONS

Young Lions is a program helping boys to grow like Jesus in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

The goal of the Young Lions is to teach boys what it means to be African American men spiritually, culturally, and physically. These three dimensions of self are explored thoroughly to infuse the boys with a strong self image and positive self esteem by knowing who they are in Christ. The Young Lions group examines issues of male adolescence and puberty, addressing everything from personal hygiene to human sexuality.

Young Lions provides an affirming atmosphere in which to examine the social and emotional aspects of daily life specific to the experience of black boys. In Young Lions, the gospel is communicated in the context of Christian community and in a manner relevant to the experience of African American boys.

Young Lions attempts to infuse Christian spiritual values so that the boys will gain and possess inner peace and strength to bear their external situations.

We welcome all boys beginning at the age 8.

*J. C. Hall*

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## MENTAL HEALTH NEWS: RELEASING WORRY

As we enter 2012, let us trust God more! When we trust Him, we don't have to worry ourselves crazy about what has already happened or what might happen in the future. As you reflect on the poem below, make a conscious effort to allow the Holy Spirit to guard your mind against needless worry.

### **YESTERDAY, TODAY, TOMORROW**

There are two days in every week about which we should not worry.  
Two days which should be kept free from fear and apprehension.

One of these days is yesterday with its mistakes and cares,  
Its faults and blunders, Its aches and pains.  
Yesterday has passed forever beyond our control.  
All the money in the world cannot bring back yesterday.  
We cannot undo a single act we performed.  
We cannot erase a single word we said. Yesterday is gone.

The other day we should not worry about is tomorrow.  
With its possible adversities, Its burdens, its large promise and poor performance.  
Tomorrow is also beyond our immediate control.  
Tomorrow's Sun will rise, either in splendor or behind a mask of clouds, but it will rise.  
Until it does, we have no stake in tomorrow, for it is yet unborn.

This just leaves only one day . . . Today.  
Any person can fight the battles of just one day.  
It is only when you and I add the burdens of those two awful eternity's -  
yesterday and tomorrow that we break down.  
It is not the experience of today that drives people mad.  
It is the remorse or bitterness for something which happened yesterday  
and the dread of what tomorrow may bring.

Let us therefore live but one day at a time.

~ Author Unknown ~

## LIBRARY NEWS

The Library Club hosted the “Kids Stomping Out Hunger” Food Drive to support the Mid-South Food Bank, which launched in the month of September in recognition of “Hunger Action Month”. The club, with the help and support of the congregation, was able to reach and surpass their 200 pound goal by collecting 256 pounds of food to assist families in need. Participants also visited the Mid-South Food Bank for a tour of the operation. Through this project we sought to “engage the living word” through service and to remind our club members they are never too small to do big things. Thank you Shady Grove for helping to make this possible. Special thanks also to Ms. Betty Pittman for assisting with turkey donations from Sam’s Club.

The Library staff would also like to recognize and thank these individuals for their book contributions:

Mrs. Matilda Walker, Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie and Dianne Youngblood, Mrs. Mozella McKay, Mr. & Mrs. Deoudre and Dhiannon Matthews, and Mr. & Mrs. James and Rhiannon Stokes.

*Rhiannon Stokes*

# Calendar of Events

February 26  
120<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary

March 25  
Men's Month

April 4, 11, 18, 25  
Family Workshop Month  
April 6  
Good Friday Service  
April 8  
Easter Youth Service  
April 28  
Mother/Daughter Banquet

May 26  
Choir Prayer Breakfast/Brunch  
May 27  
Choir Day



## OUT OF THE MOUTHES OF BABES

One particular four-year-old prayed, "And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."

3-year-old prayed, "Our Father, who does art in heaven, Harold is His name. Amen."

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson.

If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, "Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait." Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"

## Engaging the Living Word

Sunday School  
9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship Service  
10:45 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer  
12:00 noon & 7:00 p.m.

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY  
THELMA PALMER

MEN'S DAY  
TONY GETTER

CHOIR DAY  
CHRISTOPHER HOPE

USHER'S DAY  
JEROME DODSON

YOUTH MONTH  
BRANDY SARGENT

WOMEN'S DAY  
BRANDI HILLMAN

PASTOR & WIFE  
LOVE DAY  
ALICE MCGREGOR

2012 ANNUAL DAY CHAIRPERSONS

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