

# MISSIONAL LIVING UPDATE

**NOVEMBER 2021** 

## "ONE" Meal

Where do you have the most meaningful conversations? Often families, couples, business associates, and friends gather around food to connect, laugh, catch up, strategize, and simply talk about life. Think back and no doubt you will be able to recall conversations around a meal that changed your thinking, your feelings, and maybe even your life. As Thanksgiving approaches, would you consider leveraging just ONE meal this month for Kingdom purposes! How incredible it is that something so common (eating a meal) could turn it into something that has eternal impact. This month (and every month for that matter) gives us approximately 90 opportunities to gather around food. Just ONE meal could be used to introduce Jesus into a conversation that results in a life being changed. You never know! So would you...

- Ask God to show you ONE person to invite to ONE meal.
- Schedule the meal with them.
- During the meal, ask them what they are thankful for since it is the Thanksgiving month. When they ask you, share what you are thankful for and also share you are thankful for Jesus. Then, ask them about their relationship with Jesus and let the conversation go from there.

ONE meal...ONE person...ONE question...could make all the difference in the world! Happy Thanksgiving!



One Starry Night presented by the Children's Ministry, Dec. 8-11



Pizitz Care Team hosts a luncheon for teachers.

## Community Engagement Highlight:

Shades has School Care Teams that serve at *seven* local schools. Our teams provide encouragement, support and appreciation to teachers and staff members in a variety of ways. We do breakfasts and lunches, provide snacks and refreshments, present gifts and lead staff devotions. Most importantly our teams pray for their schools and make intentional and meaningful connections to help open the door for Gospel conversations. If you're interested in learning more and getting involved on a team please contact Tommy DeRamus at tderamus@shades.org or call the church office.

## **GIC 2022**

- Mark your calendar for the 2022 Global Impact Celebration coming February 23-27. You DO NOT want to miss this!
- Remember to pray for your 2021 GIC missionary throughout the year. They are so appreciative of the prayers and support Shades provides.

## **Upcoming:**

## "ONE Meal" Emphasis

November 7-21 – Love in Action Thanksgiving Meal Drive

November 9-17— London Mission trip

November 20 - Greater Shiloh food distribution

November 18-21 - Tucson Mission trip

December 8-11 – **One Starry Night**: an interactive walk through Bethlehem is a wonderful event for the whole family and a fantastic presentation for un-churched.

January 14-25, 2022 – Uganda Mission trip

February 23-27, 2022 – Global Impact Celebration