



Shoup's Grove Baptist Church

Shoup's Grove Baptist Church of Icard, NC is a church family that highly values biblical preaching, spirit-filled worship, prayer, Bible study, and mission-minded engagement above all else. We were established in 1890 in a brush arbor, built a small wooden church, and later our current brick building with an addition to the existing church in the 1970s. Through the years Shoup's Grove has enjoyed many seasons of numerical and spiritual growth but is currently experiencing a season of gradual decline.

The highest attendance in the last twenty years was around 100-120 in worship attendance. Since the year 2020, we have seen a decline in attendance so today we average around 50 in Sunday School and around 60-65 in worship. The morale of the church is very good as we are in this transition period. We are excited to see what God has in store for us as we search for our next pastor.

Presently, our annual budget is set at a little more than \$200,000. This is lower than a couple of years ago, due to a decline in receipts and lower attendance. A healthy percentage of our expenditures goes to missions.

Today, the age ranges of Shoup's Grove Baptist Church members reflect a shift in generational attendance patterns. In any given worship service, 70% of the worshippers will be 65 years old and up. There is a number of unchurched young families in the community that we desire to reach with the gospel of Jesus Christ and have them join our fellowship. Our church's surrounding community is predominantly 95% Anglo, with small percentages of Black, Native American, Asian, or mixed race.

Overall, Shoup's Grove Baptist Church is a warm and welcoming church family who is serious about the Great Commission and about reaching the next generations in our community. We are excited to see how God will continue to use us through the leadership of our next pastor.