

The logo for Spring Hill Baptist Church Messenger. It features a decorative flourish above the text "SPRING HILL Baptist Church" in a smaller font, with "MESSENGER" in a large, bold, serif font below it. The background of the entire page is a close-up photograph of green grass with brown seed heads, overlaid with a semi-transparent geometric pattern of overlapping circles and lines.

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Love God ... Love Each Other ... Love the World

Letter from Rob Hatfield



Have you ever purchased a piece of furniture or a toy for a family member that was not already put together for you? Typically with these packages there is a tiny cartoonish picture in the corner of the box with a screwdriver or a hammer that unassumingly says, “Some assembly required.” There are even some products that give a time estimate to accompany the declaration: “Ready to be played

within 15 minutes or less.”

My first fray into the “do it yourself furniture building” came soon after Laurie and I were married. We had purchased a dresser at a local retailer. We opened the very large and heavy box to find a lovely set of directions in three different languages. We had our pick of using English, Spanish, or French. In addition to the words, there were cartoon drawings of how to complete each step along the way. There were several steps to the project, each with a corresponding figure of a happy cartoon demonstrating exactly what must occur.

The figures looked so happy that I began to assemble some of the parts in what looked to be the best arrangement without consulting the directions. Needless to say, my “project” took way more than 15 minutes and no one was going to draw a happy cartoon based on my experience. Eventually, I conceded that I needed to stop what I was doing, break everything down to the original packaging and begin at step one of the directions. Once I started following the directions, I was amazed by how the hodgepodge assortment of parts took shape into a real object.

Psalm 119 has a good bit to say about God’s word and its importance in our lives. Psalm 119:9-11 says, “How can a

young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.” It goes on to say in Psalm 119:105 that, “Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.” God has given us an instruction manual for our hearts and lives. His word helps us know what to do, when to do it and how to do it. He provides wisdom, comfort, joy, and instruction from this living word. Our lives are much more complicated than pieces of wood bolted together, which hopefully means that His word is treasured and used as a precious resource for our lives.

I’m happy to report that many of our children are taking the usage and memorization of His word seriously. We have many children who have participated in Bible Drill during this school year, and as a result, have memorized many passages of scripture. We even have 7 children who have made it past the church and associational drills to compete in the regional drill this coming Monday, April 23, which will be held here at Spring Hill. I hope you will join me in congratulating our children on a job well done and that you will take their work as an encouragement and reminder of the need for us all to use the instruction manual for life God has so graciously given to us!

Spring Hill Foundation Scholarship Applications

The 2018-2019 Spring Hill Baptist Foundation Scholarship Applications are now available. All completed applications must be returned by Friday, May 25, 2018. For an application, visit www.shbc.cc/foundation, stop by the church office or email Beth Klees at bklees@shbc.cc.



Team Meeting - Home of Grace Ministry

All women who are interested in knowing more about this ministry, becoming apart of this ministry or those who are already involved are invited to gather for a morning of information, inspiration and challenge.

Tuesday, May 1, 2018 - 11:00 a.m. in the Dining Hall

Speaker: Mrs. Doris Littleton, founder and director

Chick-fil-a box lunch to follow - \$5

Please make reservations with Beth Klees, bklees@shbc.cc or 342-5320.

Volunteers Needed



The **Archives Committee** needs your help. They are looking for computer savvy individuals to help with the historical information of our church. If you are interested in helping, please contact Phyllis Carnathan, pjarnathan@gmail.com or (251) 776-1474.

Our **Activities Center** is looking for volunteers to take recycling from the church once a month and for the front desk. If you are interested in helping please contact Colleen Smith, 251.342.5375 or csmith@shbc.cc

BIBLE READING PLAN FOR 2018

Please continue to read with us this week. A reading plan will appear in The Messenger and Sunday Worship Guide each week and can be found on our website at www.shbc.cc.



April 22-28, 2018

- April 22: 2 Kings 5-8
- April 23: 2 Kings 9-11
- April 24: 2 Kings 12-14
- April 25: 2 Kings 15-17
- April 26: 2 Kings 18-19
- April 27: 2 Kings 20-22
- April 28: 2 Kings 23-25



Mission Trip Supplies Needed

Our Brazil Mission Team and Judy Wesson participating with an African Mission Team

need your help with some supplies to make their trip successful. Many of the same supplies are needed for the Africa and Brazil mission trip. We will have collection boxes designated "Mission Trips" for you to drop off your donations in the Activities Center, Second Floor of Building F, Dining Hall Foyer and the Welcome Center.

We need: thin washcloths, hotel size shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, toothbrushes, headbands, pony tail holders, emery boards, kerchiefs, and nail polish. Items for small sewing kits including – small scissors, sewing needles, thread, and buttons. We also distribute socks for men and women, sunglasses, knit caps and neck ties to the pastors. For VBS we need: small pack crayons, deflated soccer balls, balloons, hard candy, beads and leather for salvation bracelets, several jump ropes, Elmer's glue, and Fruit Loops.

If you need more information, contact Eddie Smith at 209-9692. Thank you for your support as we help take the Gospel to the ends of the earth.



Upcoming M.A.G.I.C Trip



Thursday, June 7, 2018, 3:30 p.m. - *Pump Boys and Dinettes* - SummerTide production in Gulf Shores by The University of Alabama's Summer Theatre - Cost is \$48.00 per person and

includes dinner in Gulf Shores, transportation and ticket to SummerTide. There is still space available, so make your reservations soon and pay your money to hold your spot. Deadline to signup is May 7, 2018.



BACCALAUREATE
S E R V I C E

Attention 2018 High School Graduates! We need your reservation cards for the senior luncheon by **Sunday, April 29**. Also, if you plan to be included in the special issue of the Messenger prior to the week of Baccalaureate Sunday, please send your Senior Portrait no later than **THIS Sunday April 22**. All pictures must be turned into the Education Office or emailed to Stacey Kuntz at skuntz@shbc.cc.

THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
MAY 3, 2018
 ★ PRAY FOR AMERICA ★

EPHESIANS 4:3
 MAKING EVERY EFFORT
 TO KEEP THE UNITY
 OF THE SPIRIT THROUGH
 THE BOND OF PEACE.

 #PRAY4UNITY
 NATIONALDAYOFFPRAYER.ORG

**National Day Of Prayer Coming In May
 Thursday, May 3, 2018**

Prayer brings people together. Prayer builds bridges between opposing views. Prayer reminds us that we are created in God's image and He desires for us to represent Him everywhere we go. Prayer brings UNITY.

UNITY is the theme for the 2018 National Day of Prayer and is based on the challenge in Ephesians 4:3, "Making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." Please mark your calendar and prepare to pray now, more than ever before, asking God to bring revival to our nation and around the world. National Day of Prayer Guides will be available beginning Sunday, April 29, 2018.

Welcome
New Members!



Barbara Rucker
by Statement



Faye Moore
by Letter

**Jr. High Singers
 Spring Concert**



Sunday, April 29th - 3:30 p.m.
SHBC Chapel
 Free Admission/No Ticket Required

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JHS is helping with the Brazil Mission Trip by collecting
 Crayons (8 pack), Sunglasses, and Sewing kits.
 Please help us fill the collection box at the concert!



Our Girls in Action and their mothers are invited to join us on Sunday, April 29 in the Back Room of the Activities Center at 1:30 p.m. as we celebrate the year with *High Tea*. Wear your Sunday best.

THIS WEEK AT SPRING HILL

Sunday, April 22

- 8:45 a.m..... Contemporary Service
- 9:45 a.m..... Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m..... Traditional Service
- 4:00 p.m..... Financial Peace University
- 4:00 p.m..... SHS Rehearsal
- 4:00 p.m..... JHS Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m..... Reflection Rehearsal

Monday, April 23

- 3:30 p.m..... Regional Bible Drill
- 6:00 p.m..... "Looking for Lovely" Bible Study (AC)
- 7:00 p.m..... Reflection Rehearsal

Tuesday, April 24

Wednesday, April 25

- 4:45 p.m..... Supper (DH)
- 5:30 p.m..... Music & Missions
- 5:30 p.m..... W.O.W. (AC)
- 6:15 p.m..... Prayer Meeting & Bible Study
- 6:15 p.m..... Young Adult Ensemble
- 7:05 p.m..... Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 26

Friday, April 27

- 3:00 p.m..... Sidewalk-A-Thon for the Village of Spring Hill

Saturday, April 28

- 2:00 p.m..... JHS Rehearsal

Giving Thanks

April 15, 2018

STEWARDSHIP

Projected Weekly Needs	61,190.20
Sunday Contributions.....	54,349.42
Projected Needs to Date.....	1,025,835.60
Given to Date.....	840,956.36

SUNDAY SCHOOL

ENROLLMENT

Adults.....	683	Adults.....	296
Young Adults.....	341	Young Adults.....	74
Youth	155	Youth	79
Preteen	65	Preteen	22
Children	111	Children	45
Preschool.....	130	Preschool.....	64
TOTAL	1,465	Sub-total	580
		OFF CAMPUS CLASSES	
		Gordon Oaks	7
		GRAND TOTAL	587

18 When you see this symbol it means this ministry opportunity is made possible by your contributions to the 2018 Mission and Ministry Plan.

Spring Hill Baptist Church
Vacation Bible School
June 3-6, 2018
from 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

For children who have completed 4K - 6th grade
 Visit www.shbc.cc to register or call 342-5320



**The Light of the Village:
 Food Donations to Needy Families**

Items are being collected in marked boxes in the Education Office, the Activities Center and on the second floor of the Adult Sunday School Building.

Items Needed: Boxed mac-n-cheese, canned spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, ramen noodles, rice, beans, cans of ravioli, corn, green beans, yams, collards, tuna fish, canned ham, canned chicken, Vienna Sausages, canned pears, peaches, fruit cocktail, apple sauce, peanut butter, jelly, cereal bars, crackers, loaves of bread, toilet paper, toothpaste, dish soap and bleach.

Please contact Judy Wesson at 423-5402 if you would like to help.

Join us for
 Children's Worship in
The Tree House
 Sunday, April 29
 4K-6th Grade
 SHBC Dining Hall

Children will come to
 the Tree House with their
 Sunday School classes.

THE CHURCH STAFF

Church Office 342-5320

- Dr. Rob Hatfield Pastor
- Bob Gladney Executive Pastor
- Terry Richey Associate Pastor
- Randy Grim Minister of Music
- Erica Holloway Minister to Children & Families
- Bill Taylor Asst. Minister of Music
- Debbie Rice Children's Music Coordinator
- Missy Powell Pianist



*Train up a child in
 the way he should go;
 and when he is old, he will not
 depart from it. Proverbs 22:6*

**Extended Session
 for week of April 22, 2018**

- Preschool A:** Melissa & Grace Stowers (Early)
 Lynn Jackson (Late)
- Preschool B:** Jody & Katie Crane (Early)
 Barbara Crawley (Late)

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Activities Center 342-5375

- Colleen Smith ... Recreation/Activities Coordinator
- Enrique Castillo Recreation Ministry Assistant
- Ashley Johnson Upward Sports Director

**Weekday Preschool Education Office
 342-6044**

In case of emergency over the weekend,
 you may reach the minister on call
 at 342-5320.