

# FIND US FAITHFUL

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## *Letter from Rob Hatfield*



**G**iving for kids.

My three kids have all received an allowance since they were 4. We decided to start an allowance at that age for several reasons.

1. They are able to count and we wanted them to use that skill in a meaningful way.
2. They are able to understand money with how much each bill or coin is worth.
3. They are learning about how much things cost and how to save.
4. They are learning what it means to give a tithe, to give in general, and be generous.

All of these items come into play each week, and especially on Saturday nights, as our sons prepare their offering envelopes. We began by teaching the difference between a dime and a penny, between a one dollar bill and a five dollar bill. At age four, they would count out ten pennies and put them in the envelope because their allowance was one dollar (easy to figure out when you are four!) We also teach these financial principles during the week, when there is a toy or a candy that they want. They learned quickly that to get a race car would be three weeks of saving an allowance and waiting. They also learned to set aside their tithe so that they wouldn't spend it as a part of buying things. The tithe isn't ever an option; it is a non-negotiable part of using our resources wisely and honoring God. In teaching this rule of life we aren't striving to be Pharisaical, but rather protective of their hearts. In the same way that we teach our children to brush their teeth and have a non-negotiable rule for them to follow about brushing each night so their teeth don't face decay, so we have a tithing rule so that the hearts of our children will not be unduly attached to money and face the

heartache of relying on a resource that cannot provide like the Lord.

While we endeavor to teach Biblical principles of finance, God oftentimes uses our children to remind our own hearts about the joy of generosity. On one particular occasion our church was focusing on giving to the Lottie Moon International Missions Fund. We watched a video as a congregation, talked about the need in a service and told people to bring an offering above their tithes the next week. I remember looking at an offering envelope for one of my sons the next week just before it was placed into the basket and noticing the envelope was full. I asked how much was in the envelope and my son said, "All of it." I asked, "What about the toy that you are saving for? Are you sure you don't want to keep some of that aside?" He replied, "The people in those countries don't know about Jesus and they need to. I know about Jesus, and I can wait for a toy." He didn't put his envelope in reluctantly; he joyfully placed it in!

And with the simple logic of a child, the joy of being generous reverberated in my heart. How are you teaching your children and grandchildren the joy of giving? How are they teaching you?

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*Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.*

Luke 6:38



**Mark Your Calendars NOW for Kick-Off Sunday, August 12!**

Join us as we kick-off a new year in Sunday School and Worship.

- 8:30 a.m. **NEW TIME** for Contemporary Worship – Dining Hall
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship – Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Kick-Off Rehearsals for Junior High Singers and Spring Hill Singers
- 4:30 p.m. Music and Missions Leadership Meeting

**Kick-Off Wednesday, August 15!**

- 4:45 p.m. Church Family Supper
- 5:30 p.m. Children’s Music and Missions
- 6:00 p.m. Student Kick-Off Night
- 6:15 p.m. Prayer Meeting
- 7:05 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

**Preteen Day at Gulf Islands Waterpark Monday, July 23**

**Completed 5th-6th grades**

\$25 includes admission, lunch and use of a covered pavilion for the day. Sign up in the Education Office by completing a permission form and dropping off \$25 by Sunday, July 15.



**July 16-20, 2018**  
**9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**  
 Sign up online at [shbc.cc/smash](http://shbc.cc/smash)

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SMASH Performance  
 July 22, 2018  
 6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

**It's TIME TO DECLUTTER!**

We want to get all of our Sunday School classrooms ready for the new church year by removing unused or old items and organizing cabinets and counters. We can all make sure our areas are neat, attractive and welcoming as we begin a new year in Sunday School on Sunday, August 12.

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## SPRING HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

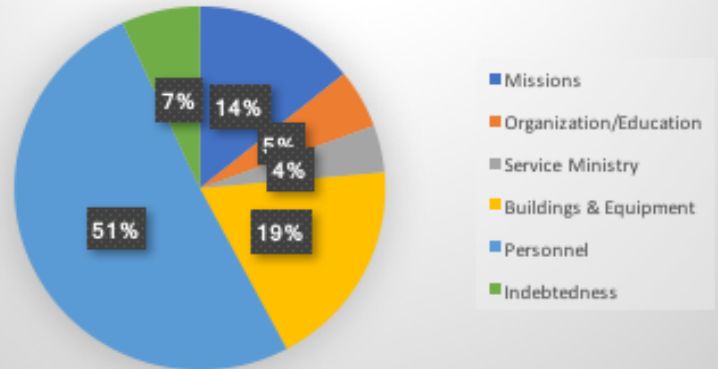
July 1-31, 2018

**GOAL: \$300,000**

Find Us Faithful is a stewardship emphasis outlining the benefits of giving to the Mission and Ministry Plan of Spring Hill Baptist Church and providing encouragement for us to be faithful stewards. This is a five-week emphasis during the month of July and we have set a goal of giving \$300,000 towards the 2018 Mission and Ministry Plan.

By giving to the 2018 Mission and Ministry Plan, you are supporting our entire budget as pictured in the pie-chart below:

### 2018 Mission and Ministry Plan



**Goal \$300,000 | Given to Date: \$120,515**

### 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](http://www.shbc.cc).

**July 15-21, 2018**

- July 15: Psalms 96-102
- July 16: Psalms 103-105
- July 17: Psalms 106-107
- July 18: Psalms 108-114
- July 19: Psalms 115-118
- July 20: Psalms 119: 1-88
- July 21: Psalms 119: 89-176

# CHURCHWIDE ICE CREAM FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, July 22, 2018

Following the SMASH Performance  
Dining Hall

Sign up in Sunday School to bring a gallon or two of your favorite homemade or store bought flavors.

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SPRING HILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
July 1-31, 2018  
GOAL: \$300,000

### A TESTIMONY FOR TITHING

Sir John Templeton is a man born in Tennessee, who started an extremely successful mutual funds company. He became a resident of the Bahamas and was knighted by Queen Elizabeth in recognition of his major contribution to the British economy. The story is told that Sir John held a question and answer period following one of his speaking engagements with a group of businessmen. Someone asked, "Sir John, what was your greatest investment?" Sir John immediately replied, "The Tithes." There was a kind of shocked silence, because this was not the kind of answer the group of successful businessmen was expecting. But this reply, from a man who has made hundreds of brilliant investments over his long career, is quite a testimony for tithing.

Tithing was first mentioned in the Bible when Abraham gave a tenth to Melchizedek, the priest of God.

God has said the tithe is holy. The tithe is part of God's plan for man. The tither has the chance to see first-hand that God is faithful to care for him or her. Christians give because they want to please God. The Bible states clearly that giving a tithe pleases God. Under the Old Testament law, the tithe was the start. There were specified times when a second and third tithe was required to meet certain temple and human needs. Today, the tithe is a point from which we can evaluate ourselves to see how serious we are about honoring God.

- Tithing provides a stimulant for further growth in giving.
- Tithing gives us a means for supporting Kingdom causes.
- Tithing can help us become disciplined givers.

We need not pretend that we love Him and trust Him and that He is Lord of our lives if we are not willing to make Him Lord of our money.

## THIS WEEK AT SPRING HILL

Sunday, July 15

8:45 a.m..... Contemporary Worship Service  
9:45 a.m..... Sunday School  
11:00 a.m..... Traditional Worship Service

Monday, July 16

6:30 a.m..... Men's Bible Study (AC)  
8:30 a.m..... Rescue Mission (Away)  
9:30 a.m..... SMASH  
2:00 p.m..... Basketball Camp  
6:00 p.m..... Ladies Summer Bible Study: The Quest

Tuesday, July 17

9:30 a.m..... Home of Grace (Away)  
9:30 a.m..... SMASH  
2:00 p.m..... Basketball Camp

Wednesday, July 18

9:30 a.m..... SMASH  
2:00 p.m..... Basketball Camp  
4:45 p.m..... Supper (DH)  
6:00 p.m..... Children: Bible Art  
6:00 p.m..... Student Worship: Josh Karl Preaching (AC)  
6:15 p.m..... Prayer Meeting - Spring Hill Singers Mission Report  
7:05 p.m..... Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, July 19

9:30 a.m..... SMASH  
11:00 a.m..... MAGIC to IMAX  
2:00 p.m..... Basketball Camp

Friday, July 20

9:30 a.m..... SMASH  
1:00 p.m..... Preschool SMASH Share Time  
2:00 p.m..... Basketball Camp  
6:00 p.m..... Students: Bay Bears Game

Saturday, July 21

## Giving Thanks

July 8, 2018

### STEWARDSHIP

Projected Weekly Needs .....52,695.60  
Sunday Contributions.....86,598.05  
Projected Needs to Date..... 1,796,400.20  
Given to Date..... 1,471,578.08

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### ENROLLMENT

Adults.....683	Adults.....291
Young Adults.....343	Young Adults.....65
Youth .....149	Youth .....48
Preteen.....68	Preteen .....20
Children .....117	Children .....30
Preschool.....145	Preschool.....53
TOTAL .....1,505	Sub-total .....507
	OFF CAMPUS CLASSES
	Gordon Oaks .....14
	GRAND TOTAL .....521

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





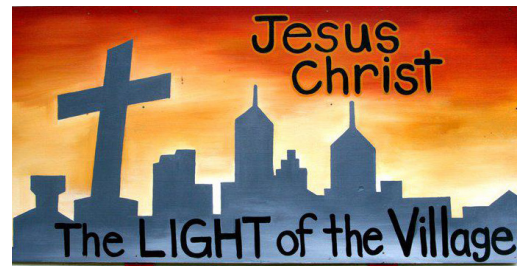
**BAY BEARS BASEBALL GAME  
JULY 20, 2018**



All Students Grades 7-12 & College and their Families  
Meet at the Entrance of the Hank Aaron Stadium between 6:15 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. at the Spring Hill Baptist Church Table to get your FREE tickets. Picnic dinner will be available beginning at 6:30 p.m. The first pitch is at 7:05 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT, JULY 18 AT SPRING HILL**

- 4:45 p.m. Supper
- 6:00 p.m. Children's Bible Arts
- 6:00 p.m. Student Worship – Josh Karl, Preaching
- 6:15 p.m. Prayer Meeting – Spring Hill Singers Mission Report
- 7:05 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal



**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.**

**THE CHURCH STAFF**

**Church Office 342-5320**

- Dr. Rob Hatfield ..... Pastor
- Bob Gladney ..... Executive Pastor
- Terry Richey ..... Associate Pastor
- Randy Grim ..... Minister of Music
- Josh Karl ..... Student & College Pastor
- Erica Holloway ..... Minister to Children & Families
- Bill Taylor ..... Asst. Minister of Music
- Gretchen Crane ..... Communications Director
- Denise Marsh ..... Finance Director
- Debbie Rice ..... Children's Music Coordinator
- Missy Powell ..... Pianist

**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.



*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 July 15, 2018**

- Preschool A:** Alan & Mandy Warren
- Preschool B:** Jody & Katie Crane (Early)  
Garrett & Holley Rice (Late)

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