

FIND US FAITHFUL

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Love GOD | Love EACH OTHER | Love THE WORLD

Letter from Rob Hatfield



As a little boy I would go and stay with my paternal grandparents for a week at a time in the summer. Over the course of years, I was in the room or at the table during a variety of conversations about life between my grandparents. They weren't really talking to me, but they were open about their discussion, so I could hear their reasoning and

interaction. One particular conversation was about giving, and sacrificial giving in particular. As far as they were concerned, giving a tithe (or ten percent) of their income was never an option. But it also wasn't an ending point of their giving! They knew God was the real owner of everything they had and that they were stewards of it all, so they had to seriously consider what He wanted them to do with every dime of resources they had.

Practically speaking, they talked about what they needed financially and what could be given up financially. These conversations would arise especially when there was a particular need in the church they wanted to give towards. They would discuss what they could sacrifice in order to give more generously. The conversation of sacrifice was not held in ill will or in frustrated tones, but rather with reverence, prayer, and even joy! As the conversation continued, I knew they would identify something they were willing to do without for a short time or in general in order to give more. Sacrifice was not a dirty word; it was expected as a normal part of Christian life and held in high regard.

How do you view sacrificial giving, giving that requires you to relinquish something in order to further the work of the Kingdom? Is sacrificing financially for the Lord a joy for you? It was for the Christians in Macedonia written about in 2 Corinthians 8:3-4. Paul writes, "For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints." My grandparents' conversations resound in my heart and mind as Laurie and I look at our own finances. I pray that we will all join together in exercising our privilege and joy to sacrificially give!

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All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had.

Acts 4:32

WEDNESDAY NIGHT, JULY 25 AT SPRING HILL

4:45 p.m.	Supper
6:00 p.m.	Children's Bible Arts
6:00 p.m.	Student Worship – Led by High School Seniors
6:15 p.m.	Prayer Meeting – Brazil Mission Team Report
7:05 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal



SMASH Performance
 July 22, 2018
 6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary
 Ice Cream Fellowship to Follow

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.



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

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

SUMMER MINISTRIES RECEIVE STRONG SUPPORT

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 toward the 2018 Mission and Ministry Plan.

Hundreds of lives have been touched by the ministries offered through Spring Hill Baptist Church during the months of June and July. In three weeks \$154,078 has been given toward our goal of \$300,000 giving us a need of \$145,922 to reach our goal within the next two Sundays. This summer, your giving will support the following opportunities:

- Sunday School | Worship
- Vacation Bible School | Spring Hill Singers Mission Tour
- Children's Camp | Brazil Mission Trip
- English As A Second Language Camp
- 7th & 8th Graders Centrifuge Camp
- Bible Arts for Children on Wednesday Nights
- Summer Music at Spring Hill (SMASH) – THIS WEEK!
- Children & Student One Day Activities – Water Parks, Ball Games, Game Nights
- Upward Flag Football and Volleyball – beginning August 6
- Kick-Off Sunday – August 12 | Kick-Off Wednesday, August 15
- Haiti Mission Trip – August 25-31

These ministries are possible through your faithful giving. Thank you for the way you have financially undergirded the ministries of our church. Let's continue to be found faithful, praying for our church, in our attendance in Sunday School and Worship and in our giving to the Mission and Ministry of Spring Hill Baptist Church!

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.

July 22-28, 2018

- July 22: Psalms 120-132
- July 23: Psalms 133-139
- July 24: Psalms 140-145
- July 25: Psalms 146-150
- July 26: Proverbs 1-3
- July 27: Proverbs 4-6
- July 28: Proverbs 7-9

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A TESTIMONY FOR TITHING

"⁵ Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."

My tithing testimony is best illustrated by the verses above. I grew up in a Christian household where both parents faithfully tithed, regardless of our financial situation. There were some lean times financially when my dad would work 2 or 3 jobs to make ends meet, but in good times and bad times, my parents never failed to tithe ... and God was faithful.

When Tim and I got married, Tim had recently become a Christian just six months before our wedding. During our first month of marriage, I was paying bills one evening and Tim asked why I was writing "that check" to the church. I explained to him about tithing and the example that my parents had set for me. Tim's response was "okay," and we've never looked back. It hasn't always been easy – especially in the early days of our marriage – but we both agreed tithing wasn't negotiable. Again, God has always been faithful. Tithing has given us the opportunity to see God reveal Himself in some really special ways.

It is Tim's and my prayer that our children will follow the example we have faithfully tried to provide for them, just as my parents so faithfully provided for me.

Erica Holloway

Welcome
 New Members!

Ernst & Joyce Kirkland
 by Letter



THIS WEEK AT SPRING HILL

Sunday, July 22

8:45 a.m..... Contemporary Worship Service
 9:45 a.m..... Sunday School
 11:00 a.m..... Traditional Worship Service
 6:00 p.m..... SMASH Performance
 7:00 p.m..... Churchwide Ice Cream Fellowship (DH)

Monday, July 23

6:30 a.m..... Men's Bible Study (AC)
 8:00 a.m..... Preteens: Gulf Islands Waterpark
 6:00 p.m..... Ladies Summer Bible Study: The Quest

Tuesday, July 24

Wednesday, July 25

4:45 p.m..... Supper (DH)
 6:00 p.m..... Children: Bible Art
 6:00 p.m..... Student Worship: Led by High School Seniors (AC)
 6:15 p.m..... Prayer Meeting - Brazil Mission Team Report
 7:05 p.m..... Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, July 26

5:30 p.m..... Men's Night Out at Rocky Creek

Friday, July 27

Saturday, July 28

9:00 a.m..... Ping Pong Tournament (AC)

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Giving Thanks

July 15, 2018

STEWARDSHIP

Projected Weekly Needs52,695.60
 Sunday Contributions.....33,563.10
 Projected Needs to Date.....1,849,095.80
 Given to Date..... 1,505,141.18

SUNDAY SCHOOL

ENROLLMENT

Adults.....683	Adults.....305
Young Adults.....343	Young Adults.....64
Youth.....149	Youth.....48
Preteen.....68	Preteen.....19
Children.....117	Children.....41
Preschool.....145	Preschool.....49
TOTAL.....1,505	Sub-total.....526
	OFF CAMPUS CLASSES
	Gordon Oaks.....14
	GRAND TOTAL.....540

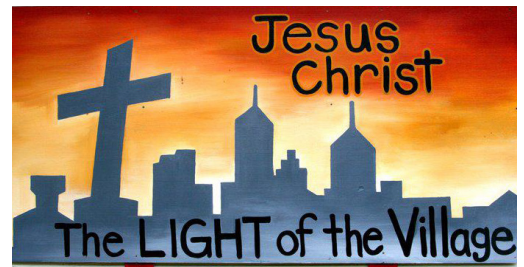


When you see this symbol it means this ministry opportunity is made possible by your contributions to the 2018 Mission and Ministry Plan.



Where: SHAC Gym
 When: July 28, 2018 | 9 a.m. - noon
 Cost: FREE!
 Registration: Register by July 26
www.shbc.cc/recreation-sports

Bring your favorite ping pong paddle if you want! Sign up online so we know you're coming and we will send out the bracket once registration is closed. There will be light refreshments for everyone (players and spectators) and prizes for 1st and 2nd place!! We will have half the gym set up with games and free play for kids and adults alike! For more information contact Colleen, csmith@shbc.cc or 342-5375.



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 22, 2018

- Preschool A:** John & Pam Adams
- Preschool B:** Zach & Kathleen Coffman (Early)
 Matt & Theresa Pastorcich (Late)

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