

FIND US FAITHFUL

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Letter from Rob Hatfield



In the month of July SHBC is having a stewardship emphasis with the focus “Find us Faithful” and a goal of giving \$300,000 toward the general budget during the month. This phrase is one you may remember from Matthew 25:14-30 from what is commonly referred to as “The Parable of the Talents.” The parable (which I encourage you to read in its

entirety) teaches clear lessons, both about who the real owner of all our possessions is and regarding how we will be called into account based on how we have used what He has provided. The servants who used the master’s resources well were told, “Well done good and faithful servant . . . Come and enjoy your master’s happiness!”

I have been to many funeral and graveside services over the years, and one of the consistent themes is a look toward eternity, to the realization that this time and space we have here on earth is brief. In those times, there is an earnest desire to hear the words mentioned in the Parable of the Talents spoken to us by our Master, Jesus. Not that any person is earning their salvation by the works we do or the gifts we give, but we want to know that we have used every bit of what we had for our Master, because that is what life is truly about. And then I walk through the graveyard and look at the tombstones with a year of birth and a year of death. Inevitably, each stone has these same markers and almost all are separated by the tiniest of marks - a dash. One of the challenges we have day by day is to realize the brevity of our dash. We have so little

time from beginning to end, so little time before we will see our Lord, and we should have a consequential sense of urgency in our actions.

I want to be found faithful as a servant of God with everything He has entrusted to my care. There are so many reasons why I tithe and give to our church (hint, hint, be prepared for some of those reasons to come in the next several sermons as we begin a series on stewardship), and one of them is because I want to be found faithful as God’s servant. I can’t imagine a greater use of what He has given me than to invest it for usage by His church and thereby to enhance and multiply His Kingdom. I get excited when I think about how His church is using His resources to accomplish His work, and I get REALLY excited knowing I GET to participate in giving those resources. I invite you, encourage you, and exhort you today to consider if the Lord will “Find you Faithful” in all He has given you and to join me in the joy of seeing His work accomplished by tithing to this your church!

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Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 1 Timothy 6:17

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

GIVING SUPPORTS MINISTRIES

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.

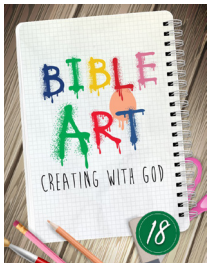
By giving to the 2018 Mission and Ministry Plan, you are supporting:

Ministries: Music, Preschool & Children, Student, Recreation, and Pastoral Care

Camps: Children's Camp, Centrifuge for 7th-8th Graders, ESL Camp, SMASH, Basketball Camp

Upward Sports: Basketball, Flag Football, Volleyball

Goal \$300,000 | Given to Date: \$50,608



Wednesday Nights in the Summer

For Completed 4K-6th grades
 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
 July 11, 18, 25

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 8-14, 2018

- July 8: Psalms 66-69
- July 9: Psalms 70-73
- July 10: Psalms 74-77
- July 11: Psalms 78-79
- July 12: Psalms 80-85
- July 13: Psalms 86-89
- July 14: Psalms 90-95



CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR OUR BRAZIL MISSION TEAM

Our Brazil Mission Team left this past Sunday, July 1 and will return to Mobile on Friday, July 13. Let's remember our team while they are on mission. Team members are: Steve Bethea, Haley Davis, Eddie Smith, Lyn Smith, Morgan Sweatman and Judy Wesson.



July 16-20, 2018
9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Sign up online at
shbc.cc/smash

Each day of camp will include, music experiences that include singing, playing instruments, games, rhythm, bells, movement, keyboards, guitars, and lots more.



\$75 for one child, \$110 for two, \$140 for three or more. This covers the cost of a snack lunch, tee-shirt, rehearsal CD (for grades 1-6).

SMASH Performance by Grades 1-6 will be on July 22 at 6:00 p.m.! K4-K5 share time, July 20 at 12:30 p.m.



Upcoming M.A.G.I.C. Trips

Most of us will not travel to the Galapagos Islands to see the awesome wildlife there, but

M.A.G.I.C. is doing the next best thing! **On Thursday, July 19, at 11:00 a.m.** we will go to lunch on the causeway and then go to the iMax to see the Galapagos Islands and the amazing wildlife on the BIG screen. Wow! Cost is \$25.00 per person and includes your lunch and the iMax.

Wednesday, August 8, 7:00 a.m. we will go to the National World War II Museum to have lunch and see the Stage Door Canteen "The Best of Sinatra." We will also have time to see exhibits in the museum. Cost is \$79.00 which includes transportation, admission to museum, lunch and ticket to the Canteen.

Thursday, September 13, 9:15 a.m. we will journey across the Bay to the lovely city of Fairhope. There we will visit the Fairhope Museum of History and hear a very informative lecture on the history of that fair city. Afterwards, we will have time to shop and have lunch on our own. Don't miss a fun day!

Make your reservations soon for these trips at the Education Office, by emailing Olna at owoodall@shbc.cc or by texting her at 251-689-7088.

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A TESTIMONY FOR TITHING

I believe tithing expresses both my commitment to and faith in Jesus Christ. It is also my testimony of what I want God to do in my own life. My commitment of my material possessions is probably proportional to how much of my heart, time, and talents I am willing to give to God. My tithing and giving is also a concrete example of my faith and trust in God. If I trust Him to save me from my sin, if I can live an abundant life blessed by His grace and mercy, how can I not trust Him to provide as He has promised.

We once had a non-believer ask if we tithed. He said he thought, for a minister that would be like "double dipping". Surely, we did not HAVE to tithe. It sounded so foreign to us. For us, tithing has always been more about faith than about behavior. I tithe for the same reason other believers tithe. It is a privilege and blessing to demonstrate my faith and to partner in God's work.

Barbara and I made some very difficult financial decisions in the first years of our marriage, and we continue to make the same kinds of decisions today. Those decisions were never concerning whether or not we would tithe. We did.

But because we made the tithing decision once and for all, we daily face other difficult decisions. Sometimes we must decide what we will do without in order to give generously. Often, we blindly trust God to work things out, so bills don't all come due at the same time. We constantly ask God to work in our lives so that our giving will truly be a testimony of the kind of commitment we feel in our hearts.

I cannot join the many who say tithing came easy for them. The commitment to tithe was easy because we had actually committed 100% of who we are and all we have to Him and His glory. But the act of tithing never came easy for us. Sometimes the 90% just did not seem enough. But I don't believe God had an easy time giving His Son for me! I don't believe Jesus had an easy time giving His life for me. They held nothing back. And, I do not want to hold anything back. I know that God's gifts were given lovingly and joyfully. I pray that each of us will give back to God lovingly and joyfully. And I pray for each of us the wisdom to make any choices we must in order to be found faithful.

Bob Gladney

THIS WEEK AT SPRING HILL

Sunday, July 8

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

Monday, July 9

6:00 a.m..... Men's Bible Study (AC)
 9:00 a.m..... ESL Camp
 6:00 p.m..... Ladies Summer Bible Study: The Quest

Tuesday, July 10

9:00 a.m..... ESL Camp
 6:30 p.m..... Finance Committee Meeting
 7:45 p.m..... Deacons' Meeting

Wednesday, July 11

9:00 a.m..... ESL Camp
 4:45 p.m..... Supper (DH)
 6:00 p.m..... Children: Bible Art
 6:00 p.m..... Grades 9-12: Game Night (AC)
 6:15 p.m..... Prayer Meeting & Business Meeting
 7:05 p.m..... Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, July 12

9:00 a.m..... ESL Camp

Friday, July 13

9:00 a.m..... ESL Camp

Saturday, July 14

Giving Thanks

July 1, 2018

STEWARDSHIP

Projected Weekly Needs52,695.60
 Sunday Contributions.....50,607.60
 Projected Needs to Date..... 1,743,704.60
 Given to Date..... 1,384,980.03

SUNDAY SCHOOL

ENROLLMENT

Adults..... 683	Adults..... 259
Young Adults..... 341	Young Adults..... 72
Youth 155	Youth 46
Preteen..... 65	Preteen 17
Children 111	Children 37
Preschool..... 130	Preschool..... 52
TOTAL 1,465	Sub-total 483
	OFF CAMPUS CLASSES
	Gordon Oaks 10
	GRAND TOTAL 493

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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.

**Student Ministry
Game Night**

July 11
from 6 - 8 p.m.
Students grades 9-12



Bay Bears Baseball Game

July 20, 2018

6:00 p.m.

All Students Grades 7-12

**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.



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.

**YOUTH SPORTS AT
SPRING HILL BAPTIST CHURCH**



Service Volleyball



Flag Football

Open Registration for grades K5 -6th for Service Volleyball and Flag Football is now available (Late registration for football is July 20 and for volleyball is July 26).

Cost: Volleyball - \$90 before July 26 (\$100 after July 26), Football - (\$90 before July 20 (\$100 after July 20)

Evaluations: Children in grades 4-6 must attend a volleyball evaluation. Grades K5-6th planning to participate in Flag Football must attend a football evaluation. Evaluations are by appointment.

Register for these events at www.shbc.cc.



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 8, 2018**

Preschool A: Alan & Mandy Warren

Preschool B: Anthony & Candace Headland (Early)

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