

Letter from Rob Hatfield



Resurrection Sunday, also known as Easter, is fast approaching! The activities and events around the church are purposely designed to help us prepare our hearts to celebrate God's miraculous gift of salvation. I hope you were able to hear the music of our Young Musicians (Children's choir 3rd - 6th grade) on Wednesday night as they sung about the cross of Jesus. A key lyric from their music that connected the cross of Jesus to

their own lives was "Dreams, we all have dreams, what we can be what we can do. Lord with all we are, we pray that our dreams will lead us, will lead us to you." I loved it!

There is a flurry of activity in preparation for the Egg Hunt on the Hill coming this Saturday. In this event, children and families from across our congregation and community come together to play, laugh, and have fun together in a warm and friendly environment. My son Caleb (who is four) said yesterday that he couldn't wait until Friday because then it would only be one day until the Egg Hunt! I know his excitement is matched by many who can't wait to enjoy the festivities together. I hope you will take this opportunity to invite your neighbors and friends to experience the family of faith known as Spring Hill Baptist Church.

Our children will be key leaders for us in worship on Sunday in our services. Each child will receive a palm branch when they enter and will have an opportunity to use the branches during the service to facilitate our worship. As a child, I remember loving Palm Sunday (partly because I got to wave a branch in church without getting in trouble) because I had a physical connection to events that occurred in scripture. I hope our children (and adults) will experience a similar connectedness on Sunday.

Our preparation continues into next week as Bill Taylor will present an Organ Meditation next Wednesday at noon. I hope you will join me in the sanctuary to experience this time of reflection led by organ music specifically selected for this season. Our music ministry will continue to lead us on Thursday in our Maundy Thursday Lord's Supper service. This service is led by our sanctuary choir and is designed to help us recall our Lord's great sacrifice. It culminates in the celebration of the Lord's Supper - an activity Jesus initiated in His last night with the disciples.

There are so many opportunities to engage in worship as we prepare for Resurrection Sunday. I look forward to participating in each one and to having my sense of anticipation increase day by day as each event will point to the commemoration of when Jesus rose from the dead!





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PRACTICAL APPROACH

At Graffiti Church in New York's Lower East Side, the motto is: "From small things come great things."

"Jesus started by meeting needs first," says Graffiti's Taylor Field, a Send Relief® missionary. "His compassion grew people's faith, and then He built the church on that faith."

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Taylor calls it an upside-down approach, and it's working. He and his wife have served in the area for 40 years, teaching the church to share Christ's com-

passion in practical ways—from tutoring to English as a second language classes to lunches in the park. "When we serve a meal, it's not just about giving food; we sit down together and connect."

With multiple campuses, Graffiti Church and its members are actively living for Christ around the city. The challenges are multifaceted, but lives are changing in miraculous ways.

"We must not love with words or speech, but with truth and action" 1 John 3:18, HSB

STILL TIME TO SIGN UP FOR HAITI MISSION TRIP August 25-31

We will work with "But God Ministries" under the leadership of Barbara Gladney. We have room for more on our team. (And we especially need some more men.) Contact Barbara now at 205-937-1977 or barbaraggladney@gmail.com.

CENTRIFUGE UPCOMING DEADLINE...

7th-8th Grade Centrifuge Camp July 9-13, 2018 - Panama City, FL Deadline for Applications: Wednesday, April 18, 2018 Applications are available online at 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.

March 25-31, 2018

March 25: **Judges 19-21** March 26: 1 Samuel 1-3 March 27: 1 Samuel 4-8 March 28: 1 Samuel 9-12 1 Samuel 13-14 March 29: 1 Samuel 15-17 March 30: March 31: 1 Samuel 18-20





Secret Church is a Bible study intensive that is structured to provide a significant amount of information in a relatively short amount of time. It is designed to help believers grow deeper in their walk with Christ and

provide a depth that will help them share the gospel more effectively.

Friday, April 20 | 6:00 p.m. – 12:00 Midnight | Backroom of the Activities Center | Sign-up online at shbc.cc/events.





THIS WEEK AT SPRING HILL

Sunday, March 25
8:45 a.mContemporary Service
9:45 a.mSunday School
11:00 a.mTraditional Service
4:00 p.mAmazing Collection
4:00 p.mFinancial Peace University
4:00 p.mSHS Rehearsal
4:00 p.m
5:30 p.mSHBC Church Bible Drill
6:30 p.mSanctuary Choir Ladies' Rehearsal
6:30 p.mReflection Rehearsal
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Monday, March 26
6:00 p.mPrecept Upon Precept Bible Study (AC)
7:00 p.mReflection Rehearsal
Tuesday, March 27
Wednesday, March 28
12:00 p.mOrgan Meditations on the Cross (Sanctuary)
No Wednesday Night Activities
6:00 p.mSanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, March 29
9:15 a.m"He Speaks to Me" Bible Study (AC)
7:00 p.mMaundy Thursday
Friday, March 30
Good Friday - Church Offices & Activities Center Closed
Saturday, March 31
Activities Center Closed

Giving Thanks

March 18, 2018 STEWARDSHIP

Projected Weekly Needs45,788.50 Sunday Contributions62,331.72 Projected Needs to Date768,027.00 Given to Date617,582.32

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Adults	683	Adults	299
Young Adults	341	Young Adults	78
Youth	155	Youth	67
Preteen	65	Preteen	26
Children	111	Children	39
Preschool	130	Preschool	60
TOTAL	1,465	Sub-total	569
		OFF CAMPUS CLASSES	
		Gordon Oaks	12
		GRAND TOTAL	581



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WMU & WOMEN'S THIS SPRING MINISTRIES

NEW SPRING BIBLE STUDY



MONDAYS, FROM APRIL 2 - MAY 14

at 6:00 p.m. in the back room of the SHAC. Join us for "Looking for Lovely" by Annie F. Downs. Books are available to purchase at the first two sessions. Childcare available by reservation.

This study is open to all women - those who have been involved in Bible study and those new to Bible study.



Easter Prayer Guide

This Sunday, March 25, as you leave the worship services, an Easter Prayer Guide will be available for you to use next week to prepare us for Resurrection Sunday!





WMU and Women's Ministry Invite you to

Come and Pray with Us in the Garden

Mobile Botanical Gardens

Join us at any time to stroll and pray between the hours of 2:00-4:00 p.m. on April 15th

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people." Ephesians 6:18

THE CHURCH STAFF

Church Office 342-	5320
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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

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



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

Extended Session for week of March 25, 2018

Preschool A: Justin & Haley Davis Preschool B: Worth & Abby Hines (Early) Garrett & Holley Rice (Late)

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