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Letter from Rob Hatfield



Two seemingly unrelated events (one personal and another from the world) from this week have reminded me once again of a critical truth in Christianity.

On Monday I began to feel the indicators in my body that I was getting a cold. I fought against the itchy throat, sinus pain,

body aches and fatigue until I gave in on Tuesday night and admitted I was sick. I slept most of the day on Wednesday, allowing my body the time and rest it needed to turn the corner (a special thanks to Terry for speaking on Wednesday evening in my stead) and recover. While I am not fully recovered today, I feel WAY better than I did and am hopefully on the way to mending completely soon.

Though it is only a week later, our country is again bracing for a storm of significant strength. At this moment, there are forecasts that predict the "storm of a lifetime" from Hurricane Florence with devastation that rivals that of any storm in our nation's past. Time will tell if these predictions are accurate. I am hopeful they are inaccurate, and I am praying for God's protection of those who are in the storm's path. I invite you to join me in those prayers.

What do these two unrelated events have in common? Both are pictures of life on this side of eternity. On this side of heaven we will have pain, sickness, suffering and even death. Whenever I get sick I can't help but to think of a time when there will

be no more sickness or pain because a new day will have arrived. Whenever I see storms of enormous impact, I am reminded of Romans 8:18-20, which tells us that creation itself is groaning under the consequences of sin and looking forward to that future as well - to a time when the curse of sin is no more. Revelation 21:3-4 says at that time "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

Days of suffering are hard. They are, however, a reminder that as believers in our resurrected Lord Jesus, we have something much better to look forward to. We are not there yet, and there may be days of suffering between now and then, but we can rest assured that our Lord will be with us in the midst of those storms even as He leads us home.



Sunday, September 23, 2018

5:30 p.m.

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Ladies don't forget to get your tickets, shbc.cc/register.

Spring Hill Baptist Church
WMU & Women's Ministry
present



featuring
**Melinda Rainey
Thompson**

- Birmingham, AL native
- Author of best selling *SWAG (Southern Women Aging Gracefully)*
- Dynamic & funny speaker
- English professor, wife, mother

18 Sunday, September 23, 2018 • 5:30 p.m.
Spring Hill Baptist Dining Hall
Tickets: \$5.00 each

Tickets on sale in the foyer on Sundays and Wednesday nights, during the week in the administration office, or call (251) 342-5320
For childcare, contact Jean Leslie Pratt at 421-5530 or jpratt@teamquality.com by Sept. 19

Our Mission Action Project Please bring cleaning supplies and paper products to support local women's ministries!

ATTENTION STUDENTS... FALL RETREAT: HEART MATTERS

October 19-21
Students Grades 7-12 **18**
Camp Baldwin
Cost: \$50

Last Day to Register: October 5
Sign up online at shbc.cc/register.

OTHER STUDENT MINISTRY EVENTS...

October 17 | 5:30 p.m. | Game Night at the SHAC
October 27 | 4:30 p.m. | Seward Farms

UPWARD BASKETBALL EVALUATIONS



Registration is available now, visit shbc.cc/register.

Evaluation Schedule:

- K5-2nd grade | October 1 & 2 | 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- 3rd-6th grade | October 4 | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. and October 5 | 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

All evaluations take place in the Spring Hill Baptist Activities Center.

Cost: \$100 (After October 6 - \$110) Season starts in November and goes through January.

Please contact Ashley Johnson for more information, ajohnson@shbc.cc or 251-342-5375.

LADIES FALL BIBLE STUDIES

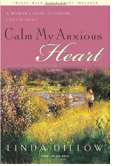
It's not too late to join these studies... **18**



The Quest by Beth Moore on Thursdays at 9:15 a.m. in the Activities Center Back Room.

The Amazing Collection unit three, Sundays at 4:00 p.m. in the Dining Hall.

Calm My Anxious Heart by Linda Dillow meets on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. at the Activities Center in the Fireside Room.



Ladies, our next **Dinner & A Movie** is Thursday, September 27 at 5:30 p.m. in the Activities Center Back Room. Join us as we enjoy dinner and the movie *All Saints*. No cost to attend but let us know you are coming so we will have plenty of food. Call Judy Wesson, 251-423-5402 or the link below for reservations.

To register for these studies or reserve childcare visit shbc.cc/register. If you have any questions about these studies, call 251-342-5320 or email Judy Wesson, jcwau84@aol.com.

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.

September 16-22, 2018

- September 16: 1 Chronicles 9-10
- September 17: 1 Chronicles 11-12
- September 18: 1 Chronicles 13-15
- September 19: 1 Chronicles 16-17
- September 20: 1 Chronicles 18-20
- September 21: 1 Chronicles 21-23
- September 22: 1 Chronicles 24-25

Family Night at Seward Farms

Saturday, October 27
from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

- Cost is \$15 per adult/\$5 per child.
- Admission includes:
 - corn maze
 - unlimited activities
 - hot dog supper
 - s'mores
 - and LOTS of fun!

Bring a camp chair or blanket to picnic, roast marshmallows and fellowship!

Sign up online beginning September 24 through October 23 at www.shbc.cc or in the Education Office.



Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering

During the month of September we will remember the lives of "Two Spiritual Giants" as we pray for the work of Alabama Baptists and give through the Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering. Your gifts will help support these Great Commission Ministries: Alabama WMU, Disaster Relief, Church Planting, Church revitalization and Global Partnership Missions. Our goal is \$2,000 and \$725 has been given.

More about Dr. Martha Myers...

Dr. Martha, as she was called, spent 25 years working tirelessly to bring healing and hope to the country of Yemen through her speciality as an OB/GYN. She was well known among the people in Jibla, as well as areas farther out from the main city. She was determined to reach the unreached, often walking for hours in terrain so rugged her Land Rover couldn't traverse it. She would walk into an area, set up a little clinic and see patients until she was beyond exhausted and the light of day began to fade to evening. This was her regular practice, and her loving touch earned the respect and admiration of the locals far and near.

It was this belief that every person matters—that every person created by God has dignity and worth—that drew so many to Christ. And sadly, it was this same belief that ultimately caused a member of an al-Qaida cell in Jibla to be filled with such rage and fear that he burst into the hospital on December 30, 2002, and murdered Dr. Martha and two other American missionaries.

Instead of stopping the Gospel, his heinous act served to highlight its power. The testimony of Dr. Martha and her slain colleagues continues to impact the Yemeni people in untold ways. The life she lived there overshadows the death she died, and Christ continues to be glorified through her sacrifice.

Look for more about Kathleen Mallory in next week's Messenger.



MEN'S NIGHT OUT AT ROCKY CREEK

Thursday, October 18, 2018

Sign up online at shbc.cc/register or
sign up in Sunday School
For additional information, call 342-5320.

THIS WEEK AT SPRING HILL

Sunday, September 16

8:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Service
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service
3:15 p.m.	Reflection Rehearsal
4:00 p.m.	Amazing Collection
4:30 p.m.	Junior High Singers Rehearsal
4:30 p.m.	Spring Hill Singers Rehearsal
6:00 p.m.	Reflection Rehearsal
6:30 p.m.	Ladies TIC Rehearsal

Monday, September 17

8:30 a.m.	Rescue Mission
5:30 p.m.	Flag Football
6:00 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study: Calm My Anxious Heart

Tuesday, September 18

9:30 a.m.	Home of Grace
5:30 p.m.	Service Volleyball

Wednesday, September 19

10:00 a.m.	Handbells
4:45 p.m.	Supper (DH)
5:30 p.m.	Music & Missions
5:30 p.m.	Students: The Workshop
6:15 p.m.	Mom Set Free (H-204)
6:15 p.m.	Share Jesus Without Fear (H-203)
6:15 p.m.	The Rest of God (H-205)
6:15 p.m.	Prayer Meeting/Bible Study of James
6:20 p.m.	Young Adult Ensemble
7:05 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 20

9:15 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study: The Quest
5:30 p.m.	Service Volleyball

Friday, September 21

Saturday, September 22

Giving Thanks

September 9, 2018

STEWARDSHIP

Projected Weekly Needs	\$52,191.60
Sunday Contributions	\$66,880.71
Projected Needs to Date	\$2,345,024.20
Given to Date	\$2,190,196.68

SUNDAY SCHOOL

ENROLLMENT

Adults	672	Adults	291
Young Adults	263	Young Adults	76
College	108	College	9
Youth	150	Youth	54
Preteen	63	Preteen	26
Children	101	Children	38
Preschool	118	Preschool	64
TOTAL	1,475	Sub-total	568
		OFF CAMPUS CLASSES	
		Gordon Oaks	16
		GRAND TOTAL	584



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

Home of Grace for Women 18

The Home of Grace ministry team will be going to the Home of Grace on **September 18** to offer a good meal, a listening ear and a touch of friendship and fellowship. If you feel led to join us, please call Janice Butler at 634-1566 to get more information.

Rescue Mission Ministry 18

Looking for a way to get involved? Join us as we minister to the men at the Rescue Mission. **Our next ministry date is September 17.** Call 342-5320 for more information.

Wednesday Night Menu

chicken & dressing,
green beans, macaroni
& cheese and dessert

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

MISSION TRIP:

March 2- March 8, 2019

Sign up by September 24 with a \$150 deposit in the Education Office. Email Erica Holloway, eholloway@shbc.cc with questions about this trip. Opportunities for Children's Ministry, sports camps, light construction and crafting workshops.



4K-6th Grade join us
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
for **The Tree House**.

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
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 September 16, 2018

Preschool B: Zach & Kathleen Coffman (Early)
Michael & Elizabeth Knotts (Late)

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