



The **SPRING HILL**
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Love GOD | Love EACH OTHER | Love THE WORLD

Letter from Rob Hatfield



I am grateful to announce that we have reached our Myers/Mallory State Missions offering goal of \$2,000 by giving \$3,686.08. This money is sent directly to the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions, and is used to fund ongoing missions activities across the state of Alabama like the Alabama WMU, disaster relief, church planting,

church revitalization and partnership missions. I'm thankful we get to partner with our state to accomplish the Great Commission and thankful for your faithful giving! Way to go!

In other news, our nation continues to have its gaze transfixed on the confirmation process related to the Supreme Court. While the outcome moving forward is uncertain regarding the specific candidate, the importance of the decision is clear. Times like these are good reminders of the ongoing need for Christians to pray for those in authority. 1 Timothy 2:1-4 speaks to this need when it says,

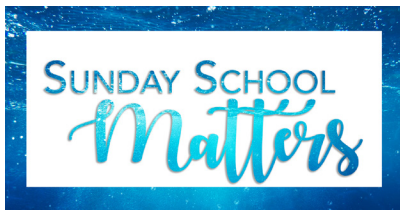
"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth."

Will you join me in praying the truths of this passage for the leaders of our country?

- First, for each leader to come to a knowledge of truth and be saved by God's grace and love.
- Second, for God to give wisdom in general to all those who are in authority to make wise decisions that enable all citizens to "live peaceful and quiet lives in godliness and holiness."
- Third, for God to give wisdom to our leaders in particular areas where you know decisions must be made.

I do not understand why or how God uses our prayers in the world, but I know He does. The words of Abraham Lincoln ring true even today: "My concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right."

*Observance of
The Lord's Supper*
Join us
Sunday, October 14, 2018
as we observe
The Lord's Supper in both services.
8:30 a.m.
Contemporary Service
in the Dining Hall
11:00 a.m.
Traditional Service
in the Sanctuary



SUNDAY SCHOOL

MATTERS

Why does Sunday School matter? Here are eight benefits to active participation in Sunday School.

- 1. You study the Bible.** Our Sunday School classes study God's Word. We have incredible teachers! Small group Bible study allows you to ask questions. Your knowledge of the Bible deepens as you participate in Sunday School.
- 2. You fellowship with other people.** Fellowship is more than eating food together. As good Baptists, there's nothing wrong with "breaking bread" with one another. However, fellowship is about sharing life together. Sunday School offers opportunities to walk with people in the highs and lows of life.
- 3. You minister to people in need.** It's comforting to visit hospitals and see Sunday School class members actively involved in pastoral care. Meeting people's needs expresses love for them. The church is stronger when Sunday School members care for and love one another.
- 4. You reach people with the Gospel.** Sunday School that's organized and done correctly reaches people. Sunday School classes need people who need Jesus. Bible teaching, healthy relationships, and personal concern foster a context for the Gospel to be shared. It's vital to invest in people, invite them to Sunday School, and introduce them to Jesus.
- 5. You pray for people in need.** We hurt for people who face adversities in life and feel alone, with no support. God's people are called to "bear one another's burdens" (Galatians 6:2). Praying for people is an important ministry. What a blessing to "stand in the gap" for people facing cancer treatments, strained relationships, career challenges, and spiritual emptiness!
- 6. You mature in Christ Jesus.** Active involvement in Sunday School is a pathway to spiritual growth. You can study the Word of God, pray, establish Christ-centered relationships, and serve the Lord. If you desire for your walk with Jesus to reach another level, connect with a Sunday School class.
- 7. You fulfill the church's vision.** Our church's vision is "Love God, Love Each Other and Love the World!" Our Sunday School classes are actively making that statement a reality. Our vision statement isn't simply a catchy phrase. It's being embraced and lived out. Connecting to a Sunday School class allows you to love God, other people in our church family, and people in our city and around the world.
- 8. You stay connected to the church.** One ministry goal is to see members assimilate into the church. We want people to join and stay, not join and leave. It's proven that responsibilities and relationships close the church's back door. Participating in a Sunday School class means that it's highly likely you'll still be involved at Spring Hill Baptist Church a year from now.

Sunday School classes meet on Sundays at 9:45 am. We have greeters trained and ready to help you find the right class. And yes, we have classes for all ages.

Besides these eight benefits, Sunday School prepares the heart and spirit for corporate worship. Come to Sunday School and stay for Worship.



Family Night at Seward Farms

October 27, 2018
4:30 -7:30 p.m.

Cost is \$15 per adult and \$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 now through October 24 by visiting shbc.cc/register. If you have any questions email Erica Holloway, eholloway@shbc.cc.



ATTENTION STUDENTS...

FALL RETREAT: HEART MATTERS

Students join us October 19-21, 2018 for our fall retreat at Camp Baldwin in Elberta, AL. For all students grades 7-12. Cost is \$50 per student (Deadline is FRIDAY, October 5). Come worship with our speaker Kolby DePratter and with music from Stephen Michael and the band!

We will leave the church parking lot Friday, October 19, at 4:30 p.m., or if you will be coming later that evening, we have a second bus leaving the parking lot at 10:30 p.m. (You will need to let Josh know when you will be traveling with us). We will return to SHBC Sunday at noon. 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

THE MESSENGERS Homecoming Concert "Singing with the Saints"

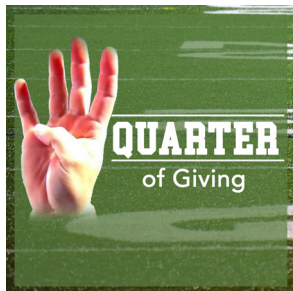
with Guest Musicians, Former Members,
Ladies' & Men's Ensembles



Celebrating 35 Years in Gospel Music!

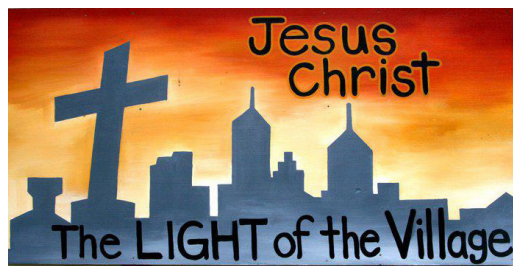
Sunday, October 28, 2018 @ 6:00 P.M.
Spring Hill Baptist Church
Sanctuary
2 South McGregor Ave.
Mobile, Alabama

IT'S THE 4TH QUARTER!!



All across America on Saturday afternoon football stadiums are filled with people watching exciting games. At the end of the third quarter, you often see team members and fans lifting their hand up high showing four fingers. This signifies that the 4th and final quarter is about to begin. It is an encouragement to the team to do their best to win the game while there is time.

This Sunday, Spring Hill Baptist Church begins the 4th quarter of 2018. We want to finish October, November and December strong in Worship, Sunday School, and yes, Giving. Through the 3rd quarter we have contributed \$2,332,662 to the Mission and Ministry of our church. Our \$3,599,484 2018 Mission and Ministry Plan means we need to give \$1,266,762 in the 4th quarter. It will be a stretch for us to do this over the next thirteen weeks, so we must all do our best!



FOOD DONATIONS TO NEEDY FAMILIES

SHBC members have an opportunity to contribute food and household items to those in great need in Alabama Village. John and Dolores Eads have identified families who are struggling to make ends meet and need some help to care for their families. Each month 15-20 families will be chosen to receive help. SHBC members can help by bringing any of the following items and placing them in food collection boxes located on the church campus. These will be collected and stored until the end of the month. Items will be bagged and taken to LOV for distribution.

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, loaf of bread, toilet paper, toothpaste, dish soap and bleach

You can help by: bringing items, helping prepare the bags each month, and/or helping deliver the food bags. Please contact Judy Wesson at 423-5402 if you would like to help.

THIS WEEK AT SPRING HILL

Sunday, October 7
 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. Men's TIC Rehearsal

Monday, October 8
 6:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study: Calm My Anxious Heart

Tuesday, October 9
 9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wednesday, October 10
 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. 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, October 11
 9:15 a.m. Ladies Bible Study: The Quest

Friday, October 12

Saturday, October 13

Giving Thanks

September 30, 2018
 STEWARDSHIP

Projected Weekly Needs	\$52,191.60
Sunday Contributions.....	\$47,967.42
Projected Needs to Date.....	\$ 2,501,599.00
Given to Date.....	\$2,332,662.43
Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering.....	\$3,686.08

SUNDAY SCHOOL

ENROLLMENT

Adults.....	672	Adults.....	253
Young Adults.....	263	Young Adults.....	60
College	108	College	6
Youth	150	Youth	50
Preteen.....	63	Preteen	25
Children	101	Children	39
Preschool.....	118	Preschool.....	63
TOTAL	1,475	Sub-total	496
		OFF CAMPUS CLASSES	
		Gordon Oaks	16
		GRAND TOTAL	512



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



MEN'S NIGHT OUT AT ROCKY CREEK

Thursday, October 18, 2018

Buses leave at 5:30 p.m or
you may meet us there at 6:30 p.m.
Sign up online at shbc.cc/register or
sign up in Sunday School
For additional information, call 342-5320.

BOCCE BALL AT THE ACTIVITIES CENTER!

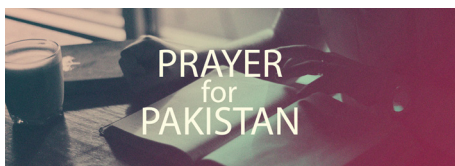
Come meet some new
people, learn a new game
or refine your pre-existing
skills! No cost to participate,

just a good attitude and a smile!

When: Tuesdays at 10am starting October 16

Where: Activities Center lawn (near back parking lot)

Call or email Colleen Smith for questions (csmith@shbc.cc
or 251-342-5375)



Alabama WMU has been asked and senses God's leadership in making the bold step forward in committing to pray for the salvation of the people of Pakistan. We ask you to join us in this journey of faith 365 days of prayer for the people of Pakistan. Sign up for a daily text reminder that will include prayer requests for Pakistani people and workers.

**Sign up now by texting
PakistanPrayer to 555888.**



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



**SAVE THE DATE:
Operation Christmas
Child Emphasis
October 21 - November 11, 2018**

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**Extended Session
for week of October 7, 2018**

Preschool A: Terri Birch (Early)

Alan & Mandy Warren (Late)

Preschool B: Gray & Amanda Arnold (Early)

THE MESSENGER, (UPS 512-220), IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY, (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE CHRISTMAS WEEK).
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In case of emergency over the weekend,
you may reach the minister on call
at 342-5320.