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### *Letter from Rob Hatfield*



It is full on decoration mode at the church these days. As I sit in my office I can hear the drills and hammers at work in the sanctuary. The two Christmas trees are standing with lights on in the sanctuary, and there are also “contemporary” Christmas trees in the dining hall for our 8:30 contemporary service. There is still a good bit of work to be done, but preparations are well

ready to begin Advent season on Sunday.

The decorations are certainly not the only items being worked on. A little known fact is that our organ and pianos are tuned each year in preparation for the Christmas season. Some of the decoration team (whom I hope you will thank profusely for their hard work) and I shared a good laugh about the tedious process of tuning the organ one half-note at a time. The precision needed to make every note perfect is astounding. However, if you were to overhear this tuning process, you would likely find it a bit unnerving and could be unappreciative of each note.

When I read the beginning of the Christmas story in Matthew, starting with the genealogy of Jesus, I can't help but be amazed by the tedious and meticulous manner in which God kept His word to Abraham, which was given in Genesis 12:3 that “all peoples on earth will be blessed through him (Abraham).” Matthew 1:1 begins, “A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham.” From that verse, every ancestor of Jesus' family is traced back. The verses seem a bit tedious. We are perhaps tempted to skip to the “good part” when the narrative begins, but we would

do well not to skip past generations of God's working to get everything right, of His tuning every event to be just right for Jesus' arrival. While many questioned God's timing and preparations, no Christian would question the end result. A moment when history played like a symphony.

I am thankful for the organ and piano tuners and their intricate behind-the-scenes work. I certainly don't understand it, but I do appreciate it when it comes together. In the same way, I am so thankful that we have a God who was at work behind the scenes to enable His Son to come into the world, and I'm thankful that same God is still at work today. Make no mistake about it—God is preparing the way for His Son to return again!

## *This Is Christmas*

Saturday, December 8 | 4:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 9 | 4:00 p.m.

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### **TICKETS**

#### **Available to Church Members**

December 2nd

Sanctuary Foyer 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, December 5th

Dining Hall Foyer from 5:45 – 7:15 p.m.

#### **Available to Community and SHBC Members**

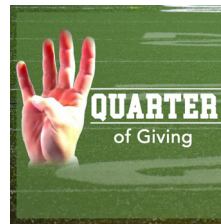
#### **This Is Christmas Ticket Office**

Saturday, December 1st, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Monday-Friday, December 3rd-7th, 12:00-6:00 p.m.

Ticket Office Phone: 251-652-1037

Reserve tickets online, [shbc.cc/register](http://shbc.cc/register)



## Final Days of the 4th Quarter

As we anticipate the holidays and the turn to the New Year, giving is never far from our minds. Some people haven't even begun drafting a Christmas gift list. Others may have all their gifts wrapped and ready! Chances are, you are somewhere in between. As you plan

what you want to give your family and friends, we encourage you to devote some time in prayer to determine what you will give back to God through Spring Hill Baptist Church as the year draws to a close.

December affords all of us a time to take stock of God's blessings over the past year and to make sure we have honored God with our possessions. Our annual Mission and Ministry Plan is greatly dependent upon the "year-end giving" from all our members. This is also a time for some of us to get "caught up" on our stewardship responsibilities.

As of Sunday, November 25, Spring Hill Baptist Church has received contributions of \$2,750,905 towards our 2018 Mission and Ministry Plan of \$3,599,483. In order to accomplish our goal for 2018, over the next four weeks we need to be found faithful as God's people! As you give your year-end gifts, please give priority to our own 2018 Mission and Ministry Plan, which goes to support our many varied local, national and international ministries.



## Can You Volunteer to Deliver Gifts for Angel Tree?

THANK YOU for adopting ALL the Angels assigned to us for Christmas. Volunteers are needed

to deliver Angel Tree gifts. Gifts will be available for pick up at the Spring Hill Baptist Activities Center (SHAC) beginning Saturday, December 8 and may be picked up anytime thereafter within the SHAC's normal hours of operation.

Angel Tree gifts must be delivered to the families before Christmas Eve. The day of your anticipated delivery, phone numbers are provided for you to reach out to the family and let them know to expect you, ensure directions, etc. If a family is not home when you come by, you should leave the gifts at the door. We ask that delivery teams consist of AT LEAST 2 ADULTS. Can you help? Please call John Eads at 251-680-4613.

SHBC Children's Ministry Presents

# The Living Nativity

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16**  
during Sunday School  
for 3K-6th Grade  
in the Courtyard

\*Parents are welcome to visit and take pictures at the following times: 9:00-9:30 a.m.  
10:45-11:00 a.m.

 A silhouette of a nativity scene with camels on a hill against a blue sky.

# Sounds of Christmas

 An illustration of four children (two girls and two boys) standing around a Christmas tree with musical notes floating around it.

**December 5**  
Grades 1-2  
Share Christmas Music in the Dining Hall  
6:05

**December 8-9**  
Young Musicians join Sanctuary Choir  
And Orchestra in  
THIS IS CHRISTMAS

**December 12**  
Preschool (4 year and Kindergarten)  
Present "Share the Good News"  
In the Dining Hall 6:05

 A graphic with a white flame shape in the center, set against a background of green digital code (Matrix style).

**FIREWALL**  
BLOCKING FAITH HACKERS  
PARENT SUMMIT 2019

**SAVE THE DATE**  
February 2, 2019 | 4:00 p.m.





## 2019 Mission and Ministry Plan Adoption Schedule

The 2019 Mission and Ministry Plan will be presented for discussion on Wednesday, December 12 at 6:15 p.m. in the Dining Hall by Donnie Butler, Finance

Committee Chairman. A Special Called Business Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 16 at the end of the 8:30 a.m. Service in the Dining Hall and at the end of the 11:00 a.m. Service in the Sanctuary for the sole purpose of adopting the 2019 Mission and Ministry Plan.

## International Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions – December 2-9

The Week of Prayer for International Missions is an opportunity for our Spring Hill Baptist Church family to join in prayer for the work of missionaries who take the gospel to people in cities and extreme places.



It's also a time to reflect on giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® during the month of December that supports them. Our goal is \$35,000. As you make your contribution to the 2018 Mission and Ministry Plan, be sure to make an over and above contribution to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. In your Worship Guide this Sunday, December 2 will be a Prayer Guide for you to use in your prayer time during the week of December 2-9.



**Monday, December 17**  
**4:30 - 8:00 p.m.**  
 (games begin at 6 p.m.)  
**Activities Center Lobby & Gym**

We are having a Christmas party for EVERYONE! Join us for Taco soup, Hot chocolate, Cookie decorating, Photo booth, Games and a Surprise Visitor.



## UPCOMING MAGIC TRIPS

**Thursday, January 17, 2019** we will travel to the New Orleans School of Cooking.. We will depart the lower parking lot of the Activities Center at 7:00 a.m. and return by 4:30 p.m. We will enjoy an informative and entertaining

private cooking class. The cost is \$50 per person and includes the cooking class, lunch and transportation. Make your reservations and pay soon... this trip is known to sell out. Please email Olna, owoodall@shbc.cc, or by texting her at 251-689-7088 to make a reservation.

<b>SUNDAY, January 27 2019</b>	<b>5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.</b>	Spring Hill Baptist Church WMU and Women's Ministry present
<b>SHBC Dining Hall</b>		
Light Dinner Tickets: \$10 each		
Tickets available online at shbc.cc, at the ticket table Sundays and Wednesdays, and from the Church Administration Office.		
<i>For such a Time as This</i> Esther 4:14		
		Guest Speaker <b>Ashley Holmes McCravy</b>

## THIS WEEK AT SPRING HILL

Sunday, December 2

8:30 a.m..... Contemporary Worship Service  
 9:30 a.m..... Children's Ministry Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast  
 9:45 a.m..... Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m..... Traditional Worship Service  
 3:15 p.m..... Reflection Rehearsal  
 4:30 p.m..... Jr. High Singers Rehearsal  
 4:30 p.m..... Spring Hill Singers Rehearsal  
 6:30 p.m..... TIC Full Choir Rehearsal

Monday, December 3

6:00 p.m..... Ladies Bible Study: Calm My Anxious Heart

Tuesday, December 4

9:00 a.m..... Prayer Shawl Ministry (AC)

Wednesday, December 5

10:00 a.m..... Handbells  
 4:45 p.m..... Supper (DH)  
 5:00 p.m..... Children's Handbell Rehearsal  
 5:30 p.m..... Music & Missions  
 5:30 p.m..... The Workshop: Students  
 6:15 p.m..... First & Second Grade Choirs Sing/Prayer Meeting(DH)  
 6:15 p.m..... Young Adult Ensemble  
 7:05 p.m..... Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 6

9:15 a.m..... Ladies' Bible Study  
 7:00 p.m..... TIC Full Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 7

9:15 a.m..... MAGIC to Mayfair House and Gardens

Saturday, December 8

4:00 p.m..... This Is Christmas  
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## Giving Thanks - Sunday November 25, 2018



Projected Weekly Needs .....\$71,988.50  
 Sunday Contributions.....\$48,658.15  
 Projected Needs to Date.....\$3,059,510.00  
 Given to Date.....\$2,750,905.27



Adults.....257  
 Young Adults.....44  
 College .....11  
 Youth .....41  
 Preteen .....22  
 Children .....36  
 Preschool.....53  
 Sub-total .....474  
 OFF CAMPUS CLASSES  
 Gordon Oaks .....20  
 GRAND TOTAL .....494

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



# CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CRAFT WORKSHOP

**Friday, December 14**  
**6:00 -9:00 p.m.**

Babies-6th grade

Join us for a fun night of Games, Christmas Crafts, Pizza, Snacks...and so much more!

**Cost:** \$15 per child/\$30 max per family  
Payment is Due when Making Reservations!

Register online, [shbc.cc/register](http://shbc.cc/register), or drop off your reservation/payment in the Education Office.



### Where do I take my children?

Babies-K5: Preschool Building  
1st-6th graders: Children's Building

For any questions, contact Erica Holloway, [eholloway@shbc.cc](mailto:eholloway@shbc.cc).



## YEAR-END GIVING

The Finance Office is here to serve you as we approach the end of the year. All gifts must be postmarked by Monday, December 31, 2018 in order to go towards your 2018 giving record. The church office will close at noon on Monday, December 31. If you are gifting appreciated assets, please let the Finance Office know of those gifts. Please contact Denise Marsh at 342-5320.

*Wednesday Night Menu*  
spaghetti with meat sauce, coleslaw, breadstick & dessert



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Please join us as we serve the women at *McKemie Place* on **Thursday, December 13**. Bring your favorite salad, side dish or dessert to add to our fried chicken dinner. We will gather in the Activities Center parking lot at 5:30 p.m. and depart at 5:45 p.m. Your good food, your presence, your smiles, your prayers and other expressions of God's grace mean so much!

### 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



*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 December 2, 2018

**Preschool B: Anthony & Candace Headland (Early)**  
**Alan & Mandy Warren (Late)**

### 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.

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